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Dear Fellow Members,

In 1998 the Australian cricket captain Mark Taylor scored 334 not out and retired whilst still batting! This equalled the highest Test score by the great Don Bradman. Taylor said he retired on the not out score as he did not want to pass the great man. And so, as I complete my fifth term as President, which equals that of our great friend and Patron the late Dr William Wells, I can assure you I am declaring my innings closed!

I would like to thank all the committee for their personal support and hard work that they put in to keep the club functioning smoothly. Also, a great vote of gratitude to our auctioneer and daytime meeting organiser, John Rennie, who has served the club in so many ways over many years. Our auctions are the lifeblood of the club and so I must thank the members of the Sales Branch who give so much of their time in collecting material from all over Victoria and preparing the lots for auction.

On Tuesday 12th September at 8.00pm we have our Annual General Meeting and I encourage all members to witness the inauguration of our new President Mrs Deb Harms who will become just the third female president in our long history! I will also be giving a display and exchange sheets will be available.

Our July catalogue auction was very successful with 79% of lots being sold – the highest ever. Many members appreciated the photos which were shown online for the July auction and now we have mastered the technology we will do this for all catalogued auctions.

In July I was invited to attend a meeting of the Geelong Philatelic Society as the guest speaker and my topic was 'Preparing an Exhibit'. During the past year I have been invited to address the members of the Latrobe Valley Philatelic Society and also the Ballarat Philatelic Society and it is pleasing to see the hobby is alive and well in our regional clubs.

In June several of our members attended international exhibitions in Auckland NZ and Essen Germany and were very successful with their exhibits. Congratulations to you all as exhibiting at that level is very demanding (and expensive!).

Further on in this Bulletin you will read of our forthcoming Stamp Fair which will be held on Sunday 8th October. The themes will be the 100th anniversary of The Disney Corporation and the 100th anniversary of Rotary in Australia. I would like to encourage

our members to prepare a display featuring either of those themes. Disney is particularly easy – how many Disney stamps have you seen as you work through dealer boxes and exchange sheets at your weekend market or club meetings. Please mark this in your diary as it will be an exciting event. And we have special attractions for children so bring your children and grandchildren along for lots of fun!

The Stamp and Covers Collectors Forum has continued to be a success and Ian Sadler has provided more details in this Bulletin about upcoming meetings.

The membership fees fell due on July 1st and due to rising costs the Committee regret that the fees have been increased to \$40 for the 2023/24 year.

Happy Philately,

Ross Newton, *President 2022-23*

Upcoming Displays

President's Display and AGM on September 12th at 8.00pm

Our President Ross Newton has a wide range of collecting interests and he will be presenting another of his thematic exhibits. A hobby enjoyed the world over by young and old (and I'm not talking about stamp collecting!)

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

W is for Wine on October 10th at 8.15pm by Deb Collett

Deb has been assembling this exhibit over several years and it has been shown at several national philatelic exhibitions. And of course, a display showcasing wine would not be complete without the real thing. A selection of white and red wines will be available for your enjoyment while you view the display.

Philatelic Meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7.15pm

October 10th. 'Buying Material through eBay and Delcampe' by Ross Newton. Ross is an experienced user of the Internet to purchase philatelic material for his wide range of exhibits. Please come to this popular topic for live advice on how to do this. We will have online access to these Websites.

November 14th. 'How to collect First Day Covers'. Speaker TBA.

This meeting will be led by a Member who is a major collector of First Day Covers. Come and learn from an Expert! Bring your questions and examples of Covers.

Notice: Charles Bromser has kindly agreed to be Philately Convenor next year. I wish him well and I thank all the Members who have helped me provide meetings over many years

Ian Sadler, *Philately Convenor*

Stamp and Cover Collectors' Forum

All Members are invited to show interesting items on the day.

Wednesday, September 6th at 2pm (Bri Phil House).

Relaxed Agenda: Andrew Ballis and Ian Sadler will introduce the topic "*Ways in which to Collect Stamps*". Following several members requests, this talk aims to explain the many ways in which you can assemble a stamp and cover collection. You may collect the

stamps of a few countries, you may concentrate on first day covers, you may be interested in postal history. It's your choice!

Other Members show items.

Chat about collecting experiences.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Wednesday, October 4th and November 5th at 2pm

These meetings will have a similar Agenda to the September meeting, although one member will present some of their collection.

Convenors: Ian Sadler (0403 225 476)
265 037).

and Alistair Glass (0402

New Members

Please extend a friendly welcome to the following new members:

Steve Kern – Glenaroua

David O'Keeffe – Hadfield

Wei He – Endeavour Hills

Rob Short – Croydon

Hei Yip – Glen Waverley

Maher Khalil – Narre Warren

Bob Stensholt – Bentleigh

Val Couchman – Mornington (at 95 by far our oldest member!)

new

Albums Closed

Lord Michael Baden-Powell – 4th Baron of Gilwell

Michael was the grandson of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of the worldwide Scouting Movement. Lord Baden-Powell was a BPS member for many years. In 2008 when BPS celebrated the Centenary of Scouting in Australia Michael gave a great deal of assistance to our President at the time Dr William Wells in setting up our Gala weekend. He also signed many of our souvenir first day covers.

Annual General Meeting

You are invited to the annual general meeting of Brighton Philatelic Society Incorporated to be held on Tuesday 12th September 2023 at BRI-PHIL House, 80 Gardenvale Road,

Gardenvale, starting at 8:00 PM.

Special Attraction

Our retiring President Ross Newton will show some treasures from his own collection. The title of the display is being kept secret!

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 7 below, on the interleaved nomination form. Nominations must be forwarded to the Secretary by 2nd September 2023.

The committee meets monthly from February to December on the 1st 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: theday of2023

This Nomination Form should be forwarded to the Secretary by: 2 September 2023 (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 12 September 2023. My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/ against (delete as appropriate) the resolution Rule 30(1) Election of Officers.

October Stamp Fair

BPS will hold a Stamp Fair on Sunday 8th October 2023 10am-3pm, the day after our monthly Saturday uncatalogued auction. We will have four dealers on hand to fill that collection gap and have arranged for a number of activities including quizzes for different age groups (Junior, Intermediate and Open) and children's entertainment (11am-1pm). We will also be holding a Display Competition on our focus topics - 100 Years of Disney and 100 Years of Rotary (2021). We encourage members to attend this day and would also love you to contribute a display for the day. If you will be bringing a display along, please contact Deb Harms at briphilhouse@hotmail.com and detail the Display topic and the number of frames required. Of course, a number of prizes will be awarded throughout the day including door prizes, quiz prizes and a prize awarded for Most Popular Display!

Place the date in your calendar today.

Brighton Philatelic Society Auctions

Following a longish break due to Covid, the Sales Branch have put together a number of successful auctions for the membership. At our latest catalogued auction (in July) we realized record sales \$s with 79% of lots selling. The attendance of 80 people would also be the largest attendance at any stamp auction in Australia this year.

We auction on the first Saturday of each month at 1pm, with viewing from 9am and on the fourth Tuesday night at 7pm with viewing from 5pm.

Members who attend report that the fellowship with other collectors in a relaxed atmosphere is a highlight.

The kitchen is well stocked with tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits etc. Auctioneer, John Rennie, moves along the auction at a good pace, trying to achieve 250 lots per hour. Minimum lot value for all auctions is now \$5 with bidding increments of \$1 +

Now might be the time to clean out your surplus material. Items priced reasonably are selling as our clearance rates rarely are less than 70% of lots offered. Overpriced or lower quality material is not popular.

We are also being consigned estates and collections that have been untouched for years. Our team collecting these lots do so with compassion & freely give of their knowledge to the descendants of the original owner. None of us are experts in everything so keep an eye out for a bargain. Estimates are based on the Sales Branch or submitters estimates. It is easy to criticize us getting it wrong but some viewers spend an hour examining a lot so expertise and thoroughness can be rewarded.

Tips and Tricks

When members of the Sales Branch visit prospective vendors, we are often asked for a rough valuation. When we give a figure, the person often says but these stamps are selling much higher on eBay. But are they?

When checking prices on eBay you need to be looking in the SOLD tab down the left-hand side. Sellers can ask anything they like but to see what people are actually achieving you must look at that figure.

Also check the vendors ID with the numbers of sales recorded. Many sellers are blacklisted by eBay but simply re-appear under another ID. So be wary of anyone with a very low number of sales.

BPS Memberships

BPS memberships, which are crucial to funding our club activities, were due on 1st July 2023. 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 2023/24 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

Selling Your Collection?

Last year we received the sad news that 10 of our members had passed away. Many family members were then left with the difficult task of disposing of the collections but not knowing how to do it. Please ensure that you leave instructions with your family that, when the time comes, the sales team at Brighton Philatelic Society will be happy to assist with the sale of your collection. And remember to tell the family we also handle banknotes and coins!

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BRIGHTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY PROGRAM 2023

Sept.	2	Auction 1.00 pm	
	6	Collectors' Forum 2.00 pm	
	12	AGM & President's Display 8.00 pm	E
	19	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	26	Auction 7.00 pm	
Oct.	7	Auction 1.00 pm	
	4	Collectors' Forum 2.00 pm	
	10	Philatelic: Buying Material 7.15pm	
	10	Display: W is for Wine 8.15 pm	E
	17	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	24	Auction 7.00 pm	
Nov.	4	Auction 1.00pm	
	5	Collectors' Forum 2.00 pm	
	14	Philatelic: First Day Covers 7.15 pm	
	14	Display: Australian Airletters & Aerogrammes 8.15 pm	E
	21	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	28	Members uncatalogued auction 7.00 pm	

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 12:30 p.m.
 Saturday auctions commence 1:00 p.m.
 Uncat Sat Auctions Viewing: from 10:30 am
 Catalogued Auctions Viewing Friday 3:00 – 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)

PHILATELIC QUIZ: WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS COVER

Someone recently bought the following cover, thinking they had purchased a rare item for a reasonable (but significant) price but then thinking maybe it was too good to be true. So, he checked this cover out with Ed Wolf, a Director of PHILAS and a world expert on Aero philately who pointed out 5 things in relation to this cover. How many things can you spot?





Feedback from Ed Wolf was as follows:

- A. It did not go by Airmail to San Francisco on a 7d Australian postage rate!
- B. It did travel across America by air on the 15c postage paid there.
- C. There is no catapult marking on the cover.
- D. It was forwarded by air from Hanover to Hamburg.
- E. It is a made up cover by a QLD dealer with an airmail etiquette from a different flight.

Advice for members contemplating a purchase of a “rare” item in future:

1. Research your item
 - Look through BPS' Library - we have a number of books on a large range of topics. See if there is something that will address your question
 - Research online - there are a number of tools and sites, such as Stampboards (<https://www.stampboards.com/>) where a number of people can assist
 - Utilise online social media - join a group, such as on Facebook and ask members if they can assist. An example Facebook site is "Australian Stamp Collector"

2. If you don't know, ask us at BPS! Contact a BPS committee member. If we cannot help, or cannot provide a library reference, we should be able to refer you to someone who is expert in the area; we have a large club with a number of specialists.
3. For items that are expensive, request a certificate validating the item.