



President's Message

Welcome Stamping Friends!

Our recent Begonia Festival Stamps and Coins Fair was a great success and we thank all the people who supported the event and especially our hard working Club Members who set up on Sunday and packed up afterwards and undertook other tasks throughout the fair. Our overprinted mini sheets and number 19 of our 100 year old images of Ballarat covers sold well. Our new, but very popular, Cinderellas also sold well - Thanks Jack Van Beveren. We have run two Fairs per year for many years and believe we are one of very few Clubs in Australia doing so at this time! People come from all over Victoria and we appreciate their support!

Our first Newsletter (thanks to Pat Tacey and his group) was very well received and a lot of new email addresses were given to us at the Fair by people who want to be on the mailing list. Thanks also to the Club Members who contributed - please keep it up.

Recently Jack Van Beveren, Neil Petrass and myself had a very pleasant evening with our friends at the Bendigo Stamp Club and picked up a few treasures at their monthly Auction.

Sadly the albums closed for one of our popular members Robert Wilkins, who passed away recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Our club needs NEW MEMBERS - so if anybody receives this Newsletter and is interested in joining or knows somebody who might be interested in joining please ring me on 0435 601 673 or Secretary Keith Sanders on 0428 370 208.

Cheers and Happy Collecting
Peter Morey President

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Coming Events

June 17th	Philatelic Knowledge Quiz
	Nominations due for 2019-20 Office Bearers and committee members
June 22 -23	Mildura Philatelic Society Stamp Fair
July 15th	Annual General Meeting
	President's Display
July 29th	Committee Meeting and Circuit Sheets Night
August 19th	Annual Inter-club social night and Auction
September 30th	Committee Meeting and Circuit Sheets
October 13th	Eureka Stamp and Coins Fair

National Airmail Week 1938

May 15th to 21st



We take for granted the stunning scientific achievements of the last century --- like our mastery of the air. With walks on the moon a distant memory and a new space station a building, the only time air travel is mentioned is when we complain about how late our flight was. Today, we even take for granted that most of our ordinary first class mail will travel by air!

But in 1938, the story was much different. With the world mired in the Great Depression, air transport companies were struggling, but developing. Air travel was still a novelty to many; after all, the Wright Brothers had taken their first flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina just 35 years before.

In an effort to help the airline companies and at the same time promote air mail service, a nation-wide public relations campaign was launched. Dubbed the National Air Mail Week (NAMW), activities were planned to honour twenty years of air mail service in the United States. Held May 15 thru 21, 1938, the goal of the organizers was to get each citizen to mail and/or receive an air mail letter during the week-long celebration.

Festivities were kicked off with the issuance of a new 6 cent Eagle multi-colour air mail stamp (Scott #C23, shown above) on Saturday, May 14th. For the next seven days, thousands of communities across the 48 States and most U.S. Territories became involved with their own local activities.

Along with all the varied local events, from the largest cities to the smallest crossroads, an estimated 10,000 individual cachets were prepared, giving each of the localities a chance to brag about the beauty, history and/or progressivism of their home towns.

While these cachets were available for use the entire week, most of these covers were mailed on Thursday, May 19th to be carried on special one-day-only NAMW

flights, linking all the thousands of participating sites.

Many local airports were dedicated during National Air Mail Week, but if the sites had no air facilities, organizers were very creative in accommodating these special flights. Fields were cleared and back roads were closed, creating temporary runways to allow these planes to land and take-off, carrying their precious NAMW cargoes.

Miraculously, weather delayed only a few flights, and only one of the special flights crashed. No one was hurt, and the covers were safely delivered by motor car!!

A few years ago, NAMW covers could easily be found in dealers' "junque" boxes. As more and more collectors discovered these little examples of local pride, these covers became harder to find, but with new varieties discovered regularly, the hunt for these covers can be fun and rewarding!

On Thursday, May 19th over 1,700 special one-day-only flights occurred carrying these specially prepared air mail covers linking location to location. Forty-three special flights were made by women pilots. One special flight was made by the first black pilot to carry airmail. Grover C Nash flew a special one-day flight from Chicago via Mattoon IL to Charleston IL. Many local airports were dedicated during the week. Some special flights were delayed due to weather and only one of the special flights crashed.

Over 16.2 million letters/covers and 9 thousand parcels were transported by air that week.



Cliff Matthews

Member Profile Keith Sanders

Keith is a retired graphic artist and printing business operator and has been married to Marg. for nearly 50 years. They have three children and five grandchildren.



Keith's first interest in philately was at the age of ten at the Warrnambool State School's weekly club meetings. Keith joined the Ballarat Philatelic Society 37 years ago, and during that time has served as President for seven years, Vice-President for a couple of years, committee member for about 30 years, and currently is the club's Secretary.

Keith's philatelic interests have been mainly in "Dead Countries" such as Newfoundland, Rhodesia, British Guiana and Colonies of the South Pacific such as German New Guinea. African Colonial Mail and Australian Islands are other passions. He enjoys researching and presenting talks and one frame displays on various topics.

He is also an avid reader, enjoys gardening, photography and watercolor and pen drawing.

Australian Stamp Reprints

Hi, I love collecting Australian stamps. They are both beautiful to look at, and very informative. Sometimes I come across a variation of my usual stamps, and I'd like to share with you information about reprint selvedge stamps.

From 1989, Australia Post began identifying reprints with symbols in both side selvedges adjacent to alternate rows of stamps. The symbols were: one koala for the first reprint up to four koalas for the fourth reprint. The fifth reprint was marked by a kangaroo and the sixth by one kangaroo and one koala etc. From 1993, the symbols appeared against all rows in both selvedges. Self-adhesive rolls of stamps had the symbols applied on the back of the backing paper, and booklets were marked in various places.



The highest reprint I have is 2 kangaroos and one koala, indicating the stamp is in its 11th reprint. I wonder if you have reprints in your collections?



I'd love to hear from you and share this interesting side collection of Australian stamps. I also enjoy visiting different Post Offices in search of a reprint stamp to my collection

The Stamp Bulletin (put out bimonthly by Australia Post), now lists the recently released reprints. The reprints listed in the May-June 2019 edition are shown here.

Trish Simmons

Reprints	
International	
12 Apostles, Vic \$5 6982067	
Devils Marbles, NT \$10 6983067	
Farming	
Apples \$5 6984067	
Island Jewels	
Rottneet Is, WA 30c 6981067	

From the Archives

During the 1930's two prominent Ballarat citizens, Mr. A. A. Bromley and Mr. James F Kittson were noted as keen philatelists. Mr. Bromley is recorded as entering in the 1932 Australian Philatelic Exhibition in Sydney a winning exhibit of Australian Commonwealth in blocks of four, 1st and 2nd watermarks up to 1/- value; 3rd watermark up to 5/- value and also a complete issue of all watermarks in singles. Mr. Kittson entered the 1934 Victorian Centenary Exhibition with an entry described *"as highly specialized, housed in 11 "Crown" and "Acme" albums. Very strong in all items of technical importance, such as controls and imprints....., retouches, re-entries, substituted clichés, flaws, plate numbers etc. Great attention has been paid to the arrangement and the condition of the collection."* Mr. Kittson's interest in philately continued into the 1960's when he revisited the Ballarat Philatelic Society to show members some of the "rare items" he had entered in exhibitions.

Reference 100 plus 10 A History of the Ballarat Philatelic Society 1902 to 2014" Pages 16-17

March Stamp Fair Report



Dealer Bob Tyne's Stand



Life Members Jack van Beveren and Cliff Matthews selling club covers and Cinderellas.

Our stamp fair, held over the long weekend in March, was again a successful event. Each fair is approached with some anticipation as to how many we can entice to attend. Stamp and coin collecting is going through a phase of change; online buying and selling has slowed numbers attending fairs and auctions and less people are joining philatelic societies. We had over 280 through the door which was excellent and the dealers present reported good sales. We all need to work together to keep our future fairs at a high standard. Keep stamping hard everyone and we look forward to seeing you and your friends at our next fair on Sunday, October 13th where you can purchase an ANZAC Mini sheet, the latest in our series of over printed mini-sheets and Series 19 of our commemorative covers. pre-orders can be made by contacting Peter Morey (petermorey05@gmail.com).

Useful Web Pages

<http://ellott-postalhistorian.com/>

Keith found this very informative site for his specialist areas. The site featuring the work of Gerald J Elliot (Postal Historian) is for those interested in new information and exchanging ideas on making postal history come alive.

On the Grape Vine

Did you know that Mr Ray Kelly, Mr John van de Hoek, Andrew & Richard Juzwin also Glen Stevens and Stewart Wright well know stamp dealers all started their association with stamps at the Ballarat Philatelic society.

Jack



Edition 3 will be issued in early September. For this edition we need a Topic of the Month (1 page with a selection scanned images), a second topic 1/2 page with scanned images. A member profile has been arranged. Page 4 items such as interesting historical information about the club, useful webpages, members interests, wish lists or generally any other information or advice you would like to share. Everyone is welcome to submit items but it would be good if we can share your contributions around. Contributions should be emailed to Pat by the end of August.