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**D**ear Bri Phil Friends,

I started my last letter to you, in May, with '*It is great that our Club is functioning normally again after last year's lock-down*'. How wrong can one be? And to think that I used to teach forecasting! Our new lockdown has been going for three weeks and there is no end in sight. We have had to cancel 3 Auctions and our Gala. I append our forward plan for AGM, Display and Education meetings, but we are likely to lose some of these as well.

There is some good news. Seven Members of your Committee are planning the Future of Brighton Philatelic Society for the next 10 years. So far, all our meetings have been on Zoom, but nevertheless very productive. We are looking at ways we can serve Members better and be attractive to new members. A key area is succession planning – several of our Officers have been in their jobs for over ten years. The other area is the safety and maintenance

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of our premises, Bri Phil House. We have had a Building inspection carried out. This shows a number of areas which need repair, but, importantly, it states that the building can be used for at least another ten years. It becomes 100 years old in 2024. Even older than we are!

Forward events, (which may or may not take place, thanks to Covid) are our AGM on September 14<sup>th</sup>, our Saturday and Tuesday Auctions and Daytime meeting (refer program on back page) and our Gala and Display. This may be held in mid-October: you will be informed as soon as we decide. Also, you are invited to a Victorian Philatelic Society function at Bri Phil House on Sunday, November 14. There will be an inter-Club Competition of Displays and many Dealers present.

I am building a list of Members who consider themselves 'Stamp Collectors' in order to consider the philatelic side of the Club. We had a great meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> when seven members displayed stamps and covers with a connection to the letter 'W'.

The Club communicates to you whenever there is a change of plan. The main means is by email from our Membership Secretary. Make sure we have your correct email address. Our Web loader, Michael Tonta also promptly adds changes to our website,

[www.brightonps.org.au](http://www.brightonps.org.au). So, if you do not have an email, this is the way to know the state of play at Bri Phil.

This letter is my 'swansong' as President, an office which I have held for two years, although events have frequently been interrupted by Covid cancellations. It has been an honour to serve our vibrant club and mingle with all you ardent collectors and traders. I record my sincere thanks to all Club Members who have helped to run our strong society,

Best wishes,

Ian Sadler, *President*

## Upcoming Displays

[Subject to Covid lockdowns]

### **President's Display of 'China 1865-1949' & AGM on September 14<sup>th</sup> - 8pm**

Ian has a comprehensive collection of Chinese Treaty Ports, Imperial China, Republic of China, and early Communist issues (1930-49) for you to examine. This includes rare issues from Shanghai and Imperial China's large dragons.

We strongly urge ALL members to attend for the Annual review of all areas of the Club, including Treasury, Exchange Sheets and Auctions.

### **'UK Horse Racing Philately' on October 12<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm by Brad Baker**

Brad's display will include stamps, covers, post cards from the last 100 years and will include Royal Ascot, Brighton, Cheltenham, Epsom. Newmarket & York just to name a few.

### **'GALA & DISPLAY' on a Sunday in October from 10am to 3.30pm (TBC)**

We will consider in early September whether this twice- postponed Gala will take place.

This bi-annual celebration of Stamps is held to celebrate the Centenaries of Rotary in Australia and the RAAF, with lots of socialising. There will be displays by our members and five dealers will be present. There will be talks on Rotary and his 'philatelic life' by a senior Member. This is an opportunity to bring family, prospective members and friends.

### **'Transport of Australian Colonial Mail' by Gary Diffen on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 8.15pm**

Gary's exhibit explains the development of early maritime mail from the Australian Colonies to foreign destinations from 1833 to 1891. He will show how the speed increased and the routes and schedules varied according to economic events and wars. This is our chance to see rare postal history.

## Education Meetings at 7.15pm

### **'How to move unwanted material' on October 12<sup>th</sup> by John Rennie.**

John will explain the different avenues available to members to get value for their unwanted material. He will cover Bri Phil Auctions, Exchange Sheets and Public Auctions. Members are encouraged to bring items they wish to sell and receive advice on the best place.

### **'What is a Philatelist?' by Ian Sadler and Members on November 9<sup>th</sup>.**

The first purpose of this evening is to discover, through examples, the various avenues that stamp collectors may pursue and the different excitements they generate. A second

purpose is to review the Club's stamp collecting meetings: do they provide the right variety of interests, does the timing of meetings align with Members' needs, especially those who work?

## **New Members**

Please extend a friendly welcome to the following new members:

Rev. Norman Hart – Euroa

Clive Peltz – North Caulfield

Jerry Donovan - Mooroolbark

David Payne – Berkeley NSW

Tracey Jones - Beechworth

## **Annual General Meeting**

You are invited to the annual general meeting of Brighton Philatelic Society Incorporated to be held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at BRI-PHIL House, 80 Gardenvale Road, Gardenvale, starting at 8:00 PM.

### ***Special Attraction***

Our retiring President Ian Sadler will show some of his own collection on China 1865-1949

### **AGM Agenda items will include:**

- Minutes: Confirmation of the minutes of the last AGM.
- Reports: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Exchange Branch Superintendent, Sales Branch Convenor, Bulletin Editor.
- Elections: Election of the Committee of Management.
- Awards: Presentation of awards.
- Auditor: Nomination and appointment of an auditor.
- Honoraria: Approval of honoraria.

***Nominations for the committee of management:*** All committee of management positions fall vacant. Some incumbents offer themselves for re-election.

All members of the Society may nominate candidates for election, subject to the notes on page 6 below, on the interleaved nomination form. Nominations must be forwarded to the Secretary by 3rd September 2021.

The committee meets monthly from February to December on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, commencing at 7.30 pm.

**The positions are:**

*Executive Officers*

President (Note 1)	Vice President (Note 2)	Treasurer	Secretary
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*Ordinary Members*

Librarian	Building Services/ Security Superintendent	Sales Branch Convenor
Bulletin Editor	Public Relations Officer	Meeting & Education Coordinator
Membership Secretary	Web Loader	Immediate Past President

The Committee is also empowered to establish other positions as required.

**Notes on eligibility for positions:**

1. The position of President may be held by a former President or Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or Exchange Superintendent who has held such a position for at least 12 months.
2. It is usual for the Vice President to advance to the office of President.

**Nomination Form for Committee of Management**

We wish to nominate

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for a position on the Committee of Management.

Officer: (state position).....

Ordinary Member:.....

Proposer:.....

I hereby nominate for the above position/s:

Signed:.....

Dated: the .....day of .....2021

This Nomination Form should be forwarded to the Secretary by: 3 September 2021 (80 Gardenvale Rd Gardenvale 3185).

## Form of Appointment of Proxy

I,..... of .....

being a financial member of the Brighton Philatelic Society Incorporated hereby appoint:

.....of .....

being a member of that incorporated Society, as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Society to be held on 14 September 2021. My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/ against (delete as appropriate) the resolution Rule 30(1) Election of Officers.

### Instruction to Proxy:

Dated the .....day of .....2021

Signature:.....

Name (in block letters): .....

This Proxy Form should be forwarded to the Secretary by: 3 September 2021 (80 Gardenvale Rd Gardenvale 3185).

## Albums Closed

Ray Brown – a member since 1963 (see obituary below)

## Vale Ray Brown

On July 13 Ray Brown our longest serving member passed away, aged 92. Ray joined BPS in 1963 and although he lived in Echuca he made an effort to attend meetings whenever he was in Melbourne.

Several years ago, our Editor conducted an interview with Ray which is worth repeating, as we mourn the passing of another of our stamp elders.

Editor: When and why did you start stamp collecting?

Ray: When about eight years old, my Father who had been a collector for some years, bought me an Australian 'Specimen' set from the Post Office, this started me off on a life time of Philately.

Ed: What areas do you collect and what have you displayed?

Ray: I have collected mainly Australian Commonwealth, British Colonials, with interests in the Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea, and Hong Kong. I also delved into themes such as aircraft, ships, and Queen Elizabeth II.

Ed: Do you have an interesting anecdote about philately?

Ray: My Grandfather gave me an envelope from Hong Kong, circa 1941, which had some of the British Colonial stamps depicting scenes of the exotic port of Hong Kong. I was intrigued.

In 1956, 15 years later, I entered Hong Kong's magnificent harbour on HMAS Quickmatch, a fast Antisubmarine Frigate of the RAN, and realised my childhood dreams of one day visiting Hong Kong.

During this period Quickmatch was attached to the Far East Fleet for almost one year and was based in Hong Kong and Singapore. It was interesting to go to various Post Offices in some of the exotic ports of call in the Far East, to check out the stamps, and send home covers adorned with the local stamps.

Ed: Please give me a brief bio of yourself.

Ray: I was born in Bendigo during the Great Depression and raised in northern Victoria. I joined the Navy when I was 17 years old and served for 15 years as a radar and radio technician. I finally settled in Echuca following my discharge from the RAN. I was employed in the housing finance and financial fields in northern Victoria for many years until my retirement.

Ed: Do you have any special memories of BPS events?

Ray: BPS Exchange Books, I looked forward to their arrival, and I also contributed sheets for sale in these books for several years.

## **Library News**

The library has a subscription for the current year's Scott Catalogue which now comes to 7 double volumes. We are receiving one double volume every month or so and the catalogues will be displayed in the new glass fronted bookcase. These catalogues will be available for inspection but not for loan. We are also going to buy a complete set of the current editions of the Australian Commonwealth Specialists catalogue, and they too will not be available for loan. In both cases, the earlier editions will now be able to be borrowed.

Ray Price, *Librarian*

## **Help needed!**

Our very efficient Membership Officer Deb Harms has a new job and sadly has had to retire from the BPS position. We thank Deb for her dedicated work over several years and wish her well in the new job – but don't work too hard! Therefore, we need a new Membership Officer quite urgently.

Basic computer skills will be required. Deb will still be attending meetings etc and is happy to spend the time training a new person.

The role involves receiving money from members either in person or via post and updating relevant records. Members address changes also need to be updated on the database.

The computer work can be done on a home computer (software will be supplied) – you do not have to attend the clubrooms to perform the work.

Please come forward to offer your help – this is a vital role within the club.

## **BPS Memberships**

BPS memberships, which are crucial to funding our club activities, were due on 1st July 2021. All members should have received a renewal notification either via email or mail. A big thanks to those who have already paid their memberships for the 2021/22 year. For those who have not yet paid, you can pay the following ways:

1. Payment can be made directly to the Society's bank account. Details are:

Bendigo Bank - Brighton Philatelic Society Inc Account

BSB 633 000 Account No. 1404 76508

Please **use your name** as a transaction reference so that we can identify your payment on our bank statement.

2/ Cheques can be forwarded to:

The Membership Officer  
Brighton Philatelic Society Inc  
PO Box 8062  
NORTH ROAD LPO  
BRIGHTON EAST VIC 3187

### **BRIGHTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY PROGRAM 2021**

[Subject to changes because of Covid restrictions: Please check **our website**]

Sept.	4	Premium auction 1.00pm	
	14	<b>AGM &amp; President's Display 8.00 pm</b>	
	21	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	28	Members uncatalogued auction 7.30pm	
Oct.	2	Members catalogued auction 1.00pm	
	12	<b>Ed: Moving Unwanted Material 7.15pm</b>	
	12	<b>Display: UK Horse Racing 8.15</b>	E
	19	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	26	Members uncatalogued auction 7.30 pm	
Nov.	6	Catalogued Auction 1.00pm	
	9	<b>Education: What is a Philatelist? 7.15pm</b>	
	9	<b>Display: Early Colonial Mail 8.15</b>	E
	16	Daytime meeting 10.00am	D,E
	23	Members uncatalogued auction 7.30pm	

E = Exchange sheets

D = Daytime meeting

Tues. evening auction commences

7.30 p.m

Tues. display evening commences

8:15 p.m.

Evening Auction Viewing

from 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday daytime from 10.00 am to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday auctions commence 1:00 p.m.

Uncat Sat Auctions Viewing: from 10:30 am

Catalogued Auctions Viewing Friday 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**All meetings are held at BRI-PHIL HOUSE, 80 Gardenvale Rd. GARDENVALE (Corner of Magnolia Rd)**