



## The Numismatic Society of South Australia Incorporated

### NEWSLETTER 104 – March 2013.

**Society meetings** are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> **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 2183, Kent Town S.A. 5071. Secretary; Barrie Newman, phone (08) 8362 1167 or email [adelaidemint@bigpond.com](mailto:adelaidemint@bigpond.com)

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Annual membership **subscriptions** are \$20 in Australia and \$30 overseas. They can now also be paid by **EFT** to 015 590 4981 20308 (ANZ) stating surname and/or postcode.

Members attending meetings **speaking** on various topics are encouraged to provide the secretary with brief **details** of the subjects and examples produced in **writing** on the night or sent by email to the secretary 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.

**Newsletters** are now being sent via **email** to those who have the capacity to receive them. In this way you can get your newsletter quicker and better than the printed version, **AND IN COLOUR**. Please advise Barrie of your email address for future issues. This is more efficient and saves the society money. For those who do not have access to the Internet, or still want **hard copy** in black and white, some copies will still be produced and posted if requested. As a result of sending our emailed newsletters to other clubs in Australia and New Zealand, we are now receiving their emailed newsletters and these are also being forwarded on to our financial members.

*Remaining 2013 meetings. Thursday evenings from 7.45 pm –*

**18 April, 16 May, 20 June, 18 July, 15 August, 19 September**

**17 October, 21 November (AGM), 19 December. Mark dates on your calendar.**

**Meeting No. 879, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 17 January 2013.**

Two visitors: Robby and Matthew.

Hallmark Stamps, change of address to 999 Lower North East Rd, Highbury SA 5089.

The NSSA postal address is changed to PO Box 2183, Kent Town SA 5071.

*History of the State Coin Collection with Art Gallery of SA:* Peter L advised that he was writing the history on the 30,000 items in the Art Gallery of South Australia (AGofSA) Collection for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AGofSA. It was anticipated that the AGofSA would be one of the sponsors and would arrange the printing of 1,000 copies, however, additional sources of funding would be necessary before the AGofSA Board approved the printing thereof. With the long association since 1926 of NSSA with the Art Gallery of SA, when our Society was first formed, and our support in a number of other joint activities over many years, Peter wondered whether the NSSA would be prepared to pledge some of its funds towards this important undertaking. After general discussion it was moved and carried that the NSSA pledge \$1,000 towards this project, should it go ahead, with the proviso that NSSA members would receive a discount on the copies sold to NSSA members.

Mick showed photographs of major banknote errors, no background (Simultan) printing, no main (Intaglio) printing and a blank polymer \$100 to highlight a new minor error find reported on the Internet, after he was asked to comment on it by the finder. When Deputy Governor Phillips signed the \$50 notes his title ended with a full stop after Australia. This had not occurred on the previous \$50 notes when the Governor signed, but continued with Governors after Phillips until the end of the series. Another less minor difference was the inclusion of the name of the portraits on the polymer notes halfway through the series, which occasionally leads people to believe they have a misprint or forgery when finding an earlier issue without the name.

Matthew advised that he was interested in Australian coins and some general coins and showed a) 1972 Australian 50c double-clipped edge bite, b) 1974 Australian two cents with edge bite.



Mark showed a) 1964 Australian penny with indent, b) 1962 Australian sixpence reverse – die filled (obverse side OK). 1946 florin on the right – see next page.

Kathryn showed 2013 Australian Bi-Centenary of Holey Dollars and Dump - mintmark “c” Canberra \$1.

Peter L. showed a) 1913-2013 centenary badge The Australian Numismatic Society (silver plated, blue background), b) 50c Australian coin, badly corroded, with provenance (on 2013 Christmas card showing children’s signatures and “Found in garden by his 4 grand children”).

Robby advised he was interested in Australian pre-decimal coins and showed 7 x 1946 Australian florins, one of which had a larger "6" in the date, illustrated on right, page 2.



Peter F. showed a) "Daily Sketch" boxed Birthday Club medal of Honour, gilt bronze, blue enamel with ribbon and enamelled bar 'For Achievement' awarded to Vera Horton for her scholastic achievements (maker: Thomas Fattorini, Hockley Street, Birmingham), together with newspaper clipping from that newspaper dated 27 November 1928 mentioning this award, b) "Daily Mail" Sterling silver Push Ball medal awarded to A C Brown of Ramsgate 16.7.34 (maker: F&S Birmingham 1932 - probably Fattorini & Sons, Barr Street, Birmingham), c) "Daily Sketch Birthday Club members badge, featuring Oojah the elephant. Pressed tin with printed paper and cellophane covering, wire pin, 25mm.

#### **Meeting No. 880, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 21 February 2013.**

Three visitors, Robby, Matthew and Denis.

*Life Membership:* Presentation to Colin - Peter L. will personally present Life Membership medallion and certificate to him and also deliver Life Membership medallion and Certificate to Jim Noble when he goes to Sydney in February for the NAA AGM.

David confirmed that the Melbourne Stamp & Coin Exhibition to be held on 10-15 May 2013 would highlight the Centenary of the first Australian banknote, the bi-Centenary of the Holey Dollar and Dump and the Centenary of the Kangaroo & Map series of Australian stamps. He also advised that there would be a one day Postal Bourse to be held at Senior Citizens Hall, Hectorville on Sat 13 April and that activities were well in hand for the 2013 Congress to be held at Torrens Training Depot on 12/13 October 2013. Members of the NSSA were encouraged to take up tables at that Congress, the theme of which is the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Philatelic Society of South Australia, which was formed in October 1888 and is the oldest continuously operating philatelic society in Australia.

An auction of some late John Downey's old catalogues etc. raised \$53- for the Society.

Mick showed his two new books, Australian Specimen Banknotes featuring notes from the Art Gallery of S.A. and Australian Miscellaneous & Political Propaganda Notes, book number 70. Mick's first books from 1979 were printed by Hyde Park Press, originally of Hyde Park and then at Richmond. When attempting to contact HPP to enquire about converting saved Macintosh images to jpeg, he found out that on that same day, the printer's machinery was to be auctioned as it was bankrupt to the tune of

about \$4 million - it had plenty of work, but was cash-strapped and went into voluntary liquidation. One of the reasons printers are having difficulties is the availability of cheap goods on the Internet. As an example of this, Mick advised he had just ordered 250 free coloured business cards (believed printed in China) for just the cost of postage - under \$6. One of the HPP directors was a regular participant in the annual Variety Club Bash outback car trips to raise money for children's charities. The Bash produced "notes" each year for trading, rewards and bargaining. Cheating was allowed and encouraged, as part of the fun. Mick gave out examples of two of their notes to members present. These were actually forgeries, which the director had printed between stages of the bash. Mick also handed out old advertising notes once used by Adelaide Exchange, and Grant Morton. Mick has featured the Adelaide Casino Cash notes in his Miscellaneous book. These could be bought at face value or given as encouragement by management and used for valet parking, food etc, but not gambling. When Mick rang them up recently to see if there had been any changes - the receptionist didn't know what he was talking about. They had not been used for years - gift cards are now used. What was common 10 years ago is now a scarce collectable! For book info see [yp-connect.net/~vortronald](http://yp-connect.net/~vortronald)



Matthew showed a) 1963 mistruck UK penny, b) 1963 mistruck Australian penny with indent error. Robby showed 1926 Australian sixpence with die crack. Illustrated above.

Mark showed Great Britain 1994 pattern 2 pound bi-metal trial strike. It includes the cut blank before the hole is punched, the inner blank, the inner blank within the outer blank after the hole is punched, and the actual struck trial piece. Picture above right.



Richard showed a series of items, all relating to Tasmania: a) tokens used in Hobart in the 1930s – Abrahams; Lewis; Friedman, b) envelopes showing stamps/postmarks from the 1850s, c) a group of copper/gilt commemorative medallions including 1938 Royal Hobart Centenary Regatta (Stokes, Melb) featuring the heads of Franklin and Tasman on the obverse.



David showed a) bronze sports medal Corey Baptist Grammar School obv. with running figure & “Animo et Fide” and rev. engraved “V.L. Gung, Long Jump, Under 15, 1929” (Stokes), b) UK medal for Independent Order of Rechabites, Salford Unity with insert of china-painted coloured images/coat-of-arms.

Neil showed Royal Australian Mint issues – a) 2012 \$1 unc AFL Premiers Sydney Swans in a folder, b) 2012 \$2 Remembrance Day unc for circulation, c) 2013 unc set of 6 coins – 5c, 10c, 20c (coloured), 50c, \$1, \$2, d) 2013 unc set of 2 coins – 20c and \$1 featuring mining designs, e) 2013 unc Baby Set – 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, and \$2 (normal designs) and \$1 featuring “Dot and the Kangaroo” with author Ethel C Pedley, f) medallion featuring “Dot and the Kangaroo”.

Shane showed a nickel 1 Reichsmark German coin.



Frank showed four New Guinea coins a) George V 1936 1 shilling, b) George VI 1938 1 shilling, c) George VI 1938 penny, d) George VI 1944 threepence, and showed a memento (copper, elongated) obtained when he visited Melbourne Eureka Tower, Melbourne’s tallest building, 297m, 91 storey, residential building.



Paul S. showed a Sterling silver/gilt Livery Badge from the Guild of the Worshipful Company of Cooks featuring obv. 2 deers pierced by arrows on either side of the guild’s coat-of-arms and engraved on rev. “Thos Spooner, Admitted on the Livery, the 15<sup>th</sup> January 1795”

## Meeting No. 881, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 21 March 2013.

One visitor, Denis, later accepted for membership of the society.

Jim Noble was extremely pleased to receive NSSA Life Membership and commented on the high quality of the medallion presented to him.

Conference in 2015 would be held in Adelaide and hosted by the NSSA. The NSSA to look at suitable dates that would not conflict with major interstate auctions to be held in that year. *SA Philatelic Conference 12-13 Oct*: Members were asked to support this activity.

Email sent to NAA confirming that NSSA would be happy to host NAA Conference in Adelaide in 2015.

The 2013 NAA Conference is to be held in Brisbane on 9/10 November – cost \$60- for members, \$65 for non-members. [Cost for membership of the NAA was \$20 pa or \$175 for 10 years]. A combined Australian/New Zealand Conference was being planned for 2014 in Wellington, NZ. Approval had been given for the NAA to purchase ACANS Journals over 5 years at a cost of \$100 pa.

It was agreed that any auctions that members may wish to hold should be held after the meeting had been closed - viewings of items could be made prior to and after the meetings.

*Invitation for special speakers to address the meeting*: The President suggested that it could be appropriate on an annual basis for the Society to invite a special speaker to address one of our meetings. This was well received and members suggested speakers could be Prof Walter Bloom, President of the NAA, John Satterley, a recognised writer for CAB Magazine, John Wheatley, retired solicitor.



*Illustrated left to right, 1797 penny, 1800s half crown, halfpenny, French copper coin and a "godless florin" and florin found by metal detector in the sea at Wallaroo.*

Mick showed a) framed display of Casino paper cash tokens that he mentioned at the last meeting, b) 19 Aust decimal currency mutilated and damaged coins that had been taken out of circulation by a security company, c) 11 very worn coins (including a 1797 cartwheel penny) that had been kept in circulation long after they had been badly worn and commented how they were able to remain in circulation – either people still trusted the money or government agencies were too slack (or lacked funds) to remove or replace the coins

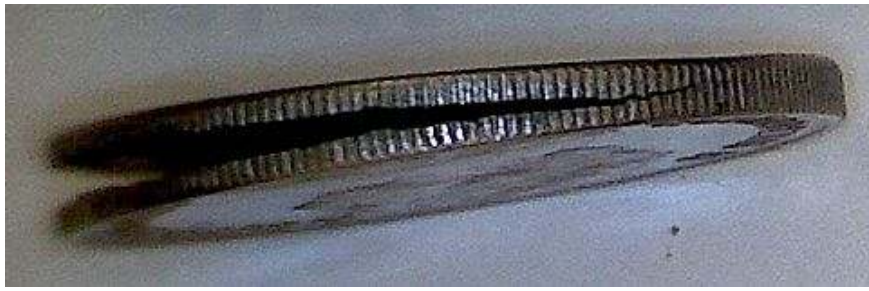


Peter L. showed a) 1d and ½d trade tokens featuring an early Australian coat-of-arms and date “1857” obtained from the “Dunbar” wrecked in 1857 at Sydney Heads. b) imitation book made from a piece of wood salvaged from the Wreck of the Dunbar on 20 August 1857, c) copper medallion produced for the ANS Centenary Congress – 1913-2013, d) bi-metal medallion ANS Centenary Congress engraved on reverse with his name.

Neil showed Royal Australian Mint issues – a) 2013 unc 50 cent coin on a surf-board shaped card for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Surfing Australia, b) 2013 unc 50 cent coin on a card for 50 years of the Bathurst Endurance Race [originally 500 miles, now 1000 kms], c) 2013 unc \$1 coin on a card for Year of the Snake, d) 2013 unc 50 cent tetradecagonal (14 sided) coin on a plastic map of Australia and boxed, for Year of the Snake, e) 2013 PNC set – unc 20c coin with \$2.35 stamp and 60c stamp for Centenary of Canberra, f) 1966 unc set of Australian coins on a printed RAM card comprising 50c, 20c, 10c, 5c, 2c, and 1c coins.



Paul J. showed CELTS. Circa 2nd Century BC. Silver Tetradrachm (25mm, 12.28 g). Laureate head of Zeus/youth on horse prancing right. Celtic portrait of Philip.[Pannonia, province of the Roman Empire, corresponding to present-day western Hungary and parts of eastern Austria, as well as portions of several Balkan states, primarily Slovenia, Croatia, and Serbia (Vojvodina). The Pannonians were mainly Illyrians, but there were some Celts in the western part of the province. The Roman conquest of the area began under Octavian.]



Kathryn showed 3 split planchet coin errors – a) 1979 10c, and b) 1976 20c where the planchet has split but the halves remain attached the coins looking like an open clamshell, and c) 1976 50c which has split in 2 halves through the plane of the coin because of a weakness or lamination defect in the metal blank. She also showed a new release by the RAM soon to be seen in circulation - Centenary of Canberra 20c from the celebrations at the Coin Swap by Lake Burley Griffin.



*George IV obverse – plastic holder added “horns” to head when photographing.*

Peter H. showed a) 1825 George IV Maundy set, silver – 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, b) early cigarette cards in extremely rare condition featuring “Kings & Queens of England 1066-1935”.



Frank showed 1997-2000 proof coin set of 16 silver .999 encapsulated \$5 Australian coins in wooden box for the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, (one illustrated above).