



President's Message

Hi to all our members and supporters both in Ballarat, throughout Victoria, Australia and Overseas – we hope you are all well! We also hope everybody is coping with the Covid restrictions and a continuing lessening of the need for these restrictions.

I have heard that many Members have been working on their collections so we hope to see some of these at club meetings in the future.

Your committee members have been offering ideas online of how we can re-commence meetings and secretary Keith Sanders will email all with these outcomes very soon. We hope to be able to meet on July 20th. The venue is not settled but Brian Wallis has kindly offered to host the meeting at his home if required. We have the option of delaying the AGM for up to 3 months lawfully and we are considering this. We are aware that some members are concerned that we may need to wait longer before getting together.

I have spoken to Marita at the Eastwood Leisure Centre and she has encouraged us to announce that the Sunday October 11th Stamps and Coins Fair will happen. This is of course subject to the Government and Council restrictions allowing it. Advertising will be online for the immediate future.

The Stamp Fair overprinted mini sheets and covers are underway. This time the ANZAC mini sheet and the cover has a lovely image of nearby Creswick home for a number of our members.

If the worst happens and we need to cancel the fair we will provide a special cancellation stamp which can be applied for our customers ONLY IF THEY WISH IT! It may become a collector's item!

The requests for Free Stamps for Kids have slowed but we have kept a record of the around 70 young people who received the stamps with the view to inviting them to the next Fair by post. Pat Tacey has created a sticky label mailing list for all our stamping friends for which we are grateful.

Neil Petrass has also been active picking up and delivering Circuit Sheets around. We are enjoying sheets from many other clubs including Bendigo, Warrnambool, Maryborough as well as Brighton and others. Thanks to our Club Members for moving the sheets on promptly.

Cheers

Peter Morey President Ballarat Philatelic Society

Coming Events

Monday, July 20	AGM (TBC subject to Vic. Gov. directives, can be delayed up to 3 months)
Monday August 16	Close of nominations for office-bearers and committee close to be advised Meeting (TBC subject to Vic. Gov. directives)
Sunday October 11	Stamp Fair (TBC subject to Vic. Gov. directives) (Details see Flyer on page 7)
October 13th, 2020	Maryborough Club Auction (Details see page 6)

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Member Profile Jack van Beveren

I attended my first Ballarat Philatelic Society meeting with Anne, John and Mathew as a family. The meetings were held at the Hopetoun Street hall. At that stage the club had a big membership, a lot of couples and ladies. One early memory was being asked not to smoke when looking at the circuit sheets. Another early memory is Miss Callaway saying to Mrs Gross, "LOOK at this 1d stamp, they are asking \$1 for it, they are mad I won't pay that!"

Our son John was going to collect US stamps and Mathew was collecting Great Britain, but their interest only lasted a couple of months. At that time my interest was collecting Australia and New Zealand stamps. The boys stopped coming and I ended up taking over their collections. Making friends with Norm, Danny, and Cliff led to a number of us going to other societies' meetings and club auctions around the area. We ended up travelling to the Brighton Philatelic Society and the Royal Philatelic Society who were running monthly stamp auctions. A car load went to each auction and as we were travelling down it was a point of discussion as to who's turn it was to buy the "Suitcase full of stamps" that month (this was the highlight for us at the Royal auctions). We came home with a case most months and at the times they cost us over \$100.

After over 40 years of collecting and going to auctions and joining other societies I have found that stamp collecting is broken into 4 groups: -

1. A Philatelist (a specialist into a set field or area)
2. A stamp dealer (buys and sells)
3. A stamp collector (collects country or area)
4. A collector (just a sickness like me)

I believe that stamp collecting is a great hobby as it lets you do what you like, there are no rules as to what you collect or how you arrange your album, you can collect one stamp from each country or the stamps that were issued in your birth year, etc. Once you start entering into stamp competitions there are set rules, this is the area where a philatelist comes to the fore.



Jack and Cliff Matthews discussing the sale of club covers and Cinderellas at the March Fair.



Jack presenting his display to members of the Brighton Philatelic Society in early March

For me it is hard to part with what I have collected. I compare it to cleaning out your shed and throwing something away only to realise later that you have a use for it and it would have made a key piece of a new project, hence I am always starting a new page or more for a display.

Over the years I made some great friends all around Australia and have also received help and advice on my collecting and I do not think I will ever get rid of my sickness.

Useful Websites

Cliff came across this website which might be of interest to the members regarding Errors in Stamps as a follow up to our last meeting.

<https://www.warwickandwarwick.com/news/guides/rare-error-stamps>

Although a commercial site there are some very interesting threads to follow that encompass many collectible areas not just stamps.

<https://www.stamp-collecting-world.com>

This site is an interesting source of information covering a range of general topics and specific countries. One interesting thread I followed related to the Cyrillic alphabet used in Eastern Europe Countries, useful for identifying stamps.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyrillic_alphabets

The same page provides links to many other alphabets.

Colombia Private Air Companies

On 14 June 1940, in the city of Barranquilla, SCADTA, under ownership by United States businessmen, merged with regional Colombian airline SACO (acronym of *Servicio Aéreo Colombiano*), forming the new *Aerovías Nacionales de Colombia S.A.* or **Avianca**. Five Colombians participated in this: Rafael María Palacio, Jacobo A. Corea, Cristobal Restrepo, and Aristides Noguera, as well as German citizens Albert Teitjen, Werner Kaemerer and Stuart Hosie, while the post of first President of Avianca was filled by Martín del Corral. Avianca claims SCADTA's history as its own.

In 1946, Avianca began flights to Quito, Lima, Panama City, Miami, New York City and Europe, using Douglas DC-4s and C-54 Skymasters. In 1951, Avianca acquired Lockheed 749 Constellations and 1049 Super Constellations. In 1961, Avianca leased two Boeing 707 aircraft, to operate its international routes and on 2 November 1961, it acquired its own Boeing 720s. In 1976, Avianca became the first Latin American airline to continuously fly a Boeing 747. Three years later, it started operations with another 747, this time a 747 Combi, mixing cargo and passenger operations.

C.Lansa (Lineas Aereas Nacionals S.A.)

This Company gained a Government permit to issue its own stamps for its own services which were originally internal but later they had services abroad, mainly to Havana, Cuba.

These were overprinted with the letter "L"

They were Lithograph printed by A. Garcia-Begen, Barranquilla.

Issued in 1950.



The use of these stamps ceased in 1952 when LANSA was merged with AVIANCA.

D.AVIANCA (Aerovias Nacionals de Colombia, S.A.)

Since the LANSA Company were issuing their own stamps it was decided the AVIANCA, the main carriers, should have stamp overprinted with an "A" as a control measure.

Issued on 12th July 1950.



Article Contributed by Cliff Matthews

Watermarks and Perforations

I have never particularly liked 'watermarks' as, more often than not, they are sometimes very, very difficult to make out no matter how you try to see them. Yes, there are some easy watermarks to see whilst others remain virtually hidden.

In contrast to this I have always enjoyed 'different perforations'. Once you have a Perforation Gauge then through careful positioning of the stamp on the Gauge you can work out the perforation. A catalogue will often give a fair indication of the perforation or range of perforations used on a stamp (or set).

One series of very interesting stamps from a perforation point of view is the double set issued on 1st August, 1896 by Japan to commemorate Japan's victory over China in the First Sino-Japanese War of 1894-5.

Two sets of two stamps (i.e. four in total) comprise this series. Each set consists of a 2 Sen Rose and a 5 Sen Ultramarine. One set shows a portrait of Prince Kitashirakawa and the other of Prince Arisugawa Tarhito, both members of the Imperial Family, who served with great distinction in the war which resulted in Korea being annexed by the Empire of Japan.

I have over 28 copies of each stamp (112 in total) and so far I have found the following perforations:

10.75 x 11.75	11.50 x 12.50	13
11.50 x 11.00	12.00 x 11.50	13.00 x 11.75
11.5	12.00 x 12.50	13.00 x 12.00
11.50 x 12.00	12.5	

- perhaps more will be found with more stamps?

The stamps have an inscription in English: Imperial Japanese Post. Both sets are quite attractive. Mint/Muh sets are worth \$50 to \$150, whilst used stamps are around \$15-\$30 for four. I much prefer the used stamps as some of the cancellations can be interesting.



Submitted by
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Hon. Secretary
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At the end of World War 1, territories of the former Ottoman Empire were placed under a League of Nations Mandate to France and Great Britain. A “mandate”, was a legal right of a nation to administer a territory captured during WW1 on behalf of the League of Nations. In 1920, the Syria/Lebanon region was placed under French mandate and divided into six sub-regions: Damascus, Aleppo, Alawites, Jubal Druze, the Sanjak of Alexandretta and Greater Lebanon.



The Alawites are in the mountainous coastal region of central Syria.

The Alawite people are known to follow a particular “secretive” sect of Shia Islam, and for centuries maintained their distinction in this small corner of the Ottoman Empire. The Alawites were primarily peasants and were often dominated by the majority Sunnis of Syria and the Empire. Initially, the Alawites were separated in the 1920 mandate, but in 1922 were combined with Damascus and Aleppo into a broader Syrian Federation.



When the Federation was solidified into the “State of Syria” on 1 Dec, 1924, the Alawites refused to be part. Instead, they chose to create their own identity by forming a separate “Alawite State”. Segregated by geography and religion, the Alawites had little participation in the unsuccessful 1925-1926 “Great Syrian revolt” against the French.

Sunni landowners living in the more urban areas of the state, began advocating joining a greater Syria state, while the more rural Alawites



supported continued separation. In a French concession to Arab nationalists, Alawite State was renamed the “Government of Latakia” on 22 Sept, 1930. As Arab nationalistic fervour continued to grow, the voice of the Sunnis was able to marginalize the Alawite protests. Eventually, on 5 Dec 1936 Latakia re-joined Syria. Full independence was granted to Syria

in 17 April 1946, as the mandate period came to a close.

Although the French never issued stamps specifically printed for Alawite State, stamps of France and Syria were overprinted in both French (Alaouites) and Arabic (العلويون) and used for postage. The large varieties of overprints make a great subject for collecting.



The first stamps for the state were issued on 1 Jan 1925, consisting of stamps from the “liberty” series and the “Pasteur” series of France overprinted, and surcharged with the currency of the region.

Shortly afterwards, in March of 1925, stamps of Syria replaced those of France as the issues overprinted for use in the Alawite State. The Syrian stamps, which featured beautiful pictorials within the region, were overprinted in various fonts and colours with the name “ALAOUTITES” in both French and Arabic.

Beginning in 1926, due to changes in postal rates and currency fluctuations, Syrian stamps were surcharged with new, higher values, and these new rates were also reflected in Alawite State.

Additionally, air post and postage due stamps were overprinted on both French and Syrian Stamps. Initially the air post stamps were only overprinted “Avion”, but was soon replaced with the well-known monoplane overprint (in black or red), which adds a distinct interesting feature for stamps of this region.

Since all Alawite stamps are overprints, there are a myriad of interesting variations, many of which are rarely seen. Inverts, double overprints, variations in colour, and more are recorded in the catalogues.



Stamps of Alawite State were replaced with stamps of the “Government of Latakia” in 1931.

Stamp club licks venue problem

09/03/2001

Stamps, Coins and Collectables Fair a chance to learn about collecting

By LEONIE BARLOW

BALLARAT'S Philatelic Society is back in action after a fire, which destroyed the Wendouree Bowling Club last year, left the group without a home.

The society of more than 40 members had been meeting once a month at the club to discuss the art of stamp collecting but the blaze put a temporary hold on that.

Ballarat Philatelic Society secretary Allan Sewell said the group had recently found a new venue at Ballarat Specialist School in Gillies St and was keen to increase its membership base.

Mr Sewell said a Stamps, Coins and Collectables Fair to be held this Monday would be an ideal opportunity for people in the region to gain an insight into stamp collecting.

"We are encouraging young people and older people to be



Stamp of approval: From left, Ballarat Philatelic Society secretary Allan Sewell, member John Schulz and vice-president Tony Reyntjes.

STAMP FAIR

part of the fair and to come along and join in the fun," he said.

"There will be a number of dealers, official traders and people coming along to buy stamps or get free valuations."

Mr Sewell said a huge stock of stamps, coins, postal history, militaria and first day covers would be available at the fair.

He said people were invited

to buy, sell or just come for a look.

"People collect stamps for different reasons and because they have a fascination with a particular subject," Mr Sewell said.

"Our stamp club is like every club, it is a social thing."

For details on the Ballarat Philatelic Society or the fair contact 53391767 (ah) or 53341598.

On The Grape Vine

The Maryborough Club Auction will take place on October 13th, 2020.

Viewing from 5.30pm. Auction starts 7pm. Refreshments offered after auction.

Venue St Augustine's Hall, Burns Street, Maryborough. Contact Grey 5460 5008.

(All this pending Covid 19 Rules and Regulations for October).

Postal or email bids accepted- details to follow in September.

Members from Ballarat are invited to **submit up to 15 Lots each.**

Please give items and details to Grey by 25th August at latest.

Final Club Auction List will go out first week in September.

!NEW VENUE! !NEW VENUE!

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**BALLARAT EUREKA
STAMPS & COIN
FAIR**

**Sunday 11th October, 2020
9.30 am - 3.30 pm**

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Next Fair: Ballarat Begonia Stamps & Coins Fair...Monday March 8th 2021

VISIT our website: Ballaratstampclub.com.au

New members most welcome!

Subject to Government Covid19 restrictions allowing

Note Subject to COVID19 restrictions being eased.

Note

New Location

20 Eastwood Street

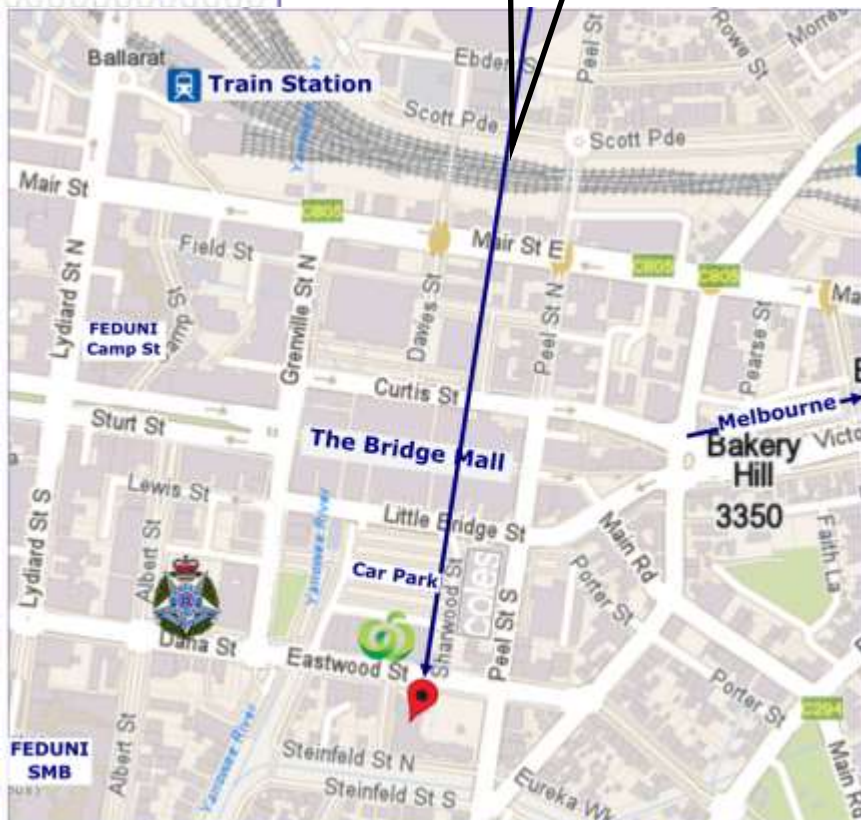
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(behind Woolworths, same location as March Fair)



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