

# **BOAMBEE EAST PHILATELIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

## **NOVEMBER ISSUE**

Isn't it great. Spring has arrived at last. (Much to the joy of our media officer.) What an eventful three months we've had since our last newsletter. The preparation for our October auction, the actual auction, juniors doing our web site set up, the Cinderella challenge and of course our regular well attended monthly meetings. The member's profile this time will open your eyes to what a diverse membership we have. At this point we wish to acknowledge the ongoing support from Coles Toormina, Seven Seas and the Toormina post office, all of whom have been most generous with their backing of our club. Thank

### **The Auction.**

On the 15th October, we held a coin and stamp auction. The preparation for it was long and, at times, tedious for all those involved. Postal bids had to be collated, lots gathered and numbered and the catalogue with 417 lots organised. Some of the people involved now have much less hair than they did a few months



*Lots at the ready.*

ago.

The night finally arrived and so did the bidders. Postal bids were already in. The final viewing took place with much Oooing and Aaahing as lots were pored over. It was most gratifying to see many of our members attending. As with previous auctions the bidding was fast and furious but still there

was one person who seemed to want to keep putting his bids up even though there was no-one left to bid against him. He soon caught on and was



*Energetic bidder.*

grinning when he realised he had won the lot he was after.

There were approximately 40 to 50 lots that were for Junior bidders only. These were hotly contested. One young lady absolutely thrived on the bidding "war". It was apparently her first auction and she knew



*That bid's against you. Ok.*

what she wanted and bid accordingly with encouragement from her parents.

During the auction there was a short break for everyone to catch their breath and their



*Here we go again – into the fray.*

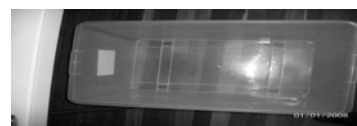
thoughts. Party pies, sausage rolls and cakes went down a treat. Then it was back into the fray.



At the end of the night everyone seemed very satisfied with what they had purchased. The hard work now started for the auction staff. What lots weren't sold. How many were sold. As the bidders came forward

*Doesn't George look pleased!!*

they paid for their purchases, collected them and trotted off completely pleased with themselves and the auction. Around fifty percent of the lots were sold.



*An empty lot box . . . All gone.*

*Member's Profile.*

A very popular and vivacious lady in our club is Janice. Yes Janice, the media officer did do a bit of digging and she came up with some most surprising facts. Janice is an avid collector of not only stamps (Pacific Islands) but owls.



*Have you got this one Janice?*

Janice is a fabulous cook. We believe that Janice opens her kitchen to her grandchildren and the result is flour everywhere. Not too long ago Janice was an Australian Go-cart champion. Who would have guessed? Just a thought— how would we keep up with Janice if she came to the meeting on a Go-cart?



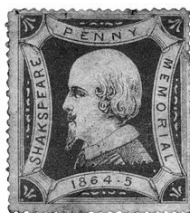
*Janice on her way to the monthly meeting.*

Janice is always ready with a smile and to have a lively chat. But we have yet to sample some of her fabulous cooking. We are so honoured to have such a lovely lady as a member of our club.

*Cinderella Challenge.*

An on-going challenge for all members in our club is to design a Cinderella stamp that not only reflects what our club is about but also the area in which we are located.

What is a Cinderella stamp? Cinderella stamps are poster stamps, propaganda labels, commemorative stickers, stamps, court fee stamps, charity labels like Christmas seals and Easter seals, most telegraph stamps, some railway stamps, and purely decorative items created for advertising or amusement issued by non-recognised countries or governments.



*The 1864 Shakespeare Penny Memorial poster stamp.*

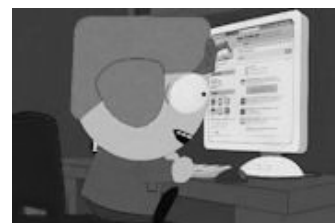
The design of Cinderella items follows the principles of postage stamp design, but they often lack a country name, often replaced by the organization. Sometimes a fictitious country or denomination may be present.

Pete is in charge of setting the criteria for this project. From this challenge we may end up with a logo or letterheads. It has made our members get the old grey matter working. What the resulting Cinderella designs that are put forward is eagerly awaited. Good luck everyone.

*Juniors Corner.*

Our junior numbers are growing in leaps and bounds. It is so pleasing to have such a great bunch of young people not only as members whose interests are philately and numismatics but to have them actively involved in expanding and improving our club. There are at least 5 juniors who would like to become members and be 'correspondence' members.

Not only are they working on a Cinderella stamp design but they are now in the initial stages of setting up our own web site. They are going through the all that entails building a web site for us including what legal issues may be involved. Keep up the good work juniors. As usual we are all very proud of your achievements.



*Don't forget we've got to make it easy for the oldies to use.*

That's it—the last newsletter for 2011. Don't forget our Christmas party is coming up and no meeting in January 2012. The executive wishes everyone a merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

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