



The Numismatic Society of South Australia Incorporated

NEWSLETTER 118 – September 2016.

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 2183, Kent Town S.A. 5071. Secretary; Barrie Newman, phone (08) 8362 1167 or email adelaidemint@bigpond.com

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Annual membership **subscriptions** are now due, \$30 for members in Australia and overseas. They can also be paid by **EFT** to 015 590 4981 20308 (ANZ) stating surname and/or postcode. If paying by EFT please advise Treasurer Mick when doing so. See NSSA website.

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.

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FORWARD DIARY

7-9 October, Stampex	Fri-Sunday	Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide
20 October 2016	Thursday	General meeting.
17 November 2016	Thursday	General meeting
3-4 December	Sat-Sunday	Coin Show Torrens Parade Ground
3 December	Sat.	Dinner, Navalmens Club
15 December	Thursday	General Christmas meeting.

Meeting No. 921, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 21 July 2016

Present: 12 members, 2 visitors, 10 apologies.

Members were sorry to hear that long-standing member Norman Reynolds passed away.

SA History Month May 2017: It was suggested that we try and piggy-back on another organisation's activity – National Trust, Freemasons, Naval Military & Air Force Club. The Secretary advised that he had contacted the Naval Military & Air Force Club, Army Museum and Freemasons Grand Lodge, but they all advised it was too soon for any plans they may have for next year's History Month activities in May 2017. It was suggested we arrange a Guest Speaker for next May to coincide with History Week activities.

Possible NSSA Coin Show – David F. advised that he had booked the Torrens Parade Ground Drill Hall for this event on weekend 2/3 Dec. It was moved/carried that we confirm this date and commence detailed plans to make this successful.

SA Philatelic Council: SAPHIL House is currently being refurbished.

Peter H. showed a) Aust Post/UK Post **PNC** commemorating “**The Great War**” limited edition 488/2500 including two pounds coin (bi-metal); b) Aust Post PNC commemorating **RSL** Centenary 1916-2016 “**Serving Still**” limited edition 1708/3500 including \$1 enamelled 60mm medallion; c) 2013 Australian \$1 proof 20th anniversary Kangaroo Series (RAM 1oz silver).

Neil showed 13 **money boxes** which have at least 3 things in common: they are all issued by Banks in Australia, all made of plastic, and all have to be cut open to get the coins out (unless you can prise the money through the slit through which they were inserted) – *The Bank of Adelaide*; green wombat; yellow “Roy” (ROYGBIV – red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet: the colours of the rainbow); *ES&A Bank*; black scotty dog; *CBCo. of Sydney*; brown Koala; *Commonwealth Bank*; white R2D2, grey elephant, yellow elephant; *ANZ Bank*; 3 small elephants in yellow, blue, and red; white Night&Day Bank, yellow traffic lights on a black stand; *Bank of NSWales*; white netball ball.



David F. showed a) “**One Quid**” funny money Tasmania the Island State (souvenir gift from Tasmania); b) antique-silver medallion (38mm) obv. young Queen Victoria with “**South Australian Philatelic Council**” on surround, rev. wattle wreath with room to engrave award and name of philatelic judge (Mintmark “AM” – Adelaide Mint).



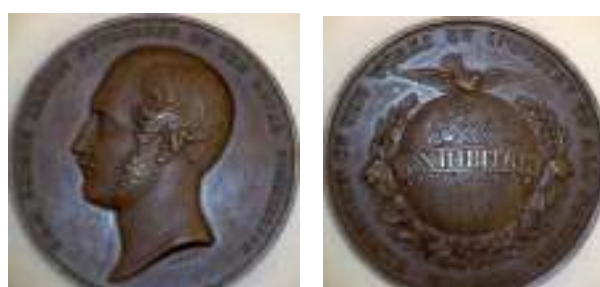
Virginia showed copper duit **Hollandia** 1765 “New York Penny” (21mm) obv. lion rampant, facing left standing within a gated ring, rev. letters “HOL/LAN/DIA./1765”



A member showed Children’s Club badge – **Thebarton Youth Centre** badge, gilt bronze, 22 x 27mm, enamelled in yellow, light blue and dark blue. The design features a triangle with the three-part motto: Physical Social, Intellectual, Spiritual. A membership clip with 61 (for 1961) is attached to the top. A brooch pin and the maker’s name, Schlank Adelaide, are on the reverse.

The centre was established June 27, 1944 and officially opened in the Thebarton Town Hall by Lieutenant Governor Sir Mellis Napier, who was known to take an active interest in community organisations. Club and other activities were planned for girls every Monday night and for boys every Tuesday night. This was an expansion of a war-time program for helping young people and aimed at establishing youth centres with a social and educational program beyond the city of Adelaide. Although started largely by the YMCA and Women’s Christian Association, local councils had been contacted to directly support such centres in their districts. The Thebarton centre was the first to be established, while the Mitcham centre was the second. Youth centres were also formed in suburbs such as Unley, Norwood, Glenelg, Henley, Grange, Payneham and St Peters. Walkerville had a YMCA club and Prospect planned to establish playing fields, public gardens, kindergartens and similar activities.

The maker of the badge, **Salis Schlank**, emigrated to South Australia from Prussia in 1860 and twelve years later became a partner in P Falk & Co, wholesale jewellers of Manchester, Melbourne and Adelaide. Salis Schlank managed the Adelaide side of the partnership and after the other two divisions closed he expanded the Adelaide business, as S. Schlank & Co. Schlank was responsible for striking souvenir medals in 1887 to commemorate the combined events of Queen Victoria’s golden jubilee year of reign and South Australia’s jubilee. At his Beaver Factory (named after his wife Laura, nee Beaver) he made the oldest Parliamentary Mace in Australia, for use by the Legislative Council of Western Australia in 1888. In 1936 Schlank manufactured a medal for school children to commemorate the centenary of South Australia. Employees over the years included die sinker Daniel Deeley Thompson of Southwark, England, engraver and die-sinker Dietrich Schmidt, engraver and die-sinker William Coward who made the dies for the 1919 children’s peace medal, and Jack Ellerton Becker (later Sir Ellerton Becker) who helped to develop the design side. After Silas’ death in 1892 his widow Laura successfully ran the business and after her death in 1918 one of the sons, Michael took over management. After being run by a succession of Silas’ grandson and great-grandson the Schlank business eventually closed in January 1969.



Paul showed a) copper **1851 Great Exhibition Exhibitor's Medal** (43mm) obv. bare head of Prince Albert facing left, rev. Dove upon globe inscribed "EXHIBITOR" within wreath. On surround "EXHIBITION OF THE WORKS OF INDUSTRY OF ALL NATIONS MDCCCLI", edge "VAN DIEMENS LAND No 19220".



b) copper **1862 Exhibition Juror's Medal** (76mm) obv. Britannia seated left receiving gifts from kneeling figures, three female figures standing to right, the British lion crouched in foreground, rev. within closed wreath "1862 LONDINI HONORIS CAUSA" (Presented at London because of distinction), edge "G WREN HOSKYNS JUROR CLASS III"; c) copper 1862 Exhibition For Services Medal (54mm, thickness 5mm), obv. Queen Victoria facing left, rev. on surround "INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION 1862" and within wreath "FOR SERVICES", edge "HENRY TAME".



Mick illustrated the latest **political propaganda** note issued for the July 2 Federal election by the Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) in Sydney. It featured an adaptation of a \$100 note to \$85 (15% discount) with Malcolm Turnbull replacing Melba on one side and Scott Morrison replacing General John Monash. It carried numerous criticisms of the Liberal and National parties and the usual maritime theme of Australian crews on Australian ships.

He also showed his latest book (No. 98), received from the printer that afternoon, "**Whyalla and Iron Knob police stations**", 148 pp RRP \$36 plus post. He talked about the hardships endured by police at Iron Knob from 1910 and Whyalla from 1914. Only 20 copies of the book were printed.



Richard showed a) silver shekel of Tyre used by **Phoenician** merchants 126BC- 70AD (30mm thickness 2mm) representing 1 week's wages. obv. head of Nelkwar, rev. eagle; b) 3 rare silver Oliver Cromwell coins (the first coins struck on a machine) – 1658 crown (40mm); 1658 half crown (33mm); 1658 one shilling (27mm). Note - Oliver proclaimed himself "Protector of Scotland, England and Ireland")

Meeting No. 922, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 18 August 2016

Present: 14 members, 6 visitors, 8 apologies.

Business Arising from Minutes: *Canadian \$20 Notes donated by our Canadian members:* to be auctioned at our forthcoming Coin Show. *Letters to members advising NAA Journal now only available digitally:* Response from Colin SA History Month May 2017: It was agreed that we arrange a Guest Speaker for next May to coincide with History Week activities.

NSSA Coin Show 3-4 Dec - Torrens Training Depot – The President advised that he had contacted dealers from SA and interstate and so far he had bookings for 35 tables @ \$100 per table. He suggested that we look at getting a Facebook Page to assist in widely promoting the event and that flyers and advertisements be prepared. Members would be asked to volunteer to assist at the NSSA table and some desk lamps were needed to improve the lighting in the hall. If successful, the NSSA should look at making the Coin Show an annual event.

NAA Report: The Secretary advised that as a total of only 8 persons (including 5 NSSA members) had indicated that they would be interested in purchasing a printed version of JNAA26 the NAA has decided not to have any hard copies printed.

Other Business: *New Members:* Applications for membership having been received from Helen and Virginia, it was moved that they be admitted as members of the NSSA. Carried, with acclamation.

Stampex16: 7-9 October: the NSSA had agreed to have a table at this event arranged by the SA Philatelic Council and volunteers would be required to assist at our table during this event.

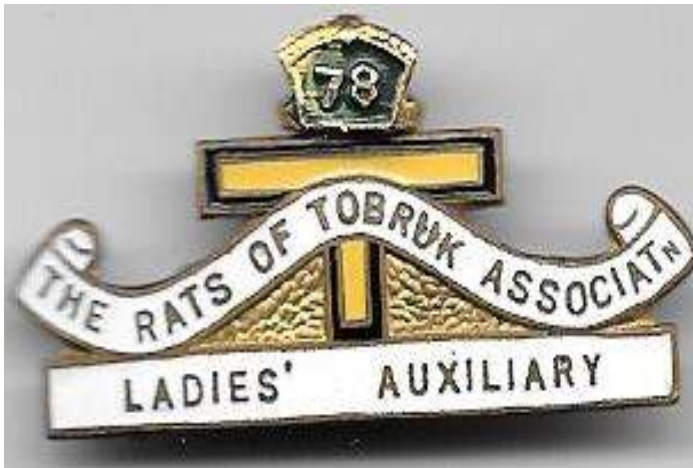
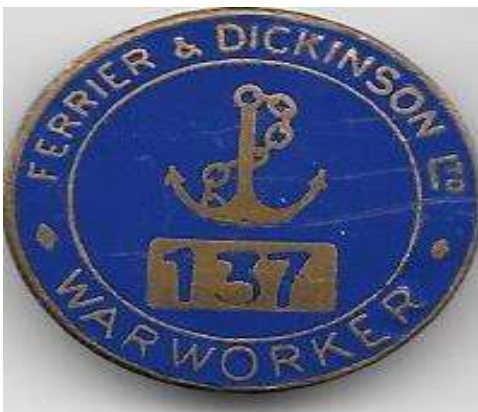
GUEST SPEAKER:

Bernie from The Australian Numismatic Society Queensland Branch, gave an address titled

"AUSTRALIAN NUMISMATICS IN WORLD WARS ONE AND TWO".

The talk ranged over preparations for WW1 and related cadet awards, why sovereign production ceased in the UK but expanded in Australia in war years, the role of the silver war badge and Australian official badges during the war and those awarded afterwards to both servicemen and mothers and widows, fundraising and patriotic society items, souvenir coins from overseas, 1916 ANZAC day medals in Queensland and Egypt, sweetheart items and peace celebration medalets. Then came the effect of the 1920 silver price spike on Australian coin design, return fob medals to ex-servicemen, internment camp items, returned associations badges, forged coins from China in 1928, preparations for WW2, women's keen participation in volunteer bodies and how this differed from the Great War, the home front issues of WW2 for civil defence etc., the fact that mothers and widows badges were issued during, not after, the war and no longer in silver. He covered the use of identity badges in strategic factories like munitions, how US coins and notes were allowed to be used in day to day commerce in Australia and the many uses our coins were put to as souvenirs for US service personnel here, even some US service personnel became part of the short-lived Queensland Numismatic Society; a quick mention of Japanese Invasion Money, war loans and savings techniques in both wars and how the support of children was included in the war effort in both conflicts. After the war the growth of more ex-services associations, different medals and awards, especially those to women and the decision to decrease the silver coinage to 500 fine while the UK and NZ opted for cupro-nickel. Then followed a number of questions from the audience. Bernie, himself, was able to get two cloth items which he showed to the audience, identified by the assistance of our member, Peter H.

A bottle of South Australian wine was presented to Bernie by the President as a token of our appreciation for a most informative and interesting address. Some images, next page.



Some of the badges in Bernie's power-point presentation.

Meeting No. 923, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 15 September 2016

Present: 11 members, 14 apologies.

SA History Month May 2017: It was agreed that Peter L. be the Guest Speaker for next May meeting to coincide with History Week activities.

NSSA Coin Show 3-4 Dec - Torrens Training Depot – The President advised that he had contacted dealers from SA and interstate and so far he had bookings for 50 tables (maximum). He suggested that we look at getting a Facebook Page to assist in widely promoting the event. He had produced flyers for distribution, including a quantity for handing out at the next Old Bank of Adelaide staff reunion luncheon and had prepared an advertisement for CAB Magazine. He also had purchased some table lamps for added lighting. Members would be required to volunteer to man the NSSA table. The Secretary had booked the Naval Military & Air Force Club, 111 Hutt Street, Adelaide for a “Coin Show” Dinner on the night of Sat 3 Dec @ \$55 per head for 2 course meal. If successful, the NSSA should look at making the Coin Show an annual event.

Stampex16 to be held at Torrens Training Depot 7-9 Oct: As the NSSA will be having a table at this several members have advised that they will be available to man our stand.

Correspondence: Usual newsletters and catalogues – most societies’ newsletters on-sent to members by email. Certificate of Currency from CGU \$20mil Public Liability cover for SA Philatelic Council and Affiliates (Includes NSSA). Letters from our Treasurer to our Canadian members presenting each with the latest Aust polymer \$5 notes released on 1 Sep 2016.



Mark showed a **1927 florin** with signs of what could be destructive testing used to authenticate the coin. The coin itself weighs just 8.6 grams (a florin should weigh 11.3 grams) and is clearly a base metal **counterfeit** with remnants of some sort of silvering. It displays the typical rough and porous surfaces associated with a cast item. Interestingly, there’s a square hole in the obverse of the coin that tapers to a point and just penetrates the reverse of the coin.

The shape of the indentation suggests the counterfeit may have been subjected to some sort of indentation hardness testing such as a **Vickers Hardness test**. The Vickers Hardness test uses a diamond shaped indentation tool applied to a test subject at a known force and then measures the depth of the indentation to determine hardness. Another possible explanation is that the hole was simply a penetration test to determine if there is a base metal under the silver surface, similar to test chops applied to silver coins in Asia from the 15th to the 20th centuries.”

Neil showed **RAM issues** in 2016: a) Aust **Olympic Team** coloured coin collection set of 5 unc. aluminium/bronze \$2 coins in a folder. The coins released into circulation via Woolworths stores; b) Aust **Paralympic** team \$2 unc multi-coloured aluminium/bronze coin in folder also released into circulation via Woolworths stores; c) 50th Anniversary Battle of **Long Tan** unc \$5 al/bronze coin in a folder, not being released into circulation; d) **Holden Heritage Collection** set of 12 cu-ni 50cents coins in a folder and contained in a collectable tin. The rev. of one of the coins shows 160 years of Holden heritage and the other 11 coins are coloured showing the designs of various models of Holdens and the years they were produced. None of the coins will be released into circulation.



Helen showed an old metal **coin holder** with springed segments for 3d, 6d, 1/-, 1/2 sovereign and one sovereign.

Peter L. showed a) 1813 **Southampton Bowling Club** silver medal. The hand engraved oval shaped medal depicts a lawn bowls scene with a tower and trees in the background. Above it within a ribbon 'Win it wear it'. Below 'Southton Aug. 1st 1813. Southton was the form of spelling for Southampton. The reverse has 'No. 38' in centre. The medal has a ring attached for



wearing. The Bowling Green dates back to 1299 and it is the oldest bowling green in the world. The club that plays there now dates back to the 1770s and the medal was awarded to their 38th annual tournament winner. This contest has a variation of the normal rules and those who win are banned from participating in these future tournaments. b) **Farmers & Settler's Association** of S.A. badge. The badge has the initials of the organization in the centre and its full name around the rim. Gilt with green enamel. No makers; probably made by Schlank. The medal can be dated between 1915 and 1921. The FSA was established as a political party and at the 1918 election two of its seven candidates were elected to parliament. After the 1921 election the organisation changed its name to the Country Party and since then has had many name changes and merges and is currently known as The Nationals South Australia. c) The **Liberty League** of South Australia badge. The badge has its initials in large letters in centre and its name spread above and below. Gilt with blue enamel. The organisation was established in early 1918 to protect the rights of the State's citizens and was a political pressure group. *The Advertiser* recorded on the 18th January 1918 that the League proposed to issue a button as an emblem of the league.

Mick gave an account of the release of the new **NextGen \$5** note on 1 September. Souvenir folders were available from post offices, single note \$10.50, two notes including a 2015 dated old issue \$19.50. The old note could become scarcer than the new as there were only around 10 million 2015 printed, and not many circulated.

He then gave a slide show of 35 close-up and UV images of the features on the new note and sold uncirculated new notes to members present at face value. A detailed story will be in the November CAB. First and last prefixes are AA and EJ. Dealers wishing to purchase the twin folders have to buy a minimum of 1,000 folders and insert the notes sent in the folders themselves. There was a delay in supplying the actual folders.



He also showed two examples of sealed Australian banknote grading overseas, both VF, but vastly different in condition.



Members also received **Chinese Hell notes** including a 1000000000 note with a story about their use written by Len Henderson, old \$5 bundle card labels and a colour photograph of a \$2 star replacement note. The photo of the \$2 star was of a note sold in his auction in 1988.

Richard showed a) **1927 George V ten pounds** Australian note (equivalent to 3 weeks wages then); b) **1949 George VI ten pounds** Australian note (equivalent to 2 weeks wages); c) **1954 ten pounds** Australian note (equivalent to 1 weeks wages); d) **1969 \$20** Australian note (equivalent to 2 days wages);





Mick commented on the ten pound notes shown by Richard. On the back of the **1927** note is Charles Rice standing at bottom left and the boy on the horse is his son Cecil. Mick has visited the scene at Narwonah near Narromine NSW.

The design on the backs of the legal tender notes were from a plaster model by Paul R. Montford.

The woman who modeled for the back of the **1954** note was the late Karina Nartiss. Mick has previously spoken to her ex-husband from whom he received photographs for an article in ACR about 20 years ago.



Richard continued; e) circ. 478BC **Syracuse silver tetradrachm of Hieron I** obv. head of Arethusa with dophins around, rev. horses, Biga, nike flying above.



Barrie showed the latest medallion issued to raise funds for the **Clipper Ship 'City of Adelaide'** Ltd restoration program. The medallion features the *City of Adelaide* in full sail on the obv., with the "hulk" on a barge in Port Adelaide (rev.) as stage 1 for restoring the ship. Struck by The Adelaide Mint in gilding metal. The dies and promotional leaflets for this medallion were paid for by three NSSA members. Richard, Paul J. and Barrie.