



## Newcastle Philatelic Society Newsletter

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## WHAT'S ON IN YOUR SOCIETY

THE NEWCASTLE PHILATELIC SOCIETY MEETS 7.30pm SECOND THURSDAY of EACH MONTH MAYFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS HALL, cnr, PACIFIC HWY & HANBURY STREET , MAYFIELD AND EACH THIRD WEDNESDAY AT 10.00 a.m. AT STUDIO 48, 48 MACKIE AVENUE, NEW LAMBTON.

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

DATES	DETAILS
Wed 21 Nov 2018	<b>Newcastle Daytime Meeting</b> : 10 am, 48 Mackie Avenue, New Lambton, Display by Don Rutherford – “POT POURRI”
Friday 30 Nov 2018	2018 Christmas Get-Together (see Page 8 of this Newsletter).
Mon 10 Dec 2018	Visit to Maitland Stamp Club (Take along some pages)
Thurs 13 Dec 2018	Display by Greg Laidler - “THE CENTENARY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA -the 1929 Red Swan”
Mon 14 Dec 2018	Visit to Maitland Stamp Club (Take along some pages)
Sun 16 Dec 2018	<b>WALLSEND STAMP FAIR</b> , 11 a.m
December 2018	<b>NO Newcastle Daytime Meeting</b>
Thurs 10 Jan 2019	Display by TBA
Wed 16 Jan 2019	<b>Newcastle Daytime Meeting</b> : 10 am, 48 Mackie Avenue, New Lambton, Display by Don Catterall– “POSTCARDS”
Sun 23 Jan 2019	<b>WALLSEND STAMP FAIR</b> , 11 a.m
Thurs 14 Feb 2019	Display by Lionel Savins (Sydney) “TBA”
Sun 17 Feb 2019	<b>WALLSEND STAMP FAIR</b> , 11 a.m
Wed 20 Feb 2019	<b>Newcastle Daytime Meeting</b> : 10 am, 48 Mackie Avenue, New Lambton Display by Paul Storm (Sydney) – “ MISCELLANEOUS BRITISH CINDERELLAS ”
Thurs 21 Feb 2019	<b>STAMP AUCTION NIGHT</b> (details, phone Don Catterall 02 - 4943 5639)
Thur 14 Mar 2019	Display by “TBA”
Sun 17 Mar 2019	<b>WALLSEND STAMP FAIR</b> , 11 a.m
Wed 20 Mar 2019	<b>Newcastle Daytime Meeting</b> : 10 am, 48 Mackie Avenue, New Lambton, Display by Bernard Doherty“ A MIXTURE of ONE FRAMERS”

## A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS CAKE

You will need a cup of butter, a cup of white sugar, a cup of brown sugar, 4 large eggs, a cup of dried fruit, a teaspoon of baking soda, salt, lemon juice, a cup of mixed nuts and a bottle of whisky.

First, sample the whisky to test for quality. Then, take a large bowl. Check the whisky again to be sure it is of the highest quality. Pour one level cup and drink. Repeat.

Turn on the electric mixer. Beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl, add one spoonful of white sugar and beat again. Make sure the whisky is okay. Cry another tup. Turn off the mixer.

Break two leggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the fruit gets stuck in the beaters, pry loose with a drewscraver. Sample the whisky again for tonsisticity.

Next, add a teaspoon of salt or something. Who cares? Check the whisky. Now sift the lemon juice and strain the nuts. Add one babblespoon of brown sugar, or whatever colour you find. Wix mel.

Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out the window. Check the whisky again and go to bed.

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**AUCTION REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2018.**

September's auction went quite well but numbers were down with only 30 bidders on deck. This resulted in less competitive bidding than normal and a very many excellent items went down at reserve. It was a great night for the buyers !

The 20 vendors provided 358 lots and of these 167 sold, a clearance rate of 47% which is always much appreciated. Total table sales realised \$1,426 and after that, late sales kept me busy for a much longer than usual time. Top sale of the night was an album containing a very useful British Commonwealth collection and this fetched \$75. Next came a Penny Black which went for \$40 - not surprisingly there was competitive bidding on both those items. An album of early French covers was a steal at \$35, whilst two interesting lots from North Borneo brought \$35 apiece.

A large Canadian Collection fetched \$30 as did a pair of North Borneo Queen Victoria Specimens, and so also did an excellent Transvaal study, lovely stuff. At \$25 we saw a card of South Australian OS issues go, and so did another stockcard with high value German Empire period stamps. There were plenty of good medium priced sales.

It was an interesting and pleasant night and all the workers were kept right on their toes, what would we do without them. My sincere thanks to all of the participants. The next auction won't take place until next February, so all the best for the Festive Season, and we look forward to your company in 2019.

- Don Catterall, Auction Convenor, phone 4943 5639.

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 9 AUGUST 2018**

It has been an honour to be President of the Newcastle Philatelic Society, especially in the Centenary year. The society has met every month since May 1918, making us one of the longest continually active philatelic Societies in Australia.

The major event for the year to mark the centenary was the Newcastle Stamp and Coin Expo. This consisted of three events – a dealer fair where 27 stamp and coin dealers were brought together to buy and sell, which included product sales by Australia Post, a national philatelic exhibition (the Newcastle Centenary Exhibition) featuring 314 frames of competitive entries, and a dinner for the presentation of the exhibition awards and to commemorate the Centenary of our Society. Estimates put the visitors to the Expo at about 1400 to 1500 people. This is probably the largest exhibition and dealer fair ever held in Newcastle and northern New South Wales.

The Expo earned much praise from dealers and visitors. Our aim was to organise a wonderful exhibition, to keep dealer and visitor costs down, and if possible, to break even financially. Last Monday we were \$200 in front, then someone cashed a cheque, and now we are \$50 behind. But we still have some products to sell. I remain optimistic.

A huge undertaking such as an Expo only works because everyone pulls together. In the planning stages, I must thank Ed Burnard and John Moore for their tireless efforts. During the Expo just about every active Society member came and helped – from setting up tables and chairs, bringing food and refreshments, door control, selling products, erecting the frames and placing exhibits in the frames, and helping at the clean-up – the teamwork was awesome. Every member helped, and every member deserves our thanks for a job, and Expo, well done.

Our own members had the opportunity to display in an exhibition, in a non-competitive invitational section. Eleven members took up this option – they gained the satisfaction of displaying and also were awarded a special Centenary medal.

Membership is always going to be an ongoing issue. The regular attendance at our night time monthly meetings is 21, and 10 members at the day time meetings. Our range of displays is vast, ranging from members' album pages to medal winning displays. Special thanks go to Don Catterall, who organises all the special events – auctions, swap and sale, and quiz nights.

At our last Committee meeting it was decided to close down the 'juniors' section of the Society. This difficult decision was due to a combination of reasons, the most obvious being that no juniors regularly attended the Wallsend venue. I wish to recognise the contribution of many members who have tried over many years to attract a younger generation to our hobby. In future our efforts may be better directed to targeting different groups, but all of this still has to be determined in the coming months.

In closing, I would like to thank every member for their support during the past year. This has been a busy year. I would like to believe that the Society is more active and more committed to philately as a result of the Centenary.

Yours in philately,

Greg Laidler, President, Newcastle Philatelic Society.

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\*\*\* The British seem to have been a little short-sighted when it came to innovations. In 1876, the British Post Office rejected the concept of the telephone on the grounds that, while the Americans might find a use for such a thing, the British had plenty of small boys who would run messages. The first telephone exchange was opened in Britain 3 years later. At about the same time, Sir William Preece, Chief Engineer of the British Post Office, heard about Edison's development of electric light. He declared it to be a completely idiotic idea. Perhaps there were enough small boys to hold candles too !

\*\*\* High heeled shoes were originally designed for male aristocrats.

**ANNUAL COMPETITION, THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018**

The activity was the Annual Competition and Awards Night. The Competition is held each August, and is divided into three sections – Beginners or 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 or sheets.

There were 5 entries in the Experienced section, and one Novice entry from Greg Wells

The entries in the Experienced section were judged prior to the meeting by John Moore, Don Catterall and Tony Walker with the results announced on the night along with the presentation of certificates.

The entries in this section were -

**BERNARD DOHERTY – *A Postal History of Cards*** – scored 78 points; The entry showed the different sizes of Postal Cards. On one of them, the sparkle on the card damaged the canceller at the postal facility, and the card was put into an envelope and a piece cut out of the corner to cancel it. Initially only five words were allowed, but eventually the whole side of the postal card was opened up.

**GORDON GIBBONS – *Chile Postal Markings 1900-1916*** – 79 points; The object of the entry was to display the range of postmarks that one can get on ordinary commercial mail. It's a small sample of some of the postmarks from 1900 up to about the middle of the First World War - an interesting period. After 1915 you start to get censored mail and you get lots of markings on it, and it gets quite complicated. "So, it's been kept as simple as I can, just to show the varieties."



**WARREN OLIVER – *N.S.W. Sydney Views*** – scored 84 points; This was about the first issue in New South Wales, in 1850, and on issue for about two years.

There were three stamps issued, 1d, 2d and 3d, and the various varieties, colours and shades, plate varieties and usage of the stamps on cover.

**GREG LAIDLER- *20c Little Grebe – A Study*** of this Stamp, which was on sale July 1978 to September 1979 – scored 84 points. The collection had all the varieties, the covers, all the colour bars, and "all those things".



**ROGER EGGLETON – *Australian Parcel Post Labels PP1 & PP2*** – scored 85 points, and the winner. In 1921, the Post Office rationised all the previous labels, and Parcel Post 1 was introduced. The entry focused on the evolution of the Label. There are 26 types of PP1, valid to the end of 1952. Simultaneously in 1921, the unpopular Postal Label 2 was issued, but, although some were used as Registration Labels, by 1925 they were no longer in official use – the last 2 pages of Roger's entry showed a study of this label, which are "less common than hen's teeth".

**GREG WELLS NOVICE ENTRY** was to be judged by popular vote, but as there was only one such entry, Greg automatically goes into the Intermediate Section, where he has to exhibit 10 sheets. He was congratulated for "testing the water on the first night".

The Annual Competition certificates were presented by John Moore with Roger Eggleton being announced as the winner.

And the **DORON Trophy**. The annual winner of the DORON Trophy was DON CATTERALL who displayed "Newcastle Postcards". This trophy is awarded to the Society member who presents the most popular display to the evening meeting during the year.

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### **New Zealand Post finds the hard place** Reported at [www.stuff.co.nz](http://www.stuff.co.nz)

*A parcel sent to a New Zealand couple "Kay and Philip"—and addressed only to "a farm, situated up a long driveway with cows, opposite a pub or thereabouts"—reached its proper destination after help from social media.*

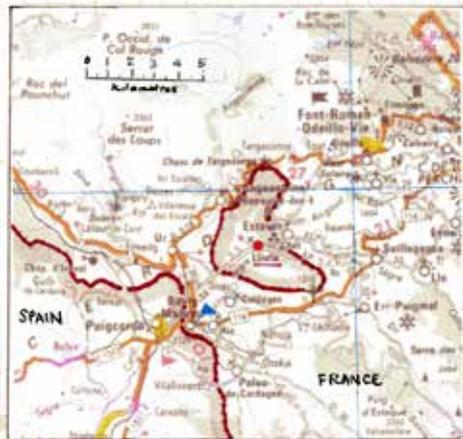
*The letter was received by a service centre in New Zealand's rural village of Cust, which services 450 residents.*

*While it's customary to return improperly addressed mail to the sender, manager Tammie Mc-Grath decided to try finding the parcel's rightful recipients by posting an image to Facebook. "I could tell it had been written by an older person and I just thought, well, I'll hang on to it for a couple of days before I send it back, and see if I can find who it belongs to," she said.*

*"A couple of hours after I posted it on Facebook, a man came in and said, "I think we own this parcel." He gave me his details and said his name was Philip. He isn't actually on Facebook, but people who know him who are on Facebook showed the post to him."*

*The sender was Irene Meekings, a woman in her 70s that visited Kay and Philip's home with her daughter-in-law for dinner. The parcel contained a handmade tea-towel and apron as thank-you gifts. Mrs Meekings is almost blind, so wouldn't have seen where she was going when she visited.*

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**MISCELLANEOUS EUROPE – Display by RON DAVIS****– Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Ron started off his display with : “When one thinks of a “Europe” display, France, Belgium, Germany, Spain and Italy come to mind. This is a different Europe from that – included were a whole lot of small and often hardly-ever-heard-of countries. So started a display of the enclave of Llívia (shown here - a bit of Spain within France), of Andorra, of Seborga (a tiny country within Italy), the enclave of Campione d’Italia (a piece of Italy within Switzerland), Vatican City, Busingen (a piece of Germany within Switzerland), the enclaves of Barle-Hertog and Barle-Nassau



(in Netherlands), Heligoland, United Nations in Geneva, Malta,

Lithuania, Latvia, Finland, Constantinople, and (not really in Europe), Azerbaidjan. And there were others.

Ron started collecting stamps while still at school (he swapped his water pistol for his brother’s stamp collection), and in 1988 he decided to concentrate on small World countries rather than Australia and the bigger countries, like the U.S.A. The enclaves and exclaves of the World are an offshoot of that. And his “Tiny Islands” collection came out of it, too.

A viewer asked if Ron ever displayed only one country, and Ron agreed that this would be very unusual – his collection covers hundreds, if not a thousand, of different countries.

**JAMAICA – a display by TONY WALKER - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Jamaica is the third largest island in the Caribbean Sea. Mountains dominate the inland, surrounded



by a narrow coastal plain. Jamaica only has two cities – Kingston, the capital city and centre of business, and Montego Bay – one of the best-known cities in the Caribbean for tourism. There are six other main towns, and villages of Cross Roads, Myrtle Bank, Epworth, Balaclava and Lances Bay – all shown in Tony’s display by postmarks.. Kingston Harbour is the seventh largest natural harbour in the world, a fact that caused Kingston to be designated Jamaica’s capital in 1872.

After 161 years of Spanish rule, Great Britain conquered the Spanish in 1655. During its first 200 years, Jamaica became one of the world’s leading sugar-exporting slave-dependent colonies. In 1807, slaves became freer, and slavery was abolished in 1833. Jamaica became self-governing in 1944, and independent from Great Britain in 1962. So, Jamaica is famous for Sugar, Shipping, and government-sponsored Piracy (the Government took 25% of all booty, the remainder being distributed amongst the pirates).

Jamaica is also famous in Music circles for the famous Bob Marley, for whom stamps were issued in 1945 and 1981, and for the World-champion sprinter, Usain Bolt.

Tony’s father’s first stamp collection was China and Malaysia in 1946, his second collection in 1993 being Postal History and stamps. Tony’s first few pages were pre-stamp covers on A3 size sheets, which went on to an Open Day display organised in Sydney by the Smithfield Stamp Club.

In 1945, Jamaica issued a Self-Government stamp issue of nine values, from 1½d to 10 shillings, inscribed “New Constitution 1944”. There were several covers – such as a Paquebot Kingston Jamaica postmark of 22 January 1951, a 1952 1<sup>st</sup> Caribbean Scout Jamboree, a 1955 cover for the Tercentenary of British Settlement in Jamaica, and a 1958 “Prohibited Importation” cover – supposed to contain lottery matter. There were 1913 postcards in the display of a Banana Plantation, and “Going to the Doctor”, Child Welfare stamps from 1921 to 1927, and a whole series of mint stamps from 1860 to 1921. A very comprehensive display indeed !

\*\*\* What is the literal indigenous translation of Mamungkukum-purangkuntjunya Hill, the longest place name in Australia.

*Where the devil urinates.*

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**NEWCASTLE PHILATELIC SOCIETY SECRETARY'S REPORT, A.G.M. 9TH AUGUST 2018**

The Society meets monthly at the Mayfield Senior Citizens Centre. Currently the Society has 80 members. Attendance at the monthly meetings ranged from 17 to 26, with an average attendance of 22 members each.

Without a doubt the event of the Year was the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Society and the hosting of the 2018 Newcastle Stamp and Coin Expo. The May general meeting which coincided with the month that the first meeting was held, May 1918, was a special night with displays of local interest and an Anniversary Cake. Later in May the Newcastle Stamp and Coin Expo was held in the Newcastle Showground Exhibition Hall. It was a part National Competitive Exhibition with 314 frames of exhibits. 25 National Stamp and Coin dealers along with Australia Post took up stands. The exhibition attracted a pleasing number of visitors from all states as well as locals.

The regular Auction nights and 'swap and sale' nights continue to attract good numbers of members, with some visitors. Auction nights always have over 20 vendors and over 40 bidders each auction. The most recent 'Swap and Sale' night was reported as being the most successful so far. 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 Day-time 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. Following the daytime meeting is morning tea, more like lunch, and thanks go to Carol Davis, Anna Hill and the many others who bring food along. Sandra supplies the cups, plates, hot water and the lovely venue.

The 2017 Christmas party was held in the new venue, the Mayfield Senior Citizens Centre, which proved an ideal location. It is spacious, with a small kitchen, and enough furniture to seat everyone comfortably. Thanks to Greg Laidler, Tony and Wendy Walker with help from Don and Margaret Catterall, who did much of the organising for this successful Christmas get-together.

The Newsletter is produced by Ron Davis with computer help from Bernard Doherty. 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 an 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](http://www.newcastlephilatelicsociety.org). Please check out the website, as there is much useful information to be found.

Steve Morris continues to attract a limited number of young collectors to his youth activities.

Mark Saxby is Publicity Officer. He continues to promote our Society in printed magazines and on radio community announcements. I would like to thank Roger Eggleton for his work in providing the food for supper, and cups and plates, and much good cheer.

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 8 Society members being eligible. The winner was Don Catterall – Newcastle Area Postcards

Co-ordinated by Roger Eggleton, a team of three members – Jim MacDougall, Greg Korsman and Ron Davis – entered in the Smithfield Stamp Club Challenge at Philas House, where they were voted as the winning team.

The Annual Club Competition is like a mini exhibition with five entries this year, all in the Experienced section with the winner being Roger Eggleton.

In closing, I would like to make special thanks to 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.

- John Moore, Secretary -

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**World Cinderella Stamp Congress**

Cinderella stamp collecting has been growing steadily in acceptance and popularity for decades. This is attested by the fact that the Cinderella Stamp Club of Australasia was established in 1984, and its publication has grown in strength and quality, to the point where it is now a prestigious full-colour journal.

In the wider sphere, the first World Cinderella Stamp Congress was held in London in 2016. It was very successful, and as a result of the momentum it created, a second World Cinderella Stamp Congress is planned for the weekend 1-2 June 2019 in Stockholm. It is to be organised by SfB, the Swedish Cinderella Stamp Society, in collaboration with STOCKHOLMIA 2019. Its three sessions will focus on (1) Local stamps; (2) Revenues; (3) Poster stamps and other cinderellas.

— R.B.E. (4 Oct 2018)

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**11th November, 2018, was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War I.  
WORLD WAR I - THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE**

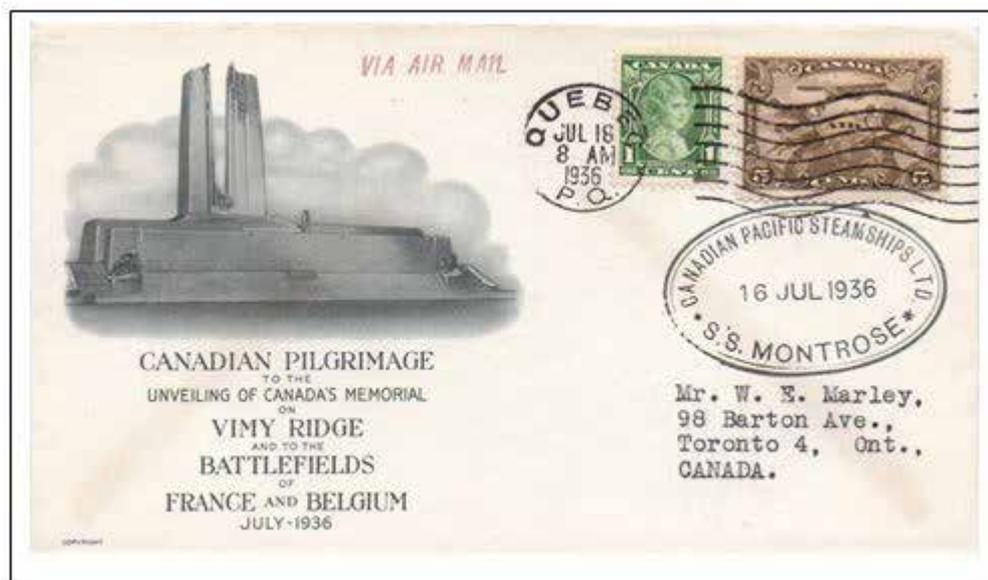
Since we have just passed the centenary of the armistice ending World War I, I thought it would be appropriate to contribute something to commemorate an important event of the War.

In April of last year, I became aware that it was the centenary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge on the Western Front. This ridge rises 60m. above the surrounding plain in northern France and dominates the area for kilometres in all directions. It's easy to understand what an important strategic location it occupied during the fighting. The 4-day battle was a decisive but very bloody one in which Canadian troops captured the ridge from the Germans. It was the first battle in which all four Canadian Army divisions fought as a unit under Canadian command, and in more recent years has come to symbolise Canada's coming-of-age as a nation. Vimy holds a position on Canada's consciousness similar to Villers-Bretonneux and Gallipoli do for Australia. I discovered that Canada Post produced some attractive special issues to mark the centenary of the battle and I decided to try to collect some other items relating to Vimy Ridge. A few are shown here.

In 1924, France granted land on Vimy Ridge to Canada on which to build a memorial to the soldiers killed in the War, and sculptor Walter Allward was chosen as designer. His imposing monument took 12 years to plan and build; it stands 35 metres high on the top of the ridge and can be seen for many kilometres in all directions. Inscribed on the monument are the names of those Canadian soldiers killed in the war who have no known graves. King Edward VIII officially unveiled the monument on July 26, 1936 and over 6000 Canadians travelled to Vimy especially for the opening ceremony. The 100 hectare site surrounding the memorial is now a Canadian National Park, and the battlefields and trenches have been preserved.

To celebrate the opening of the Vimy memorial, France issued a pair of attractive stamps, but for some reason, Canada issued none. In 1968, Canada issued a 15 cent stamp featuring the memorial to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the armistice. To celebrate the centenary of the battle in April last year Canada and France prepared a joint issue of two stamps, one designed by each country

- Jim MacDougall -



S S Montrose was one of 5 passenger liners carrying Canadians to the unveiling of the memorial in 1936.

**\*\*\*\* The rural recession as explained in simple terms by an old-time farmer :**

*"It started back in '66 when they changed from pounds to dollars - that doubled me bloody overdraft.*

*Then they brought in kilograms instead of pounds - me bloody wool clip dropped by half.*

*After that they changed rain to millimetres and we haven't had an inch of rain since.*

*If that wasn't enough, they brought in Celsius, and we never got over 40 degrees; no wonder me bloody wheat wouldn't grow.*

*They then changed acres to hectares, and I ended up with only half the land I had.*

*By this time I'd have enough and decided to sell out; I put the property in the agent's hands and then they changed miles to kilometres.*

*Now I'm too far out to sell the bloody place!"*



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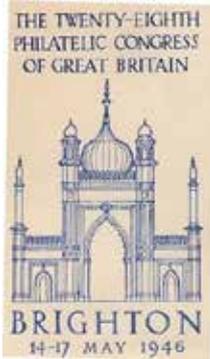
## **THE NEWCASTLE DAYTIME MEETINGS,**

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



### **PHILATELIC CONGRESSES IN GREAT BRITAIN, Wednesday 15th August 2018 - Display by PAUL STORM (Sydney) -**

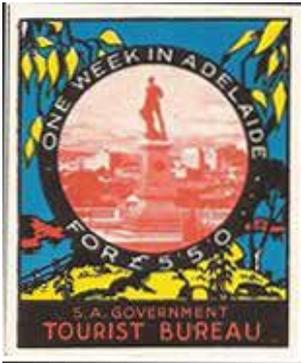
Maintaining a long tradition, each year, the Association of British Philatelic Societies organises the **Philatelic Congress of Great Britain**. The first Philatelic Congress of Great Britain was held in Manchester in 1909, at Hulme Town Hall. Barring interruptions due to war, they have been held annually ever since.



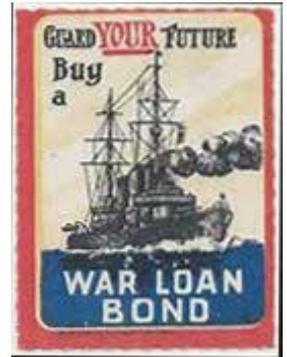
The venue moves each year. The business of the **first Congress** included the formation of a National Society or Federation, the desirability of a Collectors' *Catalogue*, *unnecessary issues*, *deceased collector's stamps* and an *encyclopaedia of philatelic literature*.

Congress is the opportunity to meet with fellow collectors for a relaxing few days in pleasant surroundings. The events include discussions, displays and visits, plus the ever-enjoyable Congress Banquet. The highlight for many is the occasion at which both the Congress Medal is presented, and the new signatories to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists are invited to sign the Roll. More often than not, this is linked with a reception hosted by the town or city in which the Congress is held. Papers are given on philatelic subjects. For instance at the 88th Congress in 2006, David Beech of the British Library gave a paper on "The Philately of the Edwardian era as shown in its literature". Other organisations, particularly the major stamp auction houses, also often host special events during the Congress.

### **A SELECTION OF UNFAMILIAR POSTER STAMPS – display by ROGER EGGLETON, Wednesday, 19 September 2018**



Although there were some Tuberculosis Health stamps in Roger's display, MOST of the cinderellas displayed were quite unfamiliar. To the uninitiated, cinderella stamps are those NOT included in a POSTAGE stamp catalogue, and POSTER stamps are usually larger stamps without a face value or denomination, created to advertise or commemorate a product or event. Originally, it was a miniature version of a poster. Roger had arranged the poster stamps in the order of subjects – Exhibitions and Expos, art exhibitions, film festivals, Mothers' Day, War bonds, War relief, air flights, car rallies, museums, or tourist brochures. Very interesting !



### **AUSTRALIAN KING GEORGE V – Display by JOHN EDWARDS, Wed. 17 October 2018**

In 1956, John's grandfather left his uncle a box full of stamps – mostly King George V Sideface and Kangaroo issues. John's uncle, who died three years ago, later wrote the "Postal History of Tasmania".

But why so many KGV stamps? John got hold of a Stamps of the Commonwealth of Australia book. And tried to produce a logical explanation of all the colours, etc – avoiding plate and colour varieties. His display was what he called "a production study" - all the changes and the timeline of these issues. In his display, John pointed out that a 4½d value was missing – a 1d. Red Die II variety was NOT a new die, but was a flaw – a small metal fragment produced the "variety" during the rolling-in process.

The side-face Georgian issues were used over a 25-year period 1913 to 1938 (the Kangaroo map issue was used from 1913 to 16 February 1948). During this time, there were four 1d., five 1½d., four 2d., one 3d., three 4d., one 4½d., two 5d., and one 1/4d. The first issues were engraved, and letterpress came later with the ½d, 1d., 4d., and 5d. There was a War Saving stamp issued during World War I.

In 1923, there was a postage rate DECREASE ! The Universal Postal Union required a decrease of 1½d. Two new values were produced as a result in May 1924 – the 3d. and the 4½d. A new comb perforator was introduced in 1926.

A provisional postage rate INCREASE occurred in 1930, with the TWOPENCE and FIVEPENNY air mail overprints. This increase followed the decrease to 1½d. in 1923. A postal rate DECREASE ? Most unusual !



**\*\* Sortation Facility** - I entered a tracking number in the AusPost website this morning, and as a result I learnt that my package was processed yesterday at the 'Strathfield sortation facility'. So our mail now undergoes 'sortation' at a 'facility', when it used to be merely 'sorted' at a 'sorting centre'. No wonder it takes longer to arrive. - Roger Eggleton -



# OUR SOCIETY'S 2018 CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

This year, our Christmas Party will be held at **the SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE, 81 Hanbury Street, in MAYFIELD** (next to the Library), on **FRIDAY 30th NOVEMBER**, starting about 6 pm for 6.30pm. Greg Laidler is organising the meat for a barbeque (costs will be "a pink note"), and is organising salads and sweets with selected members.

So all 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".

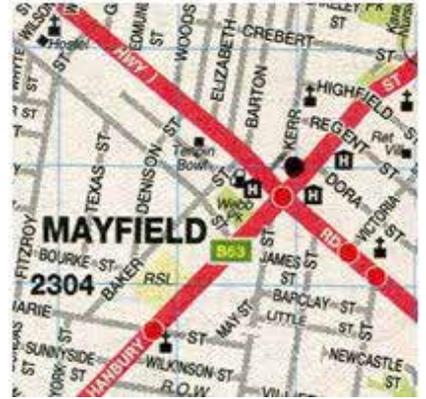
No presents.

It's easy to find – it's the place where our Society meetings and auctions are held (THE BLACK SPOT ON THE MAP).

Phone GREG if there are any problems – on **4950 0247, or TONY WALKER on 0427 480 770.**

Gregory's Map 296, K7/8, or UBD Map 22, P/Q 7/8. Should be lots of fun.

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 2018-2019 festive season !!



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### Advice from a 1949 Singer Sewing Manual



Advice from a Singer Sewing Manual from 1949:

Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what you are going to do. . . never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference predominates. Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or

beds unmade. When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. . .When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag full of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on . . .[If] you are constantly fearful that a visitor will drop in or your husband will come home and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing as you should. .

\*\*\* ABOUT \$3 million worth of gold and silver has been found in Switzerland's sewage system Researchers detected three tonnes of silver and 43kg of gold in treatment plants. The government study found the particles were likely to come from the watchmaking, pharmaceuticals and chemical industries.

\*\*\*A CALIFORNIAN woman who found a live FROG in her salad has decided to keep it as a pet. Becky Garfinkel, 37, a vegetarian, spotted the tiny critter seconds before eating the packaged salad, which she bought that day at Target in the United States. "I am just happy he survived and I didn't eat him," she said. Target offered her a \$5 gift card.

\*\*\* RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin thought he'd be the first to cross a controversial multi-billion roubles bridge linking Russia to Oimea. But a cat beat him to it. Putin drove across the bridge to officially open it to traffic. But the bridge builders posted a photo on Instagram of Mostik the ginger cat walking the bridge before the opening.

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