



The Numismatic Society of South Australia Incorporated

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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 2183, Kent Town S.A. 5071. Secretary; Barrie Newman, phone 0407 792 220 or email secretary@sanumismatics.org.au

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Annual membership **subscriptions** fall due in October each year, \$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.

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 preferably sent by email 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. Most items were photographed by Mick at meetings.

Newsletters are now being sent via **email** to members who have the capacity to receive them. In this way you 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 by email.

NEXT MEETINGS – please jot them down now in your diary and/or calendar.

Thursdays: 15 August, 19 September, 17 October...

Monthly Meeting No. 954 at the Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 18 April 2019.

Present: 15 members, 2 visitors, 19 apologies.

May meeting: The Secretary distributed copies of the History Trust of SA programme of events for this year's History Festival detailing the NSSA's May activity – David R.'s address "Touching History: The charm of medallic mementos".

Monthly Workshops: Our third regular workshop, conducted by Neil on "Collecting new RAM releases and their storage", held immediately prior to this meeting, was another most successful activity with 14 members attending. The Secretary advised that a Workshop will not be held prior to the May meeting, to allow preparation for visitors attending the May History Festival activity.

NSSA Table at SA Philatelic Postcard, Stamp & Coin Show 4-5 May: five members advised that they would be available to assist man the NSSA stand.

Letter from **Wohlers** offering our Society a **Free High Tea** for members. Helen agreed to contact Wohlers and check out details and availability as a social activity for the NSSA and its members.

NAA Report: The Secretary reported on the NAA AGM and Conference held in Sydney 6-7 Apr and tabled the NSSA's Report provided to the AGM. He advised that the next NAA Journal will be produced digitally to be available on the NAA website and copies will also be printed for those persons requiring a hard copy and placing prior orders – to be paid by those individuals and not by sponsoring Societies as was arranged last time.

General Business: Election of New Member: Nomination for membership from Hugh McC. who had attended the March meeting, duly proposed and seconded and subscription having been paid, was elected a member of the Society. Carried with acclamation.

Door Prizes: April CAB was won by Hardeep and 2 bottles of wine donated by Hardeep were won by a member and Allan.

Personal Notices: The Secretary advised that member Denis Y.'s partner was dangerously ill and was in palliative care. Members expressed sincere and deep concern for her and for Denis.

Neil advised that the Royal Australian Mint has released a tetra-decagon 50 cent and a set of three \$1 coins (showed) for the Year of the Pig. All coins have the Rank-Broadley effigy of Queen Elizabeth. The 50 cent coin is the 8th tetra-decagon lunar year coin issued, commencing with the Year of the Dragon in 2012. RAM released 12 single \$1 coins for the lunar year from 2007 to 2018 and this year's three pigs are wishing Fu (happiness), Lu (wealth) and Shou (longevity). None of these coins will be released into circulation.

He also advised that the 2019 unc. Year Set celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Moon Landing; the 5 cent and \$1 coins have designs representing the moon landing and will not be released into circulation, while the 10c, 20c, 50c and \$2 coins are all normal designs. The 2019 unc. Baby Coin Set features Possum Magic as it did in 2018 with the 50c design featuring Possum Magic (not in circulation) while the 5c, 10c, 20c, \$1 and \$2 coins are normal designs for circulation. The set also contains a Possum Magic medallion.



Paul S. showed two Scottish medallions: a) 1871 1st British Universities Sports Day. He stated that 11 medallions were awarded by three Scottish Universities – Edinburgh, Glasgow and St Andrews; b) 1892 Cross Country Running prize medal – obv. effigies of Duke & Duchess of York on their marriage in 1892, and commented that very few British Royals appeared on Scottish coins.



Paul J. showed 5 Indian coins a) *Vasudeva I*. Circa AD 192-225. Gold Dinar (7.29 g). Mint I (A). 1st emission. Vasudeva (the father of Krishna) standing facing, head left, sacrificing over altar to left and holding filleted standard; to left, filleted trident / OhPO, ithyphallic Siva (god of destruction) standing facing, holding diadem and trident; behind, the bull Nandi (meaning to flourish) standing left; tamgha (a means of taxation) to upper left;

b) Kushan Empire *Kipunadha*. Circa AD 350/60-380. Gold Dinar. (18mm, 7.38g). Kipanada standing facing, head left, sacrificing over altar and holding standard; filleted trident to upper left / Ardoxsho (female deity) seated facing, holding filleted investiture garland and cornucopia; tamgha to upper left. The next three coins being Proclamation Coins:



c) Bengal Presidency 1793-1818 period. EIC Silver Rupee, 27mm, Murshidabad mint, in the name of Shah Alam II;

d) Bengal Presidency, EIC, gold half Mohur, Murshidabad type (1793), 22mm, 6.03 grams, Calcutta Mint;

e) Bengal Presidency, EIC, gold quarter Mohur, Murshidabad type (1793), 15mm, 3.07 grams, Calcutta Mint.



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Allan showed the British Naval Service war medals of his Great-grandfather AB Charles H K. (1847, 1860 and 1900) who served on the HMS Salamis during the China War in 1900.

Mark showed 4 English coins issued as Maundy Money and presented by the monarch on Maundy Thursday each year since 1303. The four coins were 1pence, 2pence, 3pence and 4pence supplied in a red bag. He also showed a white bag which had contained a 50pence Maundy coin.



Mick gave a power-point display of early Victorian Savings Bank passbooks and discussed the fact that each Branch was originally established as a separate bank, and displayed some other passbooks.



Barrie showed a) the medallion presented to him after giving a paper on "Provenance: Can it enhance the value of a coin?" at the recent NAA Conference; b) a button-badge reproduction of the 1919 button-badge featuring the First Anglo-Australian Flight by Sir Ross & Sir Keith Smith Nov 12 – Dec 10 in 1919, being reproduced by The Adelaide Mint for the 2019 Centenary. See May meeting.

What's on around Adelaide: Neil advised that three events were being held over the weekend 4-5 May – The Naracoorte Swap Meet, The Burra Antique & Collectable Fair, and The Postcard, Stamp & Coin Show at Adelaide Torrens Parade Ground. Other Meets are: The Brighton Market is on Sunday 12 May and Sunday 26 May (get there early entry is free), and Kapunda Swap Meet on Sunday 26 May from 8am at the Kapunda Trotting Track (entry \$5 adult, \$3 pensioner).

Before closing the meeting the President, advised that she and her husband Mark will be opening their own Coin Shop at Mawson Lakes in a few weeks time. Further details to be advised. Warm congratulations were expressed by all members.

History Festival and monthly meeting No. 956 Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 16 May 2019.

Present: 17 members, 5 visitors, 16 apologies.

Minutes of Previous Meeting and normal business of the meeting was suspended until next meeting to allow the Society's History Festival lecture to be conducted.

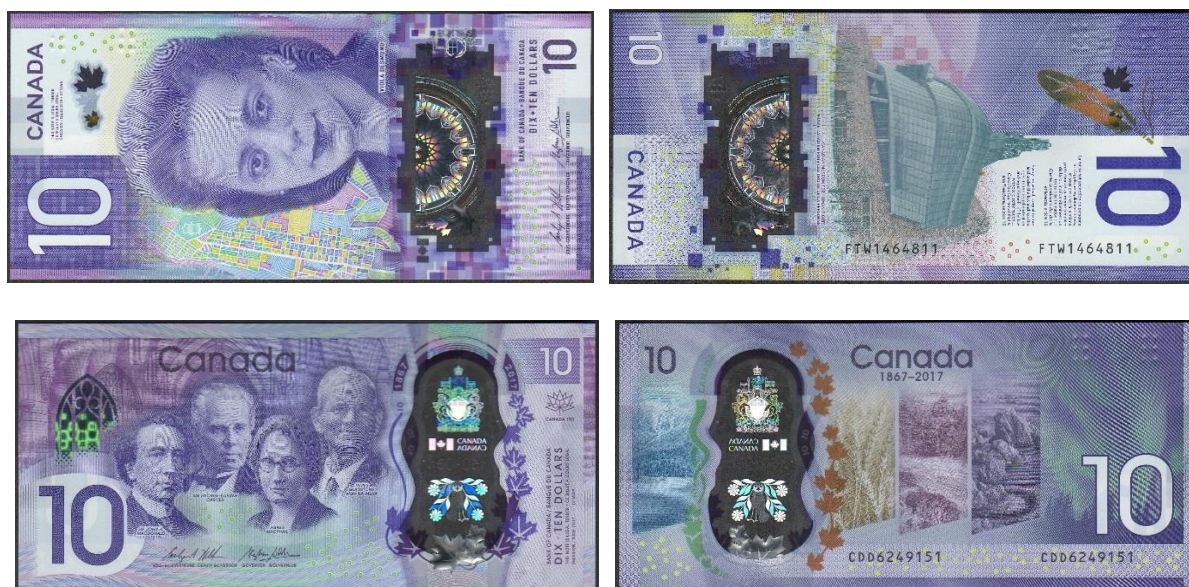
The President welcomed visitors and members to the meeting, advising that although the meeting was a regular meeting of the Society, we are suspending most of the normal agenda items to allow our guest speaker full opportunity to present his talk. She mentioned that the Society, which was incorporated in 1926 by numismatists of the South Australian Museum, has held its regular monthly meetings within this precinct behind the main museum building in the original Army Barracks Building and, for at least a quarter of a century, in this Royal Society Room. She commented that it would appear that she has been the first female president of the Society and it is pleasing to see a good number of our female members are active and hold senior positions in the Society.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month and members and visitors are invited to show and talk about numismatic items such as coins, banknotes, medals, badges and pins etc they have acquired. The Society also holds regular workshops and an annual Coin shows to highlight the interests and benefits of our important hobby to members and visitors alike. She then called on the Secretary to introduce our guest speaker.

The Secretary stated how delighted he was on this third occasion that we were involved with SA History Trust's History Festival to introduce, once again, one of our own members to address us and asked that members and visitors welcome David R. a Fellow of the Society, as speaker on this occasion. David has been a member of the NSSA for 45 years and was for many years Secretary of the Society and Editor of our quarterly Journal. On his retirement he has traveled extensively to the United Kingdom and Europe, had a firm interest in early Scottish coins and has presented a number of papers at NAA Conferences and had those papers published in NAA Journals. His topic "Touching history: The charm of medallic mementos" will be of great interest to us all.

David gave a very enlightening, power point address on unique medals and medallions he had acquired, that had been crafted over centuries from many different metals and objects, including from the bells of historic English churches and he provided fascinating and interesting historical facts concerning each item. [A more detailed synopsis of his address will be provided and attached to these Minutes]

A vote of thanks was given to David by Richard, who commented that members had received the benefit of an exemplary numismatic address, so clearly and factually given by David.



General Business: *Election of New Member:* As an application had been received from our Honorary Life Member in Canada, Charles, nominating his cousin, Doug in Canada for membership of the Society and paying his dues. Mick, who seconded the nomination, asked that this election be put to this meeting. It was agreed and members duly elected Doug to be a member of the Society. Carried, with acclamation. Charles donated two of the new Canadian \$10 notes to the society, as above.

Door Prizes: May CAB was won by a member and 2 bottles of wine donated by Hardeep were won by C and S R.

What's on around Adelaide: Neil advised that the Adelaide Historical Bottle and Collectors Club were holding a Show at the Basketball Stadium at Port Adelaide on 8-9 June.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm followed by supper.

Monthly Meeting No. 956, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 20 June 2019

Present: 21 members, 17 apologies.

History Festival – May meeting: The meeting recorded disappointment at the low turnout of visitors to our History Festival Meeting and it was suggested that the NSSA should direct more attention to doing our own promotion of this annual event in addition to that done by the History Trust.

Monthly Workshops: Our fourth regular workshop, conducted by a member on “Collecting badges – a unique treasure trove of history”, held immediately prior to this meeting, was another most successful activity with 18 members attending. He was commended on his detailed address.

NSSA Table at SA Philatelic Postcard, Stamp & Coin Show 4-5 May: Five members were thanked for their support of this activity and it was reported that 29 out of the 50 Vickers Vimy button badges were sold at \$2- each. The balance was sold to members at this meeting.

Wohlers Free High Tea for members: Helen advised that Mon 29 July at 1.30pm had been reserved for this NSSA social activity and numbers would be required by the next meeting. It was suggested that if members’ partners joined the NSSA, they would also be entitled to attend.

Correspondence: Letter to Charles in Canada and Letter of Condolence to Denis on the passing of his wife were tabled.

General Business: Door Prizes: June CAB was won by Paul J; and 2 bottles of wine donated by Hardeep were won by Peter R. and Robert V.

Numismatics: Mick spoke about two WWI Soldiers “one Pound Notes” as follows:

“With the outbreak of WW1 demand for banknotes increased at a time when the usual banknote paper could not be obtained from England. Two types of emergency one pound notes were issued in 1914-1915.



“The first used 1894 ES&A note forms superscribed with two serial numbers instead of the three previously used for the 1910-1913 banknotes. About 850,000 were issued. These are catalogued as Renniks 19 and referred to as the Emergency ES&A notes. The second was called the rainbow pound, printed by the Commonwealth Stamp Printer, with nearly one million issued. These are catalogued as Renniks 20a and 20b. The 20a notes have serial letters C or D, with “No.” after the prefix letter, and 20b notes have serial letters E and F without the “No.”:

“Both types of notes are scarce and can sell from \$5,000 to \$50,000, depending on condition. One each of these notes has a story to tell about a soldier giving a note away and later killed in the war.

“In 1916 Crichton Ivie Gordon sailed for England on 8 August, but before he went he gave an Emergency ES&A one pound note to his 10 month old niece Phillis Gordon. He died from wounds

in 1918 on the Somme. The note remained in the family bible until I purchased it from Phillis Love nee Gordon in 1976. It was in good condition, but had splitting caused by being folded up and probably being carried for years in a wallet. It sold in my 1988 auction for \$3,300 and has not been seen since.



“In 1915 Herbert Pearson Bateman sent his mother in W.A. a rainbow pound with a letter written on the back saying that he received it as pay on 9 April. It was placed in a custom-made frame where it remained until 2013 as a tribute to her son, who was killed in the battle of Pozieres about 12 months after he sent the note. It was offered in an IAG auction in 2013 with an estimate of \$100,000, but failed to sell and was when offered for sale with a reserve of \$80,000. There has been no mention of it since. I had one of each type in lesser condition in my collection when they sold in auction in 1988. One of them recently resold for \$12,000. Images, I.A.G.

“Both types of notes are rare, but what makes these notes even more special is the stories they tell about soldiers who gave them away and were then killed in the war.”



Paul S showed a .925 silver Prince Alfred College medal obv. “The Cotton Medal for Agricultural Chemistry”, rev. “1953 I W Hocking” 44mm.



Paul J. showed a) Celtic, Southern Britain, inscribed issue, Atrebatas and Regni, Tincomarus Tinc Horse type, (10-8 B.C.) Gold quarter stater, (10mm, 1.18 g), obv., COMF in tablet on plain field. The F for filius indicates that Tincomarus is claiming to be a son of Commios (Tincomarus was a leader of the Atrebatas tribe in Southern Britain who became an ally of Rome). rev. horse leaping to right, head turned, TIN above, reversed C below,

b) Athens, (449-413 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (17.15 g), issue c.420 B.C., Obv. head of Athena (Athena was venerated as the goddess of the city and the protectress of the citadel and the virgin

goddess of wisdom) to right wearing ivy crested helmet, eye in profile, rev. owl standing to right, head facing, in erect posture (has been used as a symbol of knowledge, wisdom, throughout the Western world) olive twig (An owl and olive twig, symbols of the goddess Athena) and crescent behind, to right, **AQE, all in incuse square (meaning of the people of Athens).

c) Egypt the old: 305-283 BC. Ptolemy I Soter Silver Tetradrachm Alexandria Mint. 13.75 grams, 29mm. Ptolemy I (Soter means saviour and he was a General in the Macedonian army, he also was a great supporter of the library of Alexandria). portrait/Eagle standing on thunderbolt.



Paul

Virginia NZ



d) Egypt the new: 1 Pound coin equalling \$0.06 US. The Egyptian £1 coin features the mask of Pharaoh Tutankhamun. The text on the one pound coin is in Arabic and English. The bimetallic piece weighs 8.50 grams and measures 25.1mm across.

Virginia showed a) 2018 New Zealand 50 cents Armistice Day coloured coin obv. Queen Elizabeth II, rev. RSA poppy surrounded by remembrance wreath of NZ silver ferns and wording “ELEVENTH HOUR OF THE ELEVENTH DAY OF THE ELEVENTH MONTH” on outer surround; b) 2019 Australia 50cents obv. Queen Elizabeth II rev. Sailing ship “Endeavour”.



Richard showed 2 ancient Greek coins and commented that these coins highlighted the high artistic merit of these very early ancient coins – a) silver tetradrachm Philip II of Macedon 382-336BC (he reformed the Macedonian army and was assassinated in 336BC); b) silver tetradrachm Alexander III, 336-323BC, son of Philip II (Alexander the Great in Egypt founded some 20 cities that bore his name. In 334BC he invaded the Persian Empire in a series of campaigns that lasted 10 years. He died at Babylon 323BC, probably from typhoid.) Welling also showed an aluminium 1897 Brisbane Exhibition medallion rev. “Trackson Brothers Electrical Contractors, Elizabeth Street Brisbane”



Hardeep showed a 2017 Australia PNC celebrating the Festival of Diwali, one of the biggest Hindu festivals celebrated once a year in India and all over the world. The PNC includes a coloured coin

featuring the Goddess Laxmi sitting on a lotus flower. Laxmi is a symbol of good health, wealth and prosperity and she holds a lotus in 2 hands which denotes purity of body, mind and soul. From her 3rd hand, gold coins are falling which means she blesses her devotees with wealth and success and the 4th hand is shown giving blessings for peace and happiness in life. The PNC has 2 stamps – a \$1- stamp with a heart shaped red rose and another stamp featuring two hands.



Soon showed a framed set of 14 unc coins issued by Spink of the wedding of Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer on 29 July 1981 for the following countries: United Kingdom, Isle of Man, Guernsey, Gibraltar, Mauritius, Jersey, Tuvalu, Bermuda, Falkland Is, Ascension Is, St Helena, East Caribbean.



Coral showed 2018 PNC issued by the Perth Mint for the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle on 19 May 2018. Issue quantity 7000, Coin denomination \$1.

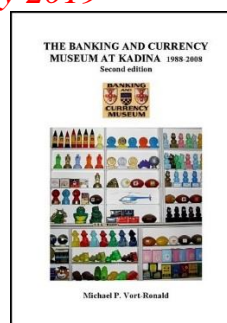


Barrie showed the latest centenary medallion issued for the Epic Vickers Vimy flight from England to Australia in 1919 and struck in bronze by The Adelaide Mint; obv. featuring Vickers Vimy plane with separate revs. a) with 4 airmen and b) for Aeropex 19. He showed the Sir Ross Smith button-badge reproduction and the earlier 60th anniversary medallion also produced by The Adelaide Mint.

Neil advised that 2019 is the year that the Royal Australian Mint is phasing out the Ian Rank-Broadley effigy of Queen Elizabeth II and introducing the Jody Clark effigy on the obverse of its coins and showed: a) 2019 \$1- coin to celebrate the change of effigies; b) a set of 6 coins featuring all the effigies of the Queen: 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c \$1, \$2; c set of 50 cent coins with the 5 effigies since 1966.

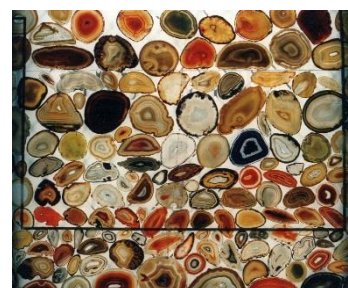
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NEW book RELEASE July 2019



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