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Dear Fellow Members,

It is with great pleasure that I have accepted the position of President for 2024/25. On behalf of all our members I thank Deb Harms for being a wonderful President over the past year. The Society has flourished under her leadership with increased membership and increased attendances at auctions, displays and forums. The standard of the year's displays has been exceptional, and the variety and expertise offered at the forums gives everyone a chance to improve their philatelic knowledge. Over the past year the Molander Room has been finished and I thank all those involved in this task that kept throwing up unforeseen difficulties.

In this Bulletin you will be able to read the reports from different sections of the society that were presented at the very well attended AGM last month. I would like to add to these by acknowledging the incredible effort and time that our retiring librarian, Ray Price, has put into the running of the library. The library is there for all of us to use and enjoy and takes a great deal of organising and collating. Ray has done this for many years and on behalf of us all I thank him and wish him well in his retirement. Ian Sadler has kindly accepted the role of librarian and he will be assisted by Vanessa Henry. Ian has assured me that either he or Vanessa will be present at meetings in order for all members to use the library service. I would also like to acknowledge and thank outgoing committee members Vanessa Henry, Deon Smith and Marco Turco for their service and input into the committee and organisation of the society. I would like to welcome Gerard McCulloch as a new member of the committee.

Soon after you receive your copy of this Bulletin I hope that you will be able to attend and enjoy the VPC open day on October 6th and the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria display on Tuesday October 8th. In November we have our Catalogued Auction on Saturday November 2nd at 1.00pm. The catalogue has been sent out by email or you can also access it on our website. Since we don't have pictures in our catalogue we encourage members to view the lots either on Friday November 1st from 2.30 to 6pm or on the Saturday morning before the auction. It promises to be an excellent auction with a great selection of Australian Kangaroos and KGVs, a number of Australian States collections along with World collections, coins and many other items. Remember that members do not pay any buyer's charge that occurs at most other auctions.

Please look at the 'Upcoming Events' section of this Bulletin and it's not too early to invite you all to our Christmas Supper on December 10th at 8.15pm.

Happy Philately,

Dave Shutler, *President 2024/25*

Upcoming Displays

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!

The Sport of Golf on November 12th at 8.15pm by Ross Newton

Golf is one of the most popular recreational sports in the world. This display covers the historical origins of golf, various golf courses around the world, famous golfers and the techniques of play. Perhaps you have some golfing friends who would like to attend and maybe discover a new hobby!

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

Tuesday, October 1st at 2pm (Bri Phil House).

Rough Agenda:

How 'Mulready' brought the word 'Envelope' into the English language (GB QV) and Errors in Modern stamps. Presented by Paul Meyrick.

Other Members show items.

Chat about subjects of future meetings.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Future Meetings: November (No meeting) and December 3rd at 2pm

This meeting will have a similar Agenda to the October 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.

Next meeting: Tuesday April 29th, 2025 (I realise this is over 4 months away, please come to Philatelic Meetings and Stamp Forums in the meantime).

Convenor Ian Sadler (0403 225 476)

Reports from the Annual General Meeting

President's Report – 2023/2024

As I mentioned in the last Bulletin, in reviewing my Presidency over the last 12 months, the highlight of my term has to be the opportunity I've had to meet so many of our members at our events and see how well our club is doing. We have seen fantastic attendance and participation at our events (including spectacular Display nights) and record auction results which proves that the club is thriving and it is all thanks to you, our members, for participating in our activities. You will hear about our club activities over the last 12 months in the subsequent reports so I need not dwell on these activities now. But it is worthwhile mentioning that so much happens behind the scenes 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, especially our Committee. Our Committee work tirelessly to keep club operations running smoothly and their time and commitment is truly appreciated. We also have other valued helpers who support ongoing club activities including the significant work done by non-committee contributors notably John Rennie (Daytime meeting, auctioneer) and Howard Ellis (Metro Exchange Branch) so again I'd like to say Thank You.

I'd like also to acknowledge the contribution of outgoing committee members: Ray Price – Library (who will continue to act in an Advisory role), Vanessa Henry - Social Media/communications (who has agreed to continue to do the marvelous job in maintaining our social media presence on Facebook and Instagram) and Marco Turco (Sales Branch – refer Sales report). Again, all have made significant contributions to club operations and have my thanks.

It has been an honour for me to represent you all as President of Brighton Philatelic but now my term is over and its time to handover to our new President. Before I do, I'd like to thank each of you for making this club a vibrant and welcoming place.

Deb Harms, *President 2023/2024*

Treasurer's Report

The Society recorded a loss of \$5,569 for the year ended 30th June 2024.

Income totalling \$68,449 was received in that period. The major items included were Auction Commissions \$30,725, Interest Received \$15,535 and Membership Subscriptions \$11,975.

Expenses of \$74,069 were incurred. The major items included here are Cleaning \$5,775, Insurance \$8,518, Council Rates \$4,838 and Repairs & Maintenance – Building \$35,991, which related to the Molander Room floor and sub-floor.

It should be noted that the Membership Subscriptions do not cover the fixed expenses of Insurance and Council Rates, costs that we incur whether meetings are held or not.

The Society has assets of \$3,429,013, Liabilities of \$36,222 and Members' Reserves of \$3,392,791.

BriPhil House was revalued by the Committee to \$3,130,397 including some improvements.

For income tax purposes the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) in the past has always assessed the Society to be a non-profit organisation and exempt from income tax. The ATO is now reviewing the Doctrine of Mutuality under which the Society receives its tax exempt status. The Society will seek advice regarding its tax exempt status.

Brad Baker, *Treasurer*

Sales Branch Report

The Sales Branch Convenor, Jim Bell, who has done this role for the last 18 years, is retiring but will remain a member of the Sales Branch. We thank Jim, and Richard Sealey, for their incredible dedication and work that they have done in building up the Sales Branch to the point where it is highly respected and gets recommendations from other institutions. The present members of the Sales Branch are Ross Newton, Richard Sealey, Jim Bell and David Shutler who is the new Sales Branch Convenor. We welcome Andrew Ballis to the Sales Branch who is initially in an advisory capacity. We hope he will become a full-time member in the future. We also thank outgoing member Marco Turco for his unceasing efforts and many initiatives that have improved the running of auctions and organisation of the lots.

The Sales Branch organises 19 Uncatalogued auctions and 3 Catalogued Auctions each year. This is an immense and ongoing task - considering that all the Sales Branch are volunteers the standard has remained high and gives the members of the Society a large and varied choice of items to purchase and improve their collections. It also provides, through the commission on sales, a steady source of income that means the Club does not have to constantly dip into the reserve funds.

The auctions could not work without the additional assistance of many others – our auctioneer John Rennie, Stephen Bradford, Jack Van Beveren, Neil Petrass, Keith

Burch, Robbie Robertson, Frank Barrett, Anthony O'Brien, Doug Kennedy, John Adamson, Michael Tonta, Matthew Robertson (a reserve auctioneer) and of the utmost importance the computer systems run by Deb Harms and assisted by Gerard McCulloch. We trust the Society members will continue to be polite and respect all helpers. Any comments or advice regarding the organisation of the Sales Branch should be addressed solely to the Sales Branch Convenor.

We look forward to another successful year and ask Society members to cooperate and assist where possible to maintain the wonderful opportunities that are provided by this section of the Society.

David Shutler, *Sales Branch Convenor*

Membership Report

Membership over the last 12 months is going well, with membership at 30th June 2024 at 346 members; 10 additional members than the same time last year. After spending some time following up overdue memberships we currently only have 14 members who have not paid the previous years' memberships.

We have seen an increase in attendance at our auctions primarily, but have also seen an increase in attendance at our Daytime meetings and participation in club events such as our Member Display nights which we believe is due to our communications strategy including emails (to existing members) and our presence on social media platforms (reaching potential new members) via Facebook, Instagram and X. Thankyou to Vanessa Henry and Gerard McCulloch for maintaining our social media presence.

Membership is still \$40 for the current year but we will review, as per my comments in the June Bulletin, the possibility of charging 2-tier membership next year – email versus postal mailouts – due to rising costs of printing and distribution of the bulletin and auction catalogues.

Last October we held a Club Fair, the first since COVID, which was well attended by members. We are planning for a similar event to occur in the future and planning will commence shortly. We hold a number of activities for our membership but would love to hear from members if there are activities they would like to see occur that hasn't to date. All feedback is welcome and will be considered.

Deb Harms, *Membership Officer*

Building Report

In the Molander Room repairs to the floor are now complete, the ceilings and walls have been repainted, and the light tubes replaced. Repairs have been carried out in the toilets. In the kitchen there have been some small repairs and the microwave has been replaced. In the main hall all light tubes have been replaced with LED long-life, low wattage tubes. Outside the building external solar spotlights have been installed. As always, the Committed continues to consider what further maintenance is needed.

Andrew Ballis, *Buildings Superintendent*

Election of Officers & Committee

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

The following committee members were also elected for 2024/25 – Andrew Ballis, Jim Bell, Charles Bromser, Chris Hamilton, Deb Harms, Gerard McCulloch, John McKay, James Marinis, Ross Newton, and Ian Sadler.

New Members

Please extend a friendly welcome to the following new members:

Robert Strickland – McKinnon

Ken Rosenhain – Ringwood East

Christine Zarb – Morwell

Nabil Mitry – Rowville

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.

A New Format for the BPS Bulletin

For many years now the BPS Bulletin has been produced in this small format, which makes it difficult to include adequate photographs or images of stamps and covers. In the last few years, in order to cut down our postage bills more and more members have been receiving their copies via email, so that now there are relatively few print copies being distributed. So the time has come to grasp the opportunities provided by digital formats to increase the page size to A4, allowing for photographs, images of stamps and other material all in full colour. This change will be implemented from our first issue of 2025, although members not able to receive digital copies will still be able to have print copies, probably at an extra cost. All the BPS news will still be there but we will now have space for articles by members and visiting exhibitors, plus items of general interest. So please, if you can give us an article that you would like to share with members please sent it to the editor, and let us know what topics we should include in stamp tips.

BRIGHTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY PROGRAM 2024-2025

Oct.	1	Stamp & Cover Forum 2.00 pm	
	5	Auction 1.00 pm	
	8	Ed: Open Philately 7.15pm	
	8	Display by Members of the Royal Philatelic Society 8.15 pm	E
	15	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	22	Auction 7.00 pm	
	29	Questions About Stamps 2.00pm	
Nov.	2	Catalogued Auction 1.00 pm	
	12	Ed: My Acquisitions 2024 7.15 pm	
	12	Display: The Sport of Golf	E
	19	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
	26	Auction 7.00 pm	
Dec.	3	Stamp & Cover Forum 2.00 pm	
	7	Auction 1.00 pm	
	10	Exchange sheets 7.30 pm	E
	10	Christmas Supper 8.15	
	17	Daytime meeting 10.00 am	D,E
Jan.	14	Trading night	
	21	Daytime meeting	D,E
	28	Auction 7.00 pm	
Feb.	4	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 Rd