

CAMPBELLTOWN PHILATELIC NEWS

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Belgium 1850-1950 display by Bob Herzog

Stamp Types

Although there are many different types of stamps, it is also evident that many fit into more than one category. As a hobbyist, this can be confusing but it is also exciting as it allows you to select in which category you decide to place them. The following is a brief description of some of the different types you may discover.

Definitives

Definitives are the 'everyday' stamps of a country and often keep the same design for several years. They are issued in denominations to cover all postal needs of the issuing country and each denomination is usually in a different colour.

Pictorials

A pictorial is any stamp that has a picture on it. Most stamps designed today are pictorials, though you may come across definitives with an abstract design and many obsolete stamps have no picture on them.

Commemoratives

Commemoratives are issued in honour of an anniversary or special event and are available for a limited time only. The purpose of issue is usually inscribed on them.

Special Issues

Special issue stamps are not tied to a specific event and there is often no purpose of issue shown on them. Like commemoratives, they are available for a limited time.

Airmails

Some countries, especially those that carry some of their internal mail by air, issue special airmail stamps. These stamps frequently show an image of an aeroplane.

Charity Stamps

Charity stamps are sold at a higher price than their postal value and the difference goes to the

relevant charity. Usually the amount that is to go to the charity and, often the type of charity, are clearly identified on the stamp along with the postal rate.

"Obsoletes"

These are out-of-date stamps. They may be from a country that still issues stamps, such as Austria or Japan, or from a 'dead country': that is one that has changed its name, such as Tanganyika, or is now part of another country, such as Bavaria.

Coils

Slot machines contain special coils of stamps. The stamps often have no perforations either at the sides or at the top and bottom.

Locals

In certain countries Local stamps are valid within one district or town and are usually issued by civic authorities, private firms or landowners.

Special Purpose Stamps

These include stamps like the postage due, certified mail, government and military stamps. They are usually listed in catalogues at the end of the country's entry.



Club Member News

Recently Les and Robyn Mc Dermott who now live in Bateman's Bay called in on our secretary (Brian Roberts). Les is a life member of CDPS and

is a past President. Brian was pleased to catch up with Les who among other things stated that he misses meetings at CDPS, as those in his area are a little lacking. He sends his greetings to all club members and looks forward to meeting with us again at this year's Fisher's Ghost Stamp Fair. Both Les and Robyn looked well and were on their way all to soon.

Les still avidly collects USA pre-cancels if anyone has to send his way.

What's on with Stamps

12th April: Richmond Stamp and Coin Show
St Monica's Church Hall Richmond

19th April: Earlwood & District Autumn Stamp Fair
Senior Citizens Centre, Earlwood

10th May: Parramatta Stamp Day O.E.S Hall
Wentworthville

Your Club working for You

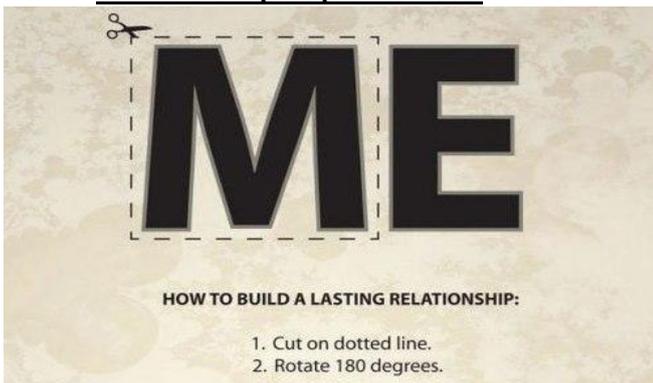
Do you collect any of the following countries? If the answer is yes, see our librarian as we have a one country catalogue for you to borrow.

Australia - New Zealand - Pacific Islands -Japan - Germany - India - Germany East/West & Berlin - Ireland - Great Britain QV, KEVII to KGVI, QEII

Increased Attendances at Meetings

Monthly attendances now average 35. With much activity at circuit book tables/auctions and socialising. A great place to further your hobby among friends

Married couples please note



Post Offices in USA

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?

Elections "Papua New Guinea Style"

Extract from the local newspaper.....

" Business resumed in Mt Hagen yesterday after two days of disruptions by student clashes and disgruntled LLG candidates and their supporters. The Highlands Highway was re-opened on Tuesday afternoon and heavy trucks and obstacles were removed after a peaceful negotiation between Provincial Police Commander Martin Lakari following a short exchange of gunfire between locals and members of the police mobile squad units from Simbu. The Kagamuga Airport was reopened yesterday with normal flights.

The so called free, fair and safe elections did not happen in Mt Hagen urban, especially in ward six and eight. A candidate for the Mayor seat and his supporters, armed with bush knives smashed several vehicles and attacked and threatened the supporters of other candidates.

"We even had an incident in which a supporter of one candidate took out a firearm and shot over the crowd in a public market. Fortunately, nobody was hurt except for one unlucky man who had a bullet penetrate his leg.

A teacher, Robert Pet said other incidents were experienced in Ward 8, where a police vehicle was fired upon by someone in the crowd, adding polling was hijacked by supporters of a particular candidate and legitimate voters were sent home without them casting their votes.

Members on the sick list

In March our club secretary visited both Beth King and Tony Pace who have been unable to attend meetings. Beth requires a hip replacement, but is considering all the ramifications.

Tony is unlikely to return to our club meetings as he is now on 4 hour dialysis. Tony has decided to dispose of his stamp collection.

Our thoughts & best wishes are directed at these & any other members sick at present.

Club overprints

Your committee is aware that sales of club overprinted sheetlets & booklets are no longer as popular as in the past. All clubs spoken to about this phenomenon report similar experiences, including several overseas. Last year, with this trend beginning, we reduced the number of sheetlets we had overprinted, but still have some material unsold.

This topic will be put to attendees at our April meeting, permitting any member to make their comment. This will be on the general business agenda of the next committee meeting.

Europa Stamps

The initial stamps were issued in 1956 by 6 countries - Belgium, France, Germany, Italy & Luxembourg & The Netherlands. The following year each country produced its own design promoting its concepts, politics, & the benefits of European unity. Saar joined the original six countries in 1958, but the following year were incorporated into the German Federal Republic.

By the end of the 1960's there were 26 countries forming Europa nations, expanding in 1969 to include communist Yugoslavia.



St.Pierre & Miquelon

This is the only remnant of the former colonial empire of New France today remaining under French control.

Located just 20 kilometres from the coast of Newfoundland (Canada), the recent population was merely 6,080 people. The name is thought to be from "St.Peter", and the derivation from the Basque "Miguel" or "Michael".

The collection of 13 islands were made a French possession in 1536 by Jacques Cartier on behalf

of the King of France despite being frequented by Basque and Breton fishermen.



Stamps have been issued there since 1885.

Early stamps followed the traditional path of French Colonial issues with countless surcharges.



In 1892 came the Navigation & Commerce issues (also known as the Group Type). A 1909 series of 32 stamps was used up to 1930.

Prohibition in USA during the 1920's saw US gangsters conduct importing & exporting of liquor from there.

During WW2 with the fall of France, German Nazis installed a Vichy government, and during that time almost 100 stamps were issued.

Stamps issued these days generally reflect fishing, the local landscape, the people & the history.

Another small "rock", Macau.

An eight square mile settlement, home to around ½ million people it is possibly the most densely populated country in the world. Its reputation was of gambling, drug smuggling & money laundering.

From 1884 stamps depicted the Portuguese crown & similar influences during the following years. From 1999 Macao became a "special

administrative area" of the Peoples Republic of China. Recent stamp issues reflect Macao's vibrant culture with topics such as Dim Sim dining and the Chinese New Year.



House Of Windsor



Recent Great Britain releases trace the path of Kings & Queens over a number of centuries. Commencing in 2008 with Henry 1V (1399 to 1413) they depict each monarch & their "Houses - Lancaster & York, Tudor, Stewart, Hanover, through to Windsor.

Complete with accompanying minisheets they make an interesting area of collecting. Our "royalists" would consider them a "must-have". These sets are more appealing than many of the mundane "cartoon" stamps.

New Zealand Postage Increase

It has been announced that NZ internal local letter postage will increase from 1st July to 80¢. Large Standard Post letters sent within New Zealand will rise by 20 cents, from \$1.40 to \$1.60. Numerous other postage services will change with some being merged or eliminated. Overseas postings will also increase by a minimum of 10¢ per article.

More Tables for Auction Lots

The committee has authorised the purchase of a further two tables for St Thomas More church hall. These will augment the ones we donated earlier, as well as those provided by the parish. This will provide necessary additional space to view auction lots at the same time catering for the evening's display.

Donations of Australian new FDC's

Recent issue FDC's have been donated to our club by Werriwa MP & local member, Laurie Ferguson. These are additional to the substantial number of covers, albums, & stamps Laurie had previously given to the club for auction or sale through the circuit books.

Punchbowl Stamp & Coin Fair

- Punchbowl Community Centre
- 44 Rossmore Ave, Punchbowl.
- Saturday 26th April 2014 10am till 3pm
- Saturday 24th May 2014 10am till 3pm
- Saturday 28th June 2014 10am till 3pm
- Saturday 26th July 2014 10am till 3pm
- Saturday 23rd August 2014 10am till 3pm
- Saturday 27th September 2014 10am till 3pm

Membership Renewal Final Call

Non-financial members are now reminded a final time that the 2014 membership fees are overdue. The club year commences January. Unpaid membership will render a person unable to submit items for auction, and prevent bidding for auction items.

Membership still \$5 until the end of April. After that date people will have to re-join .