



The Numismatic Society of South Australia Incorporated

NEWSLETTER 133 – June 2020.

Society meetings were 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. For information, contact the Secretary; Barrie Newman, phone 0407 792 220 or email secretary@sanumismatics.org.au **MEETINGS POSTPONED FOR NOW**

NSSA web page -- sanumismatics.org.au

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Annual membership **subscriptions** now fall due in January each year, \$30 for members in Australia and overseas. They can also be paid by **EFT** to BSB 015 590 A/c 4981 20308 (ANZ) stating surname and/or postcode. If paying by EFT please email Treasurer Mick when doing so. **AGM March 2021.**

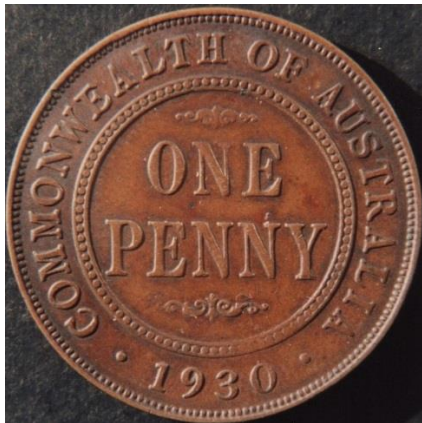
Members attending meetings **speaking** on various topics are encouraged to provide the secretary with brief **details** of the subjects and examples produced in **writing** on the night or preferably sent by email to allow accurate recording in the Society minutes. This will make his task much easier 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.

JUNE MEETING CANCELLED - NEW LOCATION FOR 16 JULY MEETING

Although many of the restrictions in place in S.A. due to the corona virus are being relaxed or lifted, social distancing is still an important factor and is being maintained. Accordingly, we have been advised by the SA Museum that we will be unable to hold our regular monthly meetings in the Royal Society Room until further notice. They have, however, been able to offer us alternative accommodation in the Armoury Gallery, further into the precinct behind the SA Museum building (only some 500 metres from the Royal Society Room) to hold our regular 16 July meeting there. Further details will be advised. **At this stage we still hope our November coin show will go ahead.**

These coins were stolen near Adelaide about 2 years ago. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of them is asked to contact Det. Sgt. Roger Kern of Adelaide Police Station, ph. 7322 4922.



OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER – 30 March 2020

While the NSSA is unable to hold its regular monthly meetings of the Society due to the Corona Virus pandemic, it is important that we continue to keep in touch with our members during these unprecedented times.

I will endeavour to email you any items of numismatic interest from our associated bodies and ask, that if you have any numismatic items that could be of interest to members, please forward them to me so that they may be included in future NSSA Occasional Newsletters.

As you have already been informed, our meetings for March, April and May 2020 have already been cancelled and it is most likely that our June meeting will also be cancelled.

Following my request last week for members to submit numismatic items of interest, I have already received:

From Peter L., a Past President, Fellow and Life Member of the NSSA:

The Numismatic Society of South Australia has been in recess before, although not by a Pandemic. I have attached a segment of an article written by Ron Appleyard, the Secretary and treasurer of the NSSA – It's from The South Australian Numismatic Journal, September 1950. Incidentally Appleyard later became the Assistant Director of the Art Gallery of South Australia.

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The growth of the Society has not been without its problems, severe set-backs were experienced during the years of the depression and of World War II. The Society was in recess from January, 1931, until September, 1938, and then, after a strong revival followed by several years' full-scale activity, the seriousness of the War made itself felt, firstly with the absence of many members on Active Service, and later by the black-outs which restricted the Society to lunch-hour meetings. As the War situation improved, so did the Society endeavour to revert to its former activity. This was not achieved, however, until mid-1947, after the cessation of hostilities, when some of the immediate post-war confusion had abated and members were returning to their civilian occupations and interests. Since then the Society has gone from strength to strength, and has begun to enjoy the fruits of the firm foundation laid by its early planners. From 1929 it has issued a yearly Programme or Programme-Membership Card listing the subjects to be discussed at its monthly meetings, and in January, 1947, recognising the requirements of an increasing membership, commenced the publication of a monthly news-sheet and report which has developed into The South Australian Numismatic Journal.
R. G. APPLEYARD.



From Helen B. Perhaps to kick off the next circular to all, I got this non-coloured **Mr. Squiggle \$2** coin on the previous page in change, anyone else seen one? No, it's not coloured on the other side!!!

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An update on the final Vickers Vimy Centenary Celebrations

The 23rd of March 1920 was the actual date of the arrival at Northfield, South Australia of the Vickers Vimy flown by Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith at the conclusion of their historic epic flight from England to Australia. To celebrate the Centenary of this event arrangements were made for Light Aircraft flight activities at Gawler Airfield on Sat 21 March and at Aldinga Airfield on Sun 22 March and a fly-over of the Northfield landing site by the RAAF on Mon 24 March 2020 with special speeches to the many persons expected to be present.

Unfortunately, with gatherings at public events being cancelled due to the Corona Virus outbreak only the local pilots and officials were allowed to be present at these events and only those few, including the Secretary of the NSSA, were privileged to hear from Mike Smith, of the interesting coincidences that he had with the original flight, when he flew solo from England to Darwin on the same route as the Smith Brothers, leaving England on the same day, 12 November, and arriving Darwin on the same day and time, 10 December, 100 years later. Barrie Newman, presented Mike with a miniature Vickers Vimy badge and medallion made by The Adelaide Mint. Best wishes and keep well during these trying times. Barrie.

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OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER No. 2 – Easter 2020

Dear Members, keeping you in the picture. It is certainly a quiet Easter for us all during the Corona Virus crisis. Your President, Kathryn and other members of the NSSA Executive send you Easter greetings and wish our members a healthy and safe period while we are all isolated at this time. In fact, Kathryn and her husband, Mark, had intended to have a short holiday break overseas at this time, but it was not to be!

I have received a number of congratulatory comments about our last Occasional Newsletter (did you all receive it?), however, unfortunately no further contributions have been forthcoming from our members.

As a prompt, I would like you to take this opportunity to read two of the articles in the latest Journal of the Numismatic Association of Australia. Both are about a “Numismatic Gem” contributed by members of our own NSSA – one by Darren B. and the other by yours truly! They were both asked to provide an impromptu talk, of 5 minutes only, at last year’s NAA Biennial Conference in Sydney and were deemed as worthy articles for the latest NAA Journal No 29.

They may be found on the NAA website www.numismatics.org.au/publications/current_journal and I ask that you consider whether you have a “numismatic gem” in your own collection and would be prepared to tell us about that item and why you deem it your “gem”?

If you are agreeable, I will then publish it over our next two Occasional Newsletters and the best articles will receive the current copies of the Australasian Coin & Banknote Magazine, which is normally our door prize at our regular monthly meetings.

This may also be an opportunity for those members who have given, or who are scheduled to give, a monthly workshop, to provide a precis or synopsis of their workshop to be included in one of our Occasional Newsletters for the benefit of our members.

Minutes of our 20 February 2020 regular meeting from Barrie. I advise that I neglected to include an item under “Numismatics” from the Minutes of our 20 February 2020 regular meeting. These Minutes, of course, have yet to be ratified at our next convened regular meeting, whenever that is.

Please note that the following has been added to those Minutes:

“Peter R. gave a detailed talk on the 1852 Adelaide Pound, produced by the Adelaide Assay Office, which re-enforced previous presentations relating to this important numismatic item.”

The NSSA 2020 Coin & Banknote Expo.

At this stage we are still anticipating that we will be holding our Coin & Banknote Expo at the Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide on 21-22 November and as soon as conditions normalise we will arrange meetings of our Expo Sub-Committee to prepare and plan for it.

Health and well-being of our members. Please maintain contact with each other during these difficult times and notify me of any health concerns of members that you may become aware of.

Best wishes and keep well during these trying times.

As a quick follow-up I thought I should advise that Vice-President, David F., has already sent me his “gem” item for my next Newsletter. He also advised me that to get to the latest NAA Journal 29, just open the NAA website: www.numismatics.org.au go to the Home Page and then click on “Publications” and then click on “Current Journal 29”. I hope you will enjoy the Journal.

OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER No. 3 – May 2020

With the Corona Virus pandemic still requiring strict limitations on gatherings, we have so far had to cancel 3 of our regular monthly meetings.

There are signs that South Australia has coped better than most other states and it may be possible that we could see the NSSA return to regular meetings in the very near future – even for our June meeting. Watch this space! In the meantime I will continue to send newsletters and reports from other affiliated societies and articles of interest as they come to hand.

David has been one of the few members who has taken up the opportunity to send in an interesting “numismatic gem” article, and Peter L. has again provided another fascinating item.

The Numismatic Association of Australia (NAA) held a Council meeting last Sunday evening on ZOOM as a preliminary to a future on-line AGM, with 9 counsellors in attendance. For that meeting, I submitted the NSSA Annual Report for 2019, which I also attach for your information.

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MY MOST UNUSUAL ITEM – DAVID F.

1851 GREAT EXHIBITION, CRYSTAL PALACE, LONDON.

Over 15 years ago, I was lucky enough to acquire the illustrated tin via eBay and it immediately took pride of place in my match safe collection. It was badly described on eBay and I am sure this contributed to my acquisition of it over some other keen bidders from around the globe. The illustrations on eBay were also not as good in quality as those included here, but having a couple of smaller Stocker tins in my collection already, it had that “look” about it, although not described as such. Upon receipt of the tin, my hunch proved to be correct, as it was indeed made by Alexander S Stocker, at his Brass Battery Works in Wandsworth, Surrey.

It is unusual in that it is not only a very early match safe, but it also held stamps, a stick of sealing wax, pen nibs, and a pen holder, all you would need (except for paper) for writing a letter in 1851. Adhesive postage stamps were just 10 years old when this 1851 Great Exhibition souvenir was produced, thus making it one of the earliest stamp holders as well.

Denis B. Alsford's book “Match Holders – 100 Years of Ingenuity” © 1994, states (p.110) – “In 1848, Alexander S Stocker of Wandsworth, Surrey (now a suburb of London) was granted an invention patent for a matchbox with a sliding lid. He did not make matches, but supplied his boxes to match manufacturing companies, including Bryant & May, whose name and address may be seen impressed on some examples.”

Although larger than the tin described in the patent (No.12146 of 1848), the subject tin is still very similar.



It would be interesting to know as to whose "Patent Wax Vesta Matches" Stocker was referring - R. Bell & Co or Bell & Black perhaps? Finished in thick brass (much thicker than Stocker's smaller tins he did for Bryant & May and others), it shows the Crystal Palace in Hyde Park London on the front, the site of the Great Exhibition of 1851, plus has provision for a lighted vesta to be placed at centre left.

To describe the tin further, here are the details, I think you will agree, it is a pearler of an “exhibition piece”.

SIZE - 142mm long x 70mm wide x 12mm deep

EMBOSSING -

Front at top - EXHIBITION OF INDUSTRY

Front at bottom - OF ALL NATIONS 1851

Middle – Embossed picture of the Crystal Palace, Hyde Park, London

Back top row -

LHS - A S STOCKER, Middle - SEALING-WAX, RHS - PATENTEE

Middle row -

LHS - POSTAGE / STAMPS

Middle - STEEL PENS

RHS - PATENT WAX / VESTA MATCHES (with a striking surface in middle of text)

Bottom row -

LHS - BRASS BATTERY / WORKS

Middle - PEN-HOLDER

RHS - WANDSWORTH / SURRY (note spelling without an “e”)

THE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC

REPORT FOR 2019

Over the year attendances averaged 22 per meeting and 3 new members were added to our membership, all of whom joined as a result of our November Expo. Our membership of 70 includes 5 from Interstate and 3 from Canada.

The Society, once again, joined with the South Australian Philatelic Council in attending two Stamp and Coin Shows held by philatelic bodies at the Torrens Training Depot in Adelaide during the year, manning a table promoting the NSSA at each, which continues to give the NSSA a wider public presence in South Australia. The NSSA is an approved affiliated body of the South Australian Philatelic Council and our Secretary is the Society's representative on the SA Philatelic Council.

The Society was pleased to have organised and held its fourth annual successful and profitable Coin & Banknote Expo at the Torrens Training Depot in Adelaide on 16-17 November 2019 with 19 interstate and local dealers attending and over 50 tables allotted to stall holders. This year, for the first time, the Royal Australian Mint had a large stand, manned by 3 persons during the whole of the Expo resulting in a large queue of persons extending into the carpark over the two days to purchase their coins.

Showbags were prepared and available to visitors, including children, and two Raffles, with major prizes supplied by the Royal Australian Mint, were held during the Expo. All interstate dealers were pleased with their attendance, especially the Mint, which has expressed interest in attending our 2020 Expo. The CEO of the Mint flew to Adelaide expressly to be our guest speaker at our Expo Dinner held on the Saturday night of the Expo.

The Society, once again, collaborated with the South Australian History Trust to link its May meeting in support of the Trust's May History Festival and arranged for our member, David R., to be Guest Speaker with his topic "Touching History: the charm of medallic mementos". The Society intends to be involved with the Trust's History Festival each year with our May meeting being included and promoted by the Trust as an official event, with a special guest speaker presenting a numismatic topic.

The quarterly newsletter, enhanced by including photographs of numismatic items shown by members at the monthly meetings, continues to be regularly prepared by Mick and distributed by post and emailed in colour to all members and to 30 other associated Societies and organisations.

The Society's own website www.sanumismatics.org.au is updated regularly each month with the Minutes being available to members on the Members Only portal and many items and postings, as well as the quarterly newsletter, are also being included and available for the benefit of our members and the public alike.

The President's Award for 2019 was presented to member, Paul S., for his many interesting presentations on unique and quality British medallions that he had acquired during the year.

Members continue to show much enthusiasm at the monthly meetings, with good attendances at each meeting. A number of half-hour workshops have been held by selected members prior to some meetings for the benefit of members. These have also been well received.

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Portrait Gallery of Australian Monarchs

Images and the names of the coin designers compiled by Peter L., Honorary Numismatist, Art Gallery of South Australia.

To celebrate the Queen's Birthday 2020

The Queen's birthday 8 June.

NSW, SA, NT, ACT, Tasmania and Victoria celebrate her birthday on 8 June
WA on 28 September and Queensland 5 October.

The first King's birthday toast in Australia was held on 4 June 1788.

George III (1738-1820)

King from 1760 to 1820 (Regency 1811-1820).

His reign covers the period of Captain Cook, First Fleet, the establishment of Sydney, Norfolk Island and Van Diemen's Land.



- 1) Lewis Pingo b. 1743, probably in London, d. 1832 Camberwell, nationality British.
- 2) Conrad Heinrich Küchler b. C 1740 Flanders, 1793 arrived in Birmingham, d. 1810 Handsworth near Birmingham, nationality German.
- 3) Not known – struck at the Tower Mint London
- 4) Thomas Wyon the younger b. 1792 Birmingham, d. 1817 Hastings, nationality British.
- 5) Benedetto Pistrucci b. 1783 Rome, migrated to London 1815, d. 1855 near Windsor, nationality Italian

George IV (1762-1830)

Regent from 1811 to 1820, and king from 1820 to 1830.

Penal settlements established at Moreton Bay, Macquarie Harbour and Port Macquarie. Crossing the Blue Mountains. Van Diemen's Land made a separate colony. Settlement established at Swan River Settlement. The name 'Australia' officially adopted.



- 1) Benedetto Pistrucci b. 1783 Rome, moved to London 1815, d. 1855 near Windsor, nationality Italian.
- 2) Ditto.
- 3) William Wyon RA b. 1795 Birmingham, d. 1851, nationality British.
- 4) Ditto.

William IV (1765-1837) King from 1830 to 1837.

The South Australian Company formed and South Australia European settlement commenced. Melbourne established.



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- 1) William Wyon RA b. 1795 Birmingham, d. 1851, nationality British. The effigy based on a model by Sir Francis Leggatt Chantrey b. 1781 near Sheffield, d. 1841 London, nationality British.

Victoria (1819-1901) Queen from 1837 to 1901

Cessation of Transportation, Victoria and Queensland separated from NSW, Gold Rush, and formation of the Commonwealth of Australia.



- 1) William Wyon b. 1795 Birmingham, d. 1851 London, nationality British.
- 2) Leonard Charles Wyon b. 1826 London, d. 1891 London, nationality British.
- 3) ditto.
- 4) Sir Joseph Edgar Boehm, 1st Baronet, RA, b. 1834 Vienna, migrated to London in 1862, d. 1890 London, nationality Austrian.
- 5) ditto.
- 6) Leonard Charles Wyon b. 1826 London, d. 1891 London, nationality British.
- 7) Sir Thomas Brock KCB RA, b. 1847 Worcester, d. 1922 London, nationality British.

**Edward VII (1841-1910) King from
1901 to 1910.**

White Australia Policy, Street lighting, petrol cars, cinemas, Bureau of Meteorology established and introduction of Australia coins. Douglas Mawson Reaches the South Magnetic pole.



- 1) George William de Saulles b. 1862 Birmingham, d. 1903 London, nationality British.
- (2) Ditto.

**George V (1865-1936) King from
1910-1936.**

South Australia relinquished the Northern Territory to the Commonwealth Government, WWI, Spanish Influenza Pandemic, Soldier Settlement scheme, Federal Parliament House opened in Canberra by Duke of York who later became George VI, Depression, and Sydney Harbour Bridge open.



- 1) Sir Edgar Bertram Mackennal KCVO RA b. 1863 Melbourne, 1882 migrated to London, d. 1931 Devon, nationality Australian.
- 2) Thomas Humphrey Paget OBE, b. 1893 Watford, d. 1974, nationality British.
- 3) George Kruger Gray, b. 1880 London, d. 1943 Chichester, nationality British.
- 4) Percy Metcalfe, b. 1895 Wakefield, d. 1970 London, nationality British.

Edward VIII (1894-1972)

King from 20 January 1936 to 11 December 1936.

He was not crowned and no coins struck for circulation bearing his effigy. The below image is from a British pattern penny – not issued. This effigy breaks tradition and faces the same way as his predecessor. It was Edward VIII's preferred profile.



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- 1) Thomas Humphrey Paget OBE, b. 1893 Watford, d. 1974, nationality British.

George VI (1895-1952)

King from 1936-1952

WWII, Snowy Mountains Scheme established, European displaced persons started to arrive. In 1947 India became a republic and George VI title, Emperor of India (IND IMP) was removed from coins but his effigy remained the same. As Edward VIII following protocol should have faced right George VI faces left.



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- 1) Thomas Humphrey Paget OBE, b. 1893 Watford, d. 1974, nationality British. 2) Percy Metcalfe, b. 1895 Wakefield, d. 1970 London, nationality British.

Queen Elizabeth II (1926-)

Queen from 1952-current

Decimal currency and metric measurements introduced, White Australia Policy abolished, voting and land rights given to Aboriginals, conscription and Vietnam War. Australian population grows from 8.6 to 25.5 million in 2020



- 1) Mary Gaskell Gillick OBE, b. 1881 Nottingham, d. 1965 London, nationality British
- 2) Arnold Machin O.B.E., R.A., b. 1911 Trent Vale, d. 1999, nationality British.
- 3) Raphael David Maklouf, b. 1937 Palestine, migrated to UK post WWII, nationality British.
- 4) Ian Rank-Broadley, FRBS, b. 1952 Walton on-Thames, nationality British.
- 5) Vladimir Gottwald, born overseas (?) a former employee at Royal Australian Mint's Design and Engraving Section. Nationality?
- 6) Jody Clark, b. in 1981 in the Lake District, Cumbria, nationality British.

The above images are a near complete range of effigies of British monarchs from the time of European Settlement in Australia, as depicted on coins and with the coin designers' details listed below them.

For an Aboriginal effigy of Mary I, by Darren Siwes, go to the Art Gallery of South Australia's collection page: <https://www.agsa.sa.gov.au/collection-publications/collection/?q=Darren%20Siwes&type=work&has-images=yes&on-display=no>

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