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# NEWSLETTER

OF THE

**BALLARAT PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC.**

Established 1904

Meetings are held on the 3rd and 5th Mondays of each month (except December) at The Eastwood Street Leisure Centre, 20 Eastwood Street Ballarat, commencing at 7pm.

**Membership \$5 (for 2020/21)**      **Visitors Welcome**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers.

Cheers

Ballarat Philatelic Society Members



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**Upcoming Events**

**Meetings**      **Monday 19th January (venue and time to be confirmed)**  
**March 8, 2020**      **Begonia Stamp Fair— Eastwood Leisure Centre**

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**Ballarat  
Begonia Festival  
Stamps &  
Coins Fair**

**Monday 8th March  
2021**

**9.30am — 3.30pm**

**Eastwood Leisure Centre,  
20 Eastwood Street, Ballarat**



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**VISIT our website: [Ballaratstampclub.com.au](http://Ballaratstampclub.com.au)**

**New members most welcome!**

**IN THE EVENT THAT THE FAIR NEEDS TO BE CANCELLED**

Customers can choose to have a special cancellation cachet applied to either or both items—

It's your choice! Maybe a collectors piece.

Please advise Peter Morey if you wish to do this.

**Note that October 2020 items both sold out, so get in quick!**

# Club News

## Syllabus

January 18:	Circuit Sheets and Committee Meeting	June 21	Nominations due for Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2021/22
February 15	Eureka Displays – One sheet Letter “Q” <b>(Club Newsletter Items Due)</b> Club Member’s Special Interest Display: <i>Bass Strait Islands Mail: Keith Sanders</i>	July 19	<b>(Club Newsletter items due)</b> <b>Annual General meeting</b> <i>President’s Display</i>
March 8	(Monday – Labour Day) <b>Begonia Festival Stamps and Coins Fair</b> Eastwood Leisure Centre	August 16	Inter-club social night and auction <b>(Club Newsletter items due)</b>
March 15	Eureka Displays – Two Sheets Letter “R” Club Member’s Special Interest Display: <i>Neil Petrass</i>	August 30	Circuit Sheets and Committee meeting
March 29	Circuit Sheets and Committee Meeting	September 20	Annual Membership Due Club Member’s Special Interest Display: <i>Dutch East Indies: Peter Morey</i>
April 19	Eureka Displays – Three sheets Letter “S” <b>(Club Newsletter items due)</b>	October 10	(Sunday) <b>Eureka Stamps and Coins Fair</b> Eastwood Leisure Centre
May 17	Eureka Displays – Four sheets Letter “T” Club Member’s Special Interest Display: <i>Antarctica: John Niehoff</i>	October 18	Other Collections / Hobbies Night
May 31	Circuit Sheets and Committee Meeting	November 15	Mystery Guest Night
		November 29	Circuit Sheets and Committee Meeting
		December	End of year Function Date and Venue T.B.A.

# From My Collection

## CHRISTMAS SEALS

**Christmas seals** are labels placed on mail during the Christmas season to raise funds and awareness for charitable programs. They have become particularly associated with lung diseases such as tuberculosis, and with child welfare. Christmas seals are regarded as a form of Cinderella stamp in contrast with Christmas stamps used for postage. Christmas seal campaigns have played an important role in public health. At first, the money raised was used for the new and badly needed sanatoria. When these were established, Christmas seal funds were used for TB prevention. The seals have paid for millions of people to have chest X-rays or tuberculin tests. As a result, thousands of TB cases were discovered before disease spread to others.

There are nearly one hundred different lung associations worldwide that issue Christmas seals. Many different countries issue their own Christmas seals, as well as cities, states and territories. Green's Catalogue, the bible of US and worldwide TB Christmas seal collecting would distinguish them as national versus local Christmas seals. Many tuberculosis seal issuing societies are members of the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, which holds a Christmas seal contest for best design among their Organizational and Constituent seal issuing members at their annual World Conference on Lung Health.

### AUSTRALIAN Christmas T B Seals

The first Australian Christmas TB seal was issued in NSW ( Sydney ) in 1930 and I have seen NSW seals dated to 2005. An interesting feature of the 1930 NSW seals was that their value was printed on the reverse side.



NEW SOUTH WALES seals were issued by the following associations (see the examples are on the next page).

- 1930 to 1961 Anti TB Association of N S W
- 1962 to 1972 National association for the prevention of Tuberculosis of Australia
- 1973 to 2005 Community Health and anti Tuberculosis Association
- 1947 to 1979 Citizens TB league of New South Wales ( between 1962 – 1969 CTBL used seals from Anti TB association of N S W )



Next was South Australia in 1943 and have continued till 2019 from 1965 these issues are the Bedford industries seals issued for the last 54 years

West Australia started in 1947 and has continued till 2019, these are issued by Westcare who started in 1993



Queensland started issuing in 1951 and from 1989 the designs were issued by Bedford Industries of South Australia till 1995? ( I have not seen any after 1995 )

Victoria and Tasmania issued their first seals in 1962 and from 1986 onwards the designs were issued, like Queensland, by Bedford Industries of South Australia till 1995? ( I have not seen any after 1995 )



# From My Collection continued

## AUSTRALIA ANTI-TB SEALS

ANTI-TB ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.

In 1930 the first Christmas seal was sold "HEALTH AND HAPPINESS FOR ALL"  
 then in 1944 the next issue was  
 SAY "A HAPPY CHRISTMAS" WITH A CHRISTMAS SEAL  
 was the slogan for the NSW Christmas Seal Appeal.  
 At Endeavour House, 33 Macquarie Place, Sydney.



1930 x 1d Red



1930 x 1d Black



1930 x 3d Red



1930 x 3d Black



1930 x 3d Violet



1944 x 1



1948 x 3 Designs alternate throughout the pane



1949 x 4 designs alternate throughout the pane



1950 x 3 designs alternate throughout the pane



1951 x 3 designs alternate throughout the pane

From 1952, the Association began to issue "ALL YEAR ROUND" seals in addition to Christmas seals and these were continued until 1961.  
 In 1952 only there were "City" and "Country" seals



1952 "Country" seal



1952 x 3 designs alternate throughout the pane



1952 "City" seal

# AUSTRALIA ANTI-TB SEALS

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION Adelaide



1943 Christmas seal



1944-45 Christmas seal



1946 Christmas



1947 Christmas seal



1948 Christmas



1949 Christmas

### Name changed to Australian Tuberculosis Association ( Adelaide)



1950 Christmas



1951 Christmas seal

### Name changed to National Association of the Prevention of Tuberculosis in Australia (NAPTA) Adelaide.



1952 Christmas seal



1953 Christmas seal



1954 Christmas seal



1955 Christmas seal



1956 Christmas seal



1957 x 2 designs alternate throughout the pane



1958 x 2 designs alternate throughout the pane

# Australian Christmas Stamps

## *The History of Christmas Stamp Issues*

It is a matter of some debate as to which was the first Christmas stamp. The **Canadian** map stamp of **1898** bears an inscription "XMAS 1898", but it was actually issued to mark the inauguration of the Imperial Penny Postage rate.



In **1935**, **British Forces** troops stationed in Egypt were issued with a Christmas stamp for their mail home. For many years these were not included in the Stanley Gibbons catalogues, as they classified them as a "seal" rather than a postage stamp, but they have been properly included since the mid-1960s as they prepaid postage and so, despite the inscription "Letter stamp", are normal stamps, and should therefore be counted as the first stamp issued expressly to mark Christmas. Like the slightly earlier Silver Jubilee overprints on the "sphinx" stamp, the Christmas stamps were issued in booklet form in panes of 20.

In **1937**, **Austria** issued two "Christmas greeting stamps" featuring a rose and zodiac signs. In **1939**, **Brazil** issued four semi-postal stamps with designs featuring the three kings and a star, an angel and child, the Southern Cross and a child, and a mother and child. In **1941 Hungary** also issued a semi-postal stamp whose additional fees were to pay for "soldiers' Christmas". **Spain** first issued Christmas Fund Stamps in 1941. The first stamps to depict the Nativity were the Hungary issue of 1943. These were all one-time issues, more like commemorative stamps than regular issues.

The next Christmas stamps did not appear until **1951**, when **Cuba** issued designs with poinsettias and bells, followed by **Haiti (1954)**, **Luxembourg** then **Australia, Korea, and Liechtenstein (1957)**.



In cases such as Australia, the issuance marked the first of what became an annual tradition. Many more nations took up the practice during the 1960s, including **New Zealand (1960)** the **United States (1962)** and **United Kingdom (1966)**.

By the 1990s, approximately 160 postal administrations were issuing Christmas stamps, mostly on an annual basis. Islamic countries constitute the largest group not issuing Christmas stamps, although the Palestinian Authority has issued Christmas stamps since 1995.

It is now 63 years since Australia first issued Christmas stamps and over that period there have been some interesting, colourful and at times controversial designs, below I have selected a few to highlight.

In 1971 seven 7c stamps of the same design with different colour schemes were issued and the each quarter sheet was configured to form a green cross in the middle.



The 1977 15c stamp caused some controversy because it highlighted a surfing Santa, breaking with the religious theme of Christmas.

The 1983 and 1988 stamps were designed by children who entered a stamp design competition.



2009 saw the introduction of non secular (religious) stamps to cater for the third of Australians who identified as non Christians.



## Reader Wish Lists.

**Please send responses to [tacey55@gmail.com](mailto:tacey55@gmail.com) and they will be passed on.**

**Lions Christmas Seals— a couple of readers are seeking information about the Lions Clubs International Christmas seals issued from 1984 up to 2012. Also wanting to buy at a reasonable price seals issued in 1994, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2008.**

**Some information please**

This is a series of covers bought for fun. They are letters from an Austrian guy who lived in Melbourne before moving to Austria with his family. He got a job with the United Nations UNDOF Military Police, a peace keeping force, stationed at the Golan Heights in Israel. As they are Austrian stamps, I think the mail may have travelled by secure bag and then posted on arrival in Vienna? Has anybody seen them before, if so, can you add to my knowledge please?



## Newsletter Feedback

Members of the Warrigal Stamp Club contacted Ballarat Stamp Club President Peter to report that they really enjoy the Quizzes and have a local challenge between Members!

Feedback from other readers indicate they are both challenged by and enjoying the quiz questions, please send me some Dorothy Dixers (and answers) for inclusion on future newsletters.



## Philatelic Quiz

1. **Canada was the first country to issue a Christmas stamp.**

2. Put these countries in the chronological order that they issued their first Christmas stamp.

United Kingdom    Australia    USA    Spain

3. **Which of these countries have not issued a Christmas stamp?**

Kazakhstan                  Romania  
Egypt                          Nagorno- Karabakh

4. Australia's first Christmas Stamp was issued in what year?

5. **In 2009 Australian Christmas stamps underwent a major shift in the basis of their design principals. What was it?**

6. In what year were these Christmas stamps designed by children issued?



7. **Which country listed in question one conducted a children's competition to design their first Christmas stamp? (Part image below)**



8. Lines from which Christmas Carols was formed part of the design of the 1981 Australian Christmas Stamps

18c                          30c                          60c

9. **In 1977 the United Kingdom Christmas stamps featured which Christmas Carol?**

10. The 1977 15c Christmas stamp designed by Roger Roberts caused some controversy because

11. **How much does it cost to send a standard Christmas card overseas in 2020?**

12. Of the Wikipedia list countries of the world approximately how many have issued at least 1 Christmas stamp

50                  100                  150                  200

**For questions 13 to 21 Match the Christmas Stamp to the Country (clue — first letter given)**

13. S



14. G



15. A



16. A



17. F



18. N



19. L



20. N



21. U

