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Newcastle Philatelic Society Newsletter

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

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

SPECIAL AGM ISSUE

Program for the

2022

Remainder of

8 SEPTEMBER Thur: 75th anniversary of the issue of the Newcastle Sesquicentenary stamps in 1947.

Members bring 6 pages of Newcastle memorabilia.

21 SEPTEMBER Wed: DON CATTERALL – *Postcards*.

28 SEPTEMBER Wed: *Swap & Sale night 7:00 pm*

13 OCTOBER, Thurs: JOHN MOORE – *Papua New Guinea Postal History*

19 OCTOBER Wed: (1) TONY WALKER – *Belgian Congo*

(2) RON DAVIS – *Around Antarctica*

10 NOVEMBER Thur: GREG LAIDLER – *South Australia Centenary*

16 NOVEMBER Wed: RUSSELL GODDARD – *Pot Pourri*

23 NOVEMBER Wed: AUCTION, viewing starts 7:00 pm, auction at 8:00

8 DECEMBER Thurs: DON CATTERALL's *Christmas Quiz*

14 DECEMBER Wed: CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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. We are grateful to the following who will occupy executive positions for 2022-23.

President – Greg Laidler

Secretary and Public Officer– John Moore

Treasurer – Tony Walker

Vice-President – Jim MacDougall

2nd Vice-President – Roger Eggleton

Wednesday Meeting Co-ordinator – Ron & Carol Davis

Operations – Don Catterall

Newsletter Editor – Jim MacDougall

Committee Members – Don Rutherford, Barry Parker, John Edwards

Honorary Auditor – Don Rutherford

Honorary Solicitor – David Noonan

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This past year has seen our society continue to prosper. In spite of the continued uncertainty caused by covid, we have had consistent attendances at our regular monthly meetings. Our meetings remain informative and friendly, while the auctions and afternoon tea give us an opportunity to build on our collections and to socialise with food and a hot drink.

Both our monthly meetings and our social meetings are well attended, although the drive home can be a hassle due to the traffic. It is the biggest problem with the Pasterfield Centre, along with the echo when the rooms are empty.

Our monthly mini-auctions have proved very popular, and the income derived pays for the venue. As a society we may even make a small surplus this coming year.

In May we hosted the 2022 Newcastle Stamp and Coin Expo. There were good attendances each day, the dealers went away happy, there were lots of exhibits, and many collectors travelled to buy and sell stamps and coins. Many people outside of our society commented favourably on the running of the Expo.

The society is managed by a committee. I would like to thank the committee for their deliberations. Ed Burnard is standing down this year, and I thank Ed for his contributions over many years. It seems that there are other members nominating for the committee for the coming year

In conclusion, the Newcastle Philatelic Society continues to remain strong, and caters for the stamp collectors of the region.

My thanks go to everyone who has supported the society in the past year. You have helped make this society so successful. Happy collecting,

- Greg Laidler, President

Swap & Sale After missing this event in 2020 and 2021, we can finally hold it again. Set-up starts at 6:30, trading at 7:00 on Wednesday, Sept 28.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This year on review has been a particularly busy one for our members: firstly, being able to meet in a Covid safe way allowing our meetings to be held again on a regular basis, and also the staging of Newcastle 2022 Stamp and Coin Expo.

The society currently has 71 members with an average attendance at the main monthly meeting of 17. The Social meetings continue to be organised by Ron Davis with support from Carol Davis who brings along some nice 'eats and treats' to share with those in attendance.

The 2021 Christmas get together was held at the Pasterfield Centre with a good number present to enjoy the evening.

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. Recent issues are also available to anyone on the website.

Throughout the year President Greg Laidler as webmaster continued to maintain our website with a number of new features including displays from various members. Greg has indicated he will continue as webmaster but has relinquished the role of Publicity Officer. Thank you Greg for all your hard work, especially in the leadup and following the Newcastle 2022 exhibition where the roles of Webmaster and Publicity Officer were particularly busy.

Our Treasurer Tony Walker had a particularly busy year with the added responsibility of managing the Expo finances as well as the sale of souvenir products. Don Catterall continues to organise our auction nights and swap and sale activity. Roger Eggleton continues to bring along suppers at our main Monthly meetings, allowing people to socialise after the displays are completed.

An additional feature following our Monthly meeting is a mini auction of donated material with many bargains to be had. Lots for auction are usually posted on the website beforehand.

During the year, some members displayed their collections to members of other clubs as well as competitively at various exhibitions.

The Doron Trophy was again keenly contested amongst members of the society who provided monthly displays. Jim MacDougall is this year's winner with his excellent display of Canadian material.

There were 6 entries in the Annual Club Competition entries which were judged by Ron Davis, Ed Burnard and Don Catterall. The entries along with medal levels are described on the next pages.

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 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 REPORT

This has been a year of contrasts from periods of lockdown (no meetings in August/September 2021) to our successful Stamp and Coin Expo in May 2022. We do a Tax Return to the ATO however we were not subject to tax this year due to very low interest rates. Our cheque account shows a reduction of over \$1000 however; it should be noted that we did benefit from a lot of donations and advance subscriptions in the previous year. Our Expo was a success fiscally and indeed in all other respects. These additional funds will ensure the ongoing viability of this society. The Expo side of things is a lot more complex (eg. a lot of payments included exhibit fees, supporters packs and Palmares bookings) and I have submitted a separate report to the Expo Committee which covers the period 2021 to 2022 and is only to assist with the Chairman's budget report to the APF.

We started the 2021/2022 FY with a membership of 70. This past year, some members have passed on or resigned but we have also welcomed some new faces. Subscriptions no longer cover our operational costs but donations continue to flow in. I suggest we continue with the \$15 fee for one more year and review our subscription fee structure over the next FY.

Don Rutherford kindly audited our financials last year and suggested that we continue to use two receipt books for subscriptions and other operational items. I will introduce three new receipt books as of July 1st for the above and also for our Expo Account. We now use a SQUARE reader in order to enable credit card transactions. It came into its own during the Expo. Thank you to all who have put so much into the Society and wishing you all a safe, healthy and prosperous year for 2022/2023.

Tony Walker, Treasurer

CLUB COMPETITION

The activity for the day was the display of the entries in the annual Club Competition. The competition is divided into three sections - Novice, Intermediate, and Experienced. Experienced entries must be 16 pages. This year there were 6 entries, all in the Experienced section. These entries were all judged prior to the meeting, the judging committee consisting of Ed Burnard, Ron Davis and Don Catterall, so that the results could be announced on the day. As expected the topics of the entries were quite varied.

- **Don Rutherford** (*Postmarks of Falklands Bases*) - Large Vermeil

A collection of letters, postcards and stamps displaying postmarks from various survey bases on the Falkland Islands Dependencies. Hard-to-find material.

- **Ross Zimmerman** (*Ornithological Illustrations of William Cooper*) - Silver

Cooper was a brilliant naturalist illustrator whose birds graced stamps of Australia and Papua New Guinea. Beautiful stamps and mini-sheets here.



- **Roger Eggleton** *Polar Bears of Greenland* – Gold

Beginning many years before its official postal service started in 1936, Greenland used parcel post stamps featuring a polar bear. This winning display covered the variety of denominations, printings, usages and printing flaws.



- **Russell Goddard** *Finches of Australia* – Silver

Over the years Australia Post has realised that Australia has some beautiful birds. This display showed us several different finches, including the spectacular Gouldian Finch from the 2018 issue. Envelopes, mini-sheets, booklets and more – all beautiful

- **Gordon Gibbons** *The Censor* – Large Vermeil

World War II brought with it censorship of international mail. Gordon's display illustrated how mail from various belligerent countries passing through the neutral country Chile was treated by the various censors. Unusual and interesting.



- **Ross Zimmerman** *On Yellow* – Vermeil

While the vast majority of stamps were printed on white paper, historically some were printed on papers of various other colours. Ross has shown us many stamps from British colonies printed on yellow paper. A very attractive display.



Doron Trophy

The Doron trophy is awarded for the best display by a club member in the past year, and was won by your humble editor. The winning display was *The History of Canada* – it was a chronological account of many important events in Canadian history and how they were reflected in its stamps and postal history.