



Newcastle Philatelic Society Newsletter
VIEWS FROM NOBBYS
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WHAT'S ON IN YOUR SOCIETY

THE NEWCASTLE PHILATELIC SOCIETY MEETS 7.30pm SECOND THURSDAY of EACH MONTH
 MAYFIELD EX-SERVICES CLUB, 2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM, HANBURY STREET , MAYFIELD AND
 EACH THIRD WEDNESDAY AT 10.00 a.m. AT STUDIO 48, 48 MACKIE AVENUE, NEW LAMBTON EAST.

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

| DATES | DETAILS |
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| Thurs 13 Nov 2014 | PHILATELIC SCAVENGER HUNT |
| Sun 16 Nov 2014 | Junior Stamp Activities Meeting, at WALLSEND STAMP FAIR , 11 a.m |
| Wed 19 Nov 2014 | Newcastle Daytime Meeting : 10 am, 48 Mackie Avenue, New Lambton East, Display by Ron Davis- "EVEN MORE HARDLY EVER HEARD OF COUNTRIES" |
| Mon 8 Dec 2014 | VISIT TO MAITLAND STAMP CLUB 7.30 p.m. |
| Thurs 11 Dec 2014 | Display by John Moore "POLITICAL & SOCIAL ASPECTS OF EAST GERMANY" Fri |
| Fri 12 Dec 2014 | NPS Christmas Get-together, 5 Heron Place, Belmont 5.30 - 6.00pm (see Page 10). |
| December 2014 | NO Newcastle Daytime Meeting |
| Sun 21 Dec 2014 | Junior Stamp Activities Meeting, at WALLSEND STAMP FAIR , 11 a.m |
| Thurs 8 Jan 2015 | Display by Paul Storm "GREAT EXHIBITIONS AND EXPOS" |
| Sun 18 Jan 2015 | Junior Stamp Activities Meeting, at WALLSEND STAMP FAIR , 11 a.m |
| Wed 21 Jan 2015 | Newcastle Daytime Meeting : 10 am, 48 Mackie Avenue, New Lambton East, Display by George Kuszelyk- "POLAND - EXILE GOVERNMENT 1939-1945" |
| Thurs 12 Feb 2015 | Display by John Higgs "GALLOPOLI" |
| Sun 15 Feb 2015 | Junior Stamp Activities Meeting, at WALLSEND STAMP FAIR , 11 a.m |
| Wed 18 Feb 2015 | Newcastle Daytime Meeting : 10 am, 48 Mackie Avenue, New Lambton East, Display by Howard Bridgman- "ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION" |
| Thurs 19 Feb 2015 | STAMP AUCTION NIGHT (details, phone Don Catterall 02 - 4943 5639) |

A PIECE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Although our year is coming to an end, there are plenty of philatelic activities over the next couple of months to maintain our interest. The SCAVENGER HUNT at the 13th November meeting, will be a good start; hopefully with many participants. Several items have generated questions; for example, what constitutes a "jackhammer"? (refer to the August newsletter)

Our visit to the MAITLAND STAMP CLUB (7.30 pm, Monday 8th December, at the East Maitland Bowling Club) is always an interesting event. Bring along six sheets of general interest from your collection or just come along for an enjoyable evening.

This year, our Society's CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER is being held at my home, on Friday 12th December. Details are given elsewhere in this Newsletter. Please let me or a committee member know if you will be attending, so that we know how many to cater for. Hoping that all members and wives can join us for the evening.

The SOCIETY'S PUBLIC DISPLAYS at the University of Newcastle Great Hall in conjunction with the University Choir's World War 1 commemoration concert in August, and the second shopping centre display at the Belmont Citi Centre in September, were both well received. I would like to thank those involved in providing the display material, setting up and manning the displays.

- Ed Burnard, President -

** In 1915, Charlie Chaplin entered a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest in San Francisco.
 Not only did he not win, he failed even to make the final.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT, 14TH AUGUST 2014

Currently the Society has 91 members with 3 new members joining during the year. During the year, average attendance at the monthly meetings has been 25.

The regular Auction nights and the annual Swap and Sale night continue to attract good attendances, with some nights having over 50 in attendance. Thanks go to the convener DON CATTERALL for his efforts in promoting both of these activities.

RON DAVIS has continued to convene the Daytime meetings, attracting a regular group of attendees. Thanks are extended SANDRA BAKER for hosting these meetings as well as our Committee meetings at her Art Studio.

The 2013 Christmas party - a joint celebration of the 95th Anniversary of the Society - was held in the Silver Dolphin Restaurant at Cardiff Wests. Approximately 25 members and partners attended.

The Newsletter which continues to be edited by RON DAVIS, with help from BERNARD DOHERTY, allows members who wish to receive an electronic copy in full colour, in preference to the printed black and white copy.

STEPHEN MORRIS continues his efforts in attracting youth to stamp collecting, with varied participation.

MARK SAXBY as Publicity Officer continues to promote the Society in the printed and electronic media, as well as exploring other avenues to maximize the Society's activities to the larger community.

During the year a number of members displayed their collections to members of other clubs, as well as participating in various exhibitions in Australia and overseas.

The Society manned three displays during the year at Richmond Vale Museum, Mount Hutton Lake Fair and in the Great Hall at Newcastle University. Suitable material was provided by members for each display along with willing volunteers to set up, man the displays and promote the Society's activities.

During April a Swap and Sale day was held at Studio 48. Participation was somewhat restricted due to extremely heavy rain. Thanks are extended to DON CATTERALL and SANDRA BAKER for their involvement in organizing this.

The Doron trophy was again keenly contested with 6 Society members displaying through the year, the winner being DAVID ROBERTS with his 'New Zealand Revenue Stamps' exhibit, at the October 2013 monthly meeting.

The Annual Popular Choice Competition held at the April 2014 meeting was "Something Philatelic Starting with the letter 'W'." There were 14 entries, with the winner being ROGER EGGLETON - "Montgomery Ward and Co Parcel Post."

In the 2014 Annual Competition, there were 12 entries in all, 7 entries in the Experienced section. These were judged by DON CATTERALL, DON RUTHERFORD and ED BURNARD. The winner was WARREN OLIVER with "The New South Wales Sydney Views". There were 5 entries in the 'Novice' Section, judged by Popular Vote, and JIM MACDOUGALL was voted First with his "Newfoundland" entry.

In closing I wish to make special thanks to DON RUTHERFORD for the written financial reports he tables at the Committee meetings, and to BERNARD DOHERTY for filling in for me on a number of occasions when I was absent due to other commitments.

John Moore, Secretary
14th August 2014

The "Great War Centennial Exhibition", Albany, Western Australia, held 1-3 August 2014.

The Australian National One Frame exhibition for 2014 was held at Albany, Western Australia from 1-3 August. Albany was where the first Australian convoy of troops sailed from, on the 1st November 1914, to the Middle East and Europe. The city of Albany has a long history with the defence of Australia being first settled by the British during 1826 in an attempt to thwart other European powers from laying claims to the western part of Australia.

It was intended to hold the exhibition on dates to coincide with the sailing of the convey however it was found that all accommodation had been booked out as well as all suitable venues. It is estimated that approximately 70,000 visitors will be in Albany around 1st November, including 7 cruise liners in the harbour. The exhibition was held in the historic Albany Town Hall which was built during 1887, and attracted approximately 85 frames of competitive and invited exhibits.

From the Newcastle Philatelic Society, Roger Eggleton entered "Parcel Post - Italy 1884-91" and John Moore with two entries, "Lord Howe Island Postal Markings 1900-2000" and "Vale of Gloucester New South Wales" - his first ever Picture Post Card Exhibit. All three exhibits were awarded Vermeil medals.

- John Moore, Wed. 6 Aug 2014 -

***** Is the Red Sea red ?? The Red Sea owes its name to an algae that gives a red tinge to the water.**

**** In Bali, Indonesia, dragonflies are eaten with coconut milk, ginger, garlic, shallots - or just plain-grilled and crispy.**

Friday 12 December 2014, NPS Christmas Get-together, 5 Heron Place. Belmont 5.30 - 6.00pm (see Page 10).

14th AUGUST 2014 : ANNUAL COMPETITION.

This year's Annual Awards night attracted 12 entries, seven in the Experienced Section (15-16 pages) and five Novice entries (6 pages).

The entries in the **Experienced section** were judged prior to the meeting, with the results announced on the night along with the presentation of certificates. The entries in this section were-

RON DAVIS - *Norfolk Island Its History and Scenery through Its Stamps and Postal Stationery.*

A very colourful display, Ron managed to cover the highlights of the History and Scenery on Norfolk Island through its many stamp and postal stationery issues. 60 Points - Silver-Bronze award.



JOHN MOORE - *Vale of Gloucester New South Wales.*



John's entry was picture postcards that depicted scenes from the town of Gloucester. Shown were many scarce cards from 1900 to 1955 including two depicting the 1929 flood. 71 Points – Silver award.

GREG LAIDLER - *A Study of the \$5 definitive Stamp 'A Holiday at Mentone'*

Greg, being a student of this issue as well as others in the Australian Painting series, showed an in depth study of the printing of this issue as well as very rare examples of commercial usage including a single rate cover. 77 Points – Vermeil award.



TONY WALKER - *Soviet Arctic High Latitudes Expeditions – Drift Stations North Pole 4 & 5 1954-1957.*

Tony's display covered the Soviet Union's North Pole Drift Stations 4 and 5. Shown were covers with special cachets that were available on these two Drift Stations. 79 Points – Vermeil award.

ROGER EGGLETON - *Parcel Post Italy, 1884-1891.*

Covering the period of the earliest Italian prepaid parcel post system, Roger's entry showed the range of material that was available in the period accompanied by a wealth of information and research. 81 Points – Vermeil award.

JOHN PUGSLEY - *Boer POWs in Bermuda*

John's display covered the Four Zones on Bermuda that contained 7 camps where the Boer prisoners were interned. A very well laid out display showed mail from the first Boer arrivals, redirected mail, censorship as well as internal mail. Rare items of where there are less than 10 known were highlighted. 87 Points – Gold.



Cover from 'NATAL 9 NO 1901' to a POW on Port's Island, Bermuda, a most unusual address as Port's Island was essentially the administrative hub of the POW complex. Possibly addressed to a known inmate of the POW hospital on that island. The cover censored with a fine Benbow CMI blue cachet.



WARREN OLIVER - *New South Wales : The 'Sydney Views'.*

Warren's display covering the 1d, 2d and 3d issues showed examples of the various plates, printing flaws, papers and the usage of various numeral obliterations. 89 Points – Gold, and Winner of this section.

Novice entries-

JIM McDOUGALL - *Newfoundland.*



As many of our members are aware, Jim is a passionate collector of Newfoundland material, so it is no surprise that his first attempt in the Novice section covers that country. Shown was a selection of issues from the first Pence issues including the St. John's 3 pence triangular issue. Congratulations to Jim for being voted as the Winner of this section.



GLADYS TYACK - *Lighthouses.*

This display showed many different types of Lighthouses from around the world, many of which were shown in their distinctive colours of red and white so they can be seen in daylight. Gladys was voted as Runner Up.

14th AUGUST 2014 : ANNUAL COMPETITION (continued) :

NORMAN TYACK - *Activities from the Sea.*

It was no surprise that Norman's entry had a 'nautical' theme. Included in the display amongst other creatures of the sea were Bottle Nosed Dolphins and Southern Right Whales. Voted as Third placegetter.

SANDRA BAKER - *Two Monasteries and their Libraries- Admont.*

Admont is in the Austrian State of Styria and lies in the Valley of Enns. This eye catching display from a lesser known part of the world, for most of us, covered the two Monasteries and their libraries.

GLADYS TYACK - *Australian Natureland*

Gladys being known as a collector of stamps depicting our wonderful nature treated us to a display of a

wide range of our native species from birds, animals, wild flowers to marine creatures.



Members viewing the Annual Competition entries in the meeting room at the Mayfield Ex-Services Club.

Included are Gordon Gibbons, Bernard Doherty, Greg Laidler, Jim MacDougall, Warren Oliver, Keith Kestel, Mark Saxby, Sandra Baker, Don Rutherford, and Don Catterall, and in the background – Roger Eggleton, Eric Barlow, and Ray Little..

– John Moore –

The Correct Shortland Portrait



Most of us are aware of the 2½d stamp in Australia's 1947 150th Anniversary of Newcastle issue which erroneously showed the portrait of the father of Lt. John Shortland, R.N., instead of his son who was the first European to explore the Hunter River region of N.S.W. in 1797.

Here is a copy of an engraving (shown on the left) of Lt John Shortland, the son, who should have been depicted on the stamp.

John Shortland, the son, was born in England on 5 September 1769 and died on 21 January 1810 at Guadaloupe in the West Indies from injuries naval battle against the French.



*** NO WOMB TO MOVE

Due to a major power blackout, only one paramedic was able to respond to a call from a woman who was suddenly caught short and was about to give birth in her own home. The house was very, very dark, so the paramedic asked the woman's three-year-old daughter to hold a flashlight high over her mother so he could see, while he helped to deliver the baby. Very diligently, Katelyn did as she was asked. Her mother pushed and pushed, and after a little while her baby brother was born. The paramedic cut the cord, lifted him by his little feet and, in classic fashion, smacked him once on his bottom. The little 'un began to cry. The paramedic then thanked Katelyn for her help and asked the wide-eyed three-year-old what she thought about what she had just witnessed. Katelyn quickly responded : "He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place. Smack him again."

NEWCASTLE POST OFFICE

— **a Powerpoint display by Bernard Doherty, 11th September 2014**

Bernie's display covered the history of Newcastle Post Office from its earliest times to the sale of the building 12 years ago. The following are some excerpts from his display pages.



Newcastle Post Office was promulgated on 1st March 1828. Duncan Forbes Mackay, Superintendent of Public Works and of Convicts was appointed Deputy Postmaster by letter dated 8th March 1828. From 1828, Post Office business was transacted from "Sessions House", a two-storey wooden building. Built in 1821, it served as the Court House and contained offices for Government officials. A fire in 1853 damaged the building, forcing the Post Office to seek another building. In 1856, the building was bought by the Presbyterian Church for use as a manse. After the "Sessions House" fire, the postmaster reported that all equipment, including postmarkers, had been saved. The Government Cottage (originally built as the Commissariat Store in 1818) was acquired by the postmaster in June 1853, for use as a Post Office.

In 1861, a new combined Post and Telegraph building was completed in Hunter Street. Building costs exceeded the funds available and the proposed second storey was deleted.

With the growth of Newcastle, the original single storey, combined Post and Telegraph Office building erected in 1861 had become inadequate and by 1865, a second storey, as anticipated in the original design, was added.



In 1871, more accommodation was required and the Colonial Architect, James Barnet, had plans prepared for a new two storey Post Office building to be erected on the corner of Hunter and Watt Streets adjoining the Telegraph Office.

Tenders were called on 15th January, 1872 and the building was opened 10th June 1873. A feature of the Italianate design was the coloured patterned brickwork on the facade. The Telegraph Section remained in the existing building next door, to which the second storey had been added in 1866.

In 1883 a decision was made to move the Telegraph Office into the same premises as the Post Office. To accommodate the additional staff/equipment the adjoining Post Office building was extended. The extensions were designed by Colonial Architect James Barnet for the rear of the 1873 building.

The premises were ready for occupation on 13th April 1886, and the building was officially opened on August 13, 1886. The arcaded "portico" erected on the Hunter and Watt Street frontage was later demolished due to problems with light inside the building. (It is now Hunt & Hunt, Solicitors). The vacated Telegraph Office was taken over as accommodation for Police.

By 1899, approval had been obtained for the erection of a new Post Office building on the site of the old Court House, on the corner of Hunter and Bolton Streets. The Court House was demolished, and the new Post & Telegraph Office was opened in 1903. It was used for almost 100 years, being sold in December 2002, and was replaced by much smaller premises in Market Street.

- B.D. -

*** In Antigua, "fig" means banana.



** The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting machine and, after a little hopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company, suspecting negligence, sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine out and lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.

** *There's no accounting for taste. Some people dislike fan dancing, others dislike fans*

THE NEWCASTLE DAYTIME MEETINGS,

**at Studio 48, 48 Mackie Avenue, New Lambton East,
at 10 a.m. on the THIRD Wednesday of each month (except December).**

THE SCRAMBLE FOR AFRICA PART 3 - display by HOWARD FISHER, Wed. 20 August 2014

Howard concentrated on the South-Eastern countries in Africa in this display, but particularly the Cameroons, German East Africa, and Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi. The Cameroons were occupied by the CEF – Cameroons Expeditionary Force, then by the French - with an overprint in 1940 during WWII. 1953 saw it as UKTT – United Kingdom Trust Territory – then as the Cameroon Federal Republic 1961–1972. All were commemorated in overprints.

The British South Africa Company held lots of power over parts of this region from about 1888

through to 1953. Cecil Rhodes had established control over Southern Rhodesia – Matabeleland and Mashonaland – in 1888-1894. Then followed various developments (see Page 9), to reach the present Zambia republic in 1964, the Malawi republic in 1966, and Zimbabwe republic in 1980.



LORD HOWE ISLAND POSTCARDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS, ETC.

– a display by JOHN MOORE, Wednesday 17th September 2014

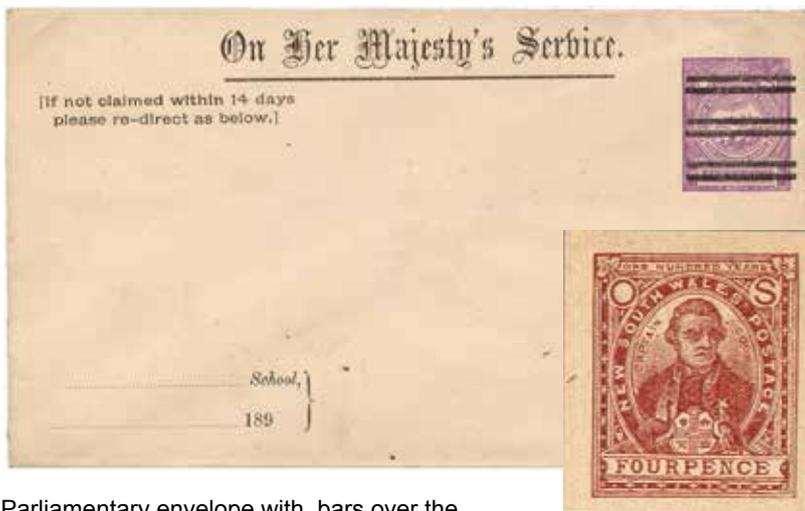


Lidgbird and Goscer from Malabar, Lord Howe Island.

Part of N.S.W. and in the Port Macquarie State Electorate, Lord Howe Island was settled by Micronesian descendants from the 1850's. John had visited the Island recently, and showed the boarding passes and tickets for the flight, historic photographs from the 1920's and '30's, and included souvenir spoons, cloth shoulder patches, and lots of photos of the scenery and people. Formerly accessible by Flying Boat from Sydney, an airstrip was built in the 1970's which improved access for tourists and produce. A Local Mail service, with 'cinderella' stamps, is in use on the Island.

NEW SOUTH WALES POSTAL STATIONERY –

A PowerPoint presentation by BERNARD DOHERTY, Wednesday 15th October 2014



Parliamentary envelope with bars over the stamp area when OS was superseded

OS version of 4d. Captain Cook

The range of N.S.W. Postal Stationery is mind-boggling! The first item was an embossed letter sheet first issued in 1838, which cost 1/3d. for 12, later reduced to 1/-. In 1847, a PTO envelope cost 1d., and the first postal card was issued in 1875. In 1895, these were cut down in size – to 150 x 87mm – to conform with regulations, and in 1897 the first of 54 different View Cards appeared. 23 different Government Railways Scenic View Cards were produced in 1909-10 in sepia and B & W. 1910 saw Official cards perforated 'OS NSW'. And then there were Official Envelopes overprinted "OS", letter cards, reply paid letter cards, newspaper wrapper stamps, and telegraph forms. Incredible stuff !!

** When his .38-calibre revolver failed to fire at its intended victim during a holdup in Long Beach, California, would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.

*** If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a "hearing" ?*

** A survey of a working-class area of London in 1915 found only 12 houses with baths. Nine of them were being used for storage.

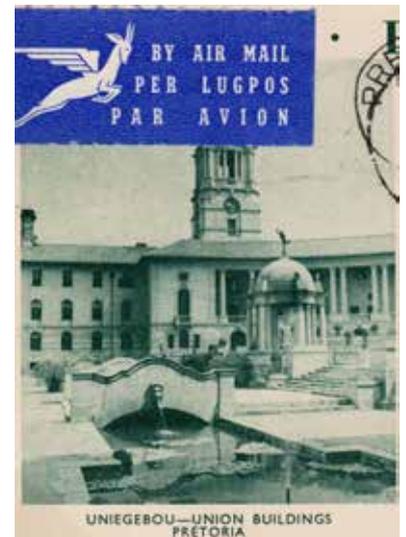
A SELECTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN POSTAL CARDS
 - a display by **BERNARD DOHERTY**, Thurs. 9th October 2014



Raptors series 1998

1960 series

Dam Series, 1986 & 87, showing Mirror Image Error

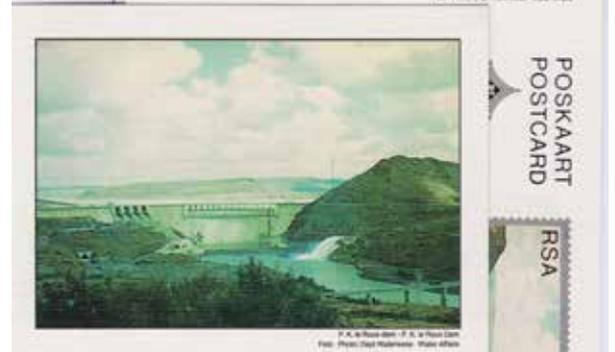


Bernie bought most of Don Cox's collection after he died, and has been expanding it ever since. Postal cards have been issued in South Africa from 1927, these showing mostly buildings in black-and-white. A new series of scenes was printed in 1931, and in 1944, colour was introduced. Then followed Animals (1948), more Scenes (1949), even more Scenes (1954-58), and Landscapes (1959-1960). Afrikaans and English text was alternated on each successive card.

The illustration on the Cards increased in number - 1975, a Leopard, and Roads, 1976 Dams, 1978 Flowers, 1979 Roses, 1982 Flowers and Fruit, 1986 and 1990 Dams, 1992 Coats of Arms, 1997 Animals, 1997 Sport, Science and Technology, 1998 Raptore birds, 1999 Fish and Birds, and 1999 Whales.

Examples of special issues in Bernie's display were 2nd January 1992 - 100 Years of Coins in South Africa, and on 20th October 1998 a Heritage series depicting the Chinese arrival in the USA.

And then there were the unusual postmarks, Village of Happiness, and the Dynamite Factory ... !



B & W Inland Rate series, 1931

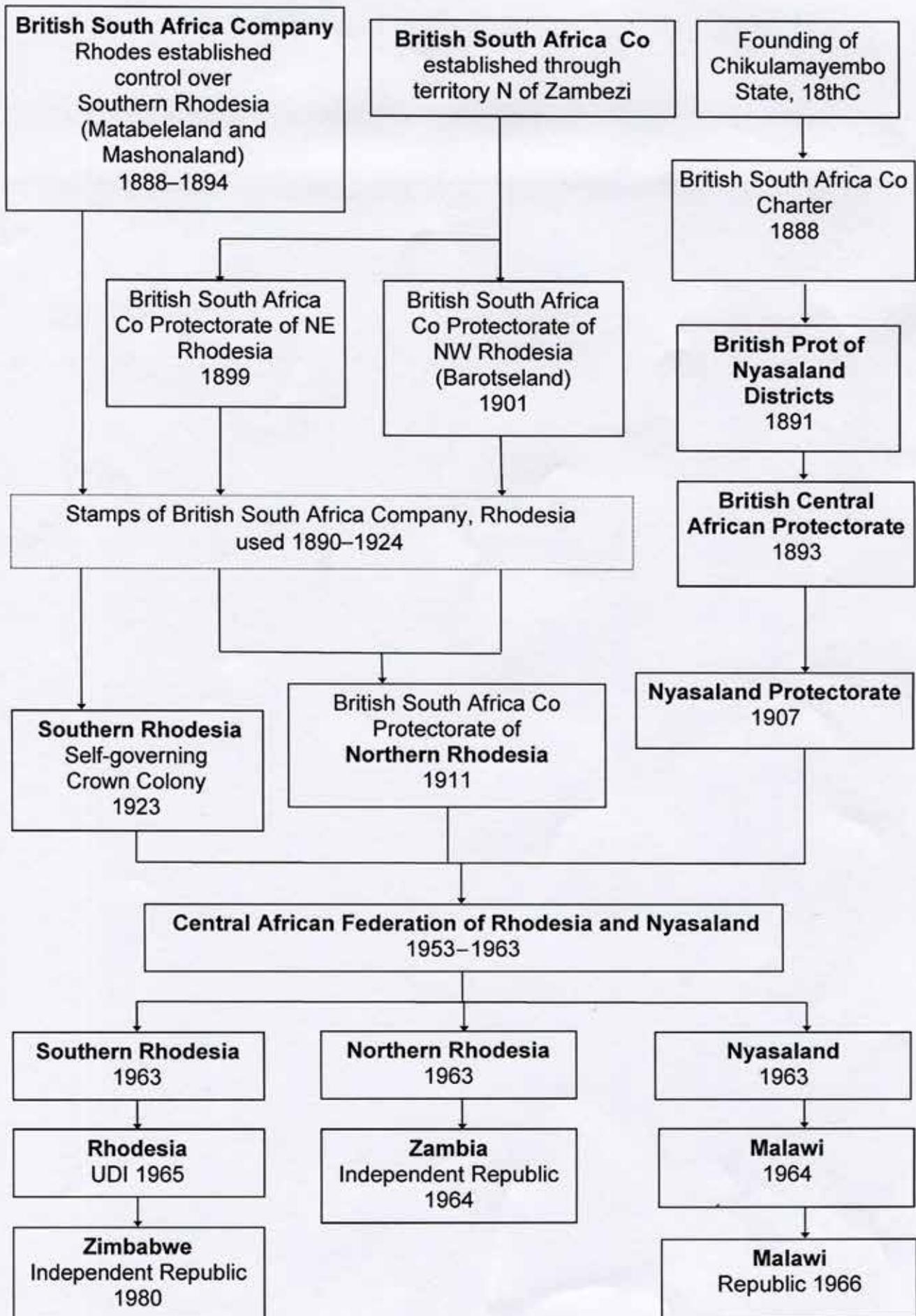


**** In 2001, seven Chilean poets held a reading in the baboon enclosure of Santiago Zoo, to demonstrate that baboons are more receptive to poetry than the average Chilean.**

**** By 2020, the number of men of marriageable age in China will outnumber the women by 30 million.**

**** The average lavatory seat is much cleaner than the average toothbrush. Your teeth are home to 10,000 million bacteria per square centimetre.**

HISTORIC TIMELINE ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE & MALAWI





OUR SOCIETY'S 2014 CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

This year, our Christmas Party will be held at **ED AND SHIRLEY BURNARD'S** place, **5 HERON PLACE, BELMONT**, on **FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER**, starting about 6 p.m. Ed is providing the meat for a barbeque (cost will be "a small pink note"), and is organising salads and sweets with selected members.

So all that you have to bring along, apart from yourself and your partner (and your pink note), is "something of interest which you can talk about or about which you can tell a story" – not necessarily philatelic. No presents.

It's easy to find - if you're travelling north from Belmont shops, it's the first turn to the left after Belmont Hospital, then second right. Travelling south on Croudace Bay Road, Green Point Drive is first on the right past the Green Point Foreshore Reserve, then second on the right into Heron Place. No. 5 is on the left.

Phone ED if there are any problems - on **4945 9270**. Should be lots of fun.

Gregory's Map 353, F16; or UBD Map 39 (in your telephone book), L16.



But, if you can't get to the Party, then your Committee wishes you and your family joy, happiness, and all the very best of wishes for the 2014-2015 festive season !!

** Why do you never hear anything about the tenth reindeer, Olive ??
Because Olive, the other reindeer, used to laugh and call him names

** **What nationality is Santa Claus ? North Polish.**

** The popular Los Angeles beverage Original New York Express Iced Coffee is made in a factory in Singapore.

** The planet Venus rotates so slowly on its axis that its day is longer than its year.



READY FOR THE EXHIBITION