



Bendigo

The Golden City Philatelist

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Now in our 89th year

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Diary of Future Events

April 7 **MEETING CANCELLED**

April 8 **MEETING CANCELLED.**

May 5 Hand In Lois Whatley Treasure Hunt Entries.

May 6 Daytime Meeting. (Committee)

June 2 Blood Donors.

June 3 Daytime Meeting.

Please Note: The daytime meeting is on the Wednesday after the main meeting. This is not always the first Wednesday of the month

President's Message April 2020

Hello One and All,

The world is in a state not seen in recent history. As you are aware we have a world wide virus that can be fatal especially to the frail, sick and elderly.

We are receiving regularly messages of the danger from our Government about events, meetings, sport etc. With this in mind your Committee have universally decided to cancel our two meetings in April.

We will keep you informed on future arrangements.

We were to have a presentation and display of Kangaroo Stamps by our member Richard Guy. We do hope to have Richard display this at a later date.

Several members visited Warragul Stamp Club Auction recently and came away "Happy little Vegemites."

I am sorry for the news above but we live in dangerous times at the moment.

Thank you for your understanding and we hope to all be together again soon.

Keep on Licking and Sticking...Libby.



The general monthly meetings of the BPS are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm at

Old Long Gully School (now CVGT)

Cnr Stanfield and Jackson Streets, Long Gully

Extra Daytime Meeting at Golden Square on the Wednesday after the main Tuesday meeting.

Auctions will be held at all Tuesday meetings.

10 items per member are allowed for auctions

Christmas bonanza auction in **December**.

Exchange sheets will be circulated at all meetings.

More sheets are always needed so please "lick and stick" a few.

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OMG!!! The Virus!!!

It takes a lot to stop our club from meeting but unfortunately, this time we don't really have a choice. I can't remember any sickness with the power to kill people that was infectious before people were aware that they had it. In the four to fourteen days that they say it takes to incubate, any one of us can have contacted hundreds of people and each of them could have done the same.

So I fully understand the measures that are being taken to combat this. To a point, I even understand the panic buying which would enable someone to stay at home until it seems safe. What I don't understand is the fixation on buying up all the toilet paper, but then I'm from the generation that cut the old telephone directory into squares and hung them up by a nail. That's not to say I would like to go back to that, of course. There are some ways that progress has made life easier.

It is the sheer quantity that people bought in the early days of the panic that astounds me. I watched one woman struggling to her car, carrying three packs of twenty four rolls. Didn't she realise that it is the other end of the body that the virus attacks? Musing on this on the way home, I wrote a song. So, on the premise that we need to find humour in everything, here it is plus a few images that are floating round the internet from people who agree.

OMG!!!

OMG!!! They've found another virus!

OMG!!! We're all going to die!

OMG!!! Quick! Get down to the market!

Pick up all the toilet paper you can buy!!!

OMG!!! The stock markets are crashing!

All those well-dressed gamblers shouting, "Sell! Sell! Sell!"

OMG!!! What's causing all the panic?

That tiny little virus makes them run likewell?

OMG!!! We can't go to the footy!

OMG!!! Or kiss our kids goodnight!

OMG!!! The media's ecstatic!

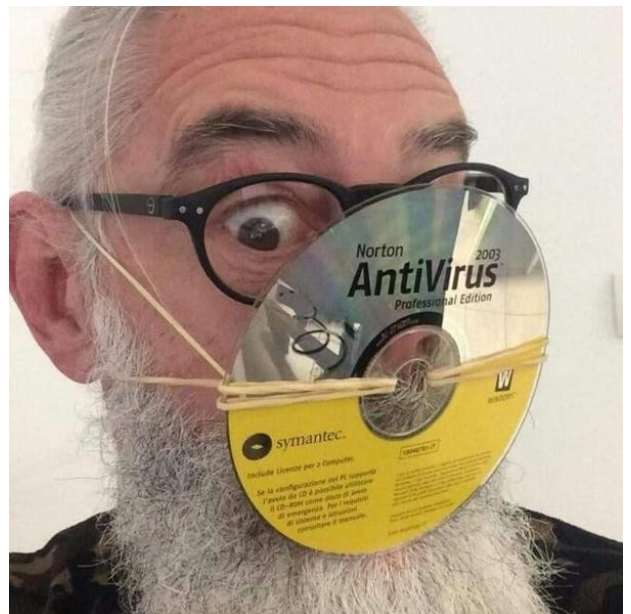
Bad news makes a fortune if it's handled right.

OMG!!! It's really very serious!

Though there's more chance of dying when I'm going for a drive!

OMG!!! I don't need to panic!

I've got fifty rolls of toilet paper. I'll survive!



Perhaps it is time to remember the "Keep Calm and Carry On" poster that the British government produced during world war two. Pretty good advice for these times, I reckon.

Important Auction Reminder

Members are reminded that details of all items for the club auctions must be finalised with the treasurer by the 25th of the preceding month. Items will not be accepted after that date.

News from Paul Brownlie

How does Aust Post expect us to collect Australia & Territories stamps at this issue rate, over 40 a month, the Bulletin doesn't tell lies. There are no duplicates in this list either. sa = self adhesive (not all listed here either). I think its time to stop.

Yours in philately,

Paul

2020 Stamp Issues - Australia & Territories							
Issue Date	Locale	Issue Title	Pack No:	Booklet Nos:	Info		No of Stamps
2nd January		Joyful Occasions	P773	SB683-SB692			10
8th January		My Stamps	P774		sa	Folder	9
8th January	C.I.	Year of the Rat				Gummed	18
14th January	N.I.	Botanical Art					2
21st January		Tree Dwellers of the Tropics	P775				3
4th February		Word of Sport	P776				4
11th February		Transcontinental Railway 50th		SB694	Folder		1
18th February		Disaster Relief		SB695	sa	No FDC	5
18th February		Medical Innovations	P777	SB696 & SB697	Int'l \$3.20		4
18th February		Womens T20 World Cup			SSS	No FDC	Tab
18th February		Bugs Bunny			sa	Folder	12
3rd March		Sydney-San Francisco Mail Steam			Folder		1
3rd March		Neighbours			sa	Folder	12
9th March		AFL			sa	19 Folders	19
9th March		NRL			sa	19 Folders	19
24th March		Sports Stadiums	P778	SB698-SB701			4
24th March		Cinderella			sa	Folder	12
30th March		Australian Legends	P779	SB701-SB704			4
31st March	AAT	Wyatt Earp Expedition 1948	PA58				3
7th April		Queen's Birthday	P780	SB705	Int'l \$3.20		2
14th April		Anzac Day	P781		sa Roll	Gutter	4
21st April		Bird Emblems	P782	SB706-SB711		Gutter	6
28th April		Disney Princess			sa	Folder	12
						Total	167

Dahomey Woman

Dahomey (which changed its name to Benin in 1975) was a French colony when this stamp was issued. If you think that the woman depicted has a “Don’t mess with me” look about her, then you might be right.

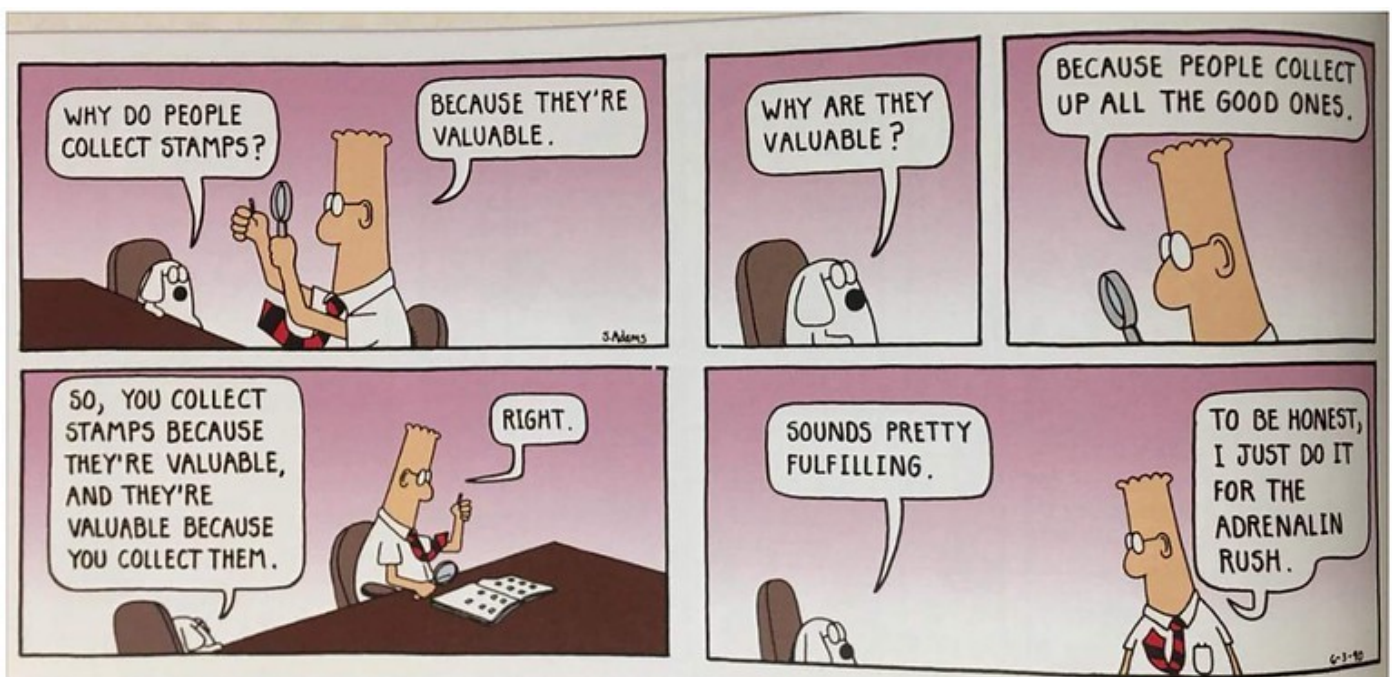
The model for this stamp was a woman from the Fon tribe, the fiercest in a militaristic country known as the Black Sparta. Their warriors terrorised all their neighbours.

The Smithsonian Institute documents a display given to Francesco Borghero, a missionary where 3000 troops stormed a quarter-mile long barricade made of Acacia logs which sported hundreds of two inch thorns. Despite the thorns inflicting savage wounds, the warriors showed no fear or pain while reaching their objective, actually crossing the barricade twice.

Every one of the 3000 troops, right up to the general in command, was a woman. They were known as the Mino or Black Amazons, a female only regiment, some of whom wielded two-handed, metre long razor sharp swords that were said to be capable of cutting a man in half.

Certainly not a woman to be messed with!

The stamp was designed and engraved by Pierre Gandon and issued for Dahomey, French West Africa in 1941



Favourite Stamps

We all collect different stamps whether it be a particular country, thematic or even variations on a single stamp. The variety available to us is one of the things that keeps the hobby fresh and interesting. Those outside the hobby, who might think that all we do is stick little pictures in albums, have no idea what they are missing.

No matter what our collecting interests, there is one item that all stamp collectors would like to own. It is the Penny Black, the original, number one that started it all and apart from its obvious historical value, it is a thing of some beauty with quite a story behind it.

We have told in a previous issue how Rowland Hill transformed the British postal service but there are a few things you may not know about this stamp.

Although a competition had been held for the design, in the end it was passed to William Wyon R.A. His design was based on a medal he had previously designed and his original intention was for an embossed stamp.



This idea was rejected but used a year later for prepaid envelopes. Wyon used the medal as his model for the stamp. Charles Heath was given the job of engraving the first stamp but, not trusting his eyesight which was failing with age, he gave the work to his son Frederick, under his supervision.

The printing was done by Perkins, Bacon and Petch. Jacob Perkins, an American, had brought the rights to England for an engraving machine which did scrollwork on banknotes and this was used for the background behind the Queen's head. This was considered difficult to reproduce by hand, thus making forgery harder.

Although the government committee favoured the cheaper typography method of printing, Perkins argued that only recess printing offered the quality that Her Majesty deserved and his argument carried the day. Few people realise that the first British stamp was printed by an American or that he had such an influence on the final stamp.

In 1852 after the death of Henry Petch, the firm became Perkins Bacon and Co. The stamp was originally postmarked with black ink but as this was difficult to see on a black stamp and also because it appeared that the ink used could be washed off, making the stamp re-usable, the postmark was changed to red ink. Later, these colours were reversed and the stamp was then printed in red and the postmark went back to black.

Extra Daytime Meeting of the Bendigo Philatelic Society. ~~CANCELLED FOR APRIL~~

If you are unable to get to our regular evening meeting, or want more time to pursue your collecting interests, we now have a daytime meeting on the morning after our main meeting.

Members are welcome to attend both meetings. Daytime meetings are not formal meetings.

Venue: Golden Square Hall, 9 Old High St.
(Bendigo Field Naturalists Club rooms)
(Behind the Golden Square Fire Station)

Date and time: 10 am Every Wednesday following the Tuesday night meeting)

Coffee, Tea, biscuits etc, available throughout the meeting. The venue has lots of free parking, has ground floor and ramp access and is close to a bus stop in High street. Further details can be obtained from the club secretary.



BENDIGO Stamp Fair

Saturday

8th August 2020

9.30am - 3.30pm

**Local & Melbourne
Stamp and Coin Dealers**

St Andrews

Uniting Church Hall

24 Myers Street Bendigo

Free Entry

Food and Drinks Available

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