



VIEWS FROM NOBBY'S

Newcastle Philatelic Society Newsletter

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We meet at **2:00** on the **SECOND THURSDAY** and the **2:00** on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of each month at **Pasterfield Centre, Horizon Drive, Cameron Park**

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

AGM

We've finally been able to hold our AGM and Annual Competition. The list of officers for the coming year is inside, along with the annual reports from President, Secretary and Treasurer. Also inside you will find the results from the Competition and the annual Doron Trophy award.

MEETING SCHEDULE

2021

Thur, Nov 11 - Monthly meeting: GREG LAIDLER, *Australia's 1936 Cable Issue*

Wed, Nov 17 - Social meeting: Members bring 6 pages of something philatelic

Thur, Dec 9 - Monthly meeting: DON CATTERALL's Australian Stamp Quiz

No social meeting is held in December.

2022

Thur, Jan 13 - Monthly meeting: GORDON GIBBONS, *Chile Miscellaneous*

Wed, Jan 19 - Social meeting: SANDRA BAKER, *British Antarctica, French Antarctica, and 100 Objects of Irish Heritage*

Thur, Feb 10 - Monthly meeting: JIM MACDOUGALL, *History of Canada*

Wed, Feb 16 - Social meeting: ROGER EGGLETON, *Calgary Stampede*

Thur, Mar 10 - Monthly meeting: RON DAVIS, *British Offshore Islands, Part 2*

Wed, Mar 16 - Social meeting: ED BURNARD, *New Zealand Alternate Post Systems, Part 2*

Thur, Apr 14 - Monthly meeting: Popular choice competition – 6 pages on a topic beginning with letter 'D'

AUCTION

We had really hoped to be able to have an auction before the end of this year. Unfortunately, the Covid restrictions have made this impossible. We now plan to have an auction early in 2022 and members will be notified of the details well before the intended date. Stay tuned!

COLOUR!

This Newsletter looks much, much better in colour. You miss lots of interesting detail in the black-and-white version, so go to the Society's website to see the full living colour version (plus all the previous Newsletters!): <https://newcastlephilatelicsociety.org.au>

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

As Covid restrictions are being eased, we can get back to normal with our philatelic society. Regular meetings, with afternoon tea, are planned for November and onwards. Let us hope that Covid stays away. Let us hope that a new year gives us new hope and new opportunities.

Our postponed Expo would have been last weekend. With no visitors allowed from interstate, and no visitors from greater Sydney, it was the correct decision to postpone it. The new Expo dates are Friday 27 May 2022 to Sunday 29 May 2022. Set up day is Thursday 26 May, keep this date free in your diary.

Recently there has been changes to our website; I update it regularly, so keep looking. The "Coming Events" tab and "Members' Pages" tab have information that is useful to all members.

Finally, we are always looking for displayers. There are two options:

- the monthly meetings, usually for experienced displayers and visitors. Suggested length is 55-60 A4 pages or equivalent.
- the social meetings, usually for beginners and those with developing collections. Suggested length is 20-25 pages, shown to friends. These are ideal for beginning collectors or new displays, or collectors wanting advice or where to source new material.

If you are interested, see secretary John, social meeting convenor Ron Davis, or myself.

This is the last newsletter before the new year. Can I wish you the very best for Christmas and the new year, a year free from Covid and all the restrictions that are involved. Stay safe and take care.

- Greg Laidler, President

Christmas Party Covid restrictions have relaxed to the point where it may be possible to have our usual Christmas dinner and Show and Tell. We are still working on it and members will be notified if it can be done. In the meantime, check our website regularly for up-to-date information on this and all of our activities.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

One of the main functions of the Annual General Meeting is the election of officers for the coming year. It is important to have members willing to step up and take positions of responsibility to keep our Society running successfully; we are fortunate to have many members willing to do so. We are grateful to the following members who will occupy positions for 2021-22.

President – Greg Laidler
Secretary – John Moore
Treasurer – Tony Walker
1st Vice-President – Jim MacDougall
2nd Vice-President – Roger Eggleton
Social Meeting Co-ordinator – Ron Davis
Operations Convenor – Don Catterall
Newsletter Editor – Jim MacDougall
Webmaster – Greg Laidler
Committee Members – Don Rutherford, Ed Burnard, Carol Davis
Honorary Auditor – Don Rutherford
Honorary Solicitor – David Noonan
Public Officer – John Moore

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

The year from August 2020 to July 2021 has seen many changes. In mid 2020 we were emerging from the first Covid lockdown, with social distancing, hand sanitiser, many social venues closed, QR codes or signing in at venues, and wearing masks.

As a result our philatelic society has changed – new venue, new meeting times, and changes to our operations. The new venue is safer from traffic and hotel patrons, and afternoon meetings are concluded in the daylight. Afternoon tea remains popular.

Social distancing has meant that we cannot hold our regular auctions. We have a mini-auction at the end of our monthly meetings, to clear material that has been donated to the society. When Covid is brought under control our normal auctions will return.

Planning is underway for our postponed Stamp and Coin Expo. The new date is May 2022, hopefully after the uncertainty with Covid

Our website has been improved, and is now set up so the events sections can be updated quickly. I hope that the website becomes the first place where members and visitors look to find out about our society.

Once again can I extend my appreciation to the committee and members for the support that I receive. Thank you to our hard working secretary John, the up to the minute treasurer Tony, bulletin editor Jim, social meeting convenor Ron and his chauffeur Carol, afternoon tea organiser Roger, operations Don C (who has had a most frustrating year), and the other committee members Don R and Ed who help in the discussion and decision making. Long serving committee member Bernard Doherty will be standing down from the committee. On behalf of the society, I would like to thank Bernard for his diligence to the society over many years.

Greg Laidler, President

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

During the year 2020/2021 we have been living with Covid 19 and all the restrictions in place to keep safe and well. I would have normally presented this report on August 12 however during the week prior, NSW was placed into a lockdown which only started to be lifted a week or so back.

The year saw a change in the meeting venue to the Pasterfield Centre, Horizon Drive, Cameron Park. The society now holds all meetings at that venue. The society currently has 70 members with an average attendance at the main monthly meeting of 19, unchanged from the previous year.

Due to Covid restrictions there were no Auction nights and only one Swap and Sale night. During the year mini auctions were held following a number of the monthly meetings allowing the society to clear accumulated donated material and members to obtain some elusive items. Covid restrictions also caused the 2020 Newcastle Stamp Expo to be further postponed to 27-29 May 2022. There was no 2020 Christmas party.

The daytime meetings continue to be organised by Ron Davis.

During the year Bernard Doherty retired as our Honorary Auditor and Webmaster. Special thanks are extended to Bernard who had spent the best part of 40 years as a committee member filling various roles.

Jim MacDougall continues to produce a very newsy Newsletter, photocopies in black and white are mailed to those that require hard copies, with others receiving theirs by email that can be viewed in full colour.

During the year our President Greg Laidler took on the added responsibilities of Webmaster. Greg with assistance from others has revamped the site and added a number of items of interest. Greg also continued as our Publicity Officer.

Thanks are extended to Don Rutherford for taking on the role of Honorary Auditor. Suppers in a modified form to meet Covid regulations are 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.

After many false starts and delays the Society Rules were updated, the first update since 1971.

The Doron Trophy was again keenly contested with 7 society members providing 7 displays/activities. The winner was George Kuszelyk with *Poland 1918 Overprints*. The Annual Club Competition is like a mini exhibition and there were 6 entries, all in the Experienced section. These entries were judged by Tony Walker, Ed Burnard and Don Rutherford with the winner being Roger Eggleton.

In closing I would like to make special thanks to treasurer Tony Walker for the written financial reports he tables at each committee meeting, and to Greg Laidler who took minutes at time when business commitments caused me to be absent. The biggest thanks go to all the members who make this such a successful society.

John Moore, Secretary

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Hello, this has been an interesting year to say the least. There was a period of no meetings before the use of our new venue in Cameron Park with all meetings now, effectively, "day meetings". Higher costs of venue hire have been mitigated by very generous donations to the Society in way of stamp collections. This has, in turn, enabled us to continue our support for other Philatelic organisations in way of annual subscriptions to various periodicals and publications.

Our so called 'Exhibition' Term account matured in May this year and has been closed/transferred to our Exhibition working account. We still have a Fixed Term Rollover Account. This account can, if the need arises, be accessed at any time in way of deposits or withdrawals although the later will incur the penalty of loss of interest for that particular month. Our cheque account is now solely used for fiscal matters involved with the running and operation of our Society.

Preparations have continued for our Expo which will now be held this coming October. Trader Stand Hire, exhibit frame fees, Palmares bookings, etc, are trickling in and these will, no doubt, accelerate as we approach September/October. Sadly this past year, some members have passed on or have resigned. We have also welcomed some new faces to the Society. Thank you to all who have put so much into the Society and wishing you all a safe, healthy and prosperous year for 2021/2022. Best Wishes

Tony Walker. Treasurer

Did You Know?

During the American Civil War, there was a shortage of metal for making coins. To get over the problem, people began to make payments and accept change in postage stamps. Soon the US Treasurer formalised the process by printing *postage currency* notes. Each note pictured the stamps making up its value. Shown here is a note worth 25¢ showing 5 copies of the current 5¢ stamp. Notes were issued for values of 5¢, 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢ and these notes took the place of coins. Subsequently *fractional currency* notes were issued with pictures of Washington, Jefferson and others instead of the stamps. Between 1862 and 1876 three series of paper currency notes were issued. By 1876 people could redeem their notes for the new silver coins. Naturally, some notes have survived and are much sought after by collectors.



The Doron Trophy

This trophy has been awarded annually since 1980 and is given for the highest scoring display given by a Society member at a Society meeting. This is a prestigious award because of the high quality of our presentations. The winner this year is George Kuszelyk for his display *Poland 1918 Overprints*. His display clearly illustrated the very complex postal history of this period in Poland. Well done, George!



ANNUAL COMPETITION

The activity for the day was the annual Club Competition. This year there were 6 entries, all in the Experienced section, which required 16 pages. These entries were all judged prior to the meeting by Don Rutherford, Ed Burnard and Tony Walker so that the results could be announced on the day. Thanks to Don, Ed and Tony for their efforts.

The displays covered a range of topics, all interesting. The wide variety of topics that members think up as the subject of a display never ceases to amaze me. Hopefully numbers attending meetings will increase next year and we can expect more entries for the 2022 competition. Here are a few highlights from this year's displays.

Roger Eggleton (*Philatelic Instances of the Letter T*)

— Large Vermeil



Carol Davis (*Grapes*) — Vermeil



Don Catterall (*World against Malaria*) — Silver-Bronze



Greg Laidler (*A study of the definitive stamp One Dollar Flinders part of the Navigator series 1966 to 1974*) — Vermeil



Ron Davis (*The Greek Islands in the Aegean Sea and the Adriatic Sea*) — Vermeil



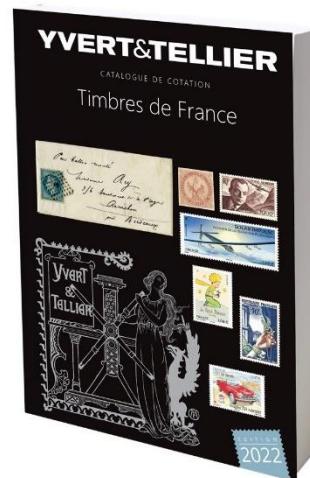
Jim MacDougall (*Newfoundland - World War II Military Mail*) — Large Vermeil



New Catalogues Available

If you collect one or more of the European countries, there are a number of newly released editions of various European catalogues that might be of use to you. Here are some:

- MICHEL - Switzerland specialized 2021/2022
- MICHEL - Benelux 2021/2022
- MICHEL - Baltic States & Finland 2021/2022
- MICHEL - Apennine Peninsula 2021/2022
- AFA - Scandinavia 2022
- AFA - Western Europe catalogue (3 vols)
- Yvert & Tellier - 2022 - France
- Yvert & Tellier - 2022 - French Colonies
- Yvert & Tellier - 2022 - Monaco and more
- NVPH - 2022 - Netherlands and Colonies - Specialized
- EDIFIL - 2022 - Spain - Only 16 EUR!
- EDIFIL - 2022 - Spain and Colonies



BLUENOSE – The story Behind a Stamp

The *Smith and Rhuland* shipyard in the small town of Lunenburg in Nova Scotia built many sailing vessels, mostly fishing boats, over many decades. But they had no idea that when they launched *Bluenose* in 1921 they had been building a Canadian icon. The name Bluenose was a common nickname for Nova Scotians. Even though steam-driven ships had become dominant by the early 20th century, sailing vessels were still used for fishing since they could stay at sea for months at a time without having to carry fuel.

The lucrative cod fishery on the *Grand Banks*, southeast of Newfoundland, attracted the fisherman from Nova Scotia and the state of Massachusetts in USA. By 1920 the International Fisherman's Cup race was organised between the fastest fishing schooners – one from Nova Scotia against one from Massachusetts. *Bluenose* was undefeated in these races and quickly became famous (something at which the Canadians consistently defeated the Americans was bound to be popular!).



The fame of *Bluenose* was such that it was the subject of the 50¢ stamp issued in January 1929. The stamp was designed by the Canadian Bank Note Company and is based on two photos by W R MacAskill. MacAskill was the best known Nova Scotian photographer of the time and is famous for his seascapes and sailing ships. This stamp has often been described as Canada's most beautiful (personally, I think it's a toss-up between the *Bluenose* and the \$1 Parliament building stamp in the same series). In 1937, *Bluenose* appeared on the 10¢ coin, where it has remained ever since. The 50¢ stamp itself was appeared again in 1982 on a 60¢ stamp issued for the International Youth Philatelic Exhibition held in Toronto.



Bluenose was the brainchild of Nova Scotian William Roué, a self-taught naval architect. His design produced a boat that was a very fast sailor but also set records for the amount of catch it was able to carry. He went on to design many sailing vessels especially small racing boats. Roué was honoured on the 1998 45¢ stamp shown.



Angus Walters was the captain of *Bluenose* for its entire racing career, both he and *Bluenose* retiring undefeated from racing in 1938. He is pictured here on the 37¢ stamp issued for the 50th anniversary in 1988. Walters' fishing career had started at age 14 on his father's boat, and by age 23 he was owner and captain of his own schooner. Walter sailed *Bluenose* through the St Lawrence Seaway to Chicago in 1933 to be part of Canada's contribution to the Chicago World's Fair. And in 1935 he took *Bluenose* across the Atlantic to Bristol, England to take part in the Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary. He met the king and was presented with a piece of sail from the *Royal Yacht Britannia*. The mini sheet below appeared this year to celebrate 100 years since the launch of *Bluenose*.



As the salt cod fishery declined, *Bluenose* was sold in 1942, had an engine installed, and was used to carry rum, sugar and bananas around the Caribbean. It struck a reef near Haiti and sank in 1946. In 1963 a Nova Scotian brewery financed the construction of an exact replica, *Bluenose II*, by *Smith and Rhuland* and used it as advertising for its *Schooner Beer* brand. The ship was later sold to the Nova Scotia government and became a huge tourism draw for the province. *Bluenose II* was completely rebuilt in 2014.

Empire Classics

Britain acquired Ceylon as a colony in 1815 at the end of the Napoleonic wars and her exploitation of the colony's resources necessitated a proper mail service. Perkins Bacon agreed in 1854 to prepare 6d stamps especially for the Colony, 6d being the uniform rate for colonial postage. Engraver William Humphreys produced a classic based on a watercolour of the Queen by well-known English artist *Edward Courthold* and printed on unperfected blued paper. Somehow it managed to take three years before the stamps actually were released for use. By that time additional denominations were needed and many were printed from the same design over the next 15 years. A second design was also used for some values.



Today's Website

<https://americantopical.org/My-One-Page-Exhibit/>

What a great site this is! It was created by the American Topical Association and is called *My One-Page Exhibit*. It literally consists of a large collection of topical exhibits (several hundred) each consisting of a single page. An excellent idea; you'll find hours of enjoyment here.

.... small, stamped, detached labels about an inch square prepared on the back with a glutinous wash.

Description of a postage stamp by its inventor Rowland Hill (1840)

2022 NEWCASTLE STAMP AND COIN EXPO

Fri May 27 to Sun May 29

Newcastle Showground Exhibition Centre

150 metres from Broadmeadow Railway Station.

This venue is flat with no steps, has internal toilets.

Entry is free. There is free unlimited parking in the showground – enter through the traffic lights on Griffith Road.

The Expo consists of two parts – one part is the Newcastle 2021 National Philatelic Exhibition, where collectors display their collections to fellow collectors and for judging. The other part of the Expo is where the leading dealers from Australia are all in the same room, to buy, sell and give valuations.

Collectors who wish to support the exhibition can purchase a supporter's pack, or buy individual souvenirs. These include an overprinted imperforate miniature sheet only available at the Expo, souvenir covers for civil aviation and military aviation in Australia, special P-stamps and a new unissued stamp design. These are listed on our website with an order form. Australia Post will be in attendance for the three days, with a different postmark used each day.



For further information,
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