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Dear Fellow Members,

I find it hard to believe, but its been 12 months since our last AGM when I was elected President for Brighton Philatelic Society. Our upcoming AGM will occur on 10th September, where I will handover duties to our incoming President. I am sure that the future of our club will be in good hands, so please welcome the new President along with incoming committee members.

In reviewing the last 12 months, the highlight of my term has to be the opportunity I've had to meet so many of you, our members, at the range of events we have held. We have seen some spectacular Displays, had active participation in our club competitions, great attendance at our daytime and philatelic meetings and also record results for Auctions over the last 12 months which proves that the club is thriving, and it is all thanks to you, our members, for participating in our activities. My thanks also go to our hard-working committee members and other valued helpers who support ongoing club activities. So much behind the scenes occurs to run our club and I am extremely grateful for the help and support provided to me and club operations over the last 12 months by everyone involved.

In our current Bulletin you will find an interesting interview with our Club stalwart Ross Newton, who is celebrating 50 years as a member, a notable achievement. Upcoming events include a Display by members of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria in October. Unfortunately, the previously advertised display in November by Gary Watson has had to be postponed. A great way to see what others collect and a great insight how to approach the activity of Displaying/Exhibiting. We are also currently preparing for our November Catalogued Auction (yes, we start months ahead of time) but until then, we still have our regular Uncatalogued auctions occurring each 4th Tuesday night and 1st Saturday of the month. Look for articles also on upcoming Philatelic meeting activities.

When I first joined this club, I was simply a stamp enthusiast, eager to share my passion with others who understood the beauty and history behind this hobby. But what I appreciate most about the club is the willingness of members to share their knowledge, warmth, and camaraderie with fellow members, including myself. I cherish our meetings, the lively discussions, the quiet moments of admiration over a rare find. Each

of you contributes to making this club a vibrant and welcoming place. So, thank you and I hope to see you at another BPS event soon!

Deb Harms, *President 2023/24*

Upcoming Displays

President's Display and AGM on September 10th at 8.00pm

As part of the AGM, outgoing President Deb Harms will display some items from her collection, illustrating her special interests. Obviously, the other key activity for the night will be the AGM itself!

Display by RPSV on 8th October at 8:15pm.

As part of an inter-club co-operation between Brighton Philatelic Society and the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria (RPSV), we are proud to present members of the RPSV displaying their favourite items at Brighton. The displays will be led by RPSV President Gary Diffen, who will bring along his 8-frame display of Beer and Brewery advertising envelopes of the US to 1945 and Frank Pauer, outgoing President of the Australian Philatelic Federation, displaying his 8 Frame exhibit on Australian Aerogrammes. Displays from esteemed philatelists not to be missed!

Display on 12th November by Gary Watson

Unfortunately, we will need to postpone the previously advertised display of Postal History by Gary until 2025 due to conflicting schedules. However, we will advertise closer to the date the alternate Display for this night.

Philatelic Meetings on Tuesdays at 7.15pm

8th October- "Open Philately" with Stephanie Bromser

Stephanie will share pages from her Open Class exhibit "Movers and Shakers of the Millennium" which takes viewers on a tour of the famous and infamous people who paved the way for society today. The Open Class allows for a wide variety of both philatelic and non-philatelic items, Stephanie's talk will go over the rules and the various types of permissible material.

12th November "My Philatelic Acquisition of 2024" for all members

Members are invited to bring their treasures that they managed to acquire during the year to our show-and-tell session which will be led by Ross Newton.

Stamp and Cover Collectors' Forum

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

Tuesday, September 3th at 2pm (Bri Phil House).

Relaxed Agenda:

- Stories from Commercial Covers by Ian Sadler.
- Other Members show items.
- Chat about collecting experiences.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Tuesday, October 1st at 2pm, November (No meeting) and December 3rd at 2pm

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

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

Questions about Stamp Collecting on Tuesday October 29th at 2pm

This popular meeting addresses basic stamp collecting knowledge, as requested by Members. It takes places on fifth Tuesdays in the month.

Topic: As Stamp Collectors, where are you at? Where are you heading?

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)

New Members

Please extend a friendly welcome to the following new members:

David Edwards – Seaford

Rod Boucher – Bentleigh East

Allan McLellan – Churchill

Gabriel Maligeorges – Brunswick West

Francis Skierski – Perth, WA

Garry McLoughlin - Armadale

Albums Closed

Val Couchman – a member since 2022

Jim Betson – a member since 1998

Annual General Meeting

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of Brighton Philatelic Society Incorporated to be held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at BRI-PHIL House, 80 Gardenvale Road,

Gardenvale, starting at 8:00 PM.

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.

Added Attraction: The AGM will be followed by a display by the outgoing President Deb Harms.

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 7th September 2024.

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
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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 of2024

This Nomination Form should be forwarded to the Secretary by: 7 September 2024 (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 10th September 2024. My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/ against (delete as appropriate) the resolution Rule 30(1) Election of Officers

Victorian Philatelic Council (VPC) Event at BriPhil House on Sunday 6th October 10am-4pm

The VPC will be holding their annual Congress and associated Fair at Brighton Philatelic Society. Dealers will be on hand, and door prizes awarded. A Congress will be held at 12pm followed by a light lunch provided. All Victorian Philatelic clubs have been invited to participate with Display entries - BPS will be participating. Entry is free and all are welcome to attend.

Ross Newton: 50 Year Membership at Brighton Philatelic Society

Many of you would know Ross Newton – past President, committee member for more years than I can count, and tireless worker behind the scenes at BPS. The following is an article published by Vanessa Henry on our social media earlier this year, reprinted now for those who missed this.

Congratulations to Ross on celebrating his 50 year membership with the Brighton Philatelic Society. Such a wonderful contributor to BPS and philately as a whole. An amazing volunteer, gentleman and expert collector. Thanks Ross for choosing the Brighton Philatelic Society as your stamp club. To learn more about Ross keep reading below.

Ross what was one of your first memories of joining BPS? When I first joined BPS meetings were held in church halls and Brighton Town Hall. We lived a nomadic existence. I still have vivid memories of the day in 1977 when we purchased a church building in Gardenvale which then became our permanent home.

How did you get into collecting stamps and what is your style of collecting? Like many 10-year-olds I started collecting at primary school. Then stamps became 'nerdy' so I suppressed the urge until at age 27 I embraced the hobby in a serious manner. I am a thematic collector and enjoy telling a story through stamps of a particular event or a single topic.

Do you collect other items apart from philately? Banknotes and coins. Beatles memorabilia! I also have several hundred soft drink and beer bottle caps collected during the 1960s and 70s.

What is your favourite item in your collection? I have a large exhibit on Golf. Each year that great entertainer Bob Hope hosted a charity golf tournament in the UK. My favourite item is a cover signed by him.

When you travel do you seek out locations for parts of your collections and if so what is a standout moment for you seeing in person an item / person or region of what you collect? An interesting question, but in this case traveling generated a new collection for me. Many years ago my wife and I travelled to Memphis Tennessee to visit the Civil Rights Museum. My wife was particularly moved by the story of Martin Luther King Jr and his struggle for equality in the USA. She challenged me to start a new thematic collection on this inspiring man and so a new exhibit was born!

You exhibit locally, nationally and internationally, what is your most coveted award so far? London International Exhibition 2022 – Vermeil medal for a One Frame Exhibit on Apollo 13.

Do you regret ever selling any items in your collection? No – I am always looking forward!

Is there an item you continue to seek out that eludes you? If so what? I have a huge collection of Manned Space covers and stamps. The holy grail is a signed cover from Apollo 11 (first Moon landing) featuring autographs by the 3 astronauts.

Which topic or country in stamp collecting do you think is underrated and which is overrated? Overrated – New Zealand due to the huge quantity of new issues over the past 20 years. Sadly, Australia is now in that category with a new issue every 2 weeks – quite ridiculous! Underrated – South Africa Homeland States were created at the end of the apartheid era. Whilst these only existed for around 20 years it is a fascinating study of this troubled period in our history and these 10 countries produced some beautiful stamps.

What changes have you seen at BPS over the years? Looking back I can't believe it is 50 years. I remember the frantic building program when we took possession of our new home. During the 1970s and 80s stamps were 'the next big thing' in the financial world and our membership grew quickly with many people jumping on the bandwagon and just as quickly jumping off! During the past 2 years we have embraced social media which has drawn a large number of new and younger collectors which augers well for our future.

Any advice for a new collector starting out? Firstly have fun! Stamp collecting is still a great way to learn about history and geography (subjects that are sadly lacking in today's schools). Join a stamp club – great people with a wealth of knowledge and lots of stamps for you to buy! After your initial enthusiasm when you want to collect everything narrow your interest to particular topics or countries.

Membership Report

Membership at Brighton Philatelic remains steady at around 350 current members although many are still unpaid for the 24/25 financial year. If you are required to pay memberships but haven't done so yet, please do so. Details available on our website. We do appreciate your support and your fees go directly to financing activities at BPS (including maintenance of buildings and equipment, light and power costs, costs of printing and distribution etc). I will be following up unpaid memberships at forthcoming meetings.

Have you moved recently? New Phone number? Not receiving our emails? Then please email us at Briphilhouse@hotmail.com and let us know your details so we can update your membership record.

Deb Harms *Membership Officer*

BPS One Frame Display Competition

On 13th August BPS hosted our Annual Club Letter Display. This year the letter was "B" and we saw a great variety of exhibits from Country-related themes to the 1971 British Postal Service strike! Other displays included Bicentennial Beauties, Barbados, Bundi, Black Caviar, Buckingham Palace mail, Boston Pre Cancels, Bantustans Thumbprint Registrations and "B" countries from a "Stanley Gibbons 1sts" collection – a collection of the first stamps issued by countries commencing with the letter B! What a great

opportunity to see such varied interests and rare items. For all those who entered into the Display night or came along to appreciate the displays on offer – Thank you! Anyone who has put together a display knows of the time, effort, cost and dedication that it takes to put a Display together.



Setup of Frames for Display Night



Members Viewing One of the Displays

Stamp News

The Brighton Philatelic Society has a continuous run of issues of Stamp News and its forerunner the Australian Stamp Monthly which began in 1931.

For over 20 years one of our members has been supplying his copy for our library.

Due to the rising costs and the diminished value of the articles he has discontinued his subscription.

We would like to continue to have this magazine in our library so if any member is able to pass on their copies to our librarian it would be greatly appreciated.

Display of “Postcards” by David Figg

On 9th July David Figg, Treasurer of the Australian Philatelic Federation and an international judge in the class of Postcards, displayed multiple Postcard exhibits including “Matches”, and Jetties of South Australia. Prior to the display he led us through an information session on how to collect and display Postcards. David is an international gold medal display winner and was one of the main contributors in getting the picture postcard class recognised as an FIP exhibiting class so it was a privilege to have such a renowned expert visit us at the Brighton Philatelic Society for the evening and sharing his knowledge .



David Figg at the display night with some of his collection

BRIGHTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY PROGRAM 2024

Sept.	3	Stamp & Cover Forum 2.00 pm	
	7	Auction 1.00 pm	
	10	AGM & President's Display 8.00 pm	E
	17	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	24	Auction 7.00 pm	
Oct.	1	Stamp & Cover Forum 2.00 pm	
	5	Auction 1.00 pm	
	8	Philatelic: Open Philately 7.15pm	
	8	Display: RPSV Members' Display	E
	15	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	22	Auction 7.00 pm	
	29	Questions About Stamp Collecting 2.00pm	
Nov.	2	Auction 1.00pm	
	12	Philatelic: Philatelic Acquisitions 2024 7.15 pm	
	12	Display: To be announced 8.15 pm	E
	19	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	28	Auction 7.00 pm	

E = Exchange sheets

D = Daytime meeting

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 2:30 – 7.30 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)