

# The British Society of Australian Philately

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## **OPEN LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY**

Not very long to Convention now, and I am pleased that we have a good number of bookings and, perhaps not surprisingly, a fair number of day visitors. There is still time for you to decide to participate in what is always a good social event.

Your President and I have been turning some of our attention to the joint events that we, together with the New Zealand Society and the Pacific Islands Study Circle are planning around Autumn Stampex 2012 which runs from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September. It may seem a long way away, but it will be upon us before we know. One of the items we intend to produce, somewhat in the manner of the booklet that was produced for our display to the Royal, is a book of Australasian Philatelic Gems. Each item will have one page, and it is intended that we (the BSAP) provide some 30 pages. So if you have something in your collection that you feel might warrant inclusion, please contact either one of us. There will be a launch of the book on the eve of the show, and a dinner on the Thursday night at a venue close to the BDC in Islington. Please pencil in the dates in your diaries. There will be special prizes for the best Competition Entries in Stampex on Australian, New Zealand and Pacific Islands subjects, and favoured entry to the Australia 2013 International Exhibition in Melbourne if the top exhibitors so wish.

This year our Convention clashes with the ABPS show in Sheffield. With the plethora of philatelic events these days, it is hard to avoid such clashes. It is a strange phenomenon that we are witnessing around our hobby. There are many social events and meetings for specialist collectors leading to these clashes, but many local societies are struggling, often because of the difficulty of getting members to undertake the duties involved in running a Club or Society. But healthy Societies continue to flourish, and some have people almost clamouring to join. A paradox!

P.G.E.R.  
20/03/11.

## **AUSTRALIAN PHILATELY IN PRINT #2, 2011.**

A list of articles found in Journals & Bulletins held by the Librarian (Periodicals).

**THE AUSTRALIAN AEROPHILATELIST**, No.99, October - December 2010  
Editorial – Letter from John Johnson re PAA service to Hong Kong April 1937.  
Aviation related humour, by John Bodnar.  
Double franking on a TAA house cover, by Ted Thomasson.

Wilmot & Gardner Aviation Company [Based at Glenelg, S.A.] by Ian Hamilton.  
The First Official Airmail Service between USA & Australia, Pt.2 USA-Australia, by Albert M Wynter.  
Just another hazard for airmail pilots (dust storm over Broken Hill) by Ted Thomasson.  
Catapult Mail flown from German Trans-North Atlantic Liners 1929-35, by Albert M Wynter.  
Aviation related greeting postcard, by Mike Shand.  
“Time is of the Essence” by Arthur H Bergen.  
Commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Flight of the Douglas DC-3 aeroplane, by John Bodnar.

**THE CINDERELLA PHILATELIST**, Vol.51, No.1, January 2011.

New South Wales Voluntary Workers' Association (WW1 poster stamp)

**THE COURIER**, No.50, December 2010 – **Special 50<sup>th</sup> Edition**

Editorial.

One Frame Exhibition Hobart 16-18 November 2012.

Tasmania: The Platypus Revisited, by Francis Kiddle, RDP Hon FRPSL.

Crash Mail King Island, by Rod Perry.

Letter following seizure of I'Anson Estate in Van Diemen's Land, by Brian Peace FRPSL.

Tasmania's Straight-Line REGISTERED Handstamp 1856-1892, by David McNamee.

The Chief Office Date Stamp and the Tasmanian Money Order System Addendum, by Peter Allan.

The Postage Due markings on outgoing mails of Tasmania 1891 to 1965, by Patrick Reid FRPSL.

Tasmania: The Courier Reprints revisited, by Neil Russell FRPSL.

Tasmania Relief Postmarkers, by John Hardinge.

Paper Thickness Varieties for Courier issues, by Koichi Sato FRPSL.

Re-issue of Tasmanian stamps in the early Commonwealth era, by Bill Lloyd-Smith

Tasmanian Second Allocation Numerals and Obliterators – a study (cont from Courier No.49) by John Hardinge.

1d Pictorial variety – white dot in right value tablet, by Wolfgang WA Kielmann.

**GIBBONS STAMP MONTHLY**, February 2011.

Obituary: Mike Holt

Diary Dates.

Bertram Mackennal: 'A very clever Australian sculptor' – Pt.1, by Douglas Muir.

Book Review: 'The New Zealand Airmail Catalogue, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed'.

Food for Britain! Australia's Embossed Parcel Labels, 1946-49, by Richard Breckon.

Spring Stampex 2011.

New South Wales stamps in the Commonwealth era, 1901 to 1912, by Richard Breckon.

Postal Stationery Matters (includes some Australian Colonies items) by Peter Van Gelder.

Building a philatelic library, by Paul Brittain

Enclosure: SG Everything for the Collector.

**GIBBONS STAMP MONTHLY**, March 2011.

Australia Post to release its first Charity Stamp for the Queensland Disaster Appeal.

Obituary: Bill Lea.

2010 Commonwealth Booklets, by Geir Sør-Reime.

A miscellany of Indian Aerial Posts, the first 20 years, 1911-1931, by Peter Jennings, FRPSL FRGS.

**GIBBONS STAMP MONTHLY**, April 2011

1931-32 Experimental Airmail Flights involving Australia and England, by Richard Breckon.  
Pioneer Airmails of Egypt, 1907-1927, by Peter Jennings FRPSL FRGS.

**THE LONDON PHILATELIST**, Vol.120, No.1383, March 2011

Western Australia – further analysis of the Oneglia Forgeries, by Chris Harman RDP FRPSL.  
Reception for RPSL Members at Sydney Stamp Expo 2011, Australia, Geoffrey Lewis FRPSL.  
The Rise and Fall of Philatelic Publishing, by Clive Akerman FRPSL

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA CALLING**, Vol.57, No.1, January 2011.

Membership Notes.

Editorial.

Report on the Northern Convention – 2010, by Simon Nanson.

An Esperanto Card from Papua – 1931, by Roger Lee (UK).

“Kais Deutsche Marine Schiffspost No 7”, by Roger Lee (UK).

Obituary – Graham Wade.

Papua 1907-10 6d “Small Papua” variety, by Roger Lee (UK).

Post Cards to ED van Weenen, by Richard Muller (Aus).

Hovercraft mysteries from the “Jim Harrison” collection, by Ray Kelly (Aus).

Papuan Paper Notes, by Richard Muller (Aus).

A letter from Ruatika, by Roger Lee (UK).

Some illustrated covers of WW2, by Ted Bishop (UK).

Modern Matters from Michael Garwood’s postbag (UK).

Queries from Roger Hensman.

Early RAAF Concession Rate Cachets, by Ted Bishop (UK).

WW2 Papuan Censor labels – a perforation variety, by Ted Bishop (UK).

Dr Carl Gunther, by Richard Muller (Aus).

**THE QUEENSLAND STAMP COLLECTOR**, Vol.28, No.1, Issue 109, February – April 2011.

Editorial, QPC News, APF News, Club Scene, Dairy Dates and On the Calendar.

Talk Queensland (‘Ring any Bells’), by Col McNee.

The Bollon Mail – 1924 – Postmaster Mitchell WQ 24/3/63

Registered Post, by Joan Orr.

**STAMP NEWS**, Vol.58, No.1, January 2011.

Editorial; Editor’s Mailbag; Philatelic News; New Issues; Clubs & Societies; Dealers Directory; Calendar.

A Visit to Palmex 2010, by Graeme Morriss.

Happy Birthday Dandenong Philatelic Society.

Woodchip free zone: (“Kevin Nelson” Australian Covers Auction) by Rod Perry.

Market Matters (Top end Roos hop higher) by Glen Stephens.

Australian stamp variations, by David Mallen.

The Modern Scene, by Sel Pfeffer.

Revenue Review, by Dave Elsmore.

Stamp Catalogues, by Mike Lee.

Cinderella Corner, by Tony Presgrave.

**STAMP NEWS, Vol.58, No.2, February 2011.**

Editorial; Editor's Mailbag; Philatelic News; New Issues; Clubs & Societies; Dealers Directory; Calendar.

Woodchip free zone: (Recent Auction Action, and General) by Rod Perry.

Market Matters by Glen Stephens.

Australian stamp variations, by David Mallen.

Mandurah 2010 Stamp, Coin, Banknote and Postcard Fair, by Glen & Johanna Stafford.

Revenue Review, by Dave Elsmore.

Stamp Catalogues Pt.2, by Mike Lee.

Cinderella Corner, by Tony Presgrave.

A closer look at modern Australian stamps, by Chris de Haer.

**STAMP NEWS, Vol.58, No.3, March 2011.**

Editorial; Editor's Mailbag; Philatelic News; New Issues; Clubs & Societies; Dealers Directory; Calendar.

Woodchip free zone: (Highly recommended Australia Post products) by Rod Perry.

Market Matters (Australia issues Flood Relief Stamps) by Glen Stephens.

Sydney Stamp Expo 2011 – Advert.

A closer look at modern Australian stamps, by Chris de Haer.

The Modern Scene, by Sel Pfeffer.

Revenue Review, by Dave Elsmore.

Cinderella Corner, by Tony Presgrave.

Introducing the Australian Philatelic Federation Pt.11, by John Sadler.

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**REPORT OF THE LONDON MEETING ON 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

Fourteen members gathered to be entertained by our President, Alan Griffiths, with a Miscellany of Queensland.

Alan explained that some sheets had gaps in them because the items had been removed to elsewhere in the display. Queensland was the last Colony removed from New South Wales, in 1859. He opened with a few pre-stamp covers and continued with early Registered Mail items, noting in passing that he has most Queensland stamps on Registered covers. Between January and November 1860 NSW stamps were used and can be identified by cancellations. The first Queensland stamps were issued on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1860, and we saw a combination Registered cover with NSW & Queensland stamps together.

Perkins Bacon had provided a good die, but poor paper compromised the quality of the stamps. From 1862 the Colony printed their own stamps. We saw a portion of the sheet sent to Perkins Bacon requesting a watermark (which had been drawn on the back) in the paper. After a short while lithographic printing was adopted as it wore less. Alan noted that there was a scratch on the 6d plate, later polished out, but never totally removed.

We were then treated to a display of the High Value stamps. The 5/- has been found on cover and others found on Parcel Tags, but the major use was for Revenue purposes.

In 1879, smaller stamps were printed using the electrotpe process. Existing stamps were changed to get new values and we saw the PENGE and QOEENSLAND flaws. It was noted that the Colony ran out of paper and used plain paper with (water-soluble) burelé bands as a security measure!

In the second half, Alan began with his one-frame exhibit ‘Penny Wise’ showing the seven different one penny stamps paying the correct rate on cover. Some are very elusive. He followed with a selection of Postal History including an item from the wreck of the *Wairarapa* and a range of Postage Due covers. Next came the 2d with Ridgway head, including a block of six perf. 10 and a block of 9 with three different perfs.

The 1d was shown illustrating the variety of colours, perforations and separation methods, including the last stamp issued in 1911. This was followed by a frame of the Charity issue and some Boer War material, and a one-frame display of the ½d stamp.

Finally we were not allowed to escape without seeing two frames of Postal Stationery!

Patrick Reid in his vote of thanks commended Alan on showing us the breadth of his collection and the depth and attention to detail in the research behind what was on display.

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### **Report of the South West Section Meeting at Ringwood on 12th February 2011.**

Chairman Colin Mount opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and informing them that this was the tenth anniversary to the day of the starting of the South West Section. Eighteen members and guests (which included three overseas members from the Isle of Wight) were then treated to a wonderful afternoon of fun and entertainment from Cmdr. George Gibson who presented his “Aspects of Australasia”.

George is well known for his entertaining displays and he started with what could be called a mixed bag of Postal Stationery, Charity Stamps, a selection of Australian States, a Gallipoli cover and the fascinating story of the Sydney Harbour Bridge illustrated with stamps, covers and telegrams. First world war covers followed with some interesting stories behind several of the wartime stamp issues, the first half concluding with a selection of Australian Cinderellas and Airmail covers.

The second half gave us a wonderful trip around the Pacific Islands; Pitcairn and Cook Islands featured together with material from Fiji, Samoa, New Guinea, Nauru, Papua New Guinea and some wonderful stories about the Queen of Tonga and the stamps of Tonga. Tin Can mail then followed together with a look at many aspects of the New Zealand Health Stamps. To finish up George said he would display a selection of what he called “Back of the Book” material which included Railway and Insurance Stamps and also a selection of Postage Dues. After the meeting ten of the group retired to the local Fish Inn to satisfy the inner man and it was obvious from comments made that this was one of those meetings that will be remembered not only for the diverse material on show but for the most entertaining way that George kept us amused with some wonderful anecdotes.

*CVM.*

**London Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011. A report of this event will appear in the June issue.**