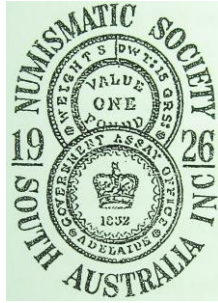


The Numismatic Society of South Australia Inc.



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Society meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, in the Royal Society Room behind the State Library off Kintore Avenue, Adelaide from 7.45 pm. Supper afterwards, visitors welcome. **Postal address** P.O. Box 2029, Kent Town S.A. 5071.

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After hours enquiries, Mick Vort-Ronald, (contacts as above) or on mobile at **0417 212 906** on meeting nights for messages etc. Please do not send text messages.

Members attending meetings **speaking** on various topics are encouraged to provide the secretary with brief **details** of the subjects and examples produced **in writing** to allow accurate recording in the Society minutes. This will make his task much easier and ensure that correct information is later used in this newsletter for the information of other members and clubs.

Meeting 867, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 19 January 2012.

Digital Camera/Projector: Peter L. reported on suggested equipment and was asked to get further details for assessment, costings etc. to be considered. Postcard Society of SA offered tables at their Postcard Fair on 5/6 May 2012 at the Torrens Parade Drill Hall.

Charles Waites and Harold John Allen, Canada, both wrote letters enclosing a **new \$100 polymer Canadian note** for the interest of members of the Society. It was discussed that the notes be presented to either the Reserve Bank of Australia's Currency Museum or the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney. The President and Peter to make appropriate enquiries. See page 6.

NAA Report: Peter L. advised that he, Walter Bloom and Les Carlisle would be visiting Stokes in Melbourne shortly to discuss preparation of a history on **Stokes**.

Meeting 867 continued...

Members were saddened to hear of the illness of long serving member and a get-well card was signed by all members present at the meeting. During his absence from the meetings, Paul agreed to arrange the suppers and reimbursement was approved.

Numismatics:

Mick showed a) a bundle of 100 brand new 1 rupee **India** notes, stapled together to prevent theft in transit, b) **ANZAC medallion** issued about 10 years ago through the Advertiser and Sunday Mail upon presentation of a coupon and small cost, c) 1894 **German New Guinea** set: 2 x 1 pfennig and 10 pfennig in bronze, 2 x half-mark, 1, 2 & 5 marks in silver, d) replica pewter token issued by the Redbridge Numismatic Society, UK, for the millennium in 2000, featuring the **Redbridge** over the Roding, as example of tokens issued in the 1600s and 1800s by town traders due to shortage of official coins (Dave Greenhalgh, Lincoln), e) examples of Chinese "**Hell Notes**" including misprints (members present were given 2 notes each as keepsakes), f) \$500,000,000 Chinese Liberty Bond interest @ 4%, g) 65 million years old mosasaur tooth just purchased for his fossil collection.

Peter L: showed an 1887 silver-plated ceremonial church Foundation Trowel used by Sir James R Fairfax when laying the Foundation Stone for the Congregational Church, **Petersham, NSW.**

Arnold showed a photograph of a purported **1920 Australian 5 pence** copper coin on sale on eBay.

Mark showed 4 x 50cents Australian coins **struck "out of collar"** (2 x 1981 Charles & Diana, 1981 standard design, 1982 Commonwealth Games). Kathleen advised that the **ANZ Bank Museum** in Sydney had samples of ANZ advertising leaflets in polymer, samples could be obtained by writing to the museum.

Ray showed a gilt **Pope 16th Rome** "Benedictum" medallion in story-card.

Paul showed a) 1905 commemorative medallion for 100th Anniversary of the Battle of **Trafalgar** on October 21st 1805, white metal, "England expects every man will do his duty", b) 21 March 1801 copper medallion obv. bust of **General Sir Ralph Abercromby** alluding to his death in Egypt, rev. "a highlander in combat" in hat (48mm), c) silver medallion "from The Rev. **Alex T D D'Orsen** BD, Camb., KCL lecturer" "to WRG Brown for Elocution, Grosvenor School 1876".

Frank showed 10 x **German States** coins a) 1858 Nannover George V 2 pfennig, b) 1872 Prussia Wilhem 1st 2 pfennig, c) Germany Wilhem II 1904 2 pfennig, d) 1918 5 pfennig, e) 1900 10 pfennig, f) 1876 Prussia Wilhem 1st 2 mark, g) 1899 Germany Wilhem II 2 mark, h) 1937 Germany Hindenburg 2 mark, i) 1935 Germany Hindenburg 5 mark, j) 1902 Germany Wilhem II 5m.

Peter F. showed 7 vitreous enamel badges Royal Masonic Institution in Britain – 4 boys and 3 girls.

Meeting No. 868, Royal Society Room, 16 February 2012.

Future Coin Shows in Adelaide: David advised that the South Australian Philatelic bodies in South Australia were interested in linking/combining with the NSSA in future **philatelic exhibitions**/shows in South Australia. The NSSA could become an affiliate member of the South Australian Philatelic Council (Membership fee \$40 p.a. plus share cost of public liability insurance of \$20 million.) It was moved Shane / Barrie that the NSSA apply to become an **Affiliate Member** of the South Australian Philatelic Council Inc provided that the total cost does not exceed \$150 pa. Carried with 1 dissention.

David advised that the 2nd Annual **Postcard Exhibition** was to be held in the Torrens Parade Ground Drill Hall on **5/6 May** next and that the next Annual Philatelic Congress would be held at the Drill Hall on **13/14 October** 2012. Members of the NSSA would be welcome to be involved in both events – dealer tables \$30- per table. Three members expressed a desire to take up tables in the Postcard Exhibition and David would advise Linda Welden accordingly.

Digital Camera/Projector: Mick showed a Kaiser Baas Digital **Microscope** magnification 20-200x) that he had recently purchased for \$79 that could be suitable for clearly projecting numismatic items at our meetings. He showed pictures of minerals taken via the microscope and would prepare sample displays of coins and banknotes to show at the next meeting.

Canadian polymer notes: The President advised that the RBA's Currency Museum in Sydney was unable to take up our offer of the 2 x \$100 Canadian notes, however, the Powerhouse Museum had gratefully agreed to take them. Peter .to finalise arrangements and presentation to the **Powerhouse Museum**. Mick to post. See page 6.

NAA nominations for the **Paul Simon Award** are required by end of April.

Numismatics:

Neil showed 6 x 2012 Unc. Australian coins all issued by RAM with story-cards a) aluminium/bronze \$1 Australian **Year of the Farmer**, b) aluminium/bronze \$1 International **Year of Cooperatives**, c) aluminium/bronze \$1 Men's **Australian Open Trophy**, d) aluminium/bronze \$1 Women's Australian Open Trophy, e) aluminium/zinc/bronze \$5 100th Australian Open Men's Champion, f) cupro-nickel 50 cents **Diamond Jubilee Accession Queen Elizabeth II**.

Richard showed a) 1960 Australian 5 pounds note, b) World War I British War Medal, c) World War I Victory Medal, d) **1927 Australian Canberra** florin especially **enameled** with background in dark blue and other features incl. Parliament House in brown, green and blue, e) Australian coin-art penny with kangaroo outlined with background removed.

David showed a) 1895 white metal medallion **St Clements School** awarded to Samuel **Stopford** "For Regular Attendance", b) 3 x School Certificates Independent Order of Rechabites – "Young Australian Temperance League"; 1935 "**Bond of Home Pledge**"; and "Abstain from all intoxicating drinks".

Meeting 868 continued...

Peter F. showed a) South Australian Chamber of Manufactures framed Certificate of Merit **1895 Exhibition** of Art & Industry awarded to V S Smith for Silk Winder, b) **Clydett School**, Eng cardboard roundel (55mm) with red silk ribbon celebrating Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee at the School fete on 22 June 1887.

Peter L. showed a bronze medal by Emil **Haffner** of Melbourne, edge numbered 304: Centenary of the Association for the Blind (Australia). The obverse depicts **Tilly Aston** (1873-1947) the founder, and the reverse records the centenary held in 1995 in both English and Braille.

Ray showed a) "Dead Man's Penny" commemorating the death of William Oscar **Kloeden** in WWI. (1,355,00 were issued for next-of-kin), b) ancient **Greek coin 18ct gold** featuring the Athenian Owl on rev and Athena on obverse used in coin jewelry.

Paul showed a) copper medallion commemorating the death of **William III** "obit. June xx 1837", b) 1837 **Metropolitan Society of Florists & Amateurs** Beverley & East Riding Horticultural Society medallion issued to Mr Charles **Usher**, September 1837 obverse Queen Adelaide, Patroness. (W J Taylor, medalist).

Frank showed 8 x **East German** coins a) 1952 alum 1 pfennig, b) 1983 alum. 1 pfennig, c) 1975 alum 5 pfennig, d) 1969 alum/bronze 20 pfennig, e) 1977 alum. 1 mark, f) 1971 alum/bronze 5 mark, g) 1971 alum/bronze 20 mark, and an Australian commemorative medal collection featuring 20 medals commemorating Captain Cook, First Fleet, McArthur etc. to New Parliament House.

Shane showed a) **1835 USA half dollar**, b) 2 x notes issued by the **Mechanics Bank** of Augusta, Georgia in 1861 (dated Oct 1) and signed by J B Bishop for President and M Hatch, Cashier "Promise to pay D L Roath" No B277 for \$10 and No B298 for \$20.

Mick showed a) various mineral specimens connected with **metals used for coins**, – malachite, azurite, chalcopyrite (copper), pyrite, bauxite (aluminium), gold in alluvial and reef form and silver in native form that he had acquired over 48 years that he has been a member of the Adelaide Gem and Mineral Club (currently President for a 9th term., b) two new books "Australian Banknote Sales 2011" and "**Australian Banknote Errors**".

Meeting 869, Royal Society Room, 15 March 2012.

Correspondence. Letter from Mick to Don Allen and Charles Waites advising of the outcome of their donation each of the new **Canadian \$100** note. From Harold Don Allen – Canada, 26 February, thanking the society for donating his note to a museum and promising to do the same when each new denomination is issued, together with brochures and local press comments. Members expressed their sincere appreciation. See page 8.

Letter from Ingrid J. with donation of two U.K. **Roman Coin auction** catalogues and Notgeld note overprinted with the late **Graeme Stevens**. President replied 21.2.12 with thanks, refund of postage and society newsletter. Members agreed to auction the donated Roman coin catalogues. Won by Peter F. for \$15.

Meeting 869 continued...

Letter returned for **Damien** address not known, subs not paid 2 years, it was agreed to regard him as no longer being a member.

Mick spoke about the different types of **meteorites** and showed photographs. Basically there are 3 kinds, metal (iron-nickel), stone, and glass (tektites).

David R. spoke about second and third of exchange notes (sight notes) from the **Bank of Victoria** at Sandhurst (Bendigo) in 1877 and 1878, each for £3 to be redeemed in London, and donated two **posters**, Australian coins, and banknotes – later auctioned for \$5 to Dennis.

Numismatics.

Peter F. spoke about two badges; Children's National Guild of Courtesy, and **Pickup Glass, Pickup Paper Society U.K.**

Shane spoke about two ornate 1928 **German gold bonds**.

Paul spoke about and showed a medal for the **Gunpowder Club** 1814.

Frank spoke about 479 **gold \$10 US** coins dating from 1851-1928 found in **France**. On 16 February Lanson, French Champagne makers, in the village of **Les Ricey** were doing some refurbishing in the cellar when they discovered small bags falling from the ceiling, each containing 50 pieces of \$20 US gold coins. Total gold weight nearly 17 kilos. It is thought that during the 1930s Prohibition Americans were importing champagne to the U.S. and paying in gold. The workers will get half the proceeds and the rest to the company. As they were about to release a new champagne and looking for a name, they called it "Treso Cache" (Hidden Treasure).

Frank also reported that an **Estonian** who dug up a **treasure** of more than 10,000 ancient silver coins in a field was awarded nearly 100,000 euros by the Estonian Government.

Richard showed an Armitage/McPharlane £5 note, and "**Long Tom**" duty stamps issued in S.A, 19th century **German jetons** (giving one to each person present), **Kyme tetradrachm** 160 BC., a **1963 proof** penny and a small plastic proof set black box to show members what to look out for when purchasing late pre-decimal proofs.

Kathleen showed a **Bluebell counterstamp** C mintmark wheatsheaf \$1, the latest issue from RAM, struck at the Mint the previous week on the portable coin press for the ENLIGHTEN festival in Canberra. She also discussed the **behind-the-scenes tour of the mint** she attended, which included a walk on the factory floor, tooling areas and proof room. Also discussed was the likelihood of a **commemorative \$2 coin** for circulation later this year with a Remembrance Day theme and a **coloured red poppy**, designed by Aaron Baggio. It would be Australia's first coloured commemorative \$2 released for circulation.

Meeting 869 continued...

Neil showed RAM issues; a set of four uncirculated aluminium-bronze **Wheat Sheaf dollars** with Canberra mintmark and Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney Privy marks. Two uncirculated aluminium-bronze dollars with a Western Lowland **Gorilla** and an Asian **Elephant** in full colour on separate descriptive cards to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Melbourne Zoo. Set of 3 uncirculated coins with the theme "Shores Under Siege" issued 70 years after the first **bombing of Darwin**, featuring 2 twenty cent coins and a fifty cent coin – all in cupro-nickel. It was noted, with regret, that an album for several years' issue of special \$1 coins was now virtually required just for one year's issue of all the RAM variations of the \$1 issued.



The new Canadian \$100 note first released for circulation on November 15, 2011, printed on polymer. On the front is Sir Robert Borden, Canadian Prime Minister 1911-1920. The back of the note highlights medical innovation.

Our Canadian members Charles Waites and Harold Don Allen donated a \$100 note each to the society for members to see and comment, and these were later donated to the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney.