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Dear Fellow Members,

The society has many interesting and exciting activities coming up and continues to thrive thanks to all your support and the hard work of the committee members. You will receive with this bulletin a printed catalogue for the July Auction. This will be the last time that printed catalogues will be sent out due to the increasing cost of printing and delivery. For the November Auction the catalogue will be sent to all members electronically by email and only those members who have specifically requested a printed copy will be sent one. Printed copies will be available on the days of viewing.

The Society was highly honoured on May 19th to be invited to display by The Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria. Five of our members Ian Sadler, Ray Price, John Rennie, John McKay and Ross Newton brought their displays along and all were very well received. The variety and high standard of the displays are a tribute to the philatelic understanding and abilities of the above members. Reports on our Annual One-Frame Competition and other displays are given later in this Bulletin.

On Tuesday, June 14th we have our Quiz Night and also a chance to bring along any strange items in your collections – we have called this “Philatelic Oddities” and it promises to be a fun and social night so please make every effort to come along. Preceding this at 7.15pm our philatelic meeting is ‘Research on the Web’. On Tuesday, July 12th we again are asking all members to bring along material under the title of “The letters X, Y and Z”. This has been an annual event working through the alphabet and always leads to imaginative and interesting ideas. Again, this promises to be a fun and social evening which is preceded by the Philatelic meeting on ‘Buying Material on eBay’.

Our March Catalogue auction was a success with over 70% of lots being sold and the July Catalogue auction also has many rare and interesting items. The German States are well featured and there is a wide range of philatelic material at competitive prices which I hope will suit all of our members.

Please note that the Tuesday uncatalogued auctions will now begin at 7pm. In an effort to stop the auctions going on for too long we have also limited the vendors to a maximum of 25 lots. This should entail an earlier finish and suit more of our members.

The membership fees are due on July 1st and this year we are able to offer a reduction! The fees for 2022/23 have been set at \$30, which the Committee regarded as fair, given that during the pandemic many of our activities had to be cancelled. Please pay if possible by the due date.

Happy Philately, David Shutler (*President 2021/22*)

Display Meetings on Tuesdays at 8.15

June 14th – Quiz night and Philatelic Oddities. All members are invited to bring along the “most odd” philatelic item to share in what will be a fun evening.

July 12th – The Letters X, Y & Z. All members are invited to bring along items with a connection to these letters. This is a yearly event that always leads to some imaginative and entertaining philatelic ideas.

August 9th – China’s Cultural Revolution – A Postal History. John Young has been collecting this area for many years and will be displaying many interesting and unique items.

Philatelic Meetings on Tuesday Evenings at 7.15pm

Please BYO material. We will try to answer your questions.

June 14th: ‘Philatelic Research on the Web’ presented by Stephanie Bromser. How do you find out more about your stamps and covers? She will demonstrate how the Internet can be used to find the details you require. Bring your covers and questions and we will endeavour to help.

July 12th: ‘Buying Material on eBay’ presented by Brad Baker.

Brad will explain the ins-and-outs of buying philatelic material on e-bay. There is a large amount of material available but there can be trap for new players!

August 10th: ‘Treasures from our Library’ presented by Ray Price.

There are many items in our Library that could surely help your collecting. Ray will explain what is available and help you borrow the items you need.

Ian Sadler, *Philately Coordinator*

Stamp and Coin Collectors’ Forum Meetings

Wednesday, June 1st at 2pm.

Continuing our successful new meetings, two speakers will show their material and all Members are invited to bring items of interest.

Alan Fluck will show his Danish collection.

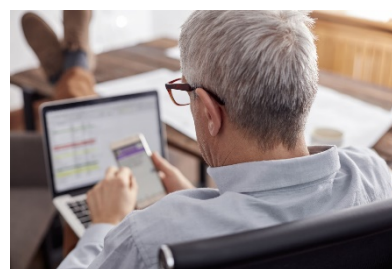
Alex Pershin will show his ‘Monkeys on Stamps’.

Networking.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Sunday, July 3rd at 2pm BY ZOOM and at Bri Phil House

A range of philatelic items and a chance to chat will be provided to All Bri Phil Members who use Zoom on the internet or come to Bri Phil House. Due to logistical problems, this meeting and its Content will be confirmed nearer the date.



Sunday, August 7th at 2pm BY ZOOM and at Bri Phil House.

A similar style of meeting to that on July 3rd with content according to YOUR requests and provision.

N.B. See separate note about Forums in this Bulletin.

Bookings welcomed by Ian Sadler (0403 225 476) and Alistair Glass (0402 265 037), *Convenors*

Update on the New Stamp and Coin Collectors Forum:

A cohort of philatelists has been meeting one Wednesday per month for three months. Our attendance ranges from 9 to 4, providing a networking opportunity for Collectors and Philatelists. This Forum provides Members the opportunity to actively participate, sharing their interests with others. Meetings are social and inclusive, enabling us to share our interests without the pressure of a competitive 'display'.

Many Members are disadvantaged by timing, working and location. We have decided to hold, during the Winter, a series of Zoom and physical meetings to 'tickle your collecting fantasies'! The aim is to make Bri Phil philately available to ALL members on a Sunday afternoon. The Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria and many other organisations have used Zoom very effectively to bridge distances. No one has caught Covid over the Internet so far!

Rest assured we are working on all the technology to make this work. If technology scares you, just come to Bri Phil House. See dates in separate article.

Ian and Alistair, *Convenors*

New Members

Please extend a friendly welcome to the following new members:

Alan Hall – Warragul

Robert Lyon – Caulfield South

Michael Cui – Carnegie

Peter Campbell – Hawthorn East

Roy Stanley - Frankston

Albums Closed

William Smart – a member since 1978

Colin Leigh – a member since 1987

Murray Gorham – a member since 2008

Annual Competition Results

Our annual one-frame competition was held on April 12th. Sadly only 13 Members attended to view the six entries and we thank those members who submitted entries as this is a very important part of the life of our club.

Our judges awarded the Club Champion trophy to Dr Ian Sadler, our former President, for a fascinating display on covers and stamps of the Indian State of Jaipur. The Popular vote as judged by the members in attendance was awarded to Jack van Beveren who presented a very impressive display on the effects of inflation on postage usage in Germany during just 5 months of 1923.

Auction Catalogues

The printing and mailing of our auction catalogues costs the club nearly \$1000 for every issue.

For several years we have advertised in the Bulletin for members to tell us that they do not want a printed copy but we get no response. So, we are forcing the issue by asking members to 'opt in' if they would like a printed copy.

Many members find a complete printed copy very useful (others just print the pages they require) and we are happy to provide this. If you wish to receive a printed copy please send an email to the BPS Secretary via our website. A letter via 'snail mail' to our PO Box is also acceptable.

As from the November catalogued auction if we do not hear from you then you will receive the catalogue and Bulletin in an online format only.

Results for BPS Members in Major Competitions

London 2022 – 19-26 February 2022

London 2020 was postponed due to covid and it was touch and go as to whether London 2022 was going to be able to be held. Luckily Australia lifted their restrictions just in time for Charles, me and two assistant commissioners to collect the exhibits from all over Australia and take them to London. Luckily for us Ian Sadler was also going to the exhibition, and he kindly carried some of our excess baggage with him.

Australia had 38 entries and did extremely well. We received 5 Large Gold, 9 Gold, 9 Large Vermeil, 4 Vermeil, 4 Large Silver, 1 Silver Bronze, there were also 61 frames. The Grand Prix and Best in Class awards were presented at a lavash cocktail party held in the Guild Hall.

The exhibition was well run, and it was great to catch up with International philatelic friends after the years of lockdown. Congratulations to all our members. Charles, Frank and Ian, having achieved a LV or better, now have to exhibit 8 frames within the next 3 years. Always nice to have a challenge.

Results for members of Brighton are as follows:

Charles Bromser: 5 Frames Aerophilately - When the Leaves Fall - 85 points, Large Vermeil

Alan Grey: 8 Frames Postal History: British New Guinea and Papua (1885-1942) - 92 points, Gold

Ross Newton: 1-Frame Astrophilately - Apollo 13 - A Successful Failure - 82 points, Vermeil

Frank Pauer: 5 Frames Postal Stationery - Australian Air Letters & Aerogrammes 1944-1965 - 90 points, Gold

Ian Sadler: 5 Frames Open - Japanese Conquest and Defeat in WWII - 86 points, Large Vermeil

Gary Watson: 1-Frame Postal History - The Pre-Separation Datestamps of Melbourne - 88 points, Large Vermeil

Gary Watson: 1-Frame Postal History: The Letter Carrier Datestamps of Melbourne - 87 points, Large Vermeil

Canberra Stampshow 2022 – 18-20 March 2022

The 22nd Biennial National Philatelic Convention was held at Thoroughbred Park in Canberra. The theme for the Canberra Stampshow 2022 was *Resilience & Recovery*. There was both a State and a Half-National competition.

A few Brighton members went to the show and enjoyed looking at the exhibits and finding items for their collections from the 26 dealers in attendance.

Results for members of Brighton are as follows:

State

Ross Newton: 1-Frame Open – Martin Luther King Jr 72 points Vermeil

National

Mark Diserio: 5 Frames Victoria Envelopes Embossed with the 2d De La Rue die 1869 to 1885 88 points Gold

Ross Newton: 5 Frames Astrophilately One Small Step for Man 80 points Large Vermeil

Ian Sadler: 3 Frames Postal History - Japan's War with China, 1937-45, 65 points Silver

Stephanie Bromser

The William Wells Hall

The BPS Committee has discussed how we could pay tribute to the magnificent contribution of Dr William Wells AM who passed away last year.

And it was agreed that the naming of our main church building would be an appropriate honour. And so, at our catalogued auction on March 5, attended by over 70 members, Mrs Helen Wells was invited to unveil a plaque in memory of William. As part of this event the following short eulogy was delivered:

Dr William Wells has been an integral part of Brighton Philatelic Society almost from the beginning. William joined the club in 1953 at the tender age of 15 ! That is a membership of 68 years!

William served as President on 5 occasions – obviously a record. All members would be aware William ran the Exchange Branch for 22 years until his retirement 2 years ago. But his contribution extends well beyond that as he ran the Sales Branch and conducted our auctions for another 20 years prior to that!

William was an innovator and a forward thinker. In 1960 he introduced the concept of committee meetings – prior to that all the business of the Society was discussed at the start of each auction or display evening! He introduced the concept of a Bulletin for all our members and was the Editor for many years.

The Malayan Study Circle in Australia was started by William. This group has a worldwide membership of several hundred. During the past 50 years William has had many articles published in overseas journals.

William was an energetic participant in our annual competitions and his name is featured on many of our trophies.

In 1974 he was made a Life Member of BPS.

William was a man of many talents. In 1991 he was awarded the Order of Australia for Service to Scouting. From a young cub he rose to the position of Chief Commissioner for Scouting for Australia which he held for many years. William is known worldwide for his service to Scouting.

William has one of the finest stamp collections in the world devoted to Scouts and Guides. He has souvenir covers for every Australian Jamboree, starting with the first ever held in 1926.

William was a mentor to so many – both young and old. He was passionate about everything in life and encouraged people at all levels to do their best. The motto of Scouts is particularly

appropriate when paying tribute to William - DYB DYB DYB - DOB DOB DOB – Do your best ... Do our best!

William was a great innovator – always challenging the committee to look to the future. In 1977 when this magnificent old church and hall came up for auction William urged the committee to purchase it as our new home. And here we are – thanks to the initiative and perseverance of William.

And so, on behalf of everyone here today I would like to invite Helen to come forward and name this building in honour of our dear friend and her husband Dr William Wells AM.

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM is on September 11th starting at 8pm. All the important official items of the Society will be reported on and the new President for 2022/23 will be introduced and chair the meeting. The outgoing President will be displaying some of his collection. All members are invited and encouraged to support the society on this evening and to witness the many different aspects of our wonderful club.

This is also an opportunity for those members who would like to become more involved in the activities of the Club to put themselves forward as possible office bearers or committee members. Please think about this and contact me if you would like to find out more.

Details of the AGM along with nomination forms will be contained in the next issue of the Bulletin.

David Shutler,

BRIGHTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY PROGRAM 2022

June	1	Stamp Collectors' Forum 2.00pm	
	4	Premium auction 1.00pm	
	14	Phil: Research on the Web 7.15pm	
	14	Quiz: Philatelic Oddities 8.15 pm	E
	21	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	28	Members uncatalogued auction 7.30pm	
July	2	Members catalogued auction 1.00pm	
	12	Phil: Preparing Auction Lots 7.15pm	E
	12	Display: Letters X,Y& Z 8.15pm	E
	19	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	26	Members uncatalogued auction 7.30 pm	
August	6	Premium auction 1.00pm	
	9	Phil: Treasures from our Library 7.15pm	
	9	Display: China's Cultural Revolution 8.15pm	E
	16	Daytime meeting 10.00am	D,E
	23	Members uncatalogued auction 7.30pm	
Sept.	3	Premium auction 1.00 pm	
	13	AGM & President's Display 8.00 pm	E
	20	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	27	Members uncatalogued auction 7.30	

E = Exchange sheets
 Tues. evening auction commences 7.00 p.m.
 Tues. display evening commences 8:15 p.m.
 Evening Auction Viewing from 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday daytime from 10.00 am to 1:00 p.m.
 Saturday auctions commence 1:00 p.m.
 Uncat Sat Auctions Viewing: from 10:30 am
 Catalogued Auctions Viewing Friday 2.30 – 7.30 p.m.
 Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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