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**THE NEXT MEETING of the Wagga Stamp Club (Inc.) will be held at the ARCC hall
in Tarcutta Street on **Wednesday, 3rd December**, 2025, commencing at **7.30p.m****

THIS MEETING: Presentation by Grace Hatty – Mounting a Display (Part III)

2026 Calendar

Jan 7	Other Hobbies
Jan 31	Market Day – ARCC Hall, 131 Tarcutta St, Wagga. 9.00am to 4.00pm.
Feb 4	TBA
Mar 4	AGM & Small Auction
Mar 29	ARCC Open Day
April 1	Large Auction
May 6	TBA
May 16/17	Stamp & Coin Fair. Seven dealers. Sturt Public School, White Avenue, Koorringal.
June 3	Presentation by Harry Smith - TBA
Nov 21/22	Stamp & Coin Fair. Seven dealers. Sturt Public School, White Avenue, Koorringal.

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From the EDITOR

Why a special edition? This is the 50th newsletter I have compiled / edited. It has been enjoyable in so far that this job has broadened my knowledge of numismatics and philately. And the positive feedback I receive keeps me motivated. I can't recall who said it to me to "think outside the square", whereas my reply was, "I think in circles", which in hindsight is very necessary for this job.

Another enjoyable aspect has been the research into many articles. Some (actually, over 70%) ended up a dead end, never to see the light of day again. The most enjoyable was the article on "Brass Razooks" as the voyage took me to side places and information quite exotic – but irrelevant – and finally reaching a reasonable conclusion after many days of research (as much as I would have liked to, I could not publish the Gael ditty with the word "Razoon" due to it being very politically incorrect against a certain race of people that has been making news headlines quite a lot recently). A couple have been a bit controversial (i.e. the one on DDR's Babylonian Art), but I'm not worried about that.

Over the past four years I have tried to include many aspects of collectables, stamps with some overseas content, Australian numismatics, postcards, covers (very few of), cinderellas, old Australian Post Offices etc., with an attempted bent towards increasing one's knowledge in their field of collecting, and also making it enjoyable. Gary Croker's telegram article was an interesting sidetrack, as is Des Rose's bank memorabilia. Also, I have tried to make articles short and sweet, therefore more readable, and everyone likes pictures!

To that end, many thanks to all the contributors in the past four years as these gave me new directions to explore, so please keep sending them in.

What's so special about this newsletter? It is much longer than usual, using all the outstanding articles that have been sent in over the past year, as I made a promise that **ALL** articles will be used. Also, date specific articles that I have been pushing back to make room for club news or announcements, are included.

INTERESTING STAMP FACT

The crew of the Apollo 15 moon mission took 398 unauthorised postage stamp covers to the moon with them, intending to sell 100 of them to a German stamp dealer who provided them.

When discovered, NASA re-assigned all the astronauts involved to non-flight rolls.



MOTIVGRUPPE MUSIK AWARDS 2024

Motivgruppe Musik was founded in 1959, and is affiliated with the American Topical Association and the German Philatelic Society.

Motivgruppe Musik has conducted an annual poll to determine the most popular music stamp of the year since 1980. The trophy is awarded in memory of violinist and conductor Yehudi Menuhin (1919-99), who was the patron of the Philatelic Music Circle until his death.

According to results of an annual poll conducted by Motivgruppe Musik, the International Philatelic Music Group, the top music stamp issue of 2024 was a Swedish stamp commemorating 50 years since ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with their song "Waterloo".

Sweden issued the non-denominated 50 years of Waterloo stamps on 6th April. Designer Eva Wilsson designed the stamp and will be awarded the Yehudi Menuhin trophy.

In a press release announcing the contest winners, Motivgruppe Musik said ABBA's Eurovision victory in 1974, not only marked the beginning of the group's career, but also shaped a 1970's music market dominated by British and American bands. Stamps from 66 postal administrations competed in the stamp poll, and collectors from 46 countries participated in the online vote. The "50 years of Waterloo" stamp received 7.33 percent of the vote in the poll.



Coming in second with 6.41 percent of the vote was a November 5, 2024, Spanish stamp with a design featuring a cellist from a mural on a building in Fene, Spain. This mural by Sfhir won first prize at the Perla Mural Festival in 2023.

A Norway stamp commemorating the town of Bodø, a 2024 European Capital of Culture, took third place with 6.09 percent of the vote. The stamp issued February 5, 2024, was designed by photographer Kristin Slotteroy.



Perfin Pioneer Mrs. Jean Simpfendorfer: By Peter Simpfendorfer and David Coath

Peter Simpfendorfer sent me an email in respect to one of the references that we had used in the April Bulletin, which was as follows:

"Postage Stamps of New South Wales Punctured for use in Federal and State Government Departments" by Mrs. J Simpfendorfer, J Leek, N Sheppard and A Watkins, based on articles in the Bulletin of the "Australian Commonwealth Collectors Club of New South Wales" ACCC of NSW Circa 1966.

Peter advised that the Mrs. J Simpfendorfer mentioned was his late cousin Jean Simpfendorfer who was the first wife of his cousin Bill Simpfendorfer of Orange NSW.

Sadly, Jean passed away on 31 December 1969 at the age of just 41. Jean had shown herself to be an inquisitive and sound philatelist willing to take on an obscure subject matter like the perfin of Federal and State Departments and it is tantalising to speculate on what greater impact she may have had in our hobby. Jean's husband Bill was known as Young Bill, his father was known as Old Bill (actual first name Wilhelm).

Old Bill was a keen philatelist and encouraged Peter no end. Peter recalls that Bill had a mint sheet of each of the NZ Smiling Boys.

(Extract from the South Pacific Perfin Bulletin No. 151)

From Des Rose

Have just returned from UK and noted our postal rates have increased and would advise that we are still at a reasonable rate compared to UK.

I went into a shop to buy some postcard stamps and they cost £3.70 each – Aussie equivalent is about \$7.50 /\$7.80. For a postcard !

Attached is a scan of some of the S/a booklets I obtained.



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## TOURELLO POST OFFICE



Tourello, originally known by the beautiful name of Sheepwash, is on the Clunes Road just north of Ballarat.

As was common in the 19th century, the post office was attached to rural local school, so that the kids could take mail home with them.

James Ballantine (standing far left) was the postmaster and head teacher when this photo was taken in the 1890's.

Neither the post office nor the school have survived – they were destroyed by bushfire in 1947.

(Photo by Roger Purcell)

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## A JOKE SENT IN BY PETER:

What did the envelope say to the stamp?  
Stick with me and we will go places!

## BACK TO THE MOUNTAINS



This hand-painted postcard of the mid-1920's is of the Charlotte's Pass Ski Club's annual ski and toboggan races that were held at Charlotte's Pass, usually held on the first weekend in August.

The women's toboggan race is depicted here.

Interestingly, the women's toboggan races were halted in 1929 due to medical interference – "...**the vigorous jolting is a risk to their fragile womanhood**" to quote Dr. Doolan, an eminent doctor of that time.

Charlotte's Pass Ski Club amalgamated with Thredbo Ski Club in 1984, and annual competitions are held every year with other ski clubs.

On reverse - KGV 1½d red postmarked Cooma 19(? – could be 10 or 18) Au 27.

## DENMARK'S STAMP PROGRAM MAY HALT AFTER 2025 (By Jay Bigalke)



*Danish 2025 Year Pack*

PostNord Denmark has confirmed that it will deliver its final letter at the end of 2025, a move that could bring major changes for stamp collectors. The announcement raises the possibility that Denmark's long-running stamp program could come to a close after more than 170 years.

It remains uncertain whether another operator might step in to handle international letter mail after PostNord exits. If that happens, new stamps could continue to be produced, but it appears unlikely that PostNord itself will remain the issuing authority.

This development follows on the heels of earlier changes that have already reshaped Danish philately. Stamps issued before January 1, 2024, were made invalid for domestic mail, though they continue to be valid for international use. That policy shift signalled the country's rapid move away from traditional letter posting and foreshadowed the end now in sight.

In the meantime, collectors turned their attention to the September 12 release of PostNord's 2025 Year

Pack – a set that could prove historically significant if it becomes the nation's final annual collection.

With that uncertainty ahead, the significance of this year's pack cannot be overstated. If 2025 truly marks the end of Danish letter mail and official stamp production, this release could make Denmark's transition into a "dead country" in philatelic terms, where stamps remain collectible but new issues will no longer be produced.

- What do you call a stamp collector who doesn't like to share? Self-adhesive!

## HOW MANY ARE THERE?

To celebrate the bi-centenary of when Lieutenant James Cook proclaimed eastern New Holland for King George III, Australia Post released in 1970 a panoramic 5c se-tenant strip of 5 and a 30c stamp, all of which were included in the imperforated miniature sheet. There were 1,287,000 mini sheets printed.

Australia Post, over quite a number of years, made available surplus stock of the miniature sheet to private organisations for overprinting, with ANPEX being the first. All overprints of this miniature sheet are considered “private overprints”, including the ANPEX overprint.

The ANPEX 1970 is the most frequently seen. Are you aware of the following?



The ANPEX 1970 overprint has been blotted-out as a result of legal action. What specifically the legal action was about is unclear to me at this time.

The ANPEX overprint was carried out by Hawthorn Press.

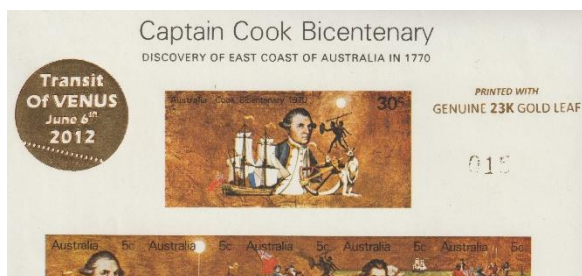


The attractive Tullamarine Airport opening overprint is the second most common overprint and was available at the opening on the 1st July 1970, or by special request to the organising committee.



The 40th International Eucharistic Congress was held in Melbourne in February, 1973, and the organising committee found reason to have this overprint applied. They were available cancelled at the congress, eight dates used. Total number overprinted is unknown.

The 1977 Royal Visit committee had this overprint applied. They utilised images of the 1954 3½d and the 30c 1970 Royal Visit stamps but without denominations. The number overprinted of this late usage was 1,250.



With only the 4th Transit of Venus since Lieutenant James Cook's observations in 1769, someone, or some organisation had this overprint applied in 2012 in gold leaf. My understanding is that there were only 243 mini sheets overprinted, one for each year since Captain Cook took his observations. This one is numbered 015.

There are two more Cook miniature sheets overprinted that I am aware of: one is of the Holey Dollar and Dump, and the other is of a RAN ship launch in Adelaide(?) in the early 1970's.

Are any readers aware of any others? If so, could you please advise the editor, and if you have a pic to go with the advice, it will be very much appreciated.

The remaining question is: how many Cook miniature sheets are left in Australia Post's surplus stock?

## BLAST FROM THE PAST NO 34 WITH "Simpy"

The following items have been sourced from various Australian Post Office Stamp Preview Bulletins.

**1983 No 164:** First day of issue facilities will be introduced on January 1983 at numerous NSW post offices including: Adelong, Ardlethan, Batlow, Berrigan, Coolamon, Culcairn, Harden, Henty, Holbrook, Jerilderie, Kapooka Milpo, Leeton, Lockhart, Narrandera, South Wagga Wagga, The Rock, Tumbarumba, Urana, Wagga Wagga RAAF, Yanco and Yenda.

**1983 No 168:** New postage rates to apply from 3 October 1983, the basic rate for standard articles will rise by 3 cents to 30 cents.

Australia Post announced the introduction of **Intelpost** – the first of a new range of electronic mail services that will allow an overall two-hour document transfer and delivery service between capital cities and major regional centres.

A special postmark was available at the temporary post office at the Henty Field Days, Henty NSW from 20 - 22 September 1983.

**1983 No 169:** The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of Sir Donald Bradman was commemorated with a special pictorial postmark at Cootamundra NSW.



**1984 No 170:** A pre-stamped envelope will be issued on 24 January 1984 commemorating the birth of Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey who was born near Wagga Wagga NSW on that date in 1884. He joined the regular army in 1906 and served in both world wars.

The bulletin also announced the introduction of postage label vending machines (manufactured by Framatrans in Switzerland). The machines were to commence operation on 22 February 1984 and the first paper used became known as **Barred Edge**.

**1984 No 171:** Details were provided of Australia's first international philatelic exhibition **AUSIPEX 84** to be held at the Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne from 21 - 30 September 1984.

**1984 No 172:** Clipper Ships and Skiing in Australia were the subject of two new stamp issues scheduled for release in May and June 1984. Each issue consisted of four different stamps.

In conjunction with **AUSIPEX 84**, a large miniature sheet comprising seven different 30 cent stamps would be issued on opening day. A **replica card** will also be issued featuring two **King George V** unissued designs. The card was available from the Executive Officer of AUSIPEX 84 rather than Australia Post.

Australia Post philatelic sales centres continue to sell new issues from the following countries on an agency basis: Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands and Samoa in addition to Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Nauru and Norfolk Island.

**1984 No 173:** Australia Post has arranged a special flight from Cootamundra NSW (my home town) to Darwin NT in December 1984 (*below*). The flight will commemorate the first stage of the establishment of the first regular air mail service between Australia and England which commenced on 10 December 1934. The covers were backstamped on arrival in Darwin. (*I was back living in Cootamundra at the time and arranged a couple of private covers to be carried on the flight. The Cootamundra Stamp Club also produced 2000 numbered souvenir covers for the event. The covers were designed by local resident Robert Newman*).



**1984 No 176:** An attractive issue of 5 x 33 cent stamps depicting Colonial Military Uniforms in se-tenant format were scheduled for issue on 25 February 1985.

**1999 No 249:** The first 13 pages were devoted to matters associated with the **Australia 99 World Stamp Expo** to be held in Melbourne from 19 – 24 March, including stamp issues, joint issue mini sheets with Ireland and Canada and Navigators of Australia mini sheets.

**1999 No 250:** New issues for the period May – July include Children's TV se-tenant strip of 5, Perth Mint Centenary \$2 stamp, 100 Years of Test Rugby set of 4 and Nature of Australia set of 4.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was very gratifying to see – and compete – with all those that participated in the “Five Page Member’s Display”. I am led to believe that twelve competitors is a record, but I will leave it to the Club’s statistician Peter to confirm or otherwise.

At the last meeting we voted in a new member Steve Kirby from Wodonga. Welcome to the Club, Steve.

The Club has obtained the latest Australian Stamp Catalogue by Seven Seas. If you would like to borrow it, see Harry Smith. It is recommended that any borrower borrows it for a maximum of one month at a time, not to deface it with notes, and not use it to place the coffee mug upon.

Finally, as this will be the final newsletter before Christmas, I wish everyone all the best for a safe and happy festive season.

Saturday 11th  
April 2026

9am-3pm

15 Havelock Street,  
Wodonga VIC 3690

# COIN & STAMP FAIR



COME ALONG TO THE STAMP AND COIN FAIR —  
A FUN DAY OUT FOR COLLECTORS, HOBBYISTS,  
AND FAMILIES ALIKE! EXPLORE A WIDE RANGE  
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FREE COIN LUCKY DIP BAG, MAKING IT THE  
PERFECT FAMILY OUTING!



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RELAXED ATMOSPHERE WHERE YOU CAN  
BROWSE, LEARN, AND TRADE AT YOUR OWN  
PACE. DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO SHARE IN  
THE EXCITEMENT OF COLLECTING AND MAYBE  
UNCOVER A HIDDEN GEM OR TWO!

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## NEWS

# Coins to fetch more than a pretty penny

FROM "schoolboy collections" in neat folders to a random jar filled with various change, curiosity can always emerge about the value of old coins.

Abacus Auctions coin and banknote specialist Nick Anning says the only way to know for sure if you're sitting on more than a pretty penny is to see an expert, having come across numerous times when the internet has gone mad about nothing.

"The internet can actually leave you more confused than when you went in," he told *The Senior*.

"There is so much misinformation... People are asking ridiculous amounts of money for coins you can find in your change."

He recalled one example of a 1988 \$2 coin by Horst Hahne with his initials under the figure of Warlpiri-Anmatyerre man Gwoya Tjungurrayi, of which there are "tens of millions" of such examples and weren't worth more than face value.

"It was just a sort of almost like a viral thing that got out



A 1930 Australian Penny

of hand," Mr Anning said.

However, you would be in more luck if you had a 1930 Australian Penny, which is among the most valuable coins.

Mr Anning said while unconfirmed, it is estimated between 1200 and 1500 copies were minted, and today could sell for between \$15,000 and \$50,000, depending on the grade.

The 1923 Half Penny can commonly go for \$1000, but untouched ones can go for thousands.

Mr Anning said Australia's first gold coin, the 1852 Ade-

laide Pound, could also fetch a tidy sum.

He said the coin was produced amid a coin shortage in the Australian colonies at this time and laws were changed to create coins locally, albeit without Royal approval.

"Most of them were melted down because as gold went up, the gold value was over the One Pound face value of the coin," Mr Anning said.

A Type II example of the coin from 1852 was estimated to sell at auction in late March for \$18,000.

Mr Anning originally hails from England, but amassed a wealth of knowledge about Australia through collecting stamps and coins.

Through them he learned about when Australia became a Federation and when the Sydney Harbour Bridge was built.

"[Stamp coin collection is] a tremendously satisfying hobby, it's something you can do in those cold winter nights [plus]; there are clubs, there's lots of shows," he said.

- ANTHONY CAGGIAND

**THIS paper clipping was sent in by Harry Smith.**

It is an interesting read and is very relevant, particularly about what has, and is happening on internet auction sites.

Stamp sites also have items that are "gone mad about nothing". These items appear to be put up by people that have no idea of current values, and then others follow suit so as not to miss out on a possible windfall.

I draw your attention to the last paragraph. Let's keep the hobbies "tremendously satisfying".

Keep checking your coin jar and loose change, you just might find that "pretty penny"!

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## AUCTION REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

8 vendors presented 65 lots for auction with 43 lots (66%) being sold. There were 10 different purchasers.

Top price was \$45 for a 2000 Aust. mint coin set.

## FIVE PAGE MEMBER'S DISPLAY

At our last meeting there were twelve members that competed in the Five Page Member's Display – this could be a record. All the entries were of an excellent quality and very variable, covering many aspects of philately and numismatics.

The place getters were: in third place was Dawn Woodland with the topic "Her Majesty the Queen", showing a range of QEII stamps from 1953 to present.

Terry Pollard, a first timer in displaying, won second place with a colourful and artistic display of 21st century gutter strips (picture at right).

Rob Brennan's somewhat light hearted interpretation of "My Country" poem by Dorothea Mackellar, told in stamps (photo below), won the 2025 Five Page Member's Display for the Charles Houen Memorial Shield.



(Above) Rob (the short bloke) receiving the Charles Houen Memorial Shield from Vice President David (the tall bloke).

(I stretched the photo a little so I would not look so fat!)

- Why did the stamp go to therapy? It was feeling a bit stuck in its ways!

