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Dear Fellow Members,

I'm writing to you as the newly inducted President of Brighton Philatelic Society at the recently held Annual General Meeting (AGM). I'd firstly like to thank Ross Newton as outgoing President for the work he has done for BPS, not only for the last 12 months as President, but all the other work he gets involved with in the running of our club. The Displays that he has organised for this year have been of the highest standard and so interesting! If you haven't caught a display night to date, please try to come to a meeting soon (refer to our Program for upcoming events). Our club has gone from strength to strength, with membership on the increase. It takes a crew (committee and additional volunteers) to help keep our club running smoothly so I'd also like to thank all those who have helped at a BPS event over the last 12 months.

At the AGM we inducted BPS 2023/24 office bearers; along with myself as President, the following were nominated and supported unanimously; Vice President - David Shutler, Secretary - Stephen Bradford and Treasurer - Brad Baker. In addition to office bearers, the following committee members were also elected for 2023/24 - I Sadler, C Bromser, R Price, J Bell, M Turco, J McKay, M Tonta, J Marinis, R Newton, V Henry and D Smith. Assignment of committee members to positions will be finalised at our October Committee meeting and details will be held on our website: <https://brightonps.org.au/the-committee>

You will find a number of articles in this Bulletin relating to BPS activities over the last 12 months including reports presented at the AGM from Ross Newton (as outgoing President), reports from Sales Branch, Membership. Note that Financials for the previous year were still being audited at the time of the AGM so will be presented in November 2023.

At the AGM we also recognised a number of very deserving Honorary Awards including awarding Life Membership to Ian Sadler, Fellowship membership to John McKay and recognition of long service awards to Richard Asznowicz (60 years), Peter Leffler (50 years) and Robert Hanson, Bill Jenkins, Geoff Legge & Russell Rolls (all 40 year members). We congratulate all and details of these awards can be found later in this Bulletin.

Don't forget – we still have a number of key activities coming up at BPS including our Fair in October (8th October from 10am). If you can't make any other BPS meeting, please try to come along to the Fair! Just after the Fair on 10th October we will have a wonderful display by Deb Collett on Wine, enjoying a glass along with the display. We

will also have a Philatelic meeting same day on how to buy on eBay (as facilitated by Ross Newton) – a great topic given there are so many things to be aware of. Record in your diaries our program of events – we would love to see you all at an event soon! And if you have any items you would like our future meetings to include, now is the time to let us know as we will shortly be preparing our Program for next year events. Just contact the Secretary at BPS (via phone number above or via email at BriPhilHouse@hotmail.com) with your ideas and they will be forwarded on.

I'm honoured to be appointed as President and know the committee will help guide me through my term over the next year. I really hope that I will be able to meet as many of our members as possible during this time and look forward to hearing about your BPS experiences.

Deb Harms, *President 2023/2024*

UPCOMING DISPLAYS

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.

Australian Airletters & Aerogrammes on November 14th at 8.15 by Frank Pauer

Frank is well known as a leading collector of First Day Covers, but he also has a strong interest in philatelic stationery, and this is bound to be a very comprehensive and fascinating 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 Frank Pauer

Our speaker is the Immediate Past President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria and he is one of the most highly regarded collectors of Australian First Day Covers. Come and learn from an Expert! Bring your questions and examples of Covers.

Ian Sadler, *Philately Convenor*

Stamp and Cover Collectors' Forum

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

Wednesday, October 4th at 2pm (Bri Phil House).

Relaxed Agenda: Alistair Glass will Chair and introduce the topic 'Your Journey in Stamp Collecting'.

Other Members show items.

Chat about collecting experiences.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Wednesday, November 1st at 2pm

This meeting will have a similar Agenda to the October meeting,

Convenors: Ian Sadler (0403 225 476)

Alistair Glass (0402 265 037).

Reports from the Annual General Meeting

President's Report – 2022/2023

It is my honour as your President to report on another very successful year for the Society.

Brighton has established a reputation as an “Auction Society” with well-run auctions and excellent material – something for everyone. Our attendances at auctions have been excellent and this remains a very profitable source of revenue for the Society. However, our display evenings are equally as important and during this year one of my goals has been to present some outstanding exhibits and encourage members to attend. To me this is what philately is all about – the passing on of knowledge and the encouragement of members to develop a display rather than just amassing shoeboxes full of stamps. For this I wish to thank most sincerely those members who responded to my invitation and have taken the time to present their material for your enjoyment and to those members who gave their support by attending.

One of the highlights of the year was the VPC Open Day and Congress which was held in April at our premises. Eight philatelic societies from around Victoria participated with displays and a number of dealers were also in attendance.

Our building will be 100 years old next year and there always maintenance issues to attend to. Andrew Ballis is our property manager and during the year he organized to have the William Wells Hall painted throughout for the first time in 40 years!

Unfortunately, the floor in the Molander Room was found to be rotten in several areas and we are currently in the process of replacing the complete flooring, bearers etc – a massive job!

Our Daytime Group is very popular with our older members with around 20 people attending the monthly meetings. Our thanks to John Rennie in his role as co-ordinator of this activity.

At the last AGM Vanessa Henry was elected to the committee and Vanessa and Gerard McCulloch have brought us into the 21st century by creating our social media presence, ie we are now on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter! This has created many new members but has also generated a great deal of interest in philatelic circles due to the information they have posted.

Dr Ian Sadler also introduced a Stamps and Cover Collectors Forum who meet monthly. This again has enabled many collectors to delve into the hobby at a deeper level.

During the past year I visited 3 of our Regional clubs and was very pleased to see good attendances and members enjoying their hobby and one another's company!

I would like to thank all members of the Committee for their contribution during the year, in particular Stephen Bradford, our Secretary, for his competent management of the Society's business. Also Brad Baker, Treasurer, for another excellent year in handling our finances. Howard Ellis and James Marinis, Exchange Branch Superintendents, for a steady supply of exchange sheets throughout the year. Deb Harms, Membership Officer, for her control of our ever-changing membership list. John McKay, Bulletin Editor, for the professional layout of the magazine and very informative articles.

I must also thank Jim Bell, David Shutler, Marco Turco and Richard Sealey who are the members of our Sales Branch. This is a massive task and with two auctions every month they are kept very busy. With an excellent membership and a sound financial position we can approach the coming years with confidence. It is my pleasure to hand over to your incoming President, Deb Harms.

Ross Newton, *President 2022-23*

Election of Officers & Committee

At the AGM the following Officers were elected for the coming year: President: Deb Harms, Vice President: David Shutler, Secretary: Stephen Bradford, Treasurer: Brad Baker.

The following committee members were also elected for 2023/24 – I. Sadler, C. Bromser, R. Price, J. Bell, M. Turco, J. McKay, M. Tonta, J. Marinis, R. Newton, V. Henry and D Smith. Responsibilities will be allocated at the next Committee Meeting.

Membership Report

We have taken strides to advertise our club more over the last 12 months, with a strong presence now on social media (a big thanks to Vanessa Henry for doing this). As a result, and due in no part to the many activities offered by the club including Auctions, Philately meetings and displays, we have seen an increase in our membership base which is great to see. Note that our membership fees apply for the period July 2023 to June 2024 and were payable by 1st July so please arrange payment (bank transfer or send in a cheque) if you have not paid already. Any questions? Just send an email to Briphilhouse@hotmail.com and someone will respond to you.

Deb Harms, *Membership Officer*

Treasurer's Report

At the time of the AGM the financial report for 2022/23 had not been audited. The final audited report will be available for members at the November meeting.

Sales Branch Report

Sales Branch continues to provide an outlet for selling philatelic items for BPS through uncatalogued auctions (17 per year), catalogued auctions (3 per year) & mint stamps

sold for postage by Richard Sealey. All outlets continue to provide a steadily increasing revenue.

The uncatalogued auctions are generating increasing income through commission, providing the Society with funds for ongoing expenses.

Catalogue auctions are continuing to sell well, with recent auctions achieving a clearance rate of 75% of the listed items.

We welcome Deb Harms to the team providing expert computer knowledge to improve production of the catalogues.

Sales Branch team of Jim Bell, Ross Newton, David Shutler, Richard Sealey and Marco Turco have been kept busy collecting deceased estate material, an increasing number of which are coming via the Society website.

Sales Branch are approaching 750 vendors whom we have dealt with over the past 5 years.

We advise all members to inform their families of their wishes for disposal of their collections to avoid any possible conflicts of interest.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all members of the Sales Branch team for a continuing strong effort supporting the Society.

Jim Bell, Sales Branch Convenor

Honours and Awards Sub-Committee

This Sub-Committee meets annually to look at potential candidates to become Fellows or Life members of BPS.

This year we are delighted to announce that Dr Ian Sadler has been awarded Life Membership of the Society.

Ian joined BPS in 2005 and almost immediately became a member of the Committee and has been a very positive contributor ever since. Ian served as President in 2019-20 during the very difficult and stressful time of Covid. At the end of that year Ian offered himself as President for 2020-2021 as he still had many unfinished tasks due to the Covid lockdown.

For the past 10 years Ian has been the Convenor of our Education Programs which Ian renamed Philately Programs to give them more emphasis.

In 2022 Ian introduced a new monthly event titled Stamp and Cover Collectors Forum which enabled members to explore their hobby at a deeper level.

During his time as a member Ian has produced some outstanding exhibits and is widely recognized in philatelic circles due to his extensive knowledge of India and Sino-Japanese history.

Ian was elected as a Fellow of BPS in 2018.

We are also very pleased to announce that Prof John McKay had been made a Fellow of this Society.

John joined BPS in 2009 and joined the Committee soon after. John is an avid writer and has published many articles on philately and world politics. In his professional career John has been an economic adviser to several foreign countries over a period of many years.

Ten years ago, our Bulletin Editor retired and John was very quick to offer his services. Since then, he has produced an excellent quarterly publication with lots of informative articles. During the time he has been a member of BPS John has produced some outstanding exhibits on a range of topics.

Congratulations

The following members have reached significant milestones in their lives with BPS. We congratulate them all and thank them for their contribution to the club.

60 years - Richard Asznowicz

50 years – Peter Leffler

40 years – Robert Hansen

Bill Jenkins

Geoff Legge

Russell Rolls

BPS Stamp Fair Sunday 8th October 2023.

We will be holding our first Stamp Fair for some time at BriPhil House (80 Gardenvale Rd Gardenvale, Vic 3185) on Sunday 8th October: 10am-3pm with themes celebrating 100 Years of Rotary (2021) and 100 Years of Disney. There will be door prizes, guest speakers including Rotary and Gerard McCulloch (Comedian, ABC Writer, BPS member!), displays, quizzes and activities for children. Light Lunch will be provided, and dealers will be on hand to fill that gap in your collection. A schedule for the day will be issued shortly. Please come along and support our club for the day. Entry is free and all are welcome.

New Members

Please extend a friendly welcome to the following new members:

Gino Davies – Chelsea

Gary Diffen – Brighton

Dr Peter Clark – Brighton

Dr Jeremy Graham – Carnegie

Albums Closed

John McNabb – died August 4, 2023 - winning bidder for BriPhil House

For many years Brighton Philatelic Society had been renting space in town halls etc so in 1977 when a Congregational Church in Gardenvale went on the market it was agreed we would try to purchase it.

John McNabb was a committee member and also a member of the Army Reserve. He had attended training on the day of the auction and arrived still in his army uniform. Dr

William Wells had a brainwave and asked John to handle the bidding on behalf of BPS. His reasons were unclear at that stage!

The bidding was spirited with several developers keen to buy the church and demolish it for multi-storey units. John McNabb was almost at our upper limit when suddenly the other bidders were heard to say 'we will never beat the Army' and withdrew from the bidding! The building was ours – thanks to a clever ploy by William Wells and aggressive bidding by John McNabb.

John will always have a special part in the history of BPS!

BRIGHTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY PROGRAM 2023-2024

Oct.	7	Auction 1.00 pm	
	4	Collectors' Forum 2.00 pm	
	10	Ed: 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	Catalogued Auction 1.00 pm	
	1	Collectors' Forum 2.00pm	
	14	Educ: First Day Covers 7.15 pm	
	14	Display: Air Letters & Aerogrammes 8.15 pm	E
	21	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	28	Auction 7.00 pm	
Dec.	2	Auction 1.00 pm	
	12	Exchange sheets 7.30 pm	E
	12	Christmas Supper 8.30	
	19	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
Jan.	10	Trading night	
	17	Daytime meeting	D,E
	24	Uncatalogued auction 7.00 pm	
Feb.	4	Uncatalogued auction 1.00 pm	

E = Exchange sheets

D = Daytime meeting

Tues. evening auction commences 7.00 pm

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 3:00 – 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

Quiz Corner

For those who have received this Bulletin via Email, we offer a Philatelic Crossword created by one of our members for the enjoyment of all. Answers will be posted in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Philatelic Crossword: Brighton Philatelic Society

[illegible]

Crossword Clues:

Across:

Down:

1	The study of Stamps (9)	1	Organisational identification on a stamp to prevent mis-use of that stamp (6)
5	Colour variation of stamps (5)	2	An error where part of a stamp image, or postal overprints on a stamp, are printed upside-down or unusually placed (6)
8	Stamp used both fiscally and also possibly postally (7)	3	Mail travels by Road, Sea, ____ (3)
11	Vehicle depicted in America's Cup stamp series (5)	4	Japan's unit of currency since 1871 (3)
13	Buy, sell or ____ stamps (4)	5	A unit of stamps as printed, usually on large pieces of paper, based on the size of the printing plate (5)
14	Name of 1985 Australian Bicentennial Collection - "____ Australis" (5)	6	Acronym for US Military Post Office(s) used abroad (3)
15	Collection of stamps of the same topic (8)	7	Horizontal or vertical row of 3 or more unseparated stamps (5)
18	Month of BPS' next Catalogued Auction (8)	9	AU Issue in 2004 celebrating Ocean Liners titled "Bon ____" (6)
22	Type of cancel in GB and Ireland as experimented in the 1850's for first duplex cancels (5) – Hint: also a cutlery item	10	1989 Australian Issue of an iconic Melbourne mode of transport (4)
24	Postage paid air letter with gummed flaps which is written on then folded to form an envelope (8)	12	AU 2004 Series depicting our favourite furry friends – "____ and Dogs" (3)
26	Australian Xmas 2022 issue included Peace, Joy and ____ (4)	13	Piece of paper issued by postal administration which is affixed to an item of mail (5)
27	When buying on eBay, make sure the stamps are appropriately ____ (6)	16	Pieces of paper, normally gummed, used to mount stamps (5)
28	Acronym for Australian Philatelic Organisation (3)	17	Something that looks like a stamp, but isn't issued by a postal authority, so cannot be postally used (10)
29	Acronym for Cover that includes both a stamp and coin (3)	19	Marking added to stamp to alter the original value or commemorate an event (9)
30	Aus Post stamp issues include pre-printed, gummed, or "____ and Stick" (4)	20	The 1998 Australian Joint issue with Singapore of Orchids includes some ____ plants (6)
31	A form of printing using engraving techniques to produce stamps (8)	21	____ Numeral; early representation of postal cancellation (6)
32	Process of separating postal stamps during the printing process; ____-cut (3)	23	Stamps no longer on the original postal document (two words 3,5)
		25	Acronym meaning stamp was never used (3)
		28	Protective coverings/storage items for stamps should be ____-free (4)
		29	Acronym for Postal Authority (2)

