

# SAPC News

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## President's Report



Welcome to the May issue of the SAPC News,

It has been an interesting time in recent weeks since the February issue of the SAPC News. With world issues affecting the hip pocket it is pleasing to see our hobby quietly achieving a level of diplomacy that many would like to see world leaders take a leaf from our book.

The May auction has again had a good response from vendors with a wide variety of material being allocated for sale, with over 1050 lots again up for sale. When you attend the auction please take care when looking at material, and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Mike and the team. I am sure that sales again will be very good. My thanks go out to Mike and the team for all the hard work they do in getting the catalogue and auction up and running.

The workshop held on 12th April, was again well attended, with two sessions being organised. The first was on the different exhibiting classes available to us, with the second session on Postal History. Thanks to Martin for taking the session but also for showing such a wide variety of material that we could be collecting.

Thought of the day. "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves", William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar

Nigel  
 SAPC President

## Diary Notes

### May

**Saturday & Sunday 2-3**  
**Matchbox Exhibition**  
 SAPHIL House,  
 10 to 5 Sat 10 to 3 Sunday

**Sunday 17**  
**PSSA Open Day**  
 SAPHIL House,  
 10am to 3pm

**Saturday & Sunday 30-31**  
**SAPC Auction**  
 SAPHIL House,  
 10am to 4pm and 9am to 12noon  
 Auction starts 1pm

### June

**Saturday & Sunday 6-7**  
**Antiques & Collectible Fair**  
 St Vincent St, Port Adelaide

### July

**Monday 6**  
**Salisbury Auction**  
 From 7pm  
 Salisbury Lutheran Church

### August

**Sunday 9**  
**SAPC Workshop**  
 SAPHIL House,  
 10am to 3pm

### September

**Saturday 12**  
**Blackwood Auction**  
 11am viewing  
 Blackwood Uniting Church

**Saturday 12**  
**Printed Collectibles Fair**  
 9 am to 3pm  
 Hectorville Community Centre.

### October

**Saturday 3 Sunday 4**  
**NSSA Coin & Bank Note Expo**  
 10am to 5pm 10am to 3pm  
 Drill Hall, Adelaide

**Saturday 10 Sunday 11**  
**Congress**  
 10 to 4 Sat, 10 to 3 Sunday  
 Hectorville Community Centre

**Saturday 24**  
**Salisbury Auction and Fair**  
 9.30 am to 3.30pm  
 Salisbury Lutheran Church  
**Hall.come!**

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Linda

## Sponsor - Lower Murray PS

This year two of our members were granted Life Membership. Congratulations to Dianne James and to Nigel Carter.



Dianne's journey began in 1968, growing up near Largs Bay North Post Office. She developed a fascination with First Day covers, particularly the tradition of sending to herself. Each week she would carefully prepare her covers often addressed in green ink, sparking a life long passion.

Dianne's grandmother created stamp folders for both Dianne and her brother, a tradition she did for her own children. Her collection is both diverse and carefully curated, specialising in Australian FDC's and stamps, Australian and Asian postcards, Flight covers, Aerogrammes and thematic material that includes Gemstones, Orchids, trains and the Antarctic.

Dianne has also been a tireless contributor to organised philately in South Australia for many decades. She has served as a delegate for Mount Gambier, assisting with the set up and pull down of Congress's since its days at the Parade Grounds. Always willing to meet and greet people, selling raffle tickets and promoting philately in general. Been heavily involved in the organisation of Aeropex 22, and volunteering with LMPS by selling bingo tickets and recently assisting with the management of the circuit books. Dianne has also been editor of the SAPC News, librarian of the Airmail Society and also a member of many different clubs.

Dianne is an accomplished exhibitor, having presented numerous displays at Congress over the years. Among her many achievements she has achieved over the years was the inaugural Peoples Choice Award at the 2024 SAPC Congress, reflecting both the quality of her exhibits but also her connection to the public. Dianne takes her love for the story behind an issue, or place, or theme to a level not seen by many in SA.

Dianne has actively encouraged her grandchildren to collect and exhibit—at one point they were the only junior members in SA. Equally she has inspired and supported her daughter's jour-

ney in philately, guiding her through exhibiting at local, state and national levels.

Dianne exemplifies the spirit of philately, community minded, passionate and committed to preserving and sharing the stories behind the stamps. Her Life membership is not only well deserved but is a celebration of a life spent enriching the hobby for others.

Congratulations, Dianne, and thank you for your outstanding contribution to philately at club but also State level. Hope to see many more exhibits from you.

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Nigel joined Lower Murray PS in 2000, and during that time has quietly worked during that time in the background assisting in many positions over that time. He has been involved in securing our club rooms and also in raising funds for the club as well.

He is very open to assisting members with their collections, displays, or exhibits. Nigel has an interest in Traditional, Postal History as well as many other areas of philately.

He has taken his enjoyment of exhibiting from local to State, National and International levels, as well as qualifying as a National Judge. He has been involved in the set up and pull down of many Congress's held over the last few years. He is now the SAPC Frames Manager.

He has also has been helping with the general maintenance at SAPHIL House, this included chopping down a tree between SAPC building and our next door neighbour, Nigel was elected President of the SAPC in Novembre 2024.

Nigel has also been assisting with the setting up of a design competition for juniors in the Lower Murray area as well as his involvement in the workshops run by the SAPC.

Congratulations to you both. It just goes to show how members from any club over the years can have an influence on philately in South Australia.

**Circuit Book Office**

The CBO is always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested just ring SAPHIL on a Tuesday and talk to Jeff T. My thanks to Ruth for redoing all the labels on the new folders. Our sheets with stamps on are always in short supply. Please if you are a vendor keep the sheets coming in. We have been making small changes to the running of the office as well as some of the procedures that we use. We have changed how we manage the recycling of pages due to low inventory, so you might notice that some pages that would normally have been removed have been

left in, this could be because the pages have only been to one club, or hasn't been in circulation for very long. Vendors need to be diligent when placing stamps on pages, we know that there is issues with the quality of the hinges, just take care. Also if you have a more expensive stamp (say \$10) on a page with mostly lower values separate it from the rest of the stamps, maybe on a line by itself.

Lastly, my thanks go out to all the volunteers who help out, it is a thankless job, well done and keep up the good work.

**Upcoming changes to the Circuit Book Office.**

As of the 1st July the office hours in the Circuit Book Office will be changing. The office is going to be closed on Wednesday's, therefore the days and hours of operation will be

Monday 8—12	Tuesday 8—12	Wednesday closed	Thursday 8—12	Friday 8—12
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For all club circuit book supervisors prior to coming in to change over books if you can ring the office (8212 3557) a couple of days prior and mention the number of books that you require and approximate time that you will be at the office it would be appreciated.

We are also gradually taking out all the cover pages from the white folders and looking at adding an additional 10 pages of stamps to the white folders. This would mean that if you don't currently take an E book you would need to include an E book with the white folders. I am looking at getting club feedback on this change.

Thanks Linda.

### Property Management update

Sorting out the Compactus area is still ongoing with many catalogues etc available to members to take home. The saga of putting the TV back on the wall has finally been achieved. My thanks to both Nigel who tried valiantly to get the TV up, but especially to Jeff T for putting up a couple of timber supports so that we could then put the new bracket up, guess what! the TV is still up on the wall. Thanks to everyone for their patience.

A working bee to fix the broken frames from Congress has been organised as well as moving the frames to the other side of the garage for better access.

Finally, just a general reminder about leaving chairs etc at SAPHIL behind the tables and returning to their original position. We have many members who attend SAPHIL House that use either walkers or walking sticks and leaving chairs out is becoming a Safety hazard.

### Delegates

The first delegates meeting for 2026 was held on February 9. Angela Groves has been appointed as the second delegate for Blackwood. Welcome Angela. Prior to the meeting everyone enjoyed a slice of Pavlova. The most important point from the meeting was the approval of our Constitution on 21/1/2026.

### Workshop

Our workshop in April took our 8 attendees through the 14 different classes available to all exhibitors. This covered the different material that can be used for each class. With over 120 pages of different material from most of the different classes on display everyone had a chance to review layouts, material used, and the information that can be used in your exhibit.



After lunch we had a look at the Postal History class. Our thanks to Martin Walker for taking us through the ins and outs of collecting for this class. Again, with over 120 pages of material based on all the different aspects of the class it was amazing to see what you could actually collect in this class.



Just a reminder about our next workshop on the 9th August. We will be looking at “what the Judges look for” when judging your exhibit.

Thanks to everyone who attended and for the feedback received about the presentations. If you are interested in attending in August please let me know.

Thanks Linda

### SAPC Auction update

With over 1050 lots up for sale, we are hoping for another successful auction. Thanks to the vendors, the bidders and the volunteers for taking part at each auction. There will be a slightly different format at the November auction, with smaller lots numbered from 1—500, and then larger lots (albums, binders and bulk etc) from 550 onwards. The auction will then be run in two parts, we are hoping this makes for a smoother auction, and better handling of lots when putting away.

If you are interested in putting material in the next auction any time from July.



### Peter Ernest Humby

1951- 2026



It is with sadness that the South Australian philatelic community learnt of the sudden passing of Peter Humby on 19th February. Peter leaves a very large hole for his knowledge of past events and philatelists. He loved talking about all the events that he had been involved with over the last 55+ years.

#### His Story.

Peter collected stamps from an early age. He joined Southern Districts in 1969, becoming Vice President in 1971 and Secretary/Treasurer in 1972 until the society closed in 2010 as well as being made a Life Member of the club.

He also joined The Airmail Society in 1972 and held the position of Vice President or committee member for over 25 years.

He was the inaugural SAPC News Editor, SAPC Property Officer, and Circuit Book Manager. He also hosted many a SAPC award and appreciation nights, organised the printing of many catalogues and the advertising for the events and exhibitions that he was involved with over the years.

Peter's willingness to help and be involved can be seen in the many numerous Exhibitions in Adelaide that he was involved with, this includes many different positions on committees, Secretary, Treasurer, Awards MC, printing of catalogues, Prize's co-ordinator, Floor Manager and many more.

The exhibitions included Adelaide Exhibition in Nth Adelaide in 1972, Aeropex88, 94, 2003 and 2019. Other Exhibitions include Stampex 86, 88, 91, and 1997, Woodpex 1992.

Peter has over the years put on many displays at various clubs, given talks, as well as promoting the hobby where he could.

He was the Vice President of The City of Noarlunga Philatelic Society and Australian Airmail Society on his passing.

Peter was awarded the Briskham Award in 1982 for his services to philately in South Australia. Last year at Congress he was awarded the Latham Roberts material for his Australian exhibit on "The Captain Cook Bi-centenary 1970".

#### Members stories.

Peter's passing is acknowledged with deep respect, recognising his valued contribution to our club, as a member and a friend. He joined us in February 2016 later becoming our Vice President in August 2019.

Peter listed his philatelic interest as **'Everything & Anything'** and could always be relied upon to have different and unique items for his displays. Valuable and rare items were shown at club evenings and his enthusiasm and knowledge was openly shared with all of our members.

Working quietly behind the scenes, for the benefit of our club, he would mentor and encourage members to enter CONGRESS and to be active in the stamp community. CONGRESS 2025 was a highlight for Peter, he shared his excitement with us all when he was given the Latham Roberts Award, as well he has achieved Gold, Vermeil, Silver and Bronze awards for his exhibits. We are all so proud and honoured to have had Peter as a member of our club. We will truly miss his friendship, support and his passion for philately.

In honour of Peter, our club has decided to have a perpetual trophy in his name, awarded to a member who wins the end of year club competition. Knowing Peter has been such a privilege and now his name will be permanently held at the highest point possible in our clubs history.

Lorraine City of Noarlunga

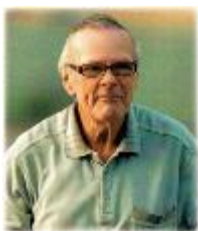
Peter was a gentle soul, a loyal friend who was prepared to help anyone, with a great interest in history in both the Philatelic world as well as South Australia.

Peter was skilled at fixing many things, including plumbing, and building renovations etc., the only child of older parents, he attended Goodwood Boys Tech. He started work in the Treasury Building, then moved on to the Government printers at Netley.

Peter has written the history of Currency Creek, organised dances at Port Elliot, been a member of the Historical Society, setting up the Citrus display at the Royal show for many years and employed by the Electoral office. As you can see Peter was involved in many different areas of community living and activities.

Lastly, he was a keen traveller and over the past few years along with Peter O'Brien they have enjoyed many adventures overseas.

Your life long friend Janet



Peter's association with the Air Mail Society began in 1972 – probably as a result of his involvement with the national philatelic exhibition, ANPEX 72. This was back in the days when people were invited to join the Society rather than simply joining. Nelson Eustis certainly recognised the value of Peter's contribution to ANPEX 72 and his potential as a future member of the society.

Peter's potential was certainly realised as a hard-working member of many exhibition committees.



Peter being presented with the Latham Roberts Award for the best Australian Commonwealth Material 2026.

These started with Stampex 86 and continued with similar exhibitions in 1988, 1991, 1997 and Woodpex 1992. He edited and produced the catalogues for the latter four exhibitions and was heavily involved in the production of many of the souvenirs as he was a member of the local printing trade.

For the Air Mail Society he was even more involved with the organisation of the Aeropex exhibitions held in 1988, 1994 and 2003 where he also produced the catalogues and souvenirs. The catalogue produced for Aeropex 94 was exceptional and later won an award for philatelic literature. His contribution to the staging of Aeropex 2019 was invaluable, especially with the organisation of the Palmares and special events that made that exhibition so memorable.

Peter served on the society's committee for many years as vice-president and was the society's delegate to the State Philatelic Council. Whilst associated with the Philatelic Council he variously served as their property officer, circuit book manager and was the inaugural editor of SAPC News. He was also the master of ceremonies for many exhibition, society and council events. His contribution to philately in South Australia was recognised in 1992 when he was awarded with the Briskham Award – the state's highest award for services to the hobby.

Martin Walker, President, Australian Air Mail Society.



Peter was often called upon to reminisce about past events and memories that came with his 55+ years of involvement with philately.

## Australian Airmail Society

"Hail Soviet Science and Technology!

USSR Space Race Propaganda on Philatelic Materials, Posters and Ephemera."



Renowned space commentator Kerrie Dougherty made a welcome return to the Australian Air Mail Society to present a talk at the April 2026 meeting. Her topic was Russian Space Race Propaganda and followed the progress of Soviet space technology that emerged during the International Geophysical Year of 1957-58.

Following the succession of Russian projects, Kerrie proceeded to explain the achievements and failures of the Sputnik, Luna, Vostok and Cosmos flights. Propaganda being what it is, many of the failures were hailed as successes and became designated flights in the Cosmos program.

The presentation utilised images of postage stamps, matchbox labels, posters, postcards and maximum cards produced to glorify the successes of the space program, the 1961 issue commemorating cosmic flight. It is printed on paper surfaced with aluminium foil and is overprinted in red with the date of the 22nd Communist Party Congress.

As the meeting was held on the eve of the Artemis II launch, some time was allowed for Kerrie to explain the ambitions of the mission flying around the moon.



USSR - 1961 Gagarin - Kerrie's favourite stamp

Russia - 1964 - mini sheet issued to celebrate Russian space exploration



David presenting a certificate of appreciation to Kerrie Dougherty

*The Australian Airmail Society now meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month except January from 4.30pm at SAPHIL House.*

*Visitors most welcome*

## The Beebe Balloon Company's Carnivals in South Australia 1908-1911

Australian Airmail Society  
Special event



See and hear the stories of the Balloon Carnivals presented by the Beebe Balloon Company during their visits to Adelaide and country towns throughout the state. Learn about the "triple leap of death", the parachuting cat and the aeronauts who took the first aerial photographs of Adelaide in 1908.

**Caption & Cite:** Postcard depicting the ascent of a balloon from the Jubilee Oval, Adelaide, 1908, Martin Walker Collection

**Bookings:** Bookings required by email (only)

Region: Adelaide City

Toilet (Wheelchair accessible toilets available)

Wheelchair Access: Yes

6 May, 4.30pm - 5.30pm

SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide, 22 Gray Ct, Adelaide, SA, 5000



Martin Walker, 0418 600 132 saphilatclst@gmail.com

### Australian Postcard Society

Our January display this year was Lundy by Linda W. The era covered was 1929—1954. The issues all had Puffins as the design ranging from the first definitive through to Red Cross o/prints, Tram Tickets (Atlantic Coast Air Service), the Large Map Issues, including a cover that was o/printed "Air Service Suspended due to War". 1940 –22/1/41. Lastly just a selection of the 1954 Jubilee issues with and without dates that had some flaws and a brief article on Lundy Air Field. A very interesting look at Cinderellas used by a small island off the coast of UK.



At our February meeting Ron Harris display was based on "Kevin Pappas Postcards" book. Kevin came to Australia in the mid 1950's and asked his artist friends to paint pictures onto the back of the postcards along with a brief story about each painting. We also had the privilege of seeing a full set of pictures on Silo Art. A couple of books are available for you to read and journey around SA to see all the silo's that have been painted. A most unusual display, many thanks Ron.



*The Australian Postcard Society meet on the 4th Thursday of each month except December from 7.45pm at SAPHIL House.*

*Visitors most welcome.*

### The Blackwood Circle

Blackwood held their AGM at the first meeting of the year, and with Jeff Taylor stepping down last

year, the committee will take on a new look.

Welcome to Lara our new president and secretary. (refer to page 14 for more information)

A couple of changes to their programme this year. The club is again holding a Mega auction on September 12, with their October meeting moving to October 31. For further enquiries check out the SAPC webpage for details.

*The Blackwood Philatelic Circle meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month except January from 1.30pm at the Blackwood Uniting Church.*

### City of Noarlunga

We are slowly recovering from the sudden passing of our vice president Peter. If you are interested in stamp collecting and you live in the southern area please come along and join us for an evening of looking at philatelic material, (we have several different displays) and competitions happening all year, come along to a relaxed evening of philatelic enjoyment.

*The City of Noarlunga Philatelic Society meet on alternate Thursdays of each month from 7.00pm at Seaford Christian Churches, Seaford.*

*Visitors most welcome.*

### Community Philatelic Society

A wide range of material on 6 pages was again on display. Ranging from Postcards that were based on 9 views per card, to English Machins 1999-2020 that included no border around the stamp to a border, the changes to fonts and the addition of the barcode for security purposes. Stamps on QEII highlighting early issues on a woman who reigned for 70 years, who reigned over 150 Prime Ministers world wide, French Polynesia definitives (1892) printed in France to the 1937 International Exhibition in France, very hard to find stamps and on the last of these 6 pages we had stamps that were both Litho and Thermo printed (creating a 3D type look) and to round out the displays 6 pages of unusual items from Lundy, that included Goat Island Spoof issues, letterbox cachets, Lundy Collectors Society mini sheets. A great variety that created many discussions.

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Community PS meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 6.30pm, at Edwardstown Baptist Church, Community Centre, Corner Rothesay and Dorene Ave, St Marys.

Visitors most welcome.

### Eastern Districts Philatelic Society

At the March 12 meeting Jeff Taylor presented his display of Australian Decimals sheet numbers for the years 1966 to 1969 as well as Christmas 1971. With over 8 frames displayed, Jeff explained the significance of the numbers, printers placed in the margin of a sheet. Sheet numbers were the last thing put on the sheet and used for counting how many were produced. The position of the sheet number indicated if the sheet was 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th printing. Nowadays, they are highly sought after items. Jeff's display and associated knowledge was impressive and enjoyed by all.



Our April auction has been and gone for another year. With over 800 lots for sale, with 24 bidders in the room, a wide variety of material was again up for sale. The club held our raffle, with supper provided. Thanks goes out to the vendors who trusted us with their material, and to all the volunteers who helped on the night.

Eastern Districts PS meet at The Hectorville Community Centre on the 2nd Thursday of the month from February, starting at 7.30pm.

Ample parking and wheelchair accessible  
Visitors and new members are welcome!

### Encounter Bay Stamp Club

The Encounter Bay Stamp Club started in 2000. In the 26 years since the start the club we have been privileged to have several of our members receive National Awards, firstly The Australian Philatelic Order Research Medal, also Member of the Australian Philatelic Order, with another three members achieving SPAN Awards. Two Briskham and one Butler Award have also been given to our local members.

Encounter Bay Stamp Club members shared in a notable celebration at their meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>. This was to join with member Jim Miles in celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Jim has for many years been collecting and clipping office mail for charity and he joined the club in 2017 as part of his activities.



Jim is active in the club and takes a keen interest in the displays and other events.

A birthday cake appeared at the meeting to help celebrate the occasion and this was duly dispatched by members at supper time.

Jim did not want a fuss made about his birthday but he got it anyway, there was no escaping that one.

Encounter Bay Stamp Club meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at Carrackalinga House Victor Harbor.

### Glenside Philatelic Society

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Our first meeting of the year attracted over 30 members, and all had the pleasure of viewing a display of different modern Lundy Island material that included, Goat Island, a Puffin on a postcard, some of the more recent stamp issues, cancels of Letterboxes on cover, Spoof or Bogus issues, Reprints of early issues, a couple of booklets and lastly some ephemera items.



Over the Christmas break Jeff Taylor received a collection of material that had been donated to the club. After organising tickets for the members to pick up and then collect items with relevant numbers on it was a great way for members to start the new year. Lots have already been donated or exchanged with other members. The front table was full of donated material, our thanks go to the person who took the time to find a stamp club and then pass onto the philatelic community.

Stan Grafton was welcomed into the club as a fully paid up member of the club. Welcome Stan, hope you enjoy your time at the club.



To round out the meeting David G put up his display of China. Each page was based on a stamp or

set of stamps based on scenes of different regions.

A lovely colourful range of stamps to entice the viewer to come and have a closer look.



David is looking at putting this display into Congress this year. Well done

To help celebrate Iris's birthday we enjoyed sharing a lovely lemon cheesecake for afternoon tea. Happy birthday Iris.

The Phillumeny display by David F was something very different to our usual displays. The Matchbox Club will be celebrating 200 years since the introduction on the Friction Match in May this year. The club will be holding an exhibition at SAPHIL House on the 2nd & 3rd of May. The display was on Pillbox tops from the 1830's and still made in Sapin today, and covered the countries of England, Belgium, France, Italy, New Zealand and Australia. The second frame was Patriot Labels on Matchboxes and included War Slogans from Sydney and Melbourne. The society is producing 12 Matchbox Labels and 12 Postcards in a presentation wallet for the 200th Anniversary.

A very interesting collecting topic not seen before at the club. Thanks David.



### Glenside Open Day

The club held its second Open Day in March, and was a resounding success. 5 dealers were in attendance selling their wares and all reported good sales on the day. Our thanks to John Cornelius for coming over from Ballarat. With a good attendance of 43, with 20 of our own club members attending it turned out well.

My thanks go to Linda W for manning the canteen, Bret and Moira and Linda for setting up the room.

We hope to hold another Open Day next year, but in the mean time for anyone wanting to catch up with John Cornelius please come along to SAPHIL House on the 18th July from 10am and John will be in attendance. It is a normal Glenside meeting.

Once again thanks to everyone for making the day a financial success for all.

Yours Jeff T (President)

*Glenside meet at SAPHIL House from February to November on the 1st and the 3rd Saturday of the month and the first Saturday of December 1.30pm.*

*Visitors and new members are welcome!*

### Numismatic Society of SA

If you are interested in collecting coins and banknotes, or just wanting to get some information then the Numismatics Society is for you. Every three months (June, September and December) they hold a Bourse (fair) prior to their regular meeting. A very generous supper is also provided.

*The Numismatic Society meet at SAPHIL House on the 3rd Thursday of the month except from 7.45pm.*

*Visitors and new members are welcome!*

### Philatelic Society of South Australia

Displays by members of the Philatelic Society of South Australia (PSSA) and visitors from other societies represent a key element of PSSA meetings. Recent presentations have maintained this tradition.

On Saturday 28 February, Jennifer Mibus, President of the PSSA, welcomed the visiting members of the Postal Stationery and Postal History Society (PS&PHS). This was a very special occasion with the PS&PHS celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its foundation, albeit with a touch of sadness that, with its declining membership over recent years, its members had decided the PS&PHS was no longer viable as an independent entity.

After an approach by PS&PHS President Martin Walker to PSSA President Jennifer Mibus late last year, it was agreed that the two societies would amalgamate on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PS&PHS.

Martin Walker, the only Foundation Member of the PS&PHS still active in philately, tabled the first Minute Book of the Society, noting that the February 1976 Foundation Meeting attracted 23 attendees. Martin then read through the names of those who joined as foundation members, drawing attention to the many significant philatelists within its ranks.

Martin continued with an entertaining summary of the activities of the Society and its membership over the years. He noted that in its heyday the monthly meetings attracted 50 – 80 members. The Society also produced a bulletin that was very popular. Some ninety editions of the bulletin were published before it ceased as the membership of the Society declined.

Martin pointed out that the PS&PHS was a very social club and, from time to time, organised philatelic and history related excursions. He recalled one such visit to the former Prospect Hill Post Office, that had since become a museum, managed by the former postmaster. This gentleman, on becoming aware of his visitors' philatelic history interests, invited them to 'help themselves' to his surplus stock of post office forms etc. Martin commented 'help themselves' they certainly did!

Concluding his contribution, Martin thanked Jennifer and the PSSA members for welcoming the PS&PHS into its fold.

Jennifer Mibus then formally declared the amalgamation of the two societies, which will operate

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under the title 'Philatelic Society of South Australia', thus preserving the PSSA's historic position as the oldest continuously operating philatelic society in Australia.

The meeting concluded with the former members of the PS&PHS presenting displays of postal stationery and postal history.

Don't forget to come along to our Open Day May 17th at SAPHIL House. (refer to flyer)

*PSSA meet on the 1st Tuesday at 7.30pm, and on the 4th Saturday at 1.30pm of each month.*

*New members and visitors welcome!*



South Australia's 1-31 May 2026 History Festival

Connections

Sunday 17 May 2026 10am - 4pm Free Entry

Dealers Light Lunch Appraisals Exhibits

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
INCORPORATED IN S.A. FOUNDED 1888

Open Day

SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide  
Free street parking



# Member Profile



## Blackwood Philatelic Circle: Meet Our New President

The Blackwood Philatelic Circle is pleased to introduce our new President, Lara Cameron-Smith. Passionate about community and with a keen appreciation for the stories behind stamps, Lara brings both experience and enthusiasm to the role.

Here's your chance to get to know Lara a little better. From collecting inspirations to future plans, here's a glimpse into the person behind the role.

### Getting to Know You

#### What first sparked your interest in stamp collecting?

Like many people, I began collecting as a child. Generally these were used stamps, except for those cheap packets you could get at Kmart. I remember that stamp swapping was a big thing. Any mint stamps in my collection were highly prized and hard-earned. I stopped collecting as a teenager and resumed a couple of years ago, so I consider myself very much a novice! Joining the Blackwood Philatelic Circle has been a fantastic learning experience.

#### Do you remember the very first stamp you ever collected?

Highly likely it was the 1978 20c Little Grebe from the Australian Birds Definitives, probably with a very heavy and smudged cancel.

#### What area of philately are you most passionate about right now?

I live not too far from our local post office which has been closed for years. Recent renovations by the owner have revealed a beautiful stone cottage and it's sparked an interest in the history of the post office. This has led to a wider interest in marcophily, especially on old-fashioned postcards. Now I have a whole new challenge and obsession.

#### If you had to describe your collecting style in three words, what would they be?

Exploratory, learning-driven, diverse.

#### What's one thing in your collection that you'd grab in a fire? (After family and pets, of course!)

I'd just grab my two albums of Australian predecimals and colonials.

### The Collector Behind the Title

Are you a meticulous album arranger or a "carefully organised chaos" collector?

Hmm. I do believe in curating a collection, rather than hoarding, however this hobby has led to a few 'extra' boxes around the house. I have been known to spend hours rearranging stamps 'just so' in albums...but I don't do the historical notes or anything. I guess I'm more on the 'organised chaos' part of the spectrum, until I retire from work.

#### What's the most unusual item you've ever added to your collection?

I've toyed with the idea of creating a tongue-in-cheek display of 'Personality stamps of dubious appeal' and have a few stamps along these lines. Don't say you weren't warned.

#### Have you ever made a great bargain — or an expensive mistake?

Whilst on holiday in the Blue Mountains I was in an antique shop that was selling everything off at half price. I took home five binders full of mint decimal and pre-decimal stamps, blocks and a couple of rarer gems. Felt like I won the philately lottery.

#### Do you collect for investment, history, aesthetics, or pure joy?

I love the designs of stamps. I also like the idea of where and how a stamp has travelled. When I find old postcards, I also do a bit of research on the addressee, for a bit of added fun. Also I'm pretty geographically challenged – terrible at quiz nights - so collecting stamps helps me learn.

### Club Vision & Leadership

#### What inspired you to step into the President role?

I have experience in leadership within community organisations as well as governance. Blackwood is a really great club and I felt I could make a meaningful difference as President, even though there are big shoes to fill! Did I mention I'm also Secretary? I like administration.

#### What would you love members to say about the club in a year's time?

That it's warm and welcoming, with experienced philatelists passing on their knowledge all our recent new members. Also, that we had a brilliant Mega Auction (coming in September) and all our members look forward to coming along to every meeting due to the fun and camaraderie they experience. The President doesn't take herself too seriously.

#### Are there any new initiatives or ideas you're excited to introduce?

We've now got a Facebook page! Shameless plug: <https://www.facebook.com/blackwood.philatelic.circle>. I'm proud of our April Fool's stamp. Go check it out!

#### What do you think makes a stamp club truly thrive?

Everyone's philatelic interest is different, so mutual respect, curiosity and appreciation of each other's passion helps to maintain club vitality. Good governance is important, and the club needs to feel like a community that people genuinely want to be part of in this modern world with many competing priorities.

### Just for Fun

#### If you could design a series of stamps, what would it feature?

"Closed post offices of South Australia – then and now."

#### What's one thing members might be surprised to learn about you?

I have lots of hobbies, including gardening, board games, miniature painting, movie collecting...and playing Dungeons and Dragons.

#### If your collection had a theme song, what would it be?

'Great Southern Land' – because I seem to have taken the 'great' and 'southern' parts very seriously, and the 'manageable' part not at all.

#### Tea or coffee at meetings?


Tea. And cake, which I need to make more of. That's another hobby.

The Blackwood Philatelic Circle usually meets on the second Saturday of each month. Visitors are most welcome – contact [blackwood.philatelic.circle@gmail.com](mailto:blackwood.philatelic.circle@gmail.com) for further details. We would love to see you!

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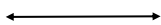
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### Community Philatelic Society

Edwardstown Baptist Church, Community Centre,  
Corner Rothesay and Dorene Ave, St Marys.

- ✉ PO Box 281, Edwardstown, S.A. 5039
- ✉ lindaw3456@gmail.com
- ☎ 0421 367 665
- 📍 Meets 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 6.30pm except January and December.



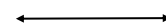
- May 1** Circuit Books
- May 15** Members Choice - DP
- June 5** Circuit Books
- June 19** 6 pages all members
- July 3** Circuit Books
- July 17** Machins - JM
- Aug 7** Circuit Books



### Encounter Bay Stamp Club

Carrackalinga House, rear entrance, corner of Hill  
and Torrens Streets, Victor Harbour.

- ✉ PO Box 317, Goolwa, S.A. 5214
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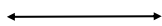
- May 6** Fun Quiz night
- June 3** International Men's Night Part 1
- July 1** AGM International Women's Night
- Aug 5** International Men's Night Part 2



### Eastern Districts Philatelic Society

Hectorville Community Centre, Reid Ave  
Campbelltown.

- ✉ PO Box 2110, Salisbury Downs, S.A. 5108
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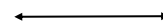
- May 14** QSL Cards - GO
- June 11** Club Competition and Quiz night
- July 9** Selection of One Framers - B & M R
- Aug 13** British Antarctic Territory - LW



### Glenside Philatelic Society

SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Crt, Adelaide, 5000.

- ✉ 1A Wilpena St, Eden Hills, S.A. 5050
- ✉ jeff.p.taylor57@gmail.com
- ☎ 0407 182 891
- 📍 Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month except Jan from 1.30pm.



- May 16** Why did they do it? -MH
- June 6** FAAT - DP
- June 20** 9 page Gerry van Ekelenburg Competition
- July 4** Ground Orchids of Europe—B & M R
- July 18** Norfolk Island—DF. Also John Cornelius
- Aug 1** AGM & Presidents Display



### Elizabeth Philatelic Society

Church of Transfiguration (Anglican Church)  
35 Adelaide Road, Gawler

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



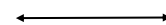
- May 8** Ethiopia
- May 22** Austrian Italy
- June 12** Barbados
- June 26** Belgian Congo
- July 10** Bermuda
- July 24** Egypt Revenue Stamps
- Aug 14** Greece



### Lower Murray Philatelic Society

White Park Centre, 19 Mulgundawah Rd,  
Murray Bridge, SA.

- ✉ LMPS Secretary, PO Box 3, Purnong,  
via Mannum, S.A. 5239
- ✉ lmpilsocsec@gmail.com
- ☎ (08) 8570 4074
- 🌐 www.lowermurrayphilatelicociety.org.au
- 📍 Meets 1st Saturday of the month from 10am  
and 3rd Sunday of the month from 10am except  
December.



- May 2** Display by Dianne
- May 17** Display by Trevor
- June 6** Display by Wendy
- June 21** Visit Mike Kovaleff
- July 4** Display by Trevor
- July 19** Display Dianne
- Aug 1** Congress Preview
- Aug 16** Display by Angela
- Sept 5** AGM

### German Philatelic Club



- ☎ 0408 019 218
- 📍 Contact club for meeting details.

# Club details and Programmes



## Mount Gambier Philatelic Society

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

✉ PO Box 2261, Mt Gambier, S.A. 5289

📧 mgphilatelic@gmail.com

☎ 0419 817 697

Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7.30 pm  
except December. (except winter)

Winter months July to September meetings start at 2pm



**May 19** 4 sheets letter "M George Ransom Award

**June 16** Monster auction

**July 21** Health Stamps

**Aug 18** 4 sheets on the letter "R"



## Port Pirie Philatelic Society

BHAS Bowling Club, 1 Halley St, Risdon Park.

✉ 13 Fletcher Crt, Port Pirie, S.A. 5540

📧 geoff-josie@bigpond.com

☎ 0429 858 856

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



**May 25** Member display & Letter R

**June 29** Display of Port Pirie Material by members

**July 27** Vice President display & the Letter S

**Aug 31** Visitor/member display & Letter T



## Printed Collectibles Club

SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide.

✉ PO Box 163, Hope Valley, S.A. 5090

📧 fredyboy1966@gmail.com

☎ 0428 265 739

Meets 4th Tuesday of each month from 8.00pm  
except December.



**May 26** all members favourite item

**June 23**

**July 28**

**Aug 25**



## Numismatic Society of South Australia

SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide. SA. 5000

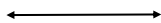
✉ C/- PO Box 312, Magill, S.A. 5072

📧 secretary@sanumismatics.org.au

☎ (08) 8165 3446

🌐 www.sanumismatics.org.au

📍 Meets on 3rd Thursday of the month from 7.45pm.



**May 21** Meeting

**June 18** Meeting & Bourse

**July 16** Meeting

**Aug 20** Meeting



## Philatelic Society of South Australia

SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide.

✉ PO Box 10159, Adelaide Business Hub,

Gouger St, Adelaide. S.A. 5000

📧 anthony.presgrave@bigpond.com

☎ (08) 8212 3557

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



**May 5 Tue** Jetties of SA - DF

**May 17 Sunday** Open Day

**May 23 Sat** Small displays - all members

**June 2 Tues** Australian KGV 1d - GM

**June 25 Sat** Russian Postal Stationery - AK

**July 7 Tues** Small Displays—all members

**July 25 Sat** River Murray - TP

**Aug 4 Tues** Postal History & Postal Stationery - all  
members



## Riverland Philatelic Society

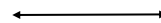
Berri Library, Riverview Drive, Berri

✉ PO Box 901, Berri, S.A. 5343

📧 saund-rp@bigpond.com.au

☎ (08) 8584 4716 or 0428 841 343

📍 Meets on 4th Monday February to November  
from 10.00am.



**May 25** Display by - Demi

**June 22** Swap Meet

**July 27** Australia - Chris

**Aug 24** UPU - Robert L



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- 📧 [steve.osment@bigpond.com](mailto:steve.osment@bigpond.com)
- ☎ 0428 738 088
- 📌 Salisbury Philatelic Society
- 📍 Meets 1st Monday (Feb-Dec) from 7.30pm & 3rd Monday (Jan-Nov) from 7.30pm.



- May 4** NZ Postal Stationery pt 2 - PH
- May 18** Pacific Islands - HH
- June 1** 1 Page Fun Comp - Yvonne Thompson Trophy
- June 15** Why did they do it? - MH
- July 6** Members trading tables
- Aug 3** Members other Interests -  
Ray Thompson Trophy
- Aug 17** AGM - Vic Smith Trophy voting



### Ukrainian Collectibles Club

Ukrainian Museum, 6 George Street, Hindmarsh.

- ✉ PO Box 466, Woodville, S.A. 5011
- ☎ 0417 702 234
- 📧 [bandura@ozemail.com.au](mailto:bandura@ozemail.com.au)
- 📍 Currently meeting in members home, please phone for meeting details.



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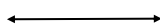
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The Hut (Old Aldgate Railway Station) Aldgate.

- ✉ 12 Alderley Rd, Aldgate, SA, 5154
- 📧 [stphilsoc@gmail.com](mailto:stphilsoc@gmail.com)
- ☎ 0413 742 976
- 📍 Meets 4th Friday of each month from 7.30pm.



- May 22** Odd and Interesting - CP
- June 26** AGM TBA - BI
- July 24** KGVI Part II - BI
- Aug 28** Australia - PC

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### Strathalbyn Philatelic Society

Rosa Hoare room, Lutheran Church, corner Commercial & North Terrace, Strathalbyn.

- ✉ C/- Lloyd Deer, PO Box 686, Strathalbyn, S.A. 5255
- 📧 [lloyd.deer1@bigpond.com](mailto:lloyd.deer1@bigpond.com)
- ☎ 0428 596 119
- 📍 Meets 2nd Monday of each month from 8.00 pm



- May 11** Strathalbyn History night with guest speakers
- June 8** President's Night and Presentation
- July 13** AGM Members Display Evening
- Aug 10** Member Competition night for Hallmark trophy

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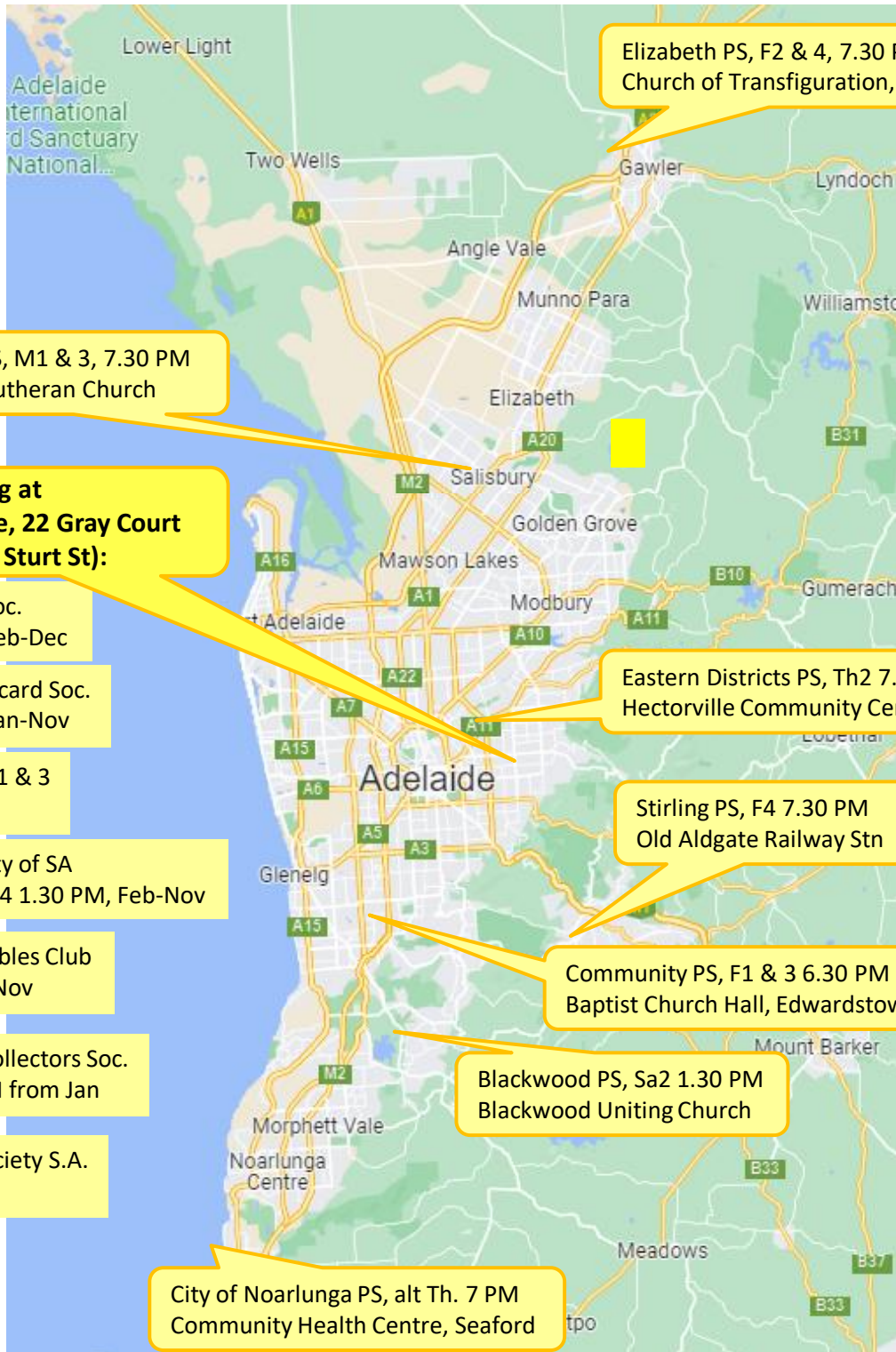


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Salisbury PS, M1 & 3, 7.30 PM  
Salisbury Lutheran Church

Elizabeth PS, F2 & 4, 7.30 PM  
Church of Transfiguration, Gawler

**Clubs meeting at  
SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court  
Adelaide (off Sturt St):**

Aust. Airmail Soc.  
W1 4.30 PM, Feb-Dec

Australian Postcard Soc.  
Th4 7.30 PM, Jan-Nov

Glenside PS, Sa1 & 3  
1.30 PM

Philatelic Society of SA  
Tu1 7.30 PM, Sa4 1.30 PM, Feb-Nov

Printed Collectibles Club  
Tu4 8 PM, Jan-Nov

Match Cover Collectors Soc.  
F4 8 PM, odd M from Jan

Numismatic Society S.A.  
Th3 7.45 PM

Eastern Districts PS, Th2 7.30 PM  
Hectorville Community Centre

Stirling PS, F4 7.30 PM  
Old Aldgate Railway Stn

Community PS, F1 & 3 6.30 PM  
Baptist Church Hall, Edwardstown

Blackwood PS, Sa2 1.30 PM  
Blackwood Uniting Church

City of Noarlunga PS, alt Th. 7 PM  
Community Health Centre, Seaford

**Key:** Club name (PS = Philatelic Society), meeting day(s) of month & time, location; NB 'F1' = 1st Friday.

**Country clubs** in Encounter Bay (Victor Harbor), Mount Gambier, Lower Murray (Murray Bridge), Port Pirie, Riverland (Barmera), Strathalbyn.  
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