



VIEWS FROM NOBBYS
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WE MEET **7.30pm** on the **SECOND THURSDAY** of EACH MONTH AT MAYFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS HALL, cnr PACIFIC HWY & HANBURY ST, MAYFIELD AND EACH **THIRD WEDNESDAY** AT **10.00 a.m.** AT STUDIO 48, 46 MACKIE AVE, NEW LAMBTON.
VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

DATES	DETAILS
Thurs 14 Nov 2019	Display by John Moore – NYASALAND AIRMAIL TO THE WORLD
Sun 15 Nov 2019	WALLSEND STAMP FAIR , Pioneer Hall, Wallsend 10:00 – 3:00
Wed 20 Nov 2019	Display by Ron Davis – AFRICAN COUNTRIES FROM THE PAST
Fri 29 Nov 2019	2019 Christmas Get-Together (see Page 2).
Mon 9 Dec 2019	Visit to Maitland Stamp Club (Take along six pages) 7:00 for 7:30 start
Thurs 12 Dec 2019	Display by George Kuszelyk – HISTORY OF POLAND 1780-2018
Sun 16 Dec 2019	WALLSEND STAMP FAIR , Pioneer Hall, Wallsend 10:00 – 3:00
Dec 2019	NO Daytime Meeting
Thurs 9 Jan 2020	Display by Jeff Newman – NORTHERN MALAY STATES
Wed 15 Jan 2020	Display by Roger Eggleton - CALGARY STAMPEDE
Sun 19 Jan 2020	WALLSEND STAMP FAIR , Pioneer Hall, Wallsend 10:00 – 3:00
Thurs 13 Feb 2020	Display by John Gibson <i>TBA</i>
Sun 16 Feb 2020	WALLSEND STAMP FAIR , Pioneer Hall, Wallsend 10:00 – 3:00
Wed 19 Feb 2020	Russell Goddard – MODERN NEW ZEALAND
Thurs 20 Feb 2020	STAMP AUCTION NIGHT (details, phone Don Catterall 02-4943 5639)
Thurs 12 Mar 2020	Display by Tim Schofield <i>TBA</i>
Wed 18 Mar 2020	Display by Tony Walker – POT POURRI
Sun 15 Mar 2020	WALLSEND STAMP FAIR , Pioneer Hall, Wallsend 10:00 – 3:00
Thurs 9 Apr 2020	Popular Choice Competition – 6 pages, topic starting with the letter 'B'



On the front page of last month's Newsletter was a picture of a Royal Mail coach in front of the Stratford general store and post office in 1904. Readers should have another look at it, since John Moore tells its story on page 2. This picture shows the post office building to be in fine condition today.

President's Piece

As 2019 draws to a close, we think of Christmas and the new year. I hope that you are free to attend our Christmas Party. Bring \$5 and a plate. You may also bring an item to show, which can be passed around. This item does not have to be philatelic – needlework, gemstones you have found, and model soldiers have been shown in the past.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and friendship throughout the year. It is the way that we all look out for each other that makes this society so special.

Next year, 2020, promises to be another excellent year. We have displayers ready for our meetings. Planning for the October Exhibition has commenced.

In case you cannot make it to any of our meetings, or to our Christmas function, I wish you all the very best for a happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous new year.

As always, happy collecting,

Greg Laidler, President

The Stratford Post Office

I was most interested to see the photograph in the August Newsletter depicting the Avon General Store at Stratford, NSW as it was during 1904. Personal business and family interests have taken me past this location literally hundreds if not thousands of times over the past 55 or so years. On one of my recent trips I remembered to take my camera with a resulting photo shown on the front page of this Newsletter. The house shown in 1904 is still there and is easily recognisable, now minus the chimneys. The store has been long gone being replaced with a Liberty Service Station.

This 1904 photograph tells a story. The name on the front of the building 'The Avon Store' and 'R. T. Hook Co'. is interesting; Avon relates to the Avon River [and valley]. My research is yet to identify who R.T. Hook was. There were many early settlers and selectors in the surrounding district however their name was spelt Hooke. The meaning of the 'Cheap Cash' sign on the side of the store is something for others to ponder.

Apart from the two mail coaches there is a covered waggon with milk and cream churns, most likely destined for the Avon and Barrington Co-operative which was located 8 miles up the road at Gloucester. The churns are identifiable by their size, the larger for milk and smaller for cream.

Now to the Post Office history at Stratford. The first Receiving Office was opened on 20th June 1904, becoming a Post Office on 1st July 1908 with a H. L. Yates [no doubt connected with the numerous Yates families in that district] in charge. A telegraph service became available 12th November 1912 with the first manual telephone exchange opening 22nd February 1918, this being updated to an automatic exchange 18th September 1952. Stratford Post Office was elevated to a Money Order Office on 14th November 1921. After 77 years Stratford Post Office closed on 16 December 1981

- John Moore

Auction Report – Sept 2019

This auction went well with a good crowd and plenty of interesting material on offer from the 24 vendors. There were 391 tabled lots and of these 172 sold which is 44% disposed of. There were 37 registered bidders who between them spent \$1425.

A few of our regulars couldn't make it on the night and this was reflected in lesser competitive bidding. Higher valued items were on offer but not all attracted interest on this occasion, but by far the highest sale of the night was \$105, paid for a fine British Commonwealth collection. \$46 was next highest, paid for a massive batch of 80 plus hanger sheets, always popular sellers. Then came \$44 paid for a Shauber album

containing a very nice pre decimal Australian collection. An 1856 3d Victorian Queen on Throne plus the later 2d sold for \$40, slipping, I believe, under some people's radar. Several other States items also sold well. A MUH Norfolk Island group fetched \$36 but the most attractive lot of the night was a batch of Falkland Islands issues on pages and these were bid up to \$34 by a very happy buyer.

There were many lots sold in the \$20's but the only one I will mention was a large shopping bag filled mainly with commercial covers, sold at \$24. As we like to advertise, "There is Always Something for Everyone."

Thanks must go to our worthy working team and to our Auctioneer Steve as well as to everyone else who participated in making this another successful night. Our next auction will be in February so have a great Festive Season and may you long enjoy your philately.

Don Catterall, Auction Convenor ph. 49435639

Annual General Meeting – Thursday August 8, 2019

The annual meeting of the Newcastle Philatelic Society was held in our regular Thursday night August meeting. The main items of business were the receiving of annual reports and the election of officers for the coming year. The following members are the officeholders for the 2019-2020 year:

President – Greg Laidler

Vice-President – Greg Korsman

Secretary – John Moore

Treasurer – Tony Walker

During the past year, new members Guy Littler and Ross Zimmerman have joined the Society.

President's Report for AGM – Aug 8, 2019

It has been two years since I took over as president. The time has gone very quickly. The role has been both challenging and rewarding. And yes, I have enjoyed the challenges, and I have enjoyed working with each of you. Thank you for your support and friendship.

In May 2018 this society celebrated its centenary. We had a celebration at the exact month of the centenary, and also hosted a national philatelic exhibition. By all accounts the exhibition was a great success, although financially we struggled to break even. We have agreed to host another exhibition in October 2020. Our second post-centenary national exhibition will be a greater success than the first. This Annual General Meeting (and the equivalent change-over meetings before incorporation) is our one hundredth.

This AGM marks the retirement from the committee of some long standing committee members. Don Rutherford has been our treasurer for 32 years. During Don's time we have seen the demise of passbooks and cheque books, and the introduction of computers, ATMs and direct deposit. With Don in charge our finances have remained secure. We get a thorough report each month. It would be remiss of me not to publicly thank Don for his many years of dedicated service. Don's experience will still be available to us, as he remains on the committee of the society.

Ron Davis has been newsletter editor, journalist, writer, photocopier, printer, envelope packer and postman for a long period of time. Ron's words are read far and wide: I once had an email from a collector in Perth wanting further details regarding one of Ron's stories. Ron, thank you for all the words you have written over all those years. Again Ron's experience will still be available to us, as he remains on the committee and as coordinator of the daytime meetings.

Bernard Doherty has been our public officer for many years. He satisfies the statutory requirements that are needed for us to remain as a society. Bernard has been our 'go-to' man for answers on anything philatelic. Again I would like to thank Bernard for his years of service to the society. Bernard has not retired, he remains as our webmaster and computer guru, but he has reduced his workload.

As we head into the next year, our one hundred and second continuous year, I can see a bright future for our society. I would like to convey my personal thanks to the many members and partners who make this a great society. Just a few of these people are:

Don Catterall who organises the raffles, auctions, and sale nights.

Roger Eggleton who provides the supper at these monthly meetings, and to Carol and Anna at the daytime meetings.

Tony and Wendy Walker, Don and Margaret, Roger and Jean, Don and Val, and others, who are invaluable at our Christmas party.

Sandra Baker, whose home we have invaded for our committee and day meetings.

John Moore, the wisest philatelic person I know.

And to the many members who keep this society functioning - thank you to each of you.

Finally, some of our members have illnesses which slow them down, or put them on the sick list. On behalf of everyone, I wish them all a speedy recovery. As always, happy collecting. I hope you find that elusive stamp or cover that you have been looking for.

Greg Laidler, President

Secretary's Report for AGM – Aug 8, 2019

The society meets monthly at the Mayfield Senior Citizens Centre. Currently the society has 80 members. Attendance at the monthly meetings averaged 20 which was a slight decline from 2018. On the positive side we have attracted a few new members.

The regular auction nights and 'Swap and Sale' nights continue to attract good numbers of members, with some visitors. Participation at the July 'Swap and Sale' night was reportedly down as several regulars had other commitments on that night. Thanks go to Don Catterall for his energetic efforts in organising both activities, which provide an additional outlet and interest to our members. Don should also be complimented on the monthly raffles he conducts.

The daytime meeting is organised by Ron Davis and is held in the gallery owned by one of our members Sandra Baker. Thanks go to Sandra for hosting these meetings, and to Ron who organises the meetings and ensures there is always something of interest for everyone.

The 2018 Christmas party was held in the Mayfield Senior Citizens Centre. Thanks to all that made this a great night.

After many years of being Newsletter Editor Ron Davis is giving his keyboard a rest and handing over to a new Editor. With help from Bernard Doherty the Newsletter is available in electronic form. Members can have a printed copy posted to them, or an electronic copy can be emailed to them. The electronic copy is in colour and saves the society printing and postage costs. With rising costs and declining earnings from investments I ask that people who are not already receiving, and electronic copy do so in the future.

Bernard Doherty continues to maintain the society website, and updates information as it comes to hand. The website address is www.newcastlephilatelicsociety.org. Please check out the website, as there is much useful information to be found.

Greg Laidler is publicity officer and when and where possible provides information to the electronic and print media items of interest for publication.

Suppers prepared by Roger Eggleton allowing members to socialise after the end of meetings.

During the year some members displayed their collections to members of other clubs. Other members displayed in exhibitions both in Australia and overseas.

The Doron Trophy was again keenly contested with 7 society members providing 9 displays/activities. The winner was Lionel Savins '1935 NZ Definitives'

Co-ordinated by Roger Eggleton a team of three members – G. Laidler, T. Walker, R. Davis – entered in

the Smithfield Stamp Club Challenge at Philas House. This was the third time NPS had entered and the second time NPS as winners.

The Annual Club Competition is like a mini exhibition with seven entries in the Experienced section and one in the Intermediate section this year; the Experienced winner being Greg Korsman. There was one entry in the Novice Section.

In closing I would like to make special thanks to retiring treasurer Don Rutherford for the written financial reports he tables at each committee meeting, and to Greg Laidler who took minutes when I was absent. The biggest thanks go to all the members who make this such a successful society.

J. Moore.

Annual Competition – Thurs Aug 8, 2019

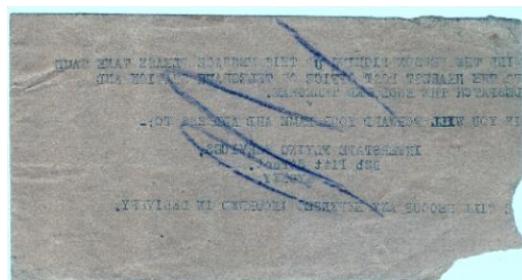
The activity was the Annual Competition and Awards Night which is held each year in August. The competition is divided into three sections – Novice (who haven't won a competition or award in Newcastle), Intermediate (who have won a Competition), and Experienced (a collector who has won an award in a State or other Competition). Experienced entries are 15 pages. This year saw good participation with 7 entries in the Experienced section, one in Intermediate and one in Novice.

The entries in the Experienced section were judged prior to the meeting by Don Catterall, Don Rutherford and Tony Walker and the results were announced on the night.

Entries in the Experienced section were:

RON DAVIS – Selected Bridges of England & Australia (63 points, Silver Bronze) Ron showed postcards and photos of an entertaining variety of bridges. There were old and new, big and small, stone or wood or steel. The two-storey 'old bridge house' in the Lakes District and the stone bridge in Dartmoor were favourites. Of course, he included the famous historic Richmond bridge, the oldest in Australia.

GREG KORSMAN – Sir Charles Kingsford Smith (88 points, Gold) Greg's display of covers carried on Kingsford Smith flights was the well-deserved winner of the Experienced Class. Much of this material is extremely scarce and in very fine condition. We saw covers from Smith's 1927 flight with Ulm around Australia in 1927, his 1928 flights from Australia to USA and back, and his 1929 flight from Sydney to London made in record time. Two covers are shown below – the one on the left is signed by Smith and his partner Charles Ulm, and is the only known privately-owned message carried on the 11-day flight by Smith and Ulm around Australia in June 1927.



CAROL DAVIS – The Restless Earth (70 points, Large Silver) We saw a nice variety of stamps and postcards depicting volcanoes from around the world. On items from at least seven countries were Mt Egmont (Taranaki) in NZ, the Warrumbungles in Australia and of course Vesuvius in Italy and Mauna Loa in Hawaii. A highlight was an impressive mini-sheet of trapezium-shaped stamps from Indonesia.

ROGER EGGLETON – Parcel Post in Russia (82 points, Large Vermeil) Roger's material was from Russia in the period before 1918. As well as parcel cards, both internal and international, we saw money transfer cards and other related items. Some of the parcel cards illustrated the fact that Finland was part of Russia during this period. My favourite was 3x5 multiple of 10 kopeks stamps making up the required rate of 1½ Rubles. This was a carefully researched display which presented Roger the added challenge of translating the handwritten Cyrillic script.

RUSSELL GODDARD – First Flight Covers Canada 1925-1933 (76 points, Vermeil) Regular airmail services began in Canada in about 1925. The first airmail on special 'first flight' covers were issued by private airline companies, while Canada Post's first only appeared in 1928. Russell's lovely collection reflected the fact that some of Canada's remote communities could only be serviced by air. My favourite

was one from Fort McMurray in the far north of Alberta to Aklavik, even farther north in the remote Northwest Territory.

GREG LAIDLER – Study of the 1977 Christmas Stamps Issued Oct 31, 1977 (81 points, Large Vermeil)
 This study focussed on the 15¢ ‘Surfing Santa’ – the first Christmas stamp with a non-religious theme. The playful design was a sharp contrast with the traditional design of the 45¢ Madonna & Child. The display reflected Greg’s typical attention to detail, showing many minor differences and flaws. Particularly striking was a full sheet of the Santas.

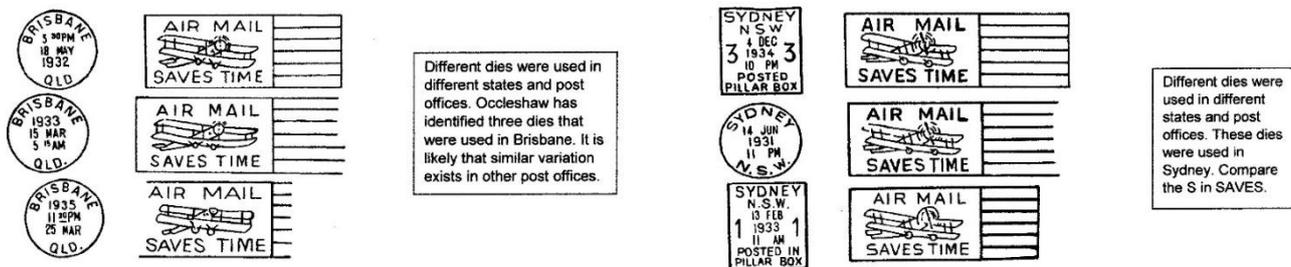
GORDON GIBBONS – Postmarks & Rates on Chile’s Picture Cards 1899-1916 (78 points, Vermeil)
 Gordon showed an interesting collection of Chilean postcards, some sent in domestic mail, but many sent overseas to countries such as Germany, Belgium, USA, France and Canada. Some had the stamps affixed on the picture side, and he highlighted a wide variety of cancellations.

The Intermediate section had just one entry, GREG WELLS, who showed us **Queen’s Birthday Covers 1991-2018**. This was a very colourful display. The complete collection of first day covers for the period indicated was shown, and many of them had special regal cancellations. Well done, Greg.

ROSS ZIMMERMAN – Robert Ingpen Stamp Designs 1967-1986 was the lone entry in the Novice class. This famous Australian graphic designer was responsible for at least 15 stamps in these two decades. Ross showed examples of them all, including the striking Captain Cook Bicentenary issue. Ingpen was employed by CSIRO until 1966 and many of the stamps he designed had scientific or technical themes. The display was nicely presented.

Display: AUSTRALIAN SLOGAN CANCELS – Greg Laidler Thurs July 11, 2019

Greg showed us an entertaining collection of postal slogans and cancellations on Australian covers (plus a few from other countries). The earliest was 1913 and the latest 1986. His collection contained more than 200 out of the 750 recorded up to 1989. The slogans covered a wide range of topics. Some were promoting various postal services – for example, “Air Mail Saves Time” or “Use Post Office Boxes”. Naturally, customers were encouraged to “Use Postal Codes” at the time they were being introduced. Others were promoting products for overseas trade or encouraging tourists to come to Australia. Naturally enough, WW2 brought us lots of patriotic messages. At other times we were encouraged to take care of ourselves: “Pour Cold Water on Wounds”, or to be thoughtful citizens: “Prevent Bush Fires”. There seemed to be no end to the good advice our postal masters could offer. A few of the covers even had bilingual inscriptions, English and French. The individual slogans were not used uniformly across the country. Some were restricted to a single state, some even to a single town. Greg told of one slogan that was used only for one hour in one day in Adelaide. In addition there often were many variations of the same message (as the examples below illustrate). A collector’s heaven or nightmare, depending on your point of view! Many were applied with a roller, so that the slogan appeared twice on the letter. I was certainly aware of postal slogans, but never paid much attention to them. This display was certainly an eye-opener for me.



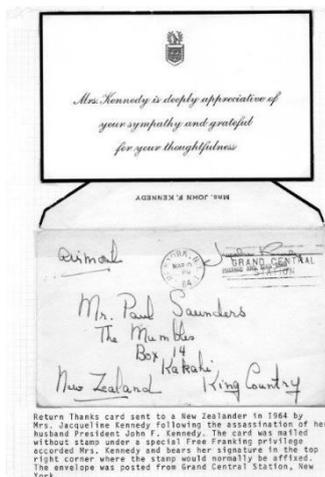
Display: HISTORY OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY ON COVERS – John Hill Wed, Aug 21, 2019

For the purpose of this display, John described himself as a ‘history tragic’ rather than a ‘philatelic tragic’. He certainly set himself an ambitious goal; a lot happened in the 20th century! His display started with a German cover postmarked Jan 1, 1900 and finished with an American one postmarked Sept 11, 2001

depicting the twin towers tragedy, and covers many of the important events in between. It included items showing signatures of such luminaries as Jacqueline Kennedy, Neil Armstrong, Richard Nixon and Kingsford Smith. There were several very impressive rarities – covers from the Boxer Rebellion and the Chinese Civil War. Mao’s ‘Little Red Book’ appeared as did South Africa’s apartheid. A nice series of postcards highlighted the Russian revolution, and both the League of Nations and its successor the United Nations were represented.

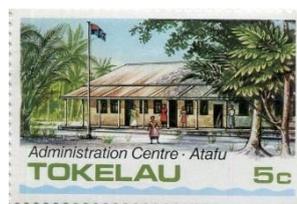
The 20th century seems to have been a century of war – as well as the two world wars, we saw covers from Boer War, Falklands War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, Spanish Civil War and Suez War. As well John had cards from Dachau, Polish resistance postcards sent to undercover address, German and Russian WW2 fieldpost cards. The technological advances of the century were represented too; among others were the Wright

Brothers’ flights, Louis Bleriot’s landmark Channel-crossing flight and the moon landing. Finally, for us philatelists, there was a cover that had been in President Roosevelt’s collection! This display was packed with items that were rare or unusual or simply interesting.



Display: PADDLING AROUND THE NORTH PACIFIC – Ron Davis Thurs Sept 12, 2019

As is usual with Ron’s displays, we were treated to a tour through the stamps, postcards, covers and banknotes of a large number of stamp-issuing countries. And, as usual, our knowledge of world geography was severely tested. Major countries such as Japan, China, Philippines and Hong Kong were all there. But it was the lesser known ones that were the most interesting. Can you locate the Ryukyus, Aitutaki and Tokelau? And keeping up with the name changes when independence came adds to the difficulty. Gilbert and Ellice Islands became Kiribati and Tuvalu in 1974, New Hebrides became Vanuatu in 1980, and Aitutaki and Raratonga, now part of the Cook Islands, had issued their own stamps. Some of these small island colonies simply overprinted stamps of the parent nation. For example Ron showed us a beautiful set of traditional French colonial designs overprinted with **EFO** (Etablissements Francaise del’Oceanie, what is now French Polynesia). We learned interesting things from Ron’s display. For example, during wartime Fiji issued a paper banknote for one penny, apparently because of the shortage of metal. Also Panama City, which was established in 1519, was destroyed by pirate Henry Morgan in 1671 and rebuilt in a different location. Ron’s ‘paddling’ passed through at least 40 stamp-issuing jurisdictions. Thanks for the trip!



Branching Out

I would like to make a suggestion. Next time you are looking at a circuit book, or working through a dealer’s Hagner sheets or box of covers, add an extra criterion to what you are searching for.

The theme for the Stampshow is *South Pacific Exploration* and the PSC will be commemorating the 250th anniversary in 2020 of Captain Cook reaching the east coast of Australia. A special prize for the best South Pacific related exhibit will be awarded.

Exhibition Classes:

National: Postal History, Aerophilately, Astrophilately, Postal Stationery, Revenues, Literature, Frugal, Youth and Picture Postcards

State: All classes except One Frame

The closing dates for entries is Friday 30 November. This Stampshow is also the last chance to qualify for national exhibition at Melbourne FIAP to be held in February 2021. For enquiries and submission of entries email the Secretary: e-mail: elspeth@grapevine.net.au

Display: MY TREASURE TROVE – Roger Eggleton Thurs Oct 10, 2019

Well, wasn't this an unusual display! Roger showed us the prizes he won in a *Stampboards* competition. *Stampboards.com* describes itself long-windedly as a 'Postage Stamp Chat Board & Stamp Bulletin Board Forum'. Based in Australia but with many international members, it was set up by dealer Glen Stephens in 2007 and now has reached 20,000 members and 6 million posts. To celebrate they ran a giveaway in April for members to enter, in which the first prize (donated by a member) was a stunning pair of penny blacks. A total of 56 prizes, all donated by members, were available and you could enter as many times as you wanted.



Roger won 24 of these prizes!! (He hasn't admitted how many entries he sent in) There were indeed some treasures among his prizes. He missed out on the penny blacks but did win two very fine penny reds. We saw some lovely

souvenirs from the Mauritius Postal Museum, a high-catalogue-value Portugal stamp complete with Sismondo certificate and a nice collection of British MUH stamps. One of the prizes was a lovely collection of 40 Tasmania pictorial, all identified by plate and position. Another was a set of highly unusual lenticular stamps from Bhutan. Norfolk Island mini-sheets, PNG corner blocks, Manchuria postcards, Switzerland 1982 yearbook, UK birds of prey – this truly was a treasure trove!



Anyone can browse the site, but to add posts or to interact with others, it is easy to register.

Display: AMERICANA – Howard Fisher Wed. Oct 16, 2019

Howard's display of USA covers contained many that dealt with an American theme, as the title suggests. His focus was on the designers and artists of the stamps and cachets and mini-sheets. The items displayed fell into four groups, the first being a sample of first day covers chosen from a collection of 500 which were collected by a Howard H. Barker, and ranging from 1934 to 1961. Howard had discovered details of Barker's life, which was spent mostly in the USA, but with some time in Australia in 1945. We saw some marvellous vignette engraving by Carl Arlt and lettering by William Wells. The second group of covers celebrated the US Bicentennial in 1976. A large number of stamps were issued for the occasion, many of them portraying episodes and people from the War of Independence. Some were based on paintings made at the time. Especially impressive were first day covers with silk cachets, done by Ray and Arthur Novak. There were a number of lovely mini-sheets. The third group featured 1982



stamps by illustrators by Arthur and Allen Singer. We saw a full sheet of 50 20¢ stamps – one for each state, showing the state bird and state flower. Really beautiful artwork! Finally Howard showed us some full sheets of stamps on American themes, such as ‘Legends of the Wild West’ and ‘Civil War People’. These sheets consisted of all different stamps, each having a description printed on the back of the stamp before the gum was applied – quite remarkable. There was a lovely full sheet of all different ‘USA Wildlife’ from 1992, and even a used full sheet actually postmarked in Toronto on its first day of issue! All in all, a lot of beautiful covers and stamps.



***** No matter how far you push the envelope, it will still remain stationary. *****



Christmas Party

Don't forget our annual Christmas party on Friday, Nov 29 in the Mayfield Senior Citizens' Hall, our usual Thursday night meeting place. See the President's Piece for the details.

Today's Website

Philas has recently upgraded its website; the new one looks very nice and user-friendly. There is lots to explore here; it's well worth spending an hour or two browsing. www.philas.net.au is the address.

Centenary of the First Flight from England to Australia

Adelaide Aeropex

A Philatelic Exhibition Celebrating Aviation







See airmails from around the world at
Torrens Parade Ground Drill Hall, Victoria Drive, Adelaide.
6 to 8 December 2019

For details of exhibits, dealers in attendance and souvenirs
see <https://apf.org.au/sa/adelaide-aeropex-2019>







Empire Classics The first issue of Cape of Good Hope came in 1853 and was in fact the first stamp issued in all of Africa as well as the first triangle-format stamp of any country. Designed by Charles Bell, the Surveyor-General, the picture is, appropriately, a personification of *Hope*, one of the Seven Virtues. She is reclining against an anchor. Perkins, Bacon printed two values, a 1d. brick red for the newspaper rate and a 4d. dark blue for the internal delivery rate up to ½ oz. Interestingly, the paper is watermarked with anchors. In 1861 when stocks ran low and new supplies were delayed, a local printer was asked to produce a provisional printing, which in fact was in use for only a few months. As you might guess, these provisionals are very rare and highly sought after. By 1863, a new conventionally rectangular design, also depicting *Hope*, was issued to replace the triangles.

