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**D**ear Fellow Members,

Prior to Christmas we had some wonderful meetings including our End of Year Celebration evening. For those of you who were able to make it, thank you! It is always great to meet our members at some of our more informal meetings; we all get an opportunity to chat, and it allows me to find out what other people collect. It never ceases to amaze me how many people collect countries or themes that I simply had not thought about. And the amount of Philatelic knowledge by our club members absolutely astounds me. I still have a lot to learn! Now that we are well into the 2024 New Year, I thought I'd mention a few things coming up in our program. Firstly, the Displays we have arranged are terrific – award winning collections (nationally and/or internationally). Our first display for the New Year, February 13<sup>th</sup>, is “Flag Cancellations of the World” as presented by Tim Schofield (a Fellow of the Royal in London) and on 12<sup>th</sup> March Gary Diffen (President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Vic – RPSV) will present “Preparing for War – Recruitment, Camps and Transport Convoys of the AIF in WW1”. Both fabulous displays by esteemed Philatelists – BPS is extremely lucky to host the display of these fabulous collections. More details about both of these fabulous displays appears later in this bulletin. I encourage all who can make it to come along on the night!

Don't forget our regular activities held each month including the new meeting, held quarterly, focusing on “Questions About Stamps”. In an effort to support the hobby of Philately and ensure our club activities meets our members' interests, we try to get a mix of meetings right from auctions (twice a month), daytime meetings (exchange books, small auction), educational/philatelic and Display meetings. We now have something on each and every Tuesday (as well as the first Saturday of the month), so block those days out in your diary and come to our meetings when you can. Also, please provide us with feedback (positive or otherwise) on our content so we make sure we get our curriculum right. Programs have been distributed and the Program is also available on our website ([www.brightonps.org.au](http://www.brightonps.org.au)) or you can pick up one next time you visit us at BriPhilHouse.

Many of our members will be receiving regular (approx weekly) communications from BPS via email, with our club posting on social media as well (Facebook, Instagram and X). We hope that you find these communications worthwhile reminders of upcoming activities at BPS. We are also using this medium to forward on activities from fellow Stamp Clubs with the objective of supporting the broader Philatelic Community. If you

are aware of Philatelic activities outside of BPS that you believe the broader BPS membership would be interested in hearing about, please pass along details to our email : [Briphilhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:Briphilhouse@hotmail.com) and we will include in the next possible communication. If you are not receiving our emails, then you should! Please email us and let us know your details.

I hope to see you at one of our meetings soon!

Deb Harms, *President*

## **Display Meetings**

*Flag Cancellations of the World* by Tim Schofield on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 8.15pm

Tim is a Fellow of the Royal in London and his award-winning display illustrates the developments and scope of cancellations which are based upon flags. There are several types of flags included in the display including national country flags and subject flags. Included are rare British and German cancellations. A display well worth seeing!

*Preparing for War – Recruitment, Camps and Transport Convoys of the AIF in WW1* by Gary Diffen on 12<sup>th</sup> March at 8.15.

Gary is President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria, and this is another award-winning display, a prequel to the display presented at BPS in 2023. It takes the audience through the recruitment of troops, the conscription census of 1916 and 1917 (which failed twice) and then the primary and secondary military camps used as training bases within Australia, some having their own postal facilities within the camps. The display then looks at the embarkation of troop to commence their journey into war. Letters and postcards soldiers have written during this time illustrate the social history of this period. A fascinating period of time and a truly great display.

*Annual Club One-Frame Competition* on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm

All members are invited to submit a one-frame display of any standard. Even if you have never thought of displaying your items before this is an opportunity to organise some of your favourites and show them to other members of the Society. In our Society we have some very experienced judges who are only too happy to offer advice and helpful hints toward this very rewarding aspect of Philately.

## **Philatelic Meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7.15pm**

**February 13: “What Do I Collect”** by Tim Schofield

Having a wide interest in several philatelic areas has seen Tim develop many collections for the years ranging from Topical e. g “Flags of the World” to the Postal History of “Morton Bay NSW”.

**March 12: “Creating a Display”** by John Rennie.

John has shown many philatelic displays that he often shares with many clubs. He is passionate about colourful covers from various topics such as *Australia in the Vietnam War* and *The Melbourne 1956 Olympics*.

**May 7: “Social Media and Philately” by Deb Harms & Vanessa Henry**

Deb and Vanessa have helped Brighton move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by giving us a presence on social media. They will show us how to use social media to expand our interests and further enjoy our hobby. Our *Facebook* page regularly features our activities and sales which has developed a strong following.

**Stamp and Cover Collectors Forum**

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

*Meetings have been changed to Tuesdays to align with other Bri Phil meetings.*

**Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm (Bri Phil House).**

Relaxed Agenda:

- Alistair Glass will Chair and introduce the speaker.
- Other Members show items.
- Chat about collecting experiences.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm and May 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**

These meetings will have a similar Agenda to the February meeting.

Convenors: Alistair Glass (0402 265 037), Ian Sadler (0403 225 476)  
and Andrew Ballis.

**‘Questions about Stamp Collecting’ on Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**

*This new meeting will address basic stamp collecting knowledge as requested by Members. It will take place when there is a fifth Tuesday in the month i.e. every third month.*

Topic: As chosen at the January meeting.

Members are invited to bring philatelic material to enhance the topic or for advice. The meeting is quite informal.

Afternoon tea provided.

Convenor Ian Sadler (0403 225 476)



## **Annual BPS Competition**

The competition for the Brighton Philatelic Society (BPS) Cup will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We encourage all members to take part.

### **Brighton Philatelic Society Cup rules:**

1. All exhibitors must be financial members of BPS.
2. Entries will be accepted by the Secretary, or Convenor, from 7pm at the meeting. Alternatively, arrangements may be made for their prior delivery to the President or Secretary
3. Each entry will comprise 15 sheets, including a title page.
4. Each sheet shall be within the maximum measurements of 250mm x 290mm.
5. The exhibitor's name must not appear on the front of any sheet but must be endorsed on the back of each.
6. Each entry must be the property of the exhibitor. All mounting, arrangement and annotation must be the exhibitor's personal work.
7. If there is a dispute, the Competitions Sub-Committee of the Society is the sole arbiter of the rules.
8. The Society will take every care of entries while they are in its possession but will not accept responsibility for loss or damage.
9. The BPS Cup remains the property of the Society.
10. The winning exhibitor can keep the trophy until the first general meeting of February in the next year.
11. The winner will be given an inscribed certificate as a permanent record of their success.
12. (a) All entries will be examined by the judges appointed by the Committee. In making their decisions, the judges will consider the following general points:
  - Presentation and display (including arrangement and mounting)
  - Annotation
  - Condition (making due allowance for the nature of the entry, the difficulty or otherwise of acquisition)
  - Philatelic knowledge
  - General interest

Members considering entering this competition, and particularly those who are new to exhibiting, are reminded that on March 12<sup>th</sup> John Rennie will be giving some advice on the preparation of exhibits at the Philatelic Meeting at 7.15 pm (see page 2).

## **Impacts of Recent Federal Legislation on Brighton Philatelic Activities.**

For those of you who may have missed the recent email sent out by BPS on this subject matter, Federal Law was effective from 8th January 2024 which, according to the Australian Attorney General, means that "It is now unlawful to perform the Nazi salute in public or to publicly display, or trade in, Nazi hate symbols" (including Hitler, The German Swastika or the SS symbols) ..... "This is the first legislation of its kind and will ensure no one in Australia will be allowed to glorify or profit from acts and symbols that celebrate the Nazis and their evil ideology." ([www.ministers.ag.gov.au/media-centre/albanese-government-outlaw-nazi-salute-and-hate-symbols-28-11-2023](http://www.ministers.ag.gov.au/media-centre/albanese-government-outlaw-nazi-salute-and-hate-symbols-28-11-2023))

It is unusual that new Government legislation directly impacts the activities of Brighton Philatelic Society. However, the recent Commonwealth legislation on German symbols does cause us to evaluate these changes. Accordingly, after consultation with a number of bodies and individuals, including lawyers and Members of Parliament and other Philatelic organisations, the BPS Committee has decided that such material cannot now be included in auction lots or on exchange sheets or be the subject of a formal display or be sold on trading nights. Our view has been arrived at after also considering the spirit and intent of the legislation. Note that the APF – Australian Philatelic Federation – has sought clarification from the Government regarding this legislation and we will advise if any changes result. In the meantime, this legislation will inevitably be subject to interpretation by the Courts, but we consider that such legal action shouldn't involve BPS as a participant.

I hope that our members understand and respect our club decision to comply with the legislation and we all continue to enjoy our great hobby.

Deb Harms, *President*

## **Happy Birthday!**

On March 15<sup>th</sup> 1924 the Foundation Stone was laid for the magnificent building which we are proud to call BriPhil House. So, in March this year we will celebrate the Centenary of this building.

A special event to mark the occasion will be held later this year and members will all be invited.

Our 'home' was built by the Congregational Church which then became the Methodist Church which then became the Uniting Church. The church closed due to a lack of people and the building was put up for sale.

As members would know we saved this beautiful building from the wreckers in 1977 and it has been our home ever since.

## **New Members**

Please extend a friendly welcome to the following new members:

Aron Segal – Caulfield

David Griffin – Ormond

Frank Richter – Burwood East

Jan Dubovski – Roxburgh Park

Larry Scott – Gardenvale  
Glenn Harvey – Rowville  
David Munday – Middle Park  
Arthur Stamoulis – Point Cook  
Marcus Chen – Surrey Hills

## Albums Closed

Richard Parker – member since 2000

## Congratulations!

During the past year three of our members have been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

On Australia Day Greg Davies received the honour for his services to the Scouting movement.

In the King's Birthday awards Jeff Newman (who is a BPS 50 year member) received his honour for services to Philately.

Also Ted Gallagher received his honour for his services to Surf Lifesaving.

Congratulations to all three gentlemen for their contributions in these fields.

## Stamp Tip: Stamp Identification from an Image... and it is Free

Since the advent of personal computers and the Internet, technologically oriented philatelists have wished for a comprehensive and reliable means to identify, from an image, the catalogue numbers of stamps, or sometimes at least the country of issue. As mobile phones with terrific cameras became ubiquitous and connected to the Internet, philatelists increased their demands for the seemingly obvious "killer app". Point your phone camera at ANY worldwide postage stamp and automatically it will (usually) correctly identify the stamp for you. This dream has recently been reasonably achieved. One such "app" became available about four years ago and it has been significantly improved since then. It is now a highly reliable and speedy tool. For the last few months, I have been using an "app" that does this job and I am extremely satisfied. This app is called Stamp Identifier. There is more than one such app with similar names and similar claims, but I think this one is the best that I have encountered. Because there is more than one app in this subject area, and the app names can be confusing, it is important that you get the "correct" one.

Here is a link to an image of the app's logo (this is just an image, not a link to the app itself). Be sure you get the one that uses this icon:

<https://jsa.viewimage.net/jsa/web/Other/stamp-identifier-app-icon.jpg>

Apple users will get the app at the Apple App Store and Android users will get the app from the Google Play Store. The basic version of the app is FREE. However, the basic version displays advertisements which I found got increasingly annoying over several months. In my case of using the app frequently, I found it extremely worthwhile to upgrade (which you do within the free app) to the "Pro" paid version (which is currently \$US28.99 for one year or \$US4.99 for a single month). The Pro version does not annoy

you with advertisements and it increases to "unlimited" the quantity of "favourites" it will remember (i.e. you can tell it to remember items you have identified).

Before I upgraded to the "Pro" paid version, I had already saved dozens of hours of searching in stamp catalogues for hard-to-identify stamps. Since upgrading to the Pro version just a month ago, the upgrade has already paid for itself many times over!

[This stamp tip is courtesy of Jay Smith a stamp dealer specialising in Scandinavia based in Snow Camp, North Carolina]

#### BRIGHTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY PROGRAM 2024

Feb	3	Auction 1.00 pm	
	6	Stamp& Cover Forum 2.00pm	
	13	<b>Phil: What Do I Collect 7.15 pm</b>	
	13	<b>Display: Flags of the World 8.15 pm</b>	E
	20	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	27	Auction 7.00pm	
March	2	Catalogued Auction 1.00 pm	
	5	Stamp& Cover Forum 2.00pm	
	12	<b>Phil: Creating a Display 7.15pm</b>	
	12	<b>Display: Preparing for War 8.15pm</b>	E
	19	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	26	Auction 7.00pm	
April	2	Stamp& Cover Forum 2.00pm	
	6	Auction 1.00pm	
	9	<b>One-Frame Competition 8.00 pm</b>	E
	16	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	23	Auction 7.00pm	
	30	Questions About Stamp Collecting 2.00p	
May	4	Auction 1.00pm	
	7	Stamp & Cover Forum 2.00pm	
	14	<b>Phil: Social Media &amp; Philately 7.15</b>	
	14	<b>Display: Orchids 8.15pm</b>	E
	21	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	28	Auction 7.00 pm	

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

Answers to the philatelic crossword from the last issue

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BPS Quiz January 2024 – As Compiled by Ian Sadler

#	Question	Answer
1	What does “tete beche” mean?	
2	Where is Montserrat?	
3	France issued its first stamps in 1849. What was the design feature?	
4	How many post offices did Greta, in Victoria, have?	
5	How many countries have issued stamps depicting ‘Phar Lap’?	
6	In what year did Norfolk Island first issue its own stamps?	
7	What was the First commemorative stamp issued by Australia?	
8	When was the stamp in ‘7’ issued?	
9	How many stamps did Australia issue for the 1956 Olympic Games?	
10	Were any items of postal stationery issued for the 1956 Games? If so, what?	
11	What did Australia’s ‘Living Together’ set commemorate?	
12	What colour is the third stamp ever issued?	
13	Name a UPS designated rate colour and say what you can post with that rate	
14	Name an Australian stamp printer (i.e. an individual)	
15	How many countries issued/overprinted Japanese Occupation stamps in WW2?	

16	Who was featured on the first stamp issued in India?	
17	What year did India issue its first stamps for the whole country?	
18	What currency did China have when it first issued stamps?	
19	When were the first stamps issued in Thailand of King Bhumibol?	
20	Name one of the Birds depicted in Japan's issue of 1875.	