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Diary of Future Events

Tues. 2nd May Geoff Crawford - Crime and Stamps

Tues. 6th June Stamp Trivia Night

Tues. 4th July 20c (max) a stamp night (No Auction) Bring your "swaps" to sell to other members.

President's Report May 2023

As promised the Winner of the "Lois Whatley" Treasure Hunt Competition was announced at our annual dinner. And the winner is!!! "Jo Raw." She did extremely well with a score of 81. She managed to get all 50 stamps and 31 were unique. "Well done Jo". It is always nice to get a new name on the shield.

Our annual dinner was highly successful, all-in attendance had an exceptionally good night. Between main course and coffee, we were treated to a recitation by Tom Glazebrook and we all had a good laugh. He is one of our clubs' treasures. It is always great to get together and have a conversation with likeminded people. Thank you to those who attended.



We have 4 Birthday's for the month of May – Tom Glazebrook on the 7th, Pauline Robinson on the 13th, Ian Kimpton on the 25th, and Amy Benjamin the 28th. I wish you all an incredibly special day.

At our May meeting Geoff Crawford will be presenting "Crime and Stamps." This should be both fun and informative. Cannot wait.

Also, I have heard via the "Grape Vine" we will be visited by some of our friends from the Ballarat Stamp Club, it may be standing room only!!!

The other date we must put in our Diary is the 9th of May. This is the date of the Maryborough Stamp Auction. We always enjoy our evenings with our friends in the Maryborough Stamp Club. David Somerton has kindly offered to hire a bus, so it is time to start saving our penny's.

Let me finish with my little phrase to all members of our philatelic family.

TAKE CARE, WE CARE, and you are all important Libby.

Thank you to Maree Edwards and staff for the printed copies of this newsletter.

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

**Kangaroo Flat R.S.L.
Station St. Kangaroo Flat**

Auctions will be held at all Tuesday meetings.

10 items per member are allowed for auctions
Christmas bonanza auction in **December**.

Exchange sheets will no longer be circulated at meetings. Please see Lyn to access sheets at home.
More sheets are always needed so please "lick and stick" a few.

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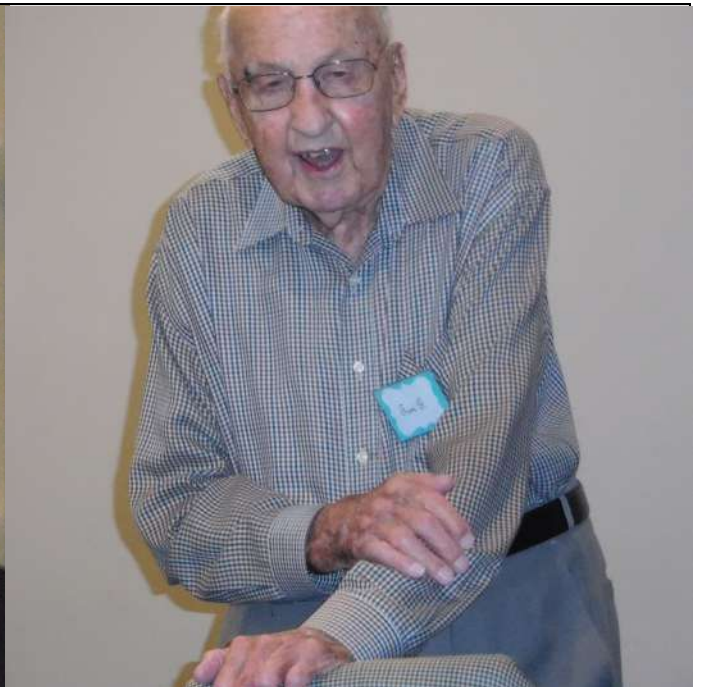
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Our Annual Club Dinner

You can tell by the smiles it was a great night!



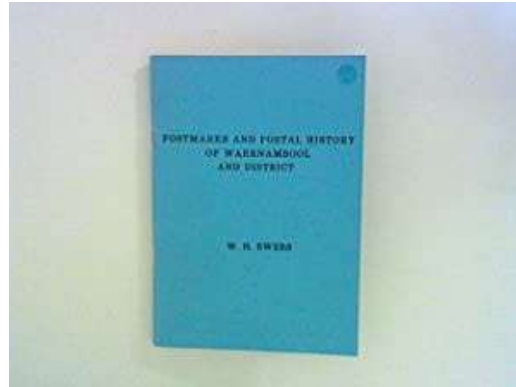


Bendigo Philatelic Society Library

Book Reviewed by: David Robinson

POSTMARKS & POSTAL HISTORY OF WARRNAMBOOL

By: William H. EWERS (1984 edition)



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This is a plain blue covered book, that could prove invaluable reading for anyone interested in the Victorian, West Coast postal history. The postal history of Warrnambool is typical of many Victorian country towns where a vast variety of material is still available for anyone interested in studying postal markings and cancellations.

It is obvious William Ewers has spent many hours researching the book, he has searched Auction catalogues, local history, colleagues from the Warrnambool Philatelic Society and contacted stamp dealers. William has also searched for articles and books looking for any relevant information.

William acknowledges that this work is incomplete. "New material will turn up as people clear out old correspondence and sort through material from deceased estates. Old envelopes are of historical interest and should not be destroyed until they have been examined by an expert."

The first Warrnambool Post Office was opened in 1849, Portland in 1841 and Geelong 1842. The first Warrnambool post office building was constructed in Timor Street during the year 1856. This book contains many facts and information on the beginnings of freight services and the postal history that took place on the Victorian West coast.

The chapters on the Postmarks of Warrnambool, contains twenty-five chapters and covers the areas of Barred Numerals, Machine Cancellations, Money Order's, Shipping mail & First Day Issues.



[Our library holds an extensive range of books, leaflets & magazines, which are available to members. Please contact David on email: \[ddusa@live.com.au\]\(mailto:ddusa@live.com.au\)](#)

It's the Year of the Rabbit. Time to go hunting (for stamps, that is.)

Considering the plethora of new issues with which postal authorities around the world assault collectors, it is no wonder that the idea of getting a complete collection these days seems impossible. This has led to many collectors collecting a theme rather than a country. One such theme that presents itself currently is the rabbit as this is the Chinese Year of the Rabbit with many countries issuing rabbit stamps, even if they have little connection to China.

Although in Australia, rabbits have a long history as a major pest, in many other places, they are not seen that way and often feature on stamps promoting their conservation. Then, there are the many cartoon depictions which find their way onto stamps and once you start looking, it becomes apparent that this could be a very rich source for a thematic collection. Here are some to get started, some are masterpieces of the engraver's art and some, like Australia's contribution, shown at right, are definitely a matter of taste as to how you would rate them.



Postcards to the front

We received a message of thanks from Peter Ramadge, the local coordinator of postcards to the soldiers fighting to defend Ukraine. Members put together a quite impressive parcel to send on. Well done! Here is Peter's message to all those who participated.

"Bendigo seems to have it all John

A great Philatelic Society and one of the best Motorcycle Club ever.

Can you send my thanks to everyone please.

Peter Ramadge

Australian Ambassador for Postcards to the Front"

For anyone who wishes to send a card, we will continue to collect them at our meetings for as long as this war lasts and I will forward them to Peter.



On a lighter note, here are a few "signs of the times".



Have you ever noticed that all instruments searching for intelligent life...



Are pointed away from Earth



Why are these people on stamps No 17:

Walter Parker, Alex Campbell, Roy Longmore

By the time you receive this month's newsletter, ANZAC Day will be almost upon us so it seems fitting to discuss the people honoured on the Australia Day "Australian Legends" issue from 2000.

Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served". The date commemorates the first landing of Australian and New Zealand forces at Gallipoli on the 25th. April, 1916. This followed the failure of the allied fleet to force its way through the Dardanelles earlier that year.

By 2000, only the three men depicted on the stamps remained alive as witnesses to the disaster that was Gallipoli with Walter Campbell being the last to die aged 103. He lied about his age when enlisting and at the time, was only sixteen. He was nicknamed "The Kid" by the other soldiers. He observed that there was nothing really extraordinary in being the last; rather, he pointed out the simple fact that he had been one of the youngest at Gallipoli. Shortly before his death, Campbell stated that "For god's sake, don't glorify Gallipoli - it was a terrible fiasco, a total failure and best forgotten".

Walter Parker's pre-war plans for a career in Sydney as a commercial art printer were set aside when he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) at age 20. Parker who initially thought he was being sent to England arrived at the Battle of Gallipoli in November 1915 with the 20th Battalion, 4th Reinforcements. He was tasked with carrying ammunition and water through the trenches to the front. After his evacuation from Turkey, he fought in France. He was shot in the arm at Pozières; and then he was invalided to England.

Roy Longmore, a farm-hand in Geelong, Victoria, enlisted at age 21 on 13 July 1915. After training in Egypt, he was sent to Gallipoli where he was a sapper with the 2nd Division, burrowing underneath the Turkish positions and laying mines. After evacuation from Turkey, he fought at Pozières, Armentières, and Villers-Bretonneux. He was wounded three times in France and was momentarily given up for dead when he was shot as the Armistice approached in November 1918. He later recalled,

"We were patrolling in a gully when suddenly half a dozen Germans appeared over a hill armed with machine guns and opened fire. Jerry riddled me, knocking me flat on my back, and the last I heard was 'Longy's had it, they got him.'"

Fortunately, his fellow soldiers saw him move and rescued him and he returned to Australia on 16 March 1919 as a member of the 2nd Pioneer Battalion.

All text adapted from Wikipedia where more complete information about these men is available.





MARYBOROUGH STAMP CLUB ANNUAL AUCTION

Tuesday, 9th MAY 2023 from 5.30pm

You are warmly invited to our Annual Auction to be held in St Augustine's Hall, Burke Street, Maryborough.

An Auction List will be forwarded by return email to anyone wanting one.

Light refreshments (at no charge) offered at end of Auction, especially for our friends from Bendigo, Ballarat and other 'travellers'.

Viewing from 5.30pm. Auction starts at 7pm (Red dot system used).

You will need to register upon arrival.

Any queries to Grey (5460 5008) or by email: gloyer@live.com.au

A copy of the auction catalogue accompanies this newsletter.



BENDIGO Stamp and Coin Fair

*In conjunction with
Bendigo Coin and Collectables Club Inc*

5th. August 2023

9.30 - 3.30

*Local & Melbourne
Stamp and Coin Dealers
Please Note New Venue
Prince of Wales
Showgrounds*

Holmes Rd, North Bendigo

Entry by gold coin donation appreciated

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