

WAPC 40th Anniversary Celebration

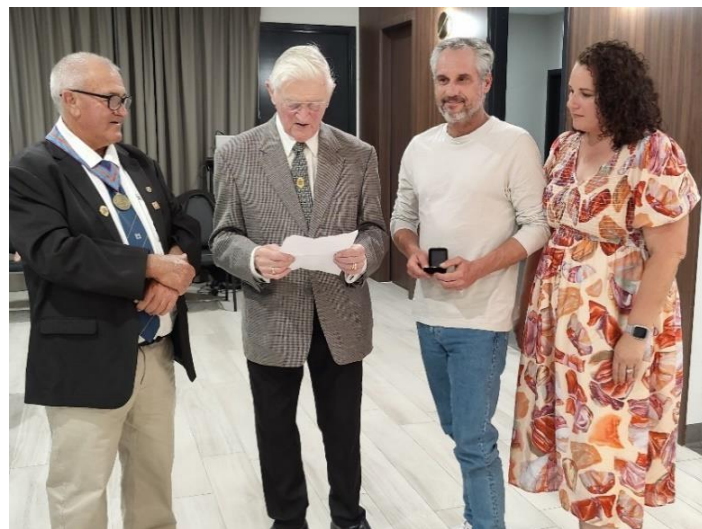
The Western Australia Philatelic Council Inc. (WAPC) celebrated its 40th anniversary this year. To commemorate this milestone, it hosted a special event at the APS Training Centre, adjacent to Philatelic House, East Perth, on 22 November 2024.

The evening included the presentation of the 2024 Hasluck Award to the late Trevor Spencer, by Richard



Vickers and John DiBiase. Trevor was nominated for the Award by the Darling Range Stamp Club.

A large group of Hasluck awardees attended the event to recognise the contribution Trevor made to philately in WA. The award was accepted on Trevor's behalf by family members Daniel and Chelsea.



WAPC President, John DiBiase and Hasluck Awardee, Richard Vickers, present Trevor Spencer's award to family members Daniel and Chelsea.

PSWA 2025 Membership Fees Now Due

\$25 for adults

\$35 for families (*Two or more adults in the same household*)

\$2 for juveniles

Payments may be made by:

- Cheque:** made payable to PSWA (Inc) and posted to: Hon Treasurer PSWA (Inc), PO Box 886, Subiaco 6904
- Direct Deposit:** Bank: Commbank
Account name: The Philatelic Society of WA (Inc)
BSB: 066-160
Account No: 11169587
- Cash (or Cheque or Card):** handed to the Treasurer at any PSWA meeting before 31 March 2025.

Sign up a New PSWA Member for 2025

Membership Application Forms

are available at the PSWA website:

<https://www.pswa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/PSWA-Membership-Application-Form-2024.pdf>

Library Day Notes

October's Library Day saw some 25 members and guests attend throughout the day and discuss their collecting interests, swap, buy and give away items of interest, have a coffee and a general chat.



Library Day provides another opportunity for members to enjoy the company of each other while accessing the extensive library to research aspects of their collections

Donations of library reference material are often made by members who have duplicate copies of books, monographs and journals. Alison Wilson donated a box of Australia Post Yearbooks to add to the collection at the October Library Day. Mark Leaman, the PSWA's Librarian, thanked Alison on the behalf of the membership.

Members are able to borrow the library reference books, journals and monographs for short periods to enable research to be undertaken at home. All material has to be signed out and returned promptly for the use of other members. The Librarian, Mark Leaman encourages those who have had reference material out for an extended period to return it to avoid the need to chase individuals up.

The **November** gathering was especially well attended with more than 30 members making use of the opportunity provided. A great deal of material was brought in by members to swap, sell and view. The "Borrowings Register" ran hot with members returning and borrowing reference material.

A program of rationalising the collection has been underway since Swanpex in 2023 when a table of duplicate and excess library material was presented for purchase by PSWA members and others. This program continues this year to help make shelf-space available for the reference material recently donated and purchased.

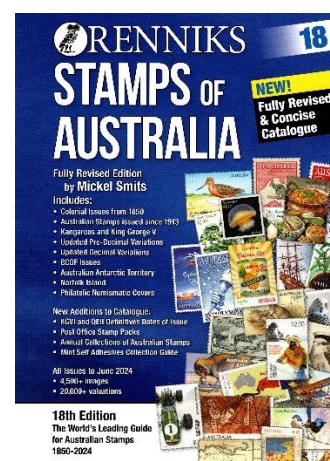


A particular highlight of the November meeting was the President, Mel Peachey, bringing in two Perfin devices gifted to the PSWA from the late Dereck Pocock collection; one a single head VCo device and the other a four die DJF device. An article on these two perfins is to be found on page 11.

Perfin devices gifted to PSWA; the large one being a four die DJF device, while the smaller is the single die VCo.

Mr Mickel Smits, of Smits Stamps and Coins, has generously donated a copy of the newly released 18th Edition of Renniks catalogue "Stamps of Australia" to the PSWA library.

This edition has been thoroughly revised and updated with new sections including Post Office Stamp Packs, a mint self-adhesive collection guide, KGVI and QEII definitives dates of issue and a listing of the APO's Annual Collection of Australian Stamps.



The Last Library Night

The last Library Night was held on Monday 11 November at Philatelic House. The Library Night initiative has now been cancelled.

Three stalwarts attended the last meeting and thanked the Society's Librarian, Mark Leaman, for persisting with the initiative in light of the general disinterest.

Members needing access to the reference material contained in the Library will still be able to achieve that through the regular Saturday Library Day.

October General Meeting



The October meeting formally congratulated Mr John DiBiase on his admission to Membership of the Australian Philatelic Order (MAP), at the Canberra National Stampshow in September.

The President, Mel Peachey, presented his collection of Local Postage considerable interest from

Stamps which generated members in attendance.



The Danube and Black Sea Railway (DBSR) operated the Kustendje and Czerawoda local post in the late 1860s

Penny Wells' sister, Vicki Salkeld, who was visiting from New Zealand, attended the meeting as Penny's guest and enjoyed the hum of activity – especially when Penny won the prize draw.



Vicki and Penny enjoying themselves in front of the President's display of local postage

Dollar Day Bargains



The widely advertised Dollar Day Stamp Shed initiative saw a large number of stamp collectors attend a very successful inaugural event held at the Cannington Showground on Monday 18 November 2024.

Six dealers attended the event and brought along an interesting array of material including stamp sets, first day covers, maxi-cards, postcards, postmarks, literature and ephemera, all to be snapped up at not more than \$1 per item.

Dealers attending were: Mike Kouwen; Mark Leaman; Sue Morgan; John McPhee; Mel Peachey; and, the Western Australian Card Collectors' Club,

Broadly advertised throughout the WA stamp club network more than 80 people attended throughout the day. The early birds got some really good bargains. Over 3,000 philatelic items changed hands on the day.

The next \$ Dollar Day \$ will be held on 19 January 2025 at Cannington.

Stamp Shed Success

The innovative Stamp Shed initiative established by PSWA during 2024 has successfully shown over the year that there was a need for such an event.

The initiative will continue in 2025 at the Cannington Showgrounds. See page 2 for times and dates.

The Stamp Shed provides an opportunity for those attending to ask questions about their collecting interests, seek material from the dealers and members who attend, and to sell or swap material that is surplus to needs.

George Morris is always there with his Circuit Books.

Annual General Meeting

President's Report

2024 has been a testing year for our club having lost several members and friends.

However, the club is still active with new events starting e.g., Stamp Shed Days, which have attracted many collectors. It is hoped that the future proposal of the Dollar Day and restarting Postmark Circle events will prove to be equally successful in the coming months.

My sincere thanks to all Committee members for their assistance and hard work during my term of office, for without them there would be no Club. I would like to thank Dave mazitelli for an excellent Stamp Hinges and Paul Holman for the auction catalogues.

I congratulate Barbara for stepping up to be the new President. I know Barbara will be an excellent president and will have my full support.

Finally, I thank all members for their continued support of PSWA and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas followed by a Happy and healthy New Year with lots of good stamp events.

Mel Peachey

Treasurer's Report

The "Statement of Profit and Loss" and "Statement of Financial Position" were presented to, and tabled at the AGM. The Statements have been reviewed by the Society's Auditor, Mr Brian Austin who confirmed them as "giving a true and fair view of the financial position at 30 June 2024.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr Nigel Rainford, stated that revenue increased by \$26,000 compared with the previous year. However, this result relates to the National Exhibition held last November. That same total in transactions was processed through the Society's credit card facility, on behalf of the WAPC, in connection with Perth 2023. These transactions appear on both sides of the ledger and are therefore cost neutral. The Society also donated sponsorship of \$5,000 to the Council, to help defray their exhibition expenses. This contributed to a halving of the Society's operational surplus, relative to our 2022-23 operational outcome.

A reduction of \$107K in the end of year position was mainly due to a revaluation of the property. Every three years the Society seeks a revaluation from the Strata

Management Company, for financial reporting purposes. Due to weakness in the commercial market over the past three years, the property has been devalued from \$315K to \$200K. A loss; but only on paper!

The Membership fee schedule for 2025 is recommended to this AGM by Committee resolution and remains unchanged since 2013. I seek your support in passing a motion to set fees for 2025 at \$25 for adults, \$35 for families and \$2 for juniors. If accepted, membership fees for next year will fall due on 1st of January 2025 and will need to be paid by 31st of March, for Members to remain financial. However, I'm happy to accept payments from tonight, if the motion passes.

I'd like to thank the small, but loyal band of volunteers who help with the running of the auctions.

I'd like to thank the rest of the Committee for their outstanding support throughout a financially successful year, particularly our outgoing President, Mr Mel Peachey, for his tireless leadership.

Nigel Rainford

Librarian's Report

Library Day continued to be popular with members throughout 2024 with an increasing turn-up to access the growing collection.

A number of significant additions were added to the library during the year – including donations of reference material from the late Dereck Pocock and Brian Pope.

The Library Night was cancelled due to disinterest in evening gatherings. The last night was held in November.

Mark Leaman

Membership Report

Membership for 2024 was 98 financial members, down from 105 in the previous period. The Society lost 14 members during the year and signed up seven for a net loss of seven members.

Gavin Woodward

Circuit Books

There were 118 books in circulation during the year with a price total of material contained in them equalling \$187,542. Of these, 29 new ones were added in 2024 (17 PSWA and 12 from the Mandurah club) with a price total of material of \$47,229.

George Morris