




SAPC News

February 2024

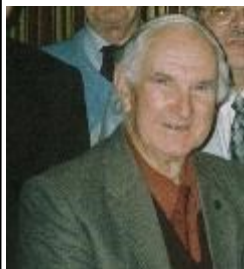
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President's Report	What's on in Adelaide
 <p>Hello and welcome back, I hope everyone had a restful few weeks and you are looking forward to getting back into your club meetings.</p> <p>As you can see by the calendar to the right, we have some great events happening at SAPHIL House this year. If you are interested in coming along to our workshop and want to learn about putting an exhibit together, please let Linda know.</p> <p>In March, Salisbury PS will be hosting their first auction, and the first of three SAPC auctions will be held at SAPHIL House. My thanks to the Auction Team for all their hard work in putting the auction together. The Australian Postcard Society and The Philatelic Society of SA are both Open Days. This is a great opportunity to socialise with other club members and explore their activities.</p> <p>On behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate The Matchbox Club who are celebrating their 60th Birthday this year, with a Birthday Exhibition in May.</p> <p>I hope to see many of you at some of the organised philatelic events that are happening at SAPHIL House and at our clubs and societies in 2024.</p> <p>Jenny Roland, President SAPC.</p>	<p>February Sunday 25 SAPC Workshop SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide. 10 am to 3pm</p> <hr/> <p>March Monday 4 (evening) Monster Auction Viewing 7 pm Salisbury Lutheran Church, Waterloo Corner Rd, Salisbury</p> <p>March Saturday & Sunday 9 – 10 SAPC Auction Live & Postal Viewing 10.00am - 4pm Saturday Viewing 10.00am—12pm Sunday Auction 1pm SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide</p> <hr/> <p>Easter March 29 to April 1</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <hr/> <p>April Sunday 28 Postcard Open Day SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide 10am to 4pm</p> <hr/> <p>May Sunday 19 Philatelic Society SA Open Day SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide 10am to 4pm</p> <p>May Saturday & Sunday 25- 26 Matchbox 60th Birthday Saturday 10.00am - 5pm Sunday 10.00am—3pm SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide</p> <hr/> <p>June Saturday 8 Sunday 9 Antiques, Hobbies & Collectables Portside Recreation Centre, St Vincent Street, Port Adelaide.</p>
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Letters to the Editor

From the Editor,



My sincere apologies to everyone. The photo in the Jack Peake article was incorrect. This is Jack Peake.

Once again my apologies.

The Editor.

From the Editor,

I have received a request from a philatelic collector who is looking for the 2022 Maxi Card celebrating the Queen's Birthday. If you do have one please get in touch with the editor and we can pass the information on.

Thanks The Editor,

From the Editor,

I would like to thank members from the clubs for sending through , the Newsletter is for the benefit of your members. Not only is it about promoting your club, whether it is events, displays, club visits, etc that you put on but also to give other clubs ideas on how to put some variety in to their yearly programmes.

Once again, thank you and keep your articles coming.

To The Editor,

Please could you bring to the attention of your readers that the **South Australian Stamp Clubs** group on Facebook is for all club/society members in South Australia as well as friends of philately worldwide. Content is posted there regularly to advertise our major events and any relevant philatelic information. While the group is closed to the general public, anyone who joins the group can post content or simply ask questions about philately.

The **Community PS** Facebook page was recently closed and all relevant club information will now be posted on the SA Stamp Clubs page. To join, simply answer the question on the join page [South Australian Stamp Clubs](#)

Yours

Publicity Officer for the SAPC

Letter to the Editor,

Appeal for Information regarding changes to South Australian and Northern Territory Post Offices.

Not too many years ago there was quite an active group of collectors creating covers marking the opening, closing or relocation of post offices. In recent years advance notice of such changes has become more difficult to obtain. I am therefore appealing to readers to let us know of any changes to the status of post offices in the State and Territory to both record the event and also to give postmark collectors an opportunity to create their commemorative covers.

Information regarding the opening of new post offices, or the closing or relocation of existing post offices may be sent to me, Martin Walker, at saphilatelist@gmail.com or to the editor of SAPC News (saphilhouse21@gmail.com).

Martin Walker



Oaklands Park Post Office closed.

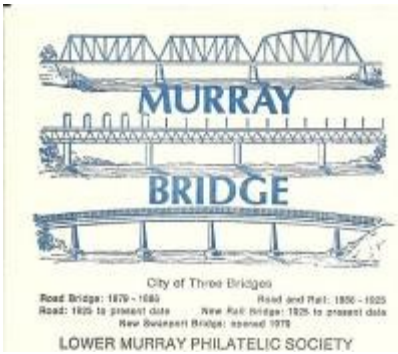
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The SAPC NEWS is also available in PDF and may be read on the SAPC website (www.sapc.org.au) and the APF website (www.apf.org.au/sa/) or on Facebook: [South Australian Stamp Clubs](#)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the May issue is **April 12th 2024.**

Sponsor - Lower Murray Philatelic Society



Our meetings are held at the White Park Centre, 19 Mulgundawah Road, Murray Bridge. On the 1st Saturday and the 3rd Sunday of each month from 10am till 2pm approximately, the venue will be open from 9am to set up.

Our members also collect coins, paper money and Postcards. If you are interested in any of the above, you could benefit by attending a Saturday or Sunday meeting.

In 2023, LMPS initiated a pilot scheme to involve children at the Mannum Community College in a philatelic competition that was so successful that we will be hosting it again in 2024.

Auctions are held at every meeting and SAPC circuit books plus the members circuit books are available to members. We have a pooled lunch at our Saturday meetings and any Sunday when we have guest speakers.

Anyone wishing to attend please contact the Secretary Ph 08 85704074. Our Postal Address is Box 3 Purnong 5238, South Australia. Any other enquires please email: impsocsec@gmail.com. For more information, please visit our website is www.lowermurrayphilatelicsociety.org.au.

Visitors and new members always welcome!

Over the years Lower Murray PS has had two outstanding long term members who have been awarded the top State Award. The Briskham was awarded to Bob Phaup and Wendy Johnson, was awarded The Butler, which is the Local Club member award.



Robert Phaup

Bob has been a member of Lower Murray Philatelic Society since 1982, and has held many positions over the years.

He has had the roles of treasurer, assistant to the treasurer, Circuit book Superintendent, Delegate to the SAPC for over 17 years, and Youth Coordinator for the junior stamp club at LMPS.

He has visited many clubs, both country and metropolitan, as guest speaker or putting on displays. Bob gained qualifications as a State judge after attending a judges training course. He served as an apprentice at our local Congresses' before judging at Stampex 2003 as a qualified judge.

Bob has always supported local Congresses as well as assisting with mounting, etc., at all National exhibitions.

His tireless work and contribution to philately is well known and received the highest state award possible for his dedication to philately.



Wendy Johnson

Wendy has been a valuable member of the Lower Murray Philatelic Society since 1991. Whilst at the club she has been the secretary for most of the time and is also the club's librarian, as well as helping to run the Junior Stamp club. She is still on the committee to this day.

Wendy was also a member of Mannum PS holding several committee positions, and a member at Strathalbyn, and she was on the Congress committee and secretary on the two occasions that Murray Bridge held Congress.

Wendy has entered her exhibits of New Zealand Health Covers at many of the State Congress's held over the years achieving Vermeil.

Our programme 2024

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| Feb 18 | Visit by Merv & Helen Harris |
| Mar 2 | Visit by John Cornelius |
| Mar 17 | Display by Nigel |
| Apr 6 | Visit by Alan Baker Pre 1948 Russian Zone |
| Apr 21 | Display by Angela |

The Gawler Cultural Heritage Centre wins another National award

Town of Gawler's 'Down the Line' exhibition has received the 2023 Interpretation Australia National Award for Excellence in the Indoors: Under \$75,000 project category.

The exhibition, which opened at the Gawler Heritage Gallery in May, explores how the postal service, the telegraph and the telephone exchange kept the Gawler community connected to each other and the wider world. This is the third Interpretation Australia national award won by the Gawler Cultural Heritage Centre. The aim of this exhibition was to deliberately target two groups of people in the community with stories and learnings around communication. Young people whose experience of personal communication is smart phone driven and very much focused on individual handheld devices and older people who have lived experience of more outmoded communication practices.



The exhibition explores the growth and changes in technology that have led us to the era of smart phones and explores the challenges of the preceding technologies. It also aims to reconnect older people with their memories of STD calls, operator enabled calls, receiving telegrams and aerograms and the hobby of stamp collecting.

You can view rare early colonial letters, telegraph equipment brought to South Australia by Charles Todd and a collection of funky antique phones. Play with exchange equipment and listen to the voices of the women of the Gawler telephone exchange as they 'connect your call'.

Visitors are encouraged to see if they can beat the clock with a letter sorting challenge and try their hand at morse code with our telegraph equipment. They can connect to the hobby of stamp collecting through the free giveaway packets of fun and colorful stamps from around the world.

This exhibition is an opportunity to understand more about the evolution of communication technologies that have been fundamental in keeping communities informed and connected.

In their summation, the expert panel of judges commented on the innovative submission we presented which included a short film. They commented that the exhibition was well thought out and artfully executed.

More information on the awards can be found here: <https://interpretationaustralia.asn.au/congratulations-to-our-2023-national-awards-for-excellence/>

Quotes from Gawler Mayor Karen Redman:

"Down the Line is an exciting opportunity for visitors to understand more about how the communication technologies we take for granted have evolved, through this engaging and interactive exhibition."

"It's exceptionally gratifying to see our third national award for heritage interpretation come our way as a result of this work, and the investment by Council. Town of Gawler values cultural heritage and good interpretation brings these stories alive".

"I'd like to congratulate Cultural Heritage Centre Staff and volunteers, the exhibition designer Synthetic Creative Services, and community members involved including Martin Walker and Tony Bayliss, and other individuals who loaned objects from private collections for this exhibition.

"The Heritage Gallery opened in April 2019 and since that time more than 34,000 visitors have experienced our exhibitions; that's an incredible accolade for the Town of Gawler, and this award is further recognition that Gawler is a leader in this space".

Quotes from Exhibition Designer, Synthetic Creative Services:

"We purposefully spread this exhibition beyond the Gallery and into the lobby and café space so that visitors had multiple opportunities to engage".

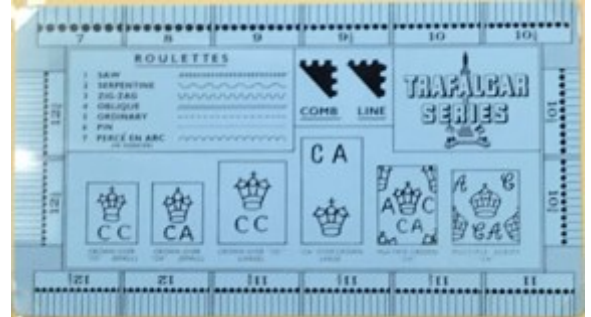
"This exhibition has been particularly appealing to young people who enjoy making phone calls from the traditional phone box in the café, using the magneto line to call their friends in the Heritage Gallery. It seems like a bit of fun, but it is an opportunity to learn about early telephony".

Gawler Council.

John Walker presented a display of historic perforation gauges. He introduced his display noting that, when postage stamps were first introduced with the 1d Black in 1840, they were imperforate. However, with the development of a perforating machine by Henry Archer, Great Britain issued the 1d Red with perforations in 1854. Within a few years almost all stamp issues world-wide had become perforated.

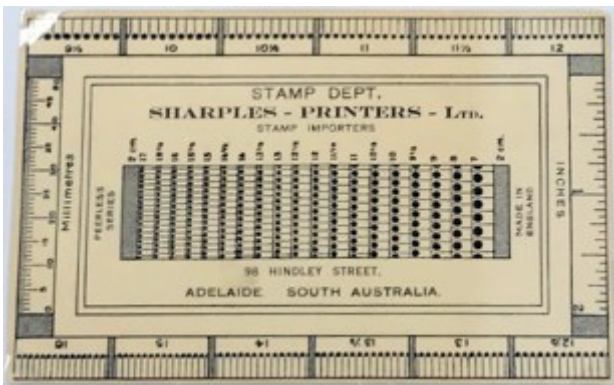
The French defined a standard method of perforation measurement, being the number of perforations per 2cm. It is not known when or where the first perforation gauge was developed but the first example in John's display appeared in the 1890s.

The early gauges were printed on card, which tended to deteriorate with use. To make gauges more durable other materials were introduced, such as brass, aluminium and plastic, notably the popular Trafalgar Series of plastic gauges.



Trafalgar plastic gauge

(Of particular local interest in John's display, was the etched aluminium gauge developed by Bert Wajer, a noted Adelaide philatelist and a member of the PSSA.)



1930's Peerless gauge overprinted with details of an Adelaide business.

John Walker also noted that nowadays there were also electronic perforation gauge detectors (costing some \$400) that, at the touch of a button, gave an accurate perforation read-out.

John's display showed an extensive range of historic printed card gauges, and it was noted that these were often used to advertise stamp dealer businesses. For example, the Peerless stamp gauge developed by G. F. Rapkin would often be overprinted with a dealer's business name and contact details.

A significant section of the display covered the development and promotion of a brass gauge by Dr. Lucas Benham. Lucas Benham was a UK medical practitioner who migrated to South Australia and set up a practice in Semaphore. John's display included examples of Dr. Benham's gauge as well as correspondence with Stanley Gibbons Ltd seeking its endorsement. There was also a letter gifting the gauge to the Duke of York (later King George V, a very keen philatelist).

John's display included examples of stamps showing different perforation types e.g., single line, comb and compound perforations, as well as varieties such as double perforations and mis-placed perforations. Also displayed were examples of Russian and Finnish stamps with their distinctive serpentine roulette perforations.

This was an excellent and highly informative display of an essential philatelic accessory that is often just taken for granted.



Dr Benham's brass gauge

Salisbury Fair & Auction

Hi everyone, our thanks for coming along to the first Salisbury Fair and Auction held in our new premises. We had two very successful auctions with over 30 bidders in both.



Viewing the auction

We had six dealers in attendance selling a wide variety of material, and catering was appreciated by all. Our auction dates for 2024 are March 4, July 1 and October 26.

Hope to see you at one of our meetings and at our next event.



Auction in progress

Congress Feed Back Session

The feedback session held at SAPHIL after Congress proved to be very successful. The novice exhibitors came along with their entries and gained many more tips and information on how to improve their exhibit as a one frame or how to expand to a multi frame entry for this year. Catering as usual was appreciated and our thanks to Jenny for looking after us.

Our next workshop will be on February 25 from 10am and will be on how to do your front page. If you would like to come along please let Linda know. Catering will be supplied.



Discussing the finer points of the exhibits

SAPC Auction

Another successful Postal/Live auction has been and gone. With 35 postal, 38 live and 10 absentee bidders it was a lively auction to be a part of.

The SAPC would like to thank the Auction Team for their hard work in organising the catalogue and holding of the auction and then posting of parcels for the postal bidders.

Except for a few vendors still to pickup their money, all aspects of this auction were completed in two weeks.

Our thanks to Jenny for looking after the catering and also to all the volunteers who helped make the day go smoothly.



Auction day has become a social day as we don't always see each other very often that provides a good chance to catchup for a gossip while enjoying toasted ham and cheese sandwiches and scones with home made jam and cream.

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SAPC Auction

Once again thanks to everyone who has taken the time to support the philatelic community. Members not only want to buy but they also sell material .



Set up day for the auction



Auction viewing



Checking the bidding information



Auction in progress



Waiting to pay for their lots

The catalogue for our March 10th auction is now complete and has been emailed to those on our mailing list and to all clubs via email.

If you require a copy of the catalogue, it is available to be downloaded from the SAPC website. To be added to our auction mailing list contact us at saphilhouse21@gmail.com.

We will be accepting auction lots from Tuesday 9th of April for the next live and postal auction in July.

City of Noarlunga

Whilst preparing our Noarlunga Club programme, I am always excited to include the Alphabet Challenge. We hold it twice in the year and it is a definite club member challenge with most members taking it up. This challenge came about after talking at great length, some six years ago, with Michael Van der Linden from the Mt Gambier Society . He explained that members choose anything from their collections of stamps beginning with the current Alphabet letter given, then display at the meeting. Noarlunga members are to have no more than five sheets to display.

We always issue certificates and a small block of chocolate as a prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, they are voted on by members at the meeting. It is amazing what 'out of the box ' displays have turned up over the past years, some with quite comical topics, which prove to be a guaranteed fun evening!

Our last Alphabet Challenge was the letter 'J'.

People's Choice Award—Alphabet Challenge



1st prize - Stephen Smith

Japan - Prefecture Regional Areas.

2nd prize - Lorraine O'Brien

Jewelled Beetles

3rd prize - Peter O'Brien

pro Juventiute - Swiss Charity Stamps.

Always a fun night to see what members come up with for their displays and grateful to Michael Van der Linden for sharing this fabulous idea.

Article by Lorraine O'Brien - Secretary.
The City Noarlunga Philatelic Society

Club News - Port Pirie 90th Birthday

The Port Pirie Philatelic Society celebrated its 90th anniversary with a luncheon at the Port Football and Sports Community Club on Monday November 27th. Invited guests included the Mayor of the Port Pirie Regional Council Mr Leon Stephens and 3 senior board members of the South Australian Philatelic Council – Jenny Roland (President), Nigel Carter (Vice-President) and Linda Welden (Secretary). The fact that Nigel made a 570 kilometre round trip from Murray Bridge was warmly appreciated by Port Pirie's present and past members and their partners.



An anniversary cake was cut by Society Patron Ms Jeanette Nash, the partner of the late John Edwards who was awarded post-humous life membership by Ray Baverstock during the luncheon. Vice-President of the Society, Stephen Cheffirs, presented life membership certificates to Ray Baverstock, Chantal Millottich and Geoff Edwards for meritorious services to the Society. Jenny Roland spoke to the guests and congratulated both past and present members on achieving 90 continuous years since foundation in 1933. She said that it was an achievement of

which all members over the 90 years should be proud. She wished the Society all the best in the ensuing years and thanked the Society for the opportunity to be part of the milestone celebration.

Mayor Leon Stephens was also appreciative of his invitation. He said that it was quite rare in his Council area for an organisation to have been in existence for such a length of time. He also wished the Society all the best for the future.

Each guest received a 90-page booklet which covered the 90 year history of the Port Pirie Philatelic Society. An original booklet which spanned the years 1933 to 1983 was co-written by William (Bill) Passaris, a life member and Briskham Award winner [1983] and Doreen Holmes, a South Australian Philatelic Council Archivist and also a Briskham Award recipient [2003]. Doreen was Port Pirie's delegate on Council for many years and her contribution to our Society was held in high regard. Geoff Edwards (President 2008 – 2023*) and Briskham Award recipient [2021] completed an update covering the years 1984 – 2023.

Each guest also received a commemorative cover as a memento of the milestone. A limited number of covers are available at \$6.00 inclusive of postage. Enquiries for covers can be made to Treasurer Phillip [0419 971 899].

The Port Pirie Philatelic Society exists in "philatelic isolation" as the nearest society/club is some 200 kilometres south. It was Jenny and Linda's 2nd visit to Port Pirie in 2 years and our membership is very grateful for their participation in our Society.



Geoff Edwards, President – Port Pirie Philatelic Society

Club News

Glenside Christmas Meeting

The Glenside Stamp Club held their last meeting of 2023 on 2nd December at SAPHIL House. This year for our breakup we had a catered lunch for our members and partners. Our thanks go to Jenny Roland and her helper for organising a fantastic meal. It was appreciated by all.

After the lunch we had a small meeting then presented awards to Neville Hannaford for the Charlie Niitaja competition and Peter Jones and David Figg for the Gerry van Ekelberg Trophy. We finished the day off with circuit books and then our auction.

Lastly, our President Paul Goodliffe presented Jenny and her helper with flowers.

Paul also thanked everyone for helping out while he has been missing from the club meetings and wished everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.



Circuit Book Office

SAPC CIRCUIT BOOK OFFICE JANUARY 2024.

After a short break over the holiday period the CBO opened again on the 15th January 2024.

During the last six months we have seen two long term volunteers retire, Peter O'Shaughnessy and Jurgen Kracht. Their efforts over many years are appreciated.

Two new clubs were added to the scheme. Several new volunteers have joined up and the scheme is functioning well. The total sales for the last six months have been very pleasing.

The CBO financial institution is not dealing with cheques from the end of January 2024, thereafter all transactions will have to be in cash or by internet banking.

Yours in philately
Peter Wilson

Fippant49@bigpond.com

0438 670 711



Just a few of the volunteers enjoying Christmas breakup lunch and a couple of drinks at the Prince Albert Hotel.

We must be growing some gigantic potatoes by the size of that chip!

Philatelic Society of SA

Introduction of daytime meeting in 2024 for Philatelic Society of South Australia

As a number of our members no longer wish to drive at night, we have reintroduced a daytime meeting. These meetings will be on a Saturday afternoon to allow for access to untimed parking. Our new meeting times starting February 2024 are 1st Tuesday 8pm and 4th Saturday 1.30pm. Noting there is no Saturday meeting in May.

Please refer to our [Philatelic Society of South Australia | South Australian Philatelic Council](https://philatelic.org.au) (sapc.org.au) on the SAPC website for further details of our 2024 program.

Visitors are welcome to any meeting.

Membership of PSSA provides access to an extensive library and free copies of Stamp Talk, the club's journal.

Upcoming events

SAPC Exhibiting Workshop



What goes on an exhibit title page?

Not sure what goes on a title page?
Come and learn from the experts on how to prepare a Title Page for your next exhibit!

Sunday 25th February

Lunch included. Don't miss out, book now!

SAPHIL House
22 Gray Court, Adelaide

QUALIFIERS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MONSTER AUCTION

Monday 4th March 2024

at The Ark Salisbury Lutheran Church
10 Waterloo Corner Road Salisbury

Programme

5.30pm Hall Opens
6.00pm Submitting of Lots Closes
No Late Entries
6.45-7.45pm Viewing of Auction Lots
7.45pm Raffle Drawn
8pm approx. Auction Commences



Any Enquiries please contact the Secretary Eowl 52502003
Eowl.salisbury.philatelists@gmail.com

SAPC Auction

March
Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th



SAPC Live and Postal Auction

Viewing Saturday 11th: 10-4pm
Sunday 10th: 9am - noon
AUCTION starts 1pm Sunday

SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Crt, Adelaide
light refreshments available
free street parking

Australian Postcard Society



Open Day

Sunday April 28th, 2024
10.00am - 4.00pm

Two local Dealers:
David Figg & John Cornelius
will be buying and selling.

stamps, covers, postcards, and other collectables for sale

SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide

Free Entry!
Light refreshments available

Philatelic Society of South Australia

Open Day
Sunday, 19 May 2024
10am-3pm



THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
INCORPORATED IN S.A.
FOUNDED 1988

Dealers, displays, light refreshments

Free street parking

Free entry - All welcome!

SAPHIL House
22 Gray Court, Adelaide

Hey!
Come and meet an old flame!



Catch up with me and my younger sisters at a National Match Exhibition to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the AMCCS (South Australian branch)

Held at SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide (between Sturt and Wright Streets) on the weekend 25th and 26th May 2024


We will be there on Saturday 10am - 5pm and Sunday 10am - 4pm

Lots of displays and trading tables.
Raffles and Auctions
Best of all - Free Admission!

History Month


Airmail Society
Wednesday 1st May 7.45pm.
Air Mail Saves Time -
Making your letters fly in rural South Australia.

The early development of commercial aviation around the world was often dependant on the income received from air mail contracts. See and hear how fledgling airlines in South Australia grew into powerful transport companies as they developed air mail services between Adelaide and the state's regional centres prior to the outbreak of World War Two.



Postal Stationery & Postal History Society
Tuesday 14th May 7.45pm.
Letters to and from our troops away from home.

The emotional power of letters from loved ones was a great morale booster for servicemen and women serving away from home. Of equal importance for those still at home was the news from the front. Come and see a display by members of the society of original letters to & from South Australians serving at major conflicts around the world since 1899.



7:45pm. SAPHIL House 22 Gray Court, Adelaide.

Free admission & bookings to Martin Walker saphilatelists@gmail.com or 0418 800 132

General information

Dies for 1965 Anpex Briskham Awards

Following the closure of Allan J Olson Pty Ltd badgemaking and medallion factory on 30 June 2023, Barrie Newman, Executive Director of The Adelaide Mint, was able to retain the obverse and reverse dies and their striking collar of the ANPEX 1965 Briskham Awards medallion and present them to the SA Philatelic Council at the delegates meeting on 13 November 2023.



These two unique dies (each 50mm x 30mm) fit tightly into the special striking collar made to house the dies in the press, with the Obverse die featuring Adelaide's GPO and Victoria Square and includes spaces at the top, to allow the winners names of the various classes, to be engraved on each medallion after judging had been completed. At the bottom of the Victoria



Square image is the wording "10th Australasian National Philatelic Exhibition" which indicates that it is ANPEX 1965. The Reverse die features the head of a young Queen Victoria as printed on the penny stamp first issued in Australia in October 1855. It is hoped that these specially engraved dies and collar can be displayed in SAPHIL House with other philatelic memorabilia.



The Briskham Award has continued to be presented by the SA Philatelic Council annually as an individual award to the SA club member who is considered to have given many years of outstanding meritorious service to philately in South Australia. The current medallion does not show the details of awards and classes on the Obverse as did the first medallion issued for ANPEX 1965 but is of the same size and thickness (4mm) of the original medallion.

Jenny Roland receiving the dies from Barry Newman on behalf of the SAPHIL Council

Congress 2023 - Competition Winners

Nigel Carter, Vice President of the SAPHIL Council, presented the children from the Mannum Community College with their certificates for their entries into the Congress 2023 Colouring Competition.

The postcard themed designs were based on Remembrance Day, Natural Disaster, and Christmas in the Murray Mallee.

The winners were Year 7 Mia Reichstein for Remembrance Day, Year 10 JC McFarlane for Natural Disasters and Year 4 Laci Whittingham for Christmas in the Murray Mallee.



The three winners received an engraved Maria Mincoff Challenge Medal. All the children were surprised to receive their certificates but the winners were ecstatic to receive their medal.



Andrew Murrell was a valued member of Lower Murray Philatelic Society who was an amazing character with many stories to tell. He joined in 2002.

The following article *The Mannum Mag* is a tribute to Andrew's colourful life. He will be missed.

Vale Andrew Douglas Ambrose Murrell

Born: July 22, 1945, Adelaide. Died: 9th October 2023, Mannum

Art Dealer and Oil Painter Challenged Norms

South Australian art dealer and oil painter Andrew Douglas Ambrose Murrell came from an established Adelaide family of doctors and engineers and used his creativity to challenge societal norms.

He was an avid art and stamp collector, oil painter and prominent South Australian dealer in the 1980s operating out of the well-known London House in Strathalbyn.

Educated at St Peter's College, he excelled at music and drama and his first job after leaving school was working for Channel Nine in Melbourne, in the golden days of television with Bert Newton and Graham Kennedy. He later returned to Adelaide working in the airline industry.

The youngest of five children, his father John William Murrell was an engineer who was responsible for setting up the sewage system in Adelaide and played football for Geelong, the Tasmanian State team and Norwood. His mother, Beatrice Alice Calvert was the daughter of noted Huon Valley orchardist and politician, The Hon William Henry Fairfax Calvert.

His eldest sister, Dr Helen Calvert Murrell, was a pioneering gynaecologist working in India and the UK, his brother, Professor Timothy Murrell, a medical educator, his sister, Ruth Barbour (nee Murrell), was a nurse and his eldest brother, William (Bill)



Andrew Murrell holding a portrait of his great grandfather, Alfred Wright. Eric Wright, Portrait of My Father Alfred Wright, 1921, charcoal and pastel on board, 36 x 27 cm. Eric Wright was a two time Archibald Prize finalist in the 1940s. From the Collection of Andrew Douglas Ambrose Murrell and now in The Fairview Art Collection, Subiaco, Perth.

Murrell, was an industrial engineer.

Andrew Murrell self-published a number of poetry books and co-wrote a musical about Monarto, progressive Premier Don Dunstan's ill-fated plan to build a new satellite city on the Murray River plains.

Art ran in the family as his mother's favourite uncle, Eric Wright, was a finalist in the Archibald prize in 1946 and 1947. Wright painted a beautiful river scene near Forest Home, the award-winning orchard in Judbury in the Huon Valley, Tasmania where Andrew Murrell's mother grew up. This painting was a wedding gift presented when she married in New Town, Hobart in 1926. She was a descendant of first fleet convict James Morrisby.

Andrew Murrell's brief but intense career as an oil painter helped him overcome alcohol addiction while in rehabilitation at a half-way house in Semaphore from 1988-89. He held a number of exhibitions which sold out quickly, including at the Sailmakers Gallery in Port Adelaide.

A deeply spiritual man, many of his works were of icons of Saints, including Mary and Jesus. His unique signature is an iconic representation of many religious symbols, including the word DOM, short for Dominus, the Latin word for master or God and the Cross of St Andrew, in honour of his Scottish ancestry.

The oil painting *Mrs Brewster Jones' Garden in Victor Harbor* is one of his most famous works and was originally commissioned by the mother of John and Rick Brewster Jones - founding brothers of one of Australia's most popular rock bands 'The Angels'.

This painting of the mother of Australian rock royalty brothers, standing still and stoically in her garden in 1988 captures a historical moment at completely odds with the high energy mayhem of the band's on-stage presence of its lead singer Doc Neeson.

The artist's stunning Monet-like use of colour, the handsome gilt frame and impressionist style make it one of his more memorable works. It now hangs in the Fairview Art Collection in Perth.

Andrew Murrell's own anti-establishment, irreverent and rebellious personality is reflected in the painting and captures an intergenerational moment that is subtly at odds with the changing social values of Adelaide society in the 1980s. A cultural identity expressed and tapped into so successfully by the performances and lyrics of the rock star sons of the subject matter.

Ultimately, the painting was not to Mrs Brewster Jones' traditional taste and it was subsequently purchased by her good friend Beatrice Alice Fairfax Murrell (nee Calvert), mother of Andrew Murrell.

What Andrew Murrell learnt from dealing in art is that you own a piece for a while and then you pass it on and you should never get attached to a painting.

"It always moves. The more it moves, the more you see. And the more you learn," was his personal motto on art.

A portrait of Andrew Murrell by well-known South Australian artist Timothy Messack was a finalist in the Doug Moran portrait prize in 1987.

Andrew Murrell is survived by his long-term partner Leslie Fraser.

Thomas A. C. Murrell, nephew



Timothy Messack, Portrait of Andrew Murrell, 1987, oil on board, 76.5 x 56.0 cm. From the Collection of Andrew Douglas Ambrose Murrell.

Exhibition Results

Perth 2023 Stamp Exhibition 2 - 5 November 2023

Michael Blinman, Large Gold

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"NSW Postal Stationery"
Special Prize for Best in Show

Gordon Monk, Large Gold

Traditional Class
"King George V 1d varieties"
Special Prize with Felicitations
(runner up to Best in show)

Jim Howard, Vermeil

Traditional Class
"Brunei 1894—1951"

Anthony Presgrave, Large Vermeil

Traditional Class
"Departmental Stamps of SA 1868—74"

Alma Downes, Large Silver

Postcard Class
"Edinburgh Castle"

Thailand Stamp Exhibition 27 November - 2 December 2023

Eric Hurrell, Vermeil

Traditional Class
"Australia—The Kangaroo and Map Stamps
(1913—1947)"

Anthony Presgrave, Large Vermeil

Traditional Class
"Departmental Stamps of SA 1868—74"

Australian Exhibition timetable 2024

EFIRO 2024. Bucharest, Romania. April 16 - 19.
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Toowoomba 11 - 13 October. National One Frame.
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secretary@toowoomba2024.com

Canberra 12 - 15 September. Full National. Includes
the Australasian Postcard Challenge;
Universal Postal Union (UPU) 150th Anniversary
Challenge.
For further details contact
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 <p>Australian Airmail Society SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide. 5000</p> <p>✉ PO Box 395, Edwardstown, S.A. 5039 bodnarjohn11@gmail.com ☎ 0412 655 729 ● Meets 1st Wednesday of every month except Jan from 7.45pm</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Mar 6 Historic Airmail Photographs - All members (MW) Apr 3 Visit to Vickers Vimy Museum May 1 History Festival - SA Airmails Martin Walker</p>	 <p>Blackwood Philatelic Circle Blackwood Uniting Church, Main Rd, Blackwood</p> <p>✉ 6 Glenwood Dr, Bellevue Heights, S.A. 5050 teepeeandruth@gmail.com ☎ 0437 050 831 ● Meets on 2nd Saturday of each month except Jan from 1.30pm</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Feb 10 AGM - Display Flaws by Jeff Taylor Feb 23 Visit to Stirling PS Mar 9 Visit from City of Noarlunga April 13 Sistine Chapel Ceiling by Peter Jones May 11 Postmarks on Tas Pictorials by Don Costello</p>
 <p>Australian Match Cover Collectors' Society SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide. 5041</p> <p>✉ PO Box 367, Daw Park, S.A. 5041 david.figg@internode.on.net ☎ 0450 073 311 www.//amccs.org.au ● Meets bi-monthly on 4th Friday of each odd month from 8.00pm</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Mar 22 Members Choice May 24 Exhibition Meeting May 25-26 Match Exhibition, SAPHIL House</p>	 <p>Bordertown & Districts Philatelic Society Bordertown Primary School</p> <p>✉ C/- PO Box Bordertown, S.A. 5268 cdhuntmudnulla@yahoo.com.au ☎ (08) 8753 4126</p>
 <p>Australian Postcard Society SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide. 5000</p> <p>✉ PO Box 281, Edwardstown, S.A. 5039 lindaw3456@gmail.com ☎ 0421 367 665 ● Meets 4th Thursday of each month except Dec from 7.45pm</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Feb 22 Bridges - Tony Presgrave Mar 21 Linen Postcards - Neil Bonel April 25 An ANZAC presentation - Josie Allen April 28 Postcard Open Day</p>	 <p>Circuit Book Office SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide. 5000</p> <p>✉ PO Box 10159, Adelaide Business Hub, Gouger St., Adelaide, S.A. 5000 saphilhouse21@gmail.com flippant49@bigpond.com ☎ (08) 8552 1983 or 0438 670 711 Open every day from 9am to 12 noon</p>
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Club details and Programmes



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- 📧 lindaw3456@gmail.com
- ☎ 0421 367 665
- 📍 Meets 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 7.00pm except Jan

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- Feb 16** Pot Pourrie - P Siggs
 - Mar 1** Books & Auction
 - Mar 15** Birds of the World Pt 2 - P Scott
 - Apr 5** Books & Auction
 - April 19** Post Paks Aust- G Taylor
 - May 3** Books & Auction



Eastern Districts Philatelic Society

Hectorville Community Centre, Reid Ave,
Campbelltown

- ✉ C/- PO Box 62, Campbelltown, S.A. 5074
- 📧 m450603@gmail.com
- ☎ 0418 846 243
- 📍 Meets 2nd Thursday of each month except Jan from 7.30pm

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- Mar 14** Czech by MS
 - Apr 11** Silk Postcards by LG
 - May 9** Story of the Pineapple by JT



Elizabeth Philatelic Society

Café Nova, Murray Street, Gawler

- ✉ C/- 37, Andrews Road, Elizabeth Downs, S.A. 5113
- 📧 mhancy@picknowl.com.au
- ☎ 0414 998 267
- 📍 Elizabeth Stamp Club
- 📍 Meets 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 7.30pm

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- Feb 23** Ukraine War Stamps
 - Mar 8** Express Delivery
 - Mar 22** City Posts
 - April 12** Antartica
 - April 26** Pre Cancels
 - May 10** POW Loveday
 - May 24** Aerogrammes



German Philatelic Club

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School Hall, Woolworths Shopping Centre,
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- ☎ (08) 8555 3311
- 📍 Meets 1st Wednesday of each month except Jan from 7.30pm

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- Mar 6** To be confirmed
 - Apr 3** Auction night
 - May 1** To be confirmed



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- Feb 17** S Wattison - KGVI Silver Wedding
 - Mar 2** P Jones - Sistene Chapel Ceiling
 - Mar 16** P Goodliffe - Sierra Leone
Dealer - John Cornelieus in attendance
 - Apr 6** C Patterson - Cornucopia
 - Apr 20** R Dewhirst - Netherlands Indies Airmails
 - May 4** D Gilbert - China



Lower Murray Philatelic Society

White Park Centre, 19 Mulgundawah Rd,
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- 🌐 www.lowermurrayphilaelicsociety.org.au
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& 3rd Sunday of each month from 10am except Dec

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- Feb 18** Visit by Merv & Helen Harris
 - Mar 2** Visit by John Cornelius
 - Mar 17** Display by Nigel
 - Apr 6** Visit by Alan Baker Pre 1948 Russian Zone
 - Apr 21** Display by Angela
 - May 4** Display by Wendy



Club details and Programmes



Mount Gambier Philatelic Society

O'Halloran Community Centre, O'Halloran Tce.
Mount Gambier

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✉ mgphilatelic@gmail.com

☎ 0419 817 697

Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7.45pm
except December

Feb 20 4 sheets on the number '70' Geo Ranson award

Mar 19 Russian Zone WWII Alan B

April 16 Sth African Homeland Arthur O

May 21 4 sheets letter 'K' Geo Ranson award



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📍 Meets 1st Tuesdays from 8pm and 4th Saturday from
1.30pm

Feb 24 S Pot Pourri - AP

Mar 5 T Small Displays - all members

Mar 23 S Norway Local Post - DH

Apr 2 T Women in German History - DS

Apr 27 S John Bell Memorial Shield Members Competition

May 7 T Chalons - JM

May 19 Open Day



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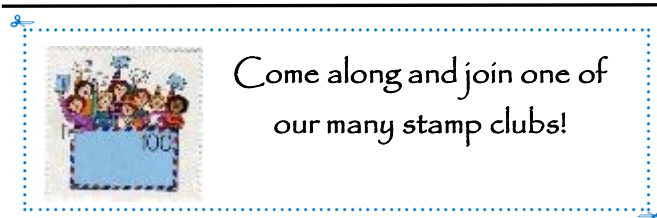
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Feb 15 Meeting & Bourse

Mar 21

April 18

May 16 Meeting & Bourse



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✉ geoff-josie@bigpond.com

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📍 Meets last Monday of each month (Feb - Nov)
from 2.00 pm

Feb 26 President's Display and The Letter A

Mar 25 Member Display and The Letter B

Apr 29 Visitor/Member display and The Letter C



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Rd, Para Hills

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📍 Meets 1st Sunday of each month at 8.00pm except
Jan, and 2nd Sunday September

Mar 3 Margin markings on Australian Stamp Sheets - GO

Apr 7 Picture Postcard Evening - All members

May 5 Morocco Agencies - Ian Birse



Postal Stationery & Postal History Soc

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except Jan

Feb 13 1954 Royal Visit to Australia - Martin Walker

Mar 12 Adelaide Postmarking Machines & Slogans
- Tony Presgrave

April 9 Centenary British Empire Exhibition - All members
and Martin Walker

May 14 History Festival - Australian Military Mail - All
Members



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Printed Collectibles Club

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- Feb 27** Australian Match Manufacturing Co- Chris H
 - Mar 26** to be confirmed
 - April 23** Made in Australia Steve S
 - May 28** Members favourite items - all members



Riverland Philatelic Society

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- Feb 26** New Zealand - Pat
 - Mar 25** Flowers - VI
 - Apr 22** Germany / Lunch - Alan



Salisbury Philatelic Society

Salisbury Lutheran Church, Waterloo Cnr Rd, Salisbury

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- 📧 salisburyphilatelic@gmail.com
- ☎ (08) 8269 3883
- 📌 Salisbury Philatelic Society
- 🔥 Meets 1st Monday (Feb-Dec) from 7.30pm & 3rd Monday (Jan-Nov) from 7.30pm

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- Feb 19** Postcard Exhibits -
1 Architectural 1 controversial by John Bodnar
 - Mar 4** **Monster Auction**
 - Mar 18** Danzig by Hans Kexsel
 - Apr 1** Embroidery postcards In memory of Joy Lower and Yvonne Thompson, by Sandy Keepence and Ray Thompson
 - Apr 15** Falkland Island Dependencies by Merv Harris
 - May 6** Czechoslovakia up to 1939 by Arthur O'Connell



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- ☎ 0413 742 976
- 🔥 Meets 4th Friday of each month from 7.30pm

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- Feb 23** Blackwood visit
 - Mar 22** J Taylor - Flaws 5 sheets each
 - Apr 26** O Mumford - German display packs
 - May 24** B Irvine—Joint issues



Strathalbyn Philatelic Society

Rosa Hoare room, Lutheran Church, cnr Commercial & North terrace, Strathalbyn

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- 📧 lloyd.deer1@bigpond.com
- ☎ 0428 596 119
- 🔥 Meets 2nd Monday of each month from 8.00 pm

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- Feb 12** Bert de Koning's night & presentations
 - Mar 11** Dr Jim's Night & presentation
 - Apr 8** J Bodnar - Guest presenter
 - May 13** Circuit book night - Chris Dyson



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