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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- June 2nd CLUB/LIBRARY DAY
1st Saturday monthly @ 12-4pm
- June 4th MONDAY PHILATELIC FORUM – John Dibiase – Title Pages
1st Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- June 7th THURSDAY DAYTIME STAMP CLUB
1st Thursday monthly @ 1-4pm
- Jun 11th MONDAY POSTMARK CIRCLE –Peter Stewart-Redirected mail
2nd Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- June 19th PSWA GENERAL MEETING – All Members – The letter “K”
3rd Tuesday monthly @ 7.30
- July 2nd MONDAY PHILATELIC FORUM – Praga 2018 entries
1st Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- July 5th THURSDAY DAYTIME STAMP CLUB
1st Thursday monthly @ 1-4pm
- July 7th CLUB/LIBRARY DAY
1st Saturday monthly @ 12-4pm
- July 9th MONDAY POSTMARK CIRCLE – David Gane - Atlantic Islands
2nd Monday monthly @ 7.30pm
- July 17th PSWA GENERAL MEETING – Trevor Lacey – Aspects of WA
official mail
3rd Tuesday monthly @ 7.30
- July 30th AIRMAIL CIRCLE – Lighter than Air
5th Monday of each month
- August 2nd THURSDAY DAYTIME STAMP CLUB
1st Thursday monthly @ 1-4pm
- August 6th MONDAY PHILATELIC FORUM – Macau & Malaysia
2018 entries
1st Monday monthly @ 7.30pm

Editorial

Well here we are again; what a busy period in stamp circles since the last edition!

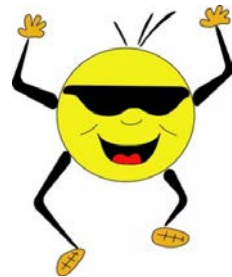
There have been several local auctions including Ace auctions and our own Stamp Mart. I find that the “Auction scene “is an experience not only to purchase material to feed our passion but the opportunity to share knowledge. There is an opportunity to renew acquaintance’s and come together with collectors that share similar interests.

I always enjoy the opportunity to visually view rarities and the higher priced material which I call “Unobtainium “at these venues. Quality material usually finds a home away from the general collector and it is always a pleasure to view these items when the opportunity arises rather than in reference publications.

Thanks to the members that have taken the time to contribute with information and articles for this issue; it has made my life easy. This however leads me into some rhetoric!

“*Many hands make light work as they say*”. Too often it is left to a “*chosen few*” to do tasks that require many. Over time this has the tendency to burn out that “*chosen few*”. Who are the “*chosen few*” I hear you ask? They are the backstay of most clubs from A to Z. These are the members that are constantly involved and always keen to assist wherever possible. As the old saying goes; “*A busy man always has time*” or “*busy person*” as the modern way dictates but eventually their diary becomes full and overflowing as they never say no!

Please consider this the next time the call goes out for assistance as even the smallest amount of time given can reduce the load on the “*chosen few*” and prevent the diary from overflow.



The Local Auction Scene

Auctions locally throughout Perth and surrounding areas continue to have good support with quality material selling well. Although attendance numbers appear to be down those in attendance appear to be keen to buy.

As always, the Ace Auction was well attended with a good array of material to suit most budgets. Bidding on the Kangaroo items was reasonably strong particularly the quality bi-colours. Surprisingly though bidding was weak on the KGV offerings. The usual box lots received strong bidding with the with all but a couple of lots passed in. Overall a good auction



Our Stamp Mart auction was a little down on numbers, though overall a successful day. Several higher value lots including

a 2 pound Kangaroo sold well which helped boost the day's takings. It is good to see some higher value lots offered at our auctions which can only help to attract bidders.

The Open Day Auction held on the 27th May at our club rooms and organised by a couple of our members was a huge success. I was there on the day to assist and I can only commend the organisation of the days event

Upcoming Auctions

June 10 - Southern Rivers Auction - Maddington Community Centre, Alcock Street, Maddington

June 24 - Stamp Fair - Cannington Exhibition Centre, Cnr Albany Hwy & Station St, Cannington

July 28-29 - ACE Auction No. 24

August 26 - PSWA Just an Auction

Collectors Corner

A nice find by Mark Leaman, rescued from a box lot. “Attached is the Mornington Savings Bank postmark PMC states only 2 known copies as does

John DiBiase's Census of Western Australia Post Office Savings Bank Postmarks”. Of note this may be the only double with a clear strike on both stamps.

An interesting part cancel of Gilgerring. Although not a rarity the PMC lists this until 4-03-15. This has a date of mid April 1916, some 12 months later



Another nice discovery by one of our members. A 1d red Kangaroo with the previously unrecorded copy of the Mt Ida cancel.

Bulk Lots

While sifting through a hoard of 3d roos from a bulk lot recently purchased I was surprised at the quantity of good material amongst the usual heavy

postmarks and average quality. The lot was around 1000 copies and owed me 30c each (\$300). Once sorted it revealed many Die II's including inverted copies, many good shades and some fine varieties. There are still finds to be had if you have the time to spend sifting through bulk lots, however be prepared for disappointment. Many lots can be less than fruitfull but I have found that with collecting diversity it can be rewarding.



Remember it is a hobby and these meagre finds and anticipation of what the next stamp reveals. The scan enclosed is listed as ACSC 13(2)ha, pos.2R38 and described as Deformed coat in bight state II catalogued at \$250

Club Library Day

Theme – new acquisitions - Each Library day we have set a theme. In addition to all areas of interest that you may wish to bring along for discussion dust off the collections and bring along interesting items within the theme.



The club library day continues to be a lot of fun and an opportunity to discuss anything from collecting to general interest topics in a low-key format.

We all contribute towards a lunch, but it is amazing at times that it is well into the afternoon before we snack, as it is easy to become totally engrossed inspecting the many items of interest bought along.

Don't forget that the library is open and the information available to the members is amazing including new many new additions including Australian Commonwealth Specialists Catalogue "ACSC" on KGV issues and Postal Stationery, both published by Brusden-White

The next Library day is on **Saturday 2nd June**, so come along and join in the fun and tap into the Library resource; use the photocopier, and don't forget to bring some of your items of interest. **SEE YOU THERE!**

Specialist Notes

One of the financial costs of specialising is the cost of catalogues and equipment required to further your knowledge in your chosen field.

Unless you wish to keep abreast of current pricing, why not consider purchasing superseded reference material. The savings can be substantial and almost all auction sites regularly have a comprehensive list of lots listed. Bells and whistles don't build your collection; knowledge does.

Shade collectors require the correct UV equipment which can be expensive; consider sharing a resource. This not only saves costs but sharing knowledge only builds greater knowledge and awareness.

The array of gadgets on the market these days is mind boggling and the majority are exactly that; GADGETS. Chat to fellow club members or collectors with similar interests to yours and share advice; most are willing to guide you as they have learnt from their mistakes.

Storage of your asset is the most important consideration and cheaper grade albums are not for the serious collector, specialist or not.

Always buy the best quality items within your budget constraints and spend wisely!!

Club Meetings

At the April meeting Mark Leaman presented a display by Mel Peachey on KGV side face 1914-18 displayed by postmark. Mel has taken on a difficult task to fill in a display featuring dates from every day throughout this period including Sundays and public holidays as we now know them; no such luxury back then. This is a difficult thematic to assemble and Mel is to be commended on the quality of the material displayed. It certainly sparked some question time.



←Mark did a great job of setting up and presenting the display on Mel's behalf

I had the opportunity to recently attend one of the daytime stamp club meetings. They are a great bunch of collectors and the meeting was well attended and presented. They had great delight in beating us to the collectors "other interests" meeting. There was an array of collecting items and well presented.



←Viewing of the other collectables

At our may meeting The President, Mr Malcolm Brown, informed the meeting that Mr Trevor Spencer had won the Les King Trophy for his display at the recent Stamp Mart event. Mr Spencer was presented a trophy by Mr Brown.

Mr Don O'Loughlin reported that three entries were received for the juniors display at the recent Stamp Mart event. The Don O'Loughlin Juniors Trophy for this display was won by Miss Mia Giesemann.

Many of the members jumped on board with the "other interests" theme including rocks, model cars, paintings, embroidery, daggers, postcards, books and a bike. Brian Whittaker recited a poem by Mr Marriott Edgar about a young boy who survived and returned home after being swallowed by a lion in the Blackpool zoo. It was also obvious that George's passion for his bike restoration is boundless

Topics of Interest

I received from Mel Peachey this interesting letter penned during the 1st world war. The below is a typed copy taken from the original.

*Maurice Iandeputte
Belgian Soldier
Shed 19. Camp 1
Zeist. Holland, 19.3.1918*

Dear Miss,

I have received your esteemed letter with great satisfaction in these awful times it makes pleasure and it procures me a real consolation in collecting these different stamps. I could send you many stamps in exchange of some stamps of your country,

Enclosed, I am sending you; 10 Norwegian, 10 Sweden, 10 Dutch, 10 Switzerland stamps. Hoping to hear from you soon.

If in the future you could still spare some stamps for me of New Zealand of your stamps taxes of your country.

Excuse me not to have written you sooner, this because I have again been obliged to remove. I am now dwelling in the Shed 19. Some days were necessary to do this and to make new acquaintances. This displacing will certainly be the last one before my departure from this enclosure.

With the fine days, I have a hope that peace will come to which we are all longing for. I am unable to send you some money for stamps of your country that I to not yet possess, as I only have four pennies per day here. You see that it is not very much and that we cannot do without it in the awful time.

Hoping to hear from you again, I conclude thanking you very much for your stamps.

*I remain, Dear Miss,
Yours very truly,
Maurice.*

*Address from Belgium,
Maurice Iandeputte
Preparator of geology
32 avenue Griceites 32 (pontrange)
(Mons.) Belgique*

Upcoming Dates

Seniors Recreation Council of WA Inc.

Have a Go Day

A LiveLighter Event

Wednesday 14th November 2018

Burswood Park 9.00am to 3.00pm, Great Eastern Highway
Official Welcome: 10.30am

Free Activities and Information day for over 50's
Be Prepared to "Have a GO"
Featuring Activities, Clubs/Groups, Seniors & Commercial Agencies
For more information contact
Seniors Recreation Council of WA Inc.
08 9492 9773
www.srcwa.asn.au

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Above is the flyer for Have A Go Day in November, Mel Peachey runs the PSWA Table and requires volunteers to assist on the day

June Meeting

Delve into the archives and source the "Letter K", this month's theme. The mind boggles with anticipation with the variety of opportunity to present the unusual; Kryptonite maybe or stay with the norm and present that array of philately K's.

Anniversary Lunch

Don't forget the 125th PSWA anniversary lunch to be held at the Royal Fremantle Golf Club on the 22nd July. 12noon for 12:30pm. This is sure to be a great day as this is a great venue and a very special moment within our club's history

Just an Auction

Auction lots due prior or on the next meeting for our August Auction

Space fillers and other bits and pieces – Brian Austin

We all have some of them somewhere – the space fillers and other bits and pieces that have come along somewhere down the road. Most of the time they are the items that people just sneer at and consign to the bin or into another tin of odds and ends to put into the next club auction.

They are the poor cousins of the finely centred, beautifully MUH or fine used swans that can grace the “nice collection”. When mint they may be toned, thinned, missing a corner or more. In used they vary from the horrendous black blob that all but obscures what the stamp actually is, to the tears, missing corners, thins and other mishaps that can occur. It could be that the silver fish had a snack through the middle or a multitude of other sins. It might look like a truck ran over it after it was cut to shape and scribbled on.

Whatever it is the stamp is not as perfect as might be desired... but, what happens when it looks like the truck did its thing and some clown from the post office scribbled on it and it just happens to be issued by British Guiana in 1856? In that case what looks like a space filler has the illustrious rank of the most expensive stamp ever sold when it went for over A\$10 million in 2014. Now there is only one of them but there are a lot of other poorer cousins that maybe deserve a little more thought before being consigned to the bin.



*British Guiana 1856 1c
When I saw it in New York in 2016,
it looked even rougher than
in this online photo from the net.*



*Portugal 240 reis
2003 cat £275*



*Liberia 1860 24c
2003 cat £32*

My space fillers – filling the gap at nil cost.

I happen to have an old album (printed about 1908) with a simplified space for all the stamps of the world that I am in the process of filling. Now for inexpensive stamps that is a cheap process, but I fear that some blanks will always remain that way – such as the British Guiana cotton reels along with 1856 1c black on magenta. Some gaps however I managed to fill for very inexpensive costs as the stamps are decidedly less than perfect. Somewhere along the way they became space fillers and for me they fill the space.



1914 piece 3/2 rate for 6lb parcel interstate
 Pity about the 1d red roo bits at the bottom
 but proving on the rate

1918 4/4 rate for 8lb parcel interstate - →
 The cheap GV 1d reds were mainly cut off
 leaving only half a survivor.



Aside from them I also have a small collection of parcel pieces making up parcel rates of Australia in the early Commonwealth period. Now some of these are blessed with only slivers of the stamps on the paper but I can see what the total rate was. They are total space filler material, but the thing is that getting the full rate is not that easy. Let me say that I would put out an open challenge to anyone (that is anyone) to come up with complete range of interstate parcel rates on piece for the period with complete stamps. I would gladly update some of my pieces but I fear that they may be second rate but when they are probably all that exist then you start recognising that space fillers are not necessarily to be looked down upon.



Good for juniors to play with as they choose or to cut up for collage. Recycling to the last!

Aside from these there are the other sorts of things that some may look down upon but that does not mean that stamps are worthless. I also have a bag of damaged stamps that even I will not be putting in a collection but by the same token if I knew a small child that just wanted to play with some coloured paper they would be ideal. If they tore them up then so what. They will have served a purpose. They could also be used for chopping up for a collage or making some other artwork.

So next time you are looking at your space fillers and other bits that you might about to discard, give them another look. They might have more going for them than you think.

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