



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

Welcome to our Christmas 2021 Edition of Ballarat Philatelic Society's Newsletter.

Seasons Greetings to all our members and Friends all over the World! Stay safe and well!

We were delighted to be able to meet Monday the 15th of November at last. Please support as many businesses as you can especially locally, especially now that most restrictions have been lifted. We welcomed guests John Richardson and his wife from the Latrobe Valley.



We were well entertained with a lively meeting and Circuit Sheets and a very special Presentation by Life Member Keith Sanders who reflected on his extensive collecting interests over many years.

Our Christmas Party BBQ will be once again at Jack and Anne Van Beveren's place on Sunday December 19th, 2021, at 12.30 onwards. Please let Jack or Jan know asap if attending.

New Member Michael Stubbs has invited us to have a normal meeting at the Canberra Hotel on Monday 21st February at 7pm. The Hotel has been beautifully restored. More soon!

We will be meeting on January 17th, 2022, as usual at the Eastwood Leisure Centre. Secretary Jan will remind everybody.

We discussed the Begonia Festival Stamps and Coins Fair which will be held on Monday 14th March at the Eastwood Leisure Centre. The Club has decided to continue producing the very popular overprinted miniature sheets and Ballarat Historical covers. This time hopefully without the Covid 19 Cancellation hand stamp! The mini sheets will be "Ginger Meggs" and the Historical cover with an image of an Electric tram at the end of Sturt St Ballarat.

We will need all hands-on deck to make the Fair a success! Please help.

Jack Van Beveren suggested we send a report of the Clubs excellent promotional efforts over many years to the APF. The executive along with Jack will prepare this document. We also discussed the Archival Products available from the APF.

Excellent Prizes and Certificates of participation for the winners of both the Popular Vote and Competition entries for the Fair will be provided by the Club.

Please send your birth dates to Sarah Waugh our Hospitalier. If you are aware of any Member doing it tough, please advise Sarah, Jan or myself.

Jan has received more applications for the "Free Stamps for Kids" and we do propose to invite all of the recipients (now more than 200) to the Fair in March. Each will receive in advance a package of goodies and a voucher for more if they attend the Fair. It is coming up to two years since we started sending out the Free Stamps. Thanks again to the Ballarat Times for continuing the free ads.

Peter Morey President Ballarat Philatelic Society

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Ballarat Begonia Festival Stamps & Coins Fair

Monday 14th March 2022

9.30am - 3.30pm

Eastwood Leisure Centre,
20 Eastwood Street,
Ballarat

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***Note the 2021 items sold out,
so get in quickly to secure your order.***

For more information about the fair or to book a table contact

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Visit our website—ballaratstampclub.com.au

**Next Ballarat Eureka Stamps and Coins Fair
Sunday October 9th, 2022**

Note all attendees over 12 MUST show evidence of Double Vaccination

Upcoming Events

December 19th End of year BBQ **12.30 onwards** at Jack and Anne van Beveren's home

2021

January 17th Meeting at the Eastwood Leisure Centre

February 21st Meeting at the Canberra Hotel on Monday at 7pm

March 14th Begonia Stamp Fair

Member Profile—Sarah Waugh



Sarah is married to Lachlan and has two children- Connor, 18 and Danika, 13. She works full time selling pools and spas, with most of my time spent obtaining the building permits.

Her grandparents introduced her to stamps as a child and she has been collecting for about 30 years, although there was a break in the middle for a few years. Her current goal is to collect at least one stamp from every country in the world existing or dead. She says that she is still a long way off and would appreciate leads as to where she can source some of the more elusive countries' issues.

If you can help email this address this newsletter came from and the information will be passed onto Sarah.

Some Websites to explore

<https://philaquelymoi.blogspot.com>

Philaquely Moi (pronounced fi-lake-ly mu-ah) is basically a play of the words "Phila"te"ly" + Uni"que" with Moi (French for Mine) which merely indicates - 'My Unique Philately Collection'. This site is about a collection of Unusual / Unique stamps. Philately is the study and collection of postal stamps and of postal stationeries. It comes from two Greek words, philos (meaning loving) and atelos (meaning free of tax, or paid). Stamp collecting is one of the most popular collecting hobbies in the world and has been called as "the hobby of kings and the king of hobbies."

www.gbcovercollector.co.uk

GB Illustrated Special Event Covers & Postmarks

Having for some years been a collector of Great Britain Illustrated Event Covers with or without a Special Event Handstamp Postmark applied and also plain covers with a Special Event Handstamp applied I often wondered how many illustrated Covers had been produced for a specific handstamp and conversely did every postmark have an illustrated cover? On searching for answers to the above I established that unlike First Day Covers there were no sites that could provide the answers.

I have therefore created GB Cover Collector website which is reached at www.gbcovercollector.co.uk to be a reference site for GB Illustrated Event Covers and Plain Event covers. The site will also cover GB General and Local Publicity Slogans on full covers/envelopes. Currently I have uploaded just over 700 Illustrated Event images and I am currently scanning and uploading plain event covers with their postmarks.

British Mt Everest Expedition 1924

India

The 1924 British Expedition to Everest was a massive project, initially organised under the leadership of General C. G. Bruce who had to drop out due to poor health, turning the expedition over to Lt. Colonel E.F. Norton

It was Captain John B.L. Noel, who was also on the 1922 Everest Expedition, who thought up the idea of using a special adhesive advertising label or "stamp" to commemorate the 1924 Expedition, to be stuck onto official mail that was dispatched from the expedition site in Tibet.

The Artist who designed this stamp probably worked under the guidance of Noel.

The exact purposes of this Everest stamp are not entirely known today.

It was possibly made to raise revenue, and to spread publicity about the expedition or to "mark the missives" from this 1924 British Expedition to Mount Everest.



Used on mail Note :- Cancel



Reprint pair

Notice the each of the Everest stamps has a swastika in the corners of its design.

The swastika is a Buddhist symbol of good luck, and in 1924 was nine years before Hitler came to power in Germany and forever gave the swastika symbol an evil connotation.

Such was not the case in 1924 when this Mt. Everest stamp was designed.

Inscribed in the left, top and right frame margins of this stamp are the words SIKKIM, TIBET and NEPAL respectively, the three regions which the 1924 Expedition crossed.

This stamp comes in various shades of Blue.

This stamp or as it generally known as an "advertising label" in philately terminology, meaning that it was produced privately (not a government) for limited use on mail which then had to be placed into a real postal system somewhere.



American Air Route -FAM -6
was awarded to **Pan American Airways**.

Pan Am inaugurated FAM-6 on January 9, 1929 using land aircraft including the Fokker F-10, Ford Trimotor and the Fokker F-7 between Miami FL, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti and Puerto Rico. Various Pan Am pilots including Edwin C Musick, CD Swinson, Basil L Rowe and RH Fatt piloted these inter-island Caribbean flights. FAM-6 would eventually extend onward via the Caribbean Islands to northern South America and down the eastern coast of South America to Brazil and Argentina. FAM -6 when combined with FAM-5 would come to be known as the "Lindbergh Circle" with flights circumnavigating the Caribbean Sea.



Fokker F-10



from the left, Glenn Curtiss, Betty Trippe, Anne Lindbergh, Charles Lindbergh, Captain Edwin Musick, and Juan Trippe.

Lindbergh had completed his FAM-5 round trip survey flight between Miami and Cristobal Canal Zone on February 13, 1929 flying Pan Am's Sikorsky S-38A amphibian.

On September 20, 1929 Lindbergh would pilot a Pan Am Fokker F10A from Miami to San Juan Puerto Rico and switch to a Pan Am Sikorsky S-38A continuing his FAM-6 flight via the Caribbean Islands to Paramaribo Dutch Guiana (northeast coast of South America). Lindbergh was accompanied on this flight by his wife, Anne and the CEO of Pan Am, Juan Trippe and his wife, Betty.



The Kingdom of Elleore



Some Interesting facts about Elleore

- They proclaimed the island's tongue-in-cheek "independence" as a Kingdom as a gentle parody of the government structure and royal traditions of Denmark.
- It has been claimed that the kingdom's ancestry has been traced to a "monastic society of Irish monks who arrived in the middle of the 10th century".
- Prior to 1944, the island was known mainly as the location at which the controversial film [Lovejagten](#) was shot in 1907.
- The kingdom has peculiar traditions including
 - a ban on the novel Robinson Crusoe ,
 - the use of "Elleore Standard Time", which is 12 minutes behind Danish time.
 - many of the place names on the island, the kingdom's "government" and the titles assumed by its "nobility" being parodies of Danish equivalents.
- The island has been estimated to be approximately 15,000 square metres (3.7 acres) in size and as such is the world's smallest kingdom.
- The purported capital is the tented town of Maglelille, erected only during the week of habitation.
- Elleore has had six monarchs since its inception with Leo III (2003–present) the incumbent.
- Elleore is unoccupied save for a week-long annual gathering attended by dozens of its "citizens" and known as the "Elleuge" (meaning "Elle week").



Post Office Barrel, Floreana, Galapagos Islands



In 1793, British whaling captain James Colnett erected a wooden barrel for a mail service at what was to become known as Post Office Bay on Floreana Island. Many whalers were away from their home ports for up to two years and outbound ships dropped letters for collection into the barrel after rounding Cape Horn. Ships returning to European ports would take letters to forward to home ports.

There are stories from the earliest times of mail remaining in the barrel for years. For over two centuries, the graffiti-covered barrel has continued the service and visitors drop-off and pick-up letters which are often stampless.

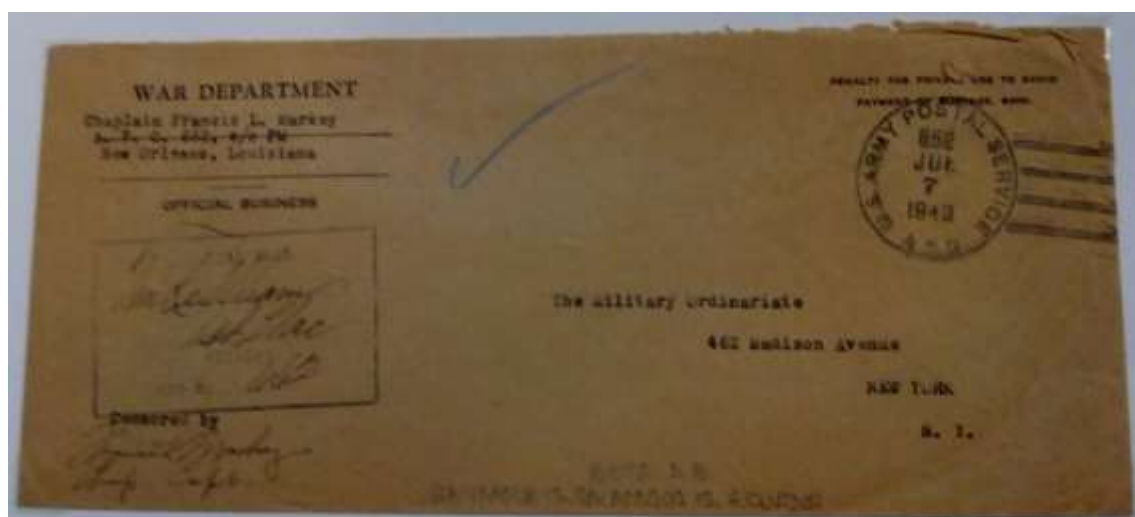
19 1975, Margaret Wittmer, the Post Mistress who had lived on Floreana since 1932, reported that year, 350 postal items had been placed in the barrel and that her monthly salary was \$US50

Adhesives	S/0.20, S/0.50, S/1.00, S/1.80, S/4.20 1957 Definitives
Cancellations	First Day of issue rubber cancellers — ILAS GALAPAGOS JULIO 15 1957 (2 types)
Cachets	Rectangular POST OFFICE GALAPAGOS Square—ILAS SAN CRISOBEL (The major settlement in the islands)
Back Cachet	Double Circle with winged anchor AMADA DEL ECUADOR B.I.E 'EL ORO' COMMANDEANTE' (The El Oro was an Ecuadorian Navy cruiser which visited the islands during the 1940s and 1950s.



The cover (below)	USA War Department—Official Business
Cancellation	US ARMY POSTAL SERVICE 662 July 7 1943
Cachet	Regular Official Mail Authorisation with manuscript 662
Censored	Francis L. Markey, Chap Capt.

The US Army base operated at Seymour Island Galapagos for the duration of World War 2



Some Interesting Philatelic Trivia

United States 19th Century: Most attractive stamps



U.S. 1898 Scott 292 \$1 black
"Western Cattle in Storm"

Some consider this to be the most beautiful stamp of the classical stamp era. How about ever in the world? In 1934, the "Western Cattle in Storm" stamp was voted a close second by readers of "Stamps" magazine, just edged out by the Canadian "Bluenose".



1897 "The Vanguard" by James McWhirter
Western Highlands of Scotland

It turns out the original painting by James McWhirter depicts not the American West at all, but the Western Highlands of Scotland!

UN stamps mark World Toilet Day

The United Nations Postal Administration have issued a set of three stamps to mark World Toilet Day, an initiative that aims to shed light on the billions of people who live without access to safely managed sanitation. It might sound like a comical subject to have its own day, but World Toilet Day actually has a very serious message.



The special day is observed annually on the 19 November and aims to raise awareness on the plight of the 3.6 billion people living without access to safely managed sanitation, according to the United Nations, the lack of such facilities 'undermines public health, human dignity, personal safety, and economic development.' It is a day to inform, engage and inspire people to take action so we can tackle the global sanitation crisis and achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6: clean water and sanitation for all by 2030.

Each stamp depicts one of the most important ways toilets, water and hygiene add value to our lives.

- US\$ 0.58** Safely managed toilets and water services dispose of our waste, helping prevent food crops from being contaminated and ensuring sustainable use of water in agriculture.
- CHF 1,00** Good hygiene practices are possible only with reliable and affordable water and sanitation services, which help to protect people from preventable diseases such as COVID-19 and cholera.
- € 1,00** Toilets at home, school and workplaces particularly benefit women and girls, helping them play their full role in society, especially during menstruation and pregnancy.

The effects of climate change, such as floods, droughts and rising sea levels are threatening sanitation systems – from toilets to septic tanks to treatment plants. Floodwater can damage toilets and contaminate drinking water, which spreads human waste into our communities and food crops, causing deadly and chronic diseases. These incidents, which are becoming more frequent as climate change worsens, cause public health emergencies, and degrade the environment.

Travel Restrictions have been eased, need a reason to travel, London 2022 Show Seeks Volunteers

London 2022, the international stamp exhibition taking place on 19 to 26 February at the Business Design Centre in Islington in London (nearest Underground Station: Angel) will soon be with us. It is being eagerly anticipated by collectors across the world.

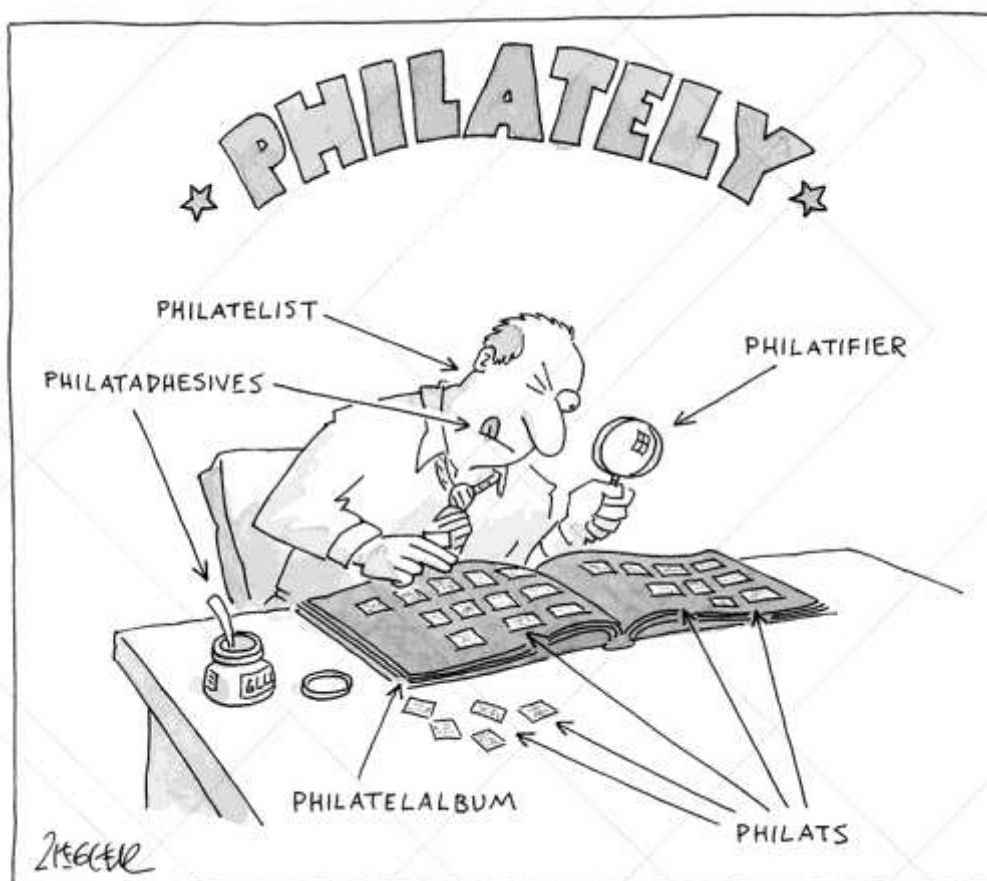
To ensure it is a successful, volunteers are needed – about 150. There are many ways in which help will be required. Particularly needed at the beginning and the end, and on Tuesday, 22 February. Those who would like to help are invited to visit london2022.co and click 'Information' and then 'Volunteers' [or [direct link](#) here] to find more details of the help required and to register your interest.

My Stamp Vormsi



My Stamp is a postage stamp that you can design yourself and that everyone has the possibility to order from the website pood.omniva.ee/minudisain. In the design of 15,000 postage stamps the motive of the Estonian fourth largest island Vormsi has been used, and the rest of the printing will be personalised according to orders. There are as many possibilities for designing My Stamp as there are ideas. A private client can share the joy with a photo of a child's birth, wedding, birthday, Christmas, holiday experiences etc. For a business client, My Stamp is a good opportunity to increase the awareness of the brand and is a stylish supplement in letters, invitations or gifts.

Imagine trying to collect all issues!!!



Christmas Stamps

As this is the Christmas edition of our newsletter I thought I would seek out Christmas issues from around the world but information was scarce. Included are a few samples and something for the Cinderella collectors to seek out.



The concept of Forever stamps issued in the USA appeals to me, however the question arises about whether you are saving money for future use or losing money on investments?



Christmas Fantasy Stamps: The 12 Days of Christmas

Mark Joseph Jochim loves Christmas! Even living in a predominately Buddhist and Muslim country for the past 16 years, where he enjoys the entire holiday season starting with U.S. Thanksgiving in late November on through the traditional New Year's all the way until Epiphany which falls on the 6th of January.

A large part of his annual celebration is seeking out as many Christmas stamps as possible. The checklist he made for the "holiday" stamps issued in 2020 included 89 entries with mostly Christmas stamps but a few seals and other items mixed in along with links to each of the articles.

The set of fantasy stamps (below) was created by Filipino graphic artist Allen Jaymie Sembillo to mark the Twelve Days of Christmas.



https://www.philatelicipursuits.com/author/philatelicipursuits_zhimja/

December Stamp Quiz

Answers will be sent out in a week

Sources <https://qz.app.do/polls/stampboards-weekend-stamp-trivia-quiz> and articles in this Newsletter

1. Hong Kong issued its first postage stamp inscribed with HONG KONG?

1852 1862 1872

2. In the US it was once possible to send children in the mail via Parcel Post?

False True

3. The first stamps issued for the Falkland Islands Dependencies depicted which English monarch?

KGV KGVII QEII



4. Greenland recently issued a souvenir sheet commemorating a 1945 Greenland stamp issue printed in:

Denmark Germany USA Great Britain

5. The first Forever stamp issued in the USA featured:

The Statue of Liberty The US flag

The Liberty Bell Elvis Presley



6. New Zealand was the first country in the world to put advertising on the back of stamps. A number of stamps had advertising messages printed on the back (gummed side) from 1882.

Why was the practice stopped in the mid 1890s?

- People complained that licking the ink was unhealthy
- People got confused about which side to lick
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- People complained about conflict of interest having ads on government issued stamps

7. These stamps all feature the allegorical symbol of republican France. This allegorical woman is known as:

Marianne Victoire Jeanne Capucine

8. Helecon is:

- An embossed stamp paper
- A Greek island
- A type of machine postmark
- A chemical additive used in ink and paper

9. Who or what was commemorated by the issue of an Australian commemorative postage stamp in the 1960s, despite written opposition from the Postmaster General to the PM who stated its release "would be outside stamp policy, since only "occasions of outstanding national importance" qualified for a new stamp.

- 1960 5d "Centenary of the Melbourne Cup" Horse Race stamp
- 1961 1/- Columbo Plan stamp
- 1962 5d World Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World in Melbourne stamp
- 1969 5d International Telecommunications Union stamp

10. In 1946, seven different values of Australian stamps were overprinted for use by Australian members of the post-war occupation of Japan. What was the text of the overprint?

Occupied Japan B.O.C.F.

B.C.O.F. B.C.O.F. JAPAN 1946.

11. In 1916, British author T.E. Lawrence designed some stamps for Hejaz (now part of Saudi Arabia). What did T.E. Lawrence claim was very unusual about the gum on these Hejaz stamps?

- One of the main constituents was powdered camel hooves
- The gum on the stamps was strawberry and pineapple flavoured
- The King had his 'Royal Taster' lightly lick all stamps on Royal Mail due to fears of attempted regicide
- T. E. Lawrence imported all of the sturgeon fish gum constituents from Russia
- There was no gum due to the very high humidity in the Middle East

December Stamp Quiz continued

12. What three countries in the British Commonwealth have stamp series referred to as the "Admirals"?

- Canada, New Zealand and Rhodesia
- India, Canada and New Zealand
- New Zealand, (N.Z overprints) and Rhodesia
- Canada, New Zealand and United Kingdom
- South Africa, New Zealand and Canada

13. In what year was the first portrait of a living Australian aboriginal person used on an Australian postage stamp?

1930 1940 1950 1960 1970

14. A striking postage stamp issue was made in September 2007, depicting both a lighthouse AND a volcano erupting. Which country issued this?

Indonesia Argentina Costa Rica
Portugal/Azores Iceland Easter Island

15. There is an operational post office in Antarctica ?

True False

17. Three Swiss cantons issued their own postage stamps in the 1840s. Which of the following cantons did not issue stamps?

Basel Luzern
Geneva Zurich

Have you read this newsletter??

18. On what date was the United Nations World Toilet Day celebrated

19. What is the time difference between Danish time and Elleore time?

20. What is the name of the major settlement in the Galapagos Islands?



16. In 2015, the U.S. Postal Service issued the Penguins additional ounce rate stamp which featured Aptenodytes forsteri, otherwise known as:

Chinstrap penguin King penguin
Emperor penguin Adélie penguin



Answers will be sent out in about a week.

Got an interesting philatelic trivia question, send it to me please with the answer as my source of questions is diminishing.

Newsletter Items

Please forward anything of philatelic interest to tacey55@gmail.com for inclusion in future newsletters. Stories preferred in a word processing format rather than PDF, pictures in jpeg or png format, although I can work around these restrictions if necessary. Club newsletters are vital in these restricted times to keep members connected, please contribute, the next Newsletter early February, items will be accepted between now and then. Send to Pat at tacey55@gmail.com