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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, 1st October**, 2025, commencing at **7.30p.m**

THIS MEETING: LARGE AUCTION

2025 Calendar

- October 4 Market Day – ARCC Hall, 131 Tarcutta St. Wagga. 9.00a.m to 4.00p.m.
- Nov 5 Annual Five Page Member's Display Competition
- Nov 22/23 Stamp & Coin Fair. Seven dealers. Sturt Public School, White Avenue, Koorringal.
- Dec 3 Presentation by Grace Hatty – Mounting a Display (Part III)
- Mar 3 2026 ARCC Open Day
- May 16/17 Stamp & Coin Fair. Seven dealers. Sturt Public School, White Avenue,
2026 Koorringal.
- Nov 21/22 Stamp & Coin Fair. Seven dealers. Sturt Public School, White Avenue,
2026 Koorringal.

Enquiries for all events Phone 0488 081 933

Annual Five Page Members Display

Entry Guidelines

Each entry shall comprise five pages of philatelic, numismatic material, e.g stamps, coins/banknotes, covers, cinderellas, postcards etc.

An optional introductory page to outline the purpose of the entry may be included at the discretion of the member. The introductory page shall not include any collection material.

Whilst computer graphics may be included to enhance an entry, the primary focus should be on the collection material included in the entry.

Each member shall be entitled to complete one voting form on the night of the display. Each member completing a voting form shall mark 1st, 2nd and 3rd as their choice of the best entries. Points shall be allocated as follows: 1st - 3 points; 2nd - 2 points, 3rd - 1 point.

The member attaining the highest number of points will be declared the winner. Second and third placings will be awarded based on the 2nd and 3rd highest number of points. In the event of equal points being recorded, the award for that place shall be made jointly.

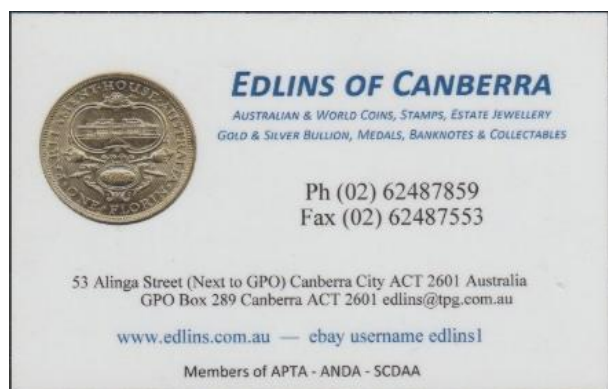
The winner will be presented with the Charles Houen Memorial Shield and they shall retain it for 12 months. They shall also be presented with a miniature replica of the shield for permanent retention.

All entries shall be awarded a prize for participating.

Disputes, if any, will be settled by the club executive.

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CLUB'S PREFERED DEALERS



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SEPTEMBER MEETING AUCTION REPORT (By Statistician Peter Simpferdorfer)

Six vendors submitted 56 lots for auction of which 36 (64%) sold for a total of \$259.70.

Top stamp lot was \$30 for some KGV I imprint blocks and coins/notes \$35 for an Australian one-pound note.

I understand that an Australian ten-pound note with a reserve of \$250 sold after the meeting.

BELGIUM STAMPS COMMEMORATE 20 YEARS OF POSTCROSSING



Belgium celebrated the 20th anniversary of Postcrossing with a sheetlet of five stamps issued on June 16 by Bpost, Belgium's postal service.

Bpost issued the five stamps on a sheetlet that resembles a postcard, with one stamp alone in the upper right corner and a block of four stamps on the left side. The non-denominated (€2.78) stamps cover the standard rate for letters sent to Europe. The text on the sheetlet is written in both Dutch and French.

Geert Wille designed the sheetlet which was printed by lithography.

Postcrossing is a worldwide postcard exchange project that brings together people from every corner of the globe

through postcards. The concept involves sending postcards to random individuals around the world, and in exchange, receive postcards back from different random people.

Those who sign up online receive addresses where they can send postcards. The website provides further details about how the exchange works. The service is free, but members must pay for their own postcards and postage. At this time there are about 6,150 users in Australia. The three main countries that utilise this scheme are Taiwan, Russia and USA with over 100,000 participants each.

The Postcrossing website says, “The goal of this project is to allow anyone to send and receive postcards from all over the world”.

Are there any in our club involved with this project?

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FIFTY CENTS 2019 INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES (Submitted by Harry Smith)



The United Nations General Assembly's proclamation that 2019 is the International Year of Indigenous Languages is commemorated with this circulating 50c coin. The coin was produced by the Royal Australian Mint and developed in collaboration with the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

The mintage was 2,070,000.

The Obverse shows the crowned mature head of Queen Elizabeth II facing right with the “Fourth Portrait” effigy. The Queen

wears the “Girls of Great Britain and Ireland” diamond tiara, a wedding gift from Queen Mary (QEII’s grandmother), which she also wears on the Machin and Gottwald portraits.

In small letters below the head are the artist's initials **IRB** (for Ian Rank-Broadley) – arrow on obverse picture.

The reverse design features a series of vertical wavy lines positioned in an irregular pattern, separated by ornamental design elements including irregular shapes and textured patterns. On eight of the lines are the following inscriptions: **NAMBAL** (in Guugu Yimithirr), **WUMARA** (in Gurindji), **TJIMARI** (in Yankunytjatjara), **NGKWELTYE** (in Kaytetye), **MULU** (in Yugambeh), **WALANG** (in Wiradjuri), **BARDNA** (in Wirangu), **BAKIR** (in Meriam), **AWARNDI** (in Anindilyakwa), **BOYA** (in Nyungar), **DHINGGARR** (in Gathang), and **INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES**.

The words above, in Aboriginal languages from across Australia, all mean “money”. Most indigenous words for money come from the words for “stone”, “rock” or “pebble”, no doubt in reference to the size and shape of coins. The Kaytetye and Kaurna use words meaning “piece”, and Gathang uses “dthinggarr” meaning “grey” due to the colour of most coins and “walang” meaning “head” in reference to the monarch’s head on the coin.

In small letters in the right field are the designer's initials **AS** (for Aleksandra Stokic) – arrow on reverse image.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WAGGA STAMP & COIN CLUB 2013 - 2018

2013: In August it was recorded that biro cancelling of stamps had become an issue.

John Ross won the Five Page Member's Display.

2014: Long term member Ian Fisher was presented with Honorary Life Membership at the March AGM. Ian attended 121 Club meetings, and has moved to Tasmania.

Club members participated in the first Wodonga Stamp & Coin Fair in March.

The Five Page Member's Display was won by Dawn Woodland.

2015: A moment's silence was held acknowledging the passing of President Don Jessiman at the March AGM.

Don was President for the past eight years.

Gary Croker was elected as President at the AGM.

For the first time there were joint winners of the Charles Houen Memorial Shield Five Page Member's Display, Les Myers and Peter Simpfendorfer.

2016: Peter Simpfendorfer was appointed as Public Officer in February following the resignation of Gary Croker who has moved to Belmont.

Gary Croker was awarded Life membership at the March AGM.

Bob Edyvean was elected as President at the March AGM.

John Ross was the winner of the Five Page Member's Display.

2017: In July members participated in the Wagga Showground Swap Meet for the first time.

In November the meeting was advised of the passing of Life Member Bruce Warren and a minute's silence was observed. Bruce attended 273 meetings.

The Five Page Member's Display was won by John Ross.

2018: A mini-bus load of members attended the March Canberra Stampshow 2018.

Dawn Woodland was the winner of the Five Page Member's Display.

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FROM A RECENT VISIT TO THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL, CANBERRA. *By the Ed.*

This humorous postcard from the WWI era is titled "Specimens of Our Wool Producers".

The "Bred by C. Mues, Cohuna" is fictitious.

The card was sent to Corporal Howard Merson of the 22nd Battalion in 1917.

Photo-shopping has been around well before the modern AI generated pics.

This card reminds me of the old Bushwhackers' song:
"Here we are in New South Wales, shearing sheep as big as whales....."



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Congratulations Peter. At the last meeting he attended his 250th meeting as Club Secretary

STAMP SWAPPING WITH EAST GERMANY (DDR). From Des Rose

BITTE GENAU BEACHTEN!

Werter Tauschfreund!

In unserem Lande bestehen bestimmte Vorschriften für den Tausch von Briefmarken. Bitte lassen Sie sich von Ihrem Tauschpartner über die geltenden Bestimmungen der DDR informieren.

Kleben Sie bitte beiliegende grünumrandete Tauschmarke als Verschlussmarke auf die Rückseite Ihres Antwortbriefes, sofern Sie dieser Sendung Briefmarken beifügen, da dann volle Sicherheit besteht, daß dieser Brief wohlbehalten in die Hände Ihres Tauschpartners kommt.

Wir danken Ihnen für Ihre Mühe.

Cher Ami!

Dans notre pays, il y a un règlement précis à observer dans l'échange de timbres-poste. Veuillez vous informer auprès de votre partenaire d'échange sur les règlements en vigueur en R.D.A.

Si vous joignez des timbres-poste à votre lettre de réponse, collez s. v. p. le timbre-label bordé vert, ci-joint, sur le dos de l'enveloppe, ainsi la lettre arrivera en toute sécurité dans les mains de votre partenaire d'échange. Merci pour votre peine.

Dear friend!

In my country there are special regulations concerning the exchange of postage stamps. Please let your exchange partner in the GDR inform you of the current regulations.

I would therefore ask you, should you include stamps in your reply, to please affix the enclosed green-bordered exchange-label on the back of the envelope so that I shall receive your letter and contents in good order. Thank you very much for your trouble.



East German (DDR) Stamp warning in German, French and English. The reverse of the warning note was also in Russian & Spanish.

The exchange control labels had the inscription "Tauschsendung" and were supplied as joined pairs with the same number for both outward and inward consignments. Consignments for foreign exchange had to be sent to a philatelic association locally responsible in an unsealed envelope, with a list and catalogue value of the stamps. There was a restriction on the quantity and value of outgoing consignments.

The outgoing exchange control label was affixed to the shipment after checking for compliance with the regulations, then the inward control label was inserted into the consignment before sealing. The inward label

had to be affixed by the foreign exchange partner on the back of the exchange consignment, which then enabled this consignment to be sent to the addressee without hindrance, or the need to inspect the contents by the customs authority.



FROM LAST MEETING

After fielding questions from the Club on postal fraud Michael Qiu, postmaster of Mount Austin Post Office, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation. The photo shows Michael – on the left – receiving the certificate from President Rob.

Over the past five years Michael has been very helpful in having recent stamp issues available for the newsletter editor to utilize on postings. AND he trusts the editor with the postmarker occasionally.

Also, many members use the Mount Austin Post Office's philatelic and numismatic service on a regular basis.

So, thank you Michael for your continued support.