



## The Numismatic Society of South Australia Incorporated

### NEWSLETTER 134 – September 2020.

**Society meetings** are on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** of the month, in The Armoury behind the S. A. Museum off Kintore Avenue, Adelaide from 7.45 pm. – at least until the end of December. See map, page 3. 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](mailto:secretary@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.

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** – 15 October, 19 November and 17 December, 7.45 pm at The Armoury.

**Annual coin show** at the end of November has been cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions.

**A.G.M.** will be in March 2021.



## **The Numismatic Society of South Australia Incorporated**

OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER No. 4 – July 2020

Dear Members,

With South Australia coping very well in containing the corona virus and achieving better results than most other states, the NSSA is now able to return to holding regular meetings for our members and, in our new temporary premises, even for visitors, at our forthcoming meeting on Thursday 16 July next.

We were originally only allowed to have 20 persons in the Armoury Gallery behind the SA Museum when I visited the site 2 weeks ago, however, now that the Government has lifted restrictions even further, we are now allowed to have 30 persons attend our next meeting there, which means we will not have to turn anyone away, as attendances have never been that high for many years. Of course, we still have to maintain the social distancing of 1.5m between people and 2 sqm of distance between each in the meeting room. Everyone attending the meeting will be required to complete an attendance form which is to be presented to the SA Museum following the meeting.

We are still not allowed to use the Royal Society Room as its size still limits us, and the Museum is using that room as separate office space for its own staff.

The Armoury will be quite satisfactory for us in the short term over the next 6 months and we have all the facilities, including projector, air conditioning and full use of the attached kitchen, so long as we use our own utensils, clean up afterwards and take away all our waste.

The entrance to the Armoury building is the same as before, through the boom gates, but we drive on further around the corner and into the next open courtyard with the Armoury building on the left. Admittance to the building is up the outside steps to the first floor entrance. Anyone wishing to use the lift can only be admitted by persons already in the building, as the lower entrance is security locked. As I will be first into the building I will arrange for Mick and any others wanting to use the lift to get access to the lift.

Parking is available anywhere around the open courtyard where spaces remain, but no parking is allowed on the grass. A copy of the site plan is attached for your information. Any further details will be notified to all members when I send out the Agenda for the July meeting a few days before Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>.

Numismatic items of interest.

Despite having over 70 members, only four of our members have presented items of interest to be included in our recent occasional newsletters and I am pleased to advise that Helen, David, P.L. and Paul S. have provided articles and so each of them will receive a copy of the Australasian Coin & Banknote Magazine that would have normally been presented as a door prize at the four meetings that have been cancelled. Thank you so much to those members for their support and congratulations to each of them for providing fascinating and interesting articles.

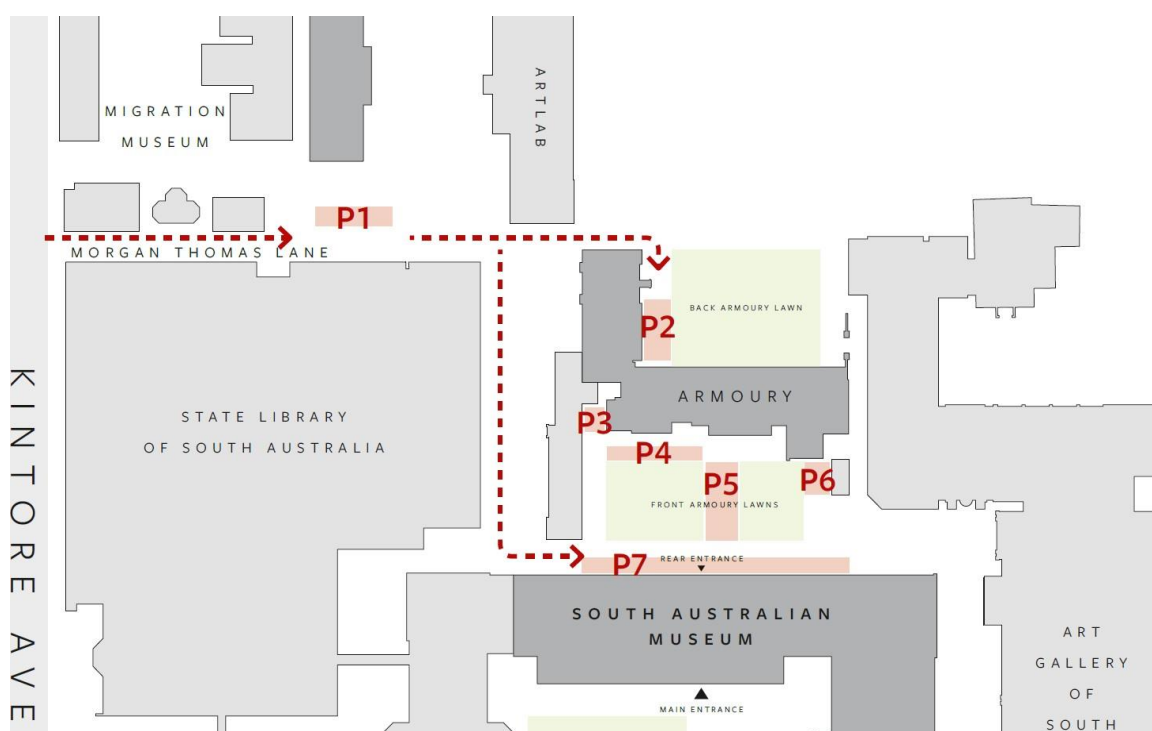
The NSSA 2020 Coin & Banknote Expo.

At this stage it looks as though we will still be holding our Coin & Banknote Expo at the Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide in November. We have received guidelines from the Drill Hall trustees relating to their requirements to meet social distancing and other stipulations, and I have also had a number of discussions with the Royal Australian Mint concerning their involvement. They also wish to be involved again this year and we will be having a meeting of our Expo Sub-Committee at 7pm prior to our next regular meeting on 16 July to prepare and plan for the Expo. (Cancelled – see page 1).

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. Kind regards, Barrie Newman.



**Meeting No 965 held at the Armoury Gallery, Adelaide, 16 July 2020**  
(NOTE Meetings for March, April, May, June 2020 were cancelled due to Corona Virus)

Present: 16 members, 1 visitor Tom. 25 apologies.

*History Festival May Meeting:* It was noted that the History Festival for May had been cancelled due to the Corona Virus. *Workshops July-December:* It was decided that a Workshop would be conducted prior to the next meeting at 7pm. Future Workshops would be considered subject to Expo Sub-committee meetings.

NAA Report: The Secretary advised that there were still printed copies of Journal No 29 available for sale. 2 additional copies were sold to members at the meeting.

General Business:

Change of Financial Year to December 31 and AGM to March meetings: Following the cancellation of four regular meetings due to the Corona Virus, general discussion was that as a number of new members had been unable to attend many meetings and with the financial year rapidly approaching, they were being disadvantaged. It was also felt that the Society would be better served by extending the current financial year from 30 September to 31 December and to change our financial year to end December each year for the future, making it easier finalising our finances to the end of each year in future. This would also mean that we should change our Annual General Meetings to the March meeting each year. It was moved and carried that the Secretary prepare suitable amendments for our Constitution and By-Laws to incorporate these changes and submit them for consideration at our next meeting.

Resignation of members: It is with much regret that we received the resignations of Coral and her father Ray after ten years membership of the Society. Ray has not been well for quite some time after having a stroke and Coral would bring him to our meetings when she was able to find time from her nursing duties. We have also received a resignation from Michael advising of his inability to attend our meetings due to changes in his family commitments. His resignation also accepted with regret.

Door Prizes: July 2020 CAB was won by HR, bottle of wine donated by RV was won by Richard, and bottles of wine, donated by HR, were won by PW and PS. The Secretary presented the 4 members who supplied articles of interest to the Occasional Newsletters – Helen, Peter L., David and Paul S with a CAB for the months that meetings were cancelled.

Numismatics:





Barrie showed a 50mm bronze medallion produced by The Adelaide Mint for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Township of Yacka. This boxed medallion with story-card was designed by Dennis Dale of Yacka and is to be available for issue this year, mintage 100. See page 11.



Richard showed a silver Australian Federation medallion 43mm (Amor) with images of Sir Edmund Barton on one side and Sir Henry Parkes on the other side “To commemorate the Establishment of the Commonwealth of Australia”. He commented that the Federation of Australia was the process by which the six separate British self-governing colonies of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia agreed to unite and form the Commonwealth of Australia, establishing a system of federalism in Australia. The colonies of Fiji and New Zealand were originally part of this process, but they decided not to join the federation.



David showed THE 2003 “RAM” RIVER MURRAY 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY STEAM NAVIGATION REPLICA MEDAL:

In 1852, the South Australian Legislative Council approved the striking of the original River Murray Steam Navigation Medal to commemorate the beginning of commercial navigation on the Murray-Darling river system. It is an important contemporary record of one of the most important events in the history of the Murray-Darling Basin and in the history of Australian transport.

Following the navigation of the River Murray to Swan Hill and beyond by the steamers “*Mary Ann*” and “*Lady Augusta*” in September 1853, the South Australian Legislative Council ordered three gold medals to be struck to commemorate the event. One of the medals was retained by the Council and the other two presented to Captain Francis Cadell of the “*Lady Augusta*” and to Sir Henry Fox Young, Governor of South Australia. Captain William Randell, the first person to place a steamer on the River Murray was ignored but for a congratulatory

letter from the Council. Public outcry at this treatment resulted in a gift of 400 guineas being made to the Randells by public subscription.

All three original gold medals have now been lost; that of the South Australian Legislative Council was stolen from the Art Gallery of South Australia in 1914. However, a small number of bronze presentation medals were struck in 1856 and one of these is held by the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney. Another strike from the badly corroded dies was made in 1919 to produce some gilt medals and one of these is held by the Murray-Darling Basin Commission.

The Navigation Medal was one of the earliest Australian commemorative medals (along with the Tasmania Cessation of Transportation Medal) and the first with an (idealised) Australian scene. It was produced by the celebrated British engraver Mr Leonard Wyon at the Royal Mint in London from a drawing by Mr Pitts of the South Australian Surveyor General's Department.

On the obverse of the medal is the paddle steamer "*Lady Augusta*", travelling on the River Murray. The barge "*Eureka*" loaded with bales of wool is lashed alongside. The foreground depicts an early Australian fertile landscape along the River Murray with crops, sheep and cattle. Above the scene are the words "Inter Ripas Flud" (between banks it flows) and in the encircling border "Tri Juncta in Uno" (three joined in one) namely New South Wales, South Australia & Victoria. The word "Replica" is also incorporated in the design.

On the reverse of the medal is a wreath of leaves surrounding the words "The Steam Navigation and Commerce of the River Murray Opened 1853".

This sesquicentenary replica medal was made possible by the generous cooperation of the Powerhouse Museum who provided their medal for scanning with the above information being acknowledged as being taken from an existing fact sheet from the Powerhouse Museum. Minted in solid bronze by the Royal Australian Mint in 2003, it measures 62mm in diameter, has a thickness of 4mm and a weight of 94 grams. To avoid confusion, it is 10mm smaller in diameter than the original medal. The quantity minted is not known but is expected to have been relatively small.





Paul S. showed a hammered Charles I silver half-crown 1538-39 which he bought in 1968 (52 years ago). Two years later, in 1970, it was stolen. Some years later, he was advised by the Port Adelaide CIB that it had been found in a kitchen sink by a person doing repairs to the sink, and it was returned to him, and he subsequently sold it for \$110. This year he saw the coin up for sale at an antique fair for \$150. Of course, he had to re-purchase it, and now has it again in his possession!



Mick talked about Adelaide Casino Cash. He mentioned that over 20 years ago the Adelaide Casino introduced Casino Cash, which could be purchased by patrons at face value and only used for food, drinks and valet parking. Patrons could purchase Casino Cash from the Information desk for the same face value as real cash in denominations of notes: \$50, \$20, \$10, \$5, \$2, \$1 and cardboard coins 50c and 10c. Patrons can pay in a combination of Casino Cash and real cash. When paying only with Casino Cash, change must be given only in Casino Cash, however, when paying with a combination, change can be given in real cash as long as the change is not more than the real cash originally tendered.

The Casino Cash could not be used for gaming or to buy gaming chips and could not be exchanged for real cash. Patrons were informed to check for security marks – gold foil Casino logo on both sides, a Casino logo appears under ultra-violet light and a two letter and six-digit serial number appears on one side. Later, Casino Cash notes had an overprinted date of expiry, creating two varieties. Casino Cash is no longer used and the notes are rare collectors' items, particularly when in "mint" condition.

## **Meeting No 966 held at the Armoury Gallery, Adelaide, on 20 August 2020.**

Present: 21 members, 25 apologies.

*Workshops July-December:* A Workshop was presented to 16 members prior to the regular meeting by Vice-President, David – Topic: Collecting Other Ephemera Items. He spoke widely on his collection of Phillumeny (matchbox and allied items) as well as how to save and enjoy collecting non-numismatic items and the varied number of clubs and organisations available to join. His presentation was well received and a vote of thanks was given by the President with acclamation. Future Workshops would be considered subject to Expo Sub-committee meetings.

*Alterations to Constitution and By-Laws:* The Secretary briefly discussed the reasons for the changes – namely to change the Financial Year to end on 31 December rather than 30 September to allow the inclusion of the financial figures of the annual Coin & Banknote Expo to be within the current year's figures; to change the time of the Annual General Meetings to the March Regular meeting each year; and to amend some minor aspects of posting balloting requirements at AGMs.

He mentioned that this would also give us time to prepare considerations to fill some changes to executive positions required to be made next year. He advised that he had emailed all members the new Constitution and By-Laws with the necessary changes made in red and for members to carefully consider the amendments which will need to be voted on at a Special Resolution to be put at the next meeting. The new changes would then be lodged at SA Government Consumer & Business Services at a cost of approx. \$79.

It was moved and carried that a separate Coin & Banknote Expo account be opened to facilitate the financial transactions relating to the income and expenditure of the annual Coin & Banknote Expos. with any two of the Secretary, Treasurer, Expo Coordinator and Vice-President David to sign

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NAA Report: The Secretary advised that there were still printed copies of Journal No 29 available for sale. 1 additional copy was sold to a member at the meeting.

General Business: Tom, who had attended the July meeting and paid his subs at that meeting was elected a member of the Society. Carried with acclamation.

Resignation of member: Peter R. advised that his brother, Laurie, who has been unwell for quite some time, has moved to Melbourne to be near his daughter and will be unable to be associated with or attend any future meetings of the Society and has resigned from the NSSA. His resignation was accepted with regret.

Door Prizes: August 2020 CAB was won by AK, and bottle of wine donated by him was won by Valerie.

Numismatics:

Gerry showed a) 1847 Half farthing, b) 1855 Four pence (groat), c) 1954 Australian florin.





Terry showed two copper early provincial Chinese coins possibly issued around 1900 a) Manchu dynasty of Hunan Province, b) Kiangsu province.



Paul S. showed 3 bronze unawarded medals a) International Forestry Exhibition Medal 1884 with landscape background (obv) and "AWARDED TO" (rev); b) obv. same as for a) except on rev. "AWARDED TO SPECIMEN MEDAL". Both rev. have wording on surround "...AYE STICK IN A TREE IT'LL BE GROWIN WHEN YE'RE SLEEPIN"; c) British Honduras Industrial Exhibition Prize Medal (obv) with Britannia seated (rev.).



Richard showed three ancient Sicilian tetradrachm silver coins a) Akragas 470BC, with crab on one side and bird on other; b) Cela 430BC, with bull on one side and horse on other; c) Leontini 425BC, with Apollo on one side and head of lion on other.





Mick mentioned that in a recent Downie auction there appeared two sets of banknote bundle labels for the very last 1,000 pre-decimal notes and the first 1,000 decimal notes, which sold for nearly \$400 per set. Biro notations on the labels revealed part of the reason why no more than 800 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary banknote sets could be assembled in 1991 because some of the notes were missing, and others not of sufficient quality. In the same auction the very last one-pound note from that holding sold for \$2,600, having been given to someone for assisting with the publication of a book produced overseas called *The Moneymakers*.

Two notes that were not in the anniversary sets were the one and two-dollar notes numbered 107, which Mick purchased from a Melbourne man a long time ago for \$100, including \$1 number 123. Mick showed these and a range of other labels and wrappers used in the last 50 years and gave samples of labels to members present. The full story will appear in the September CAB with an update in the October issue.



AK. showed a PNC featuring the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific and end of WW2 (6500 issued) and three x 50c Australian coins issued in 2020 by RAM commemorating “Treasured Australian Poetry by Banjo Paterson” a) *Waltzing Matilda*, b) *Clancy of the Overflow*, c) *Man from Snowy River*.



A member showed a) silver medalet, 19mm (Stokes & Martin) obv. veiled bust of Queen Victoria and “VICTORIA’S JUBILEE” on surround, rev. “EXHIBITION BUILDING ADELAIDE” and image of building; b) iron toy coin for use in England, 12.5mm (Mint: Lauer of Nurnburg, Germany) obv. veiled bust of Queen Victoria 1897 with “DIAMOND JUBILEE/LAUER NURNBERG” on surround, rev. design of an Eng Crown with “IMITATION OF A HALF CROWN” on surround.

David R. showed a 50mm bronze medallion (mintage 100) produced for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations this year for his township of Yacka in the mid-North of South Australia, population approx. 100. He was instrumental in arranging the production of the medallion by The Adelaide Mint and mentioned that, although most of the medallions had already been sold he had a few left for sale at \$30ea. Images on page 2.

### **Meeting No 967 held at the Armoury Gallery, Adelaide, 17 September 2020**

Present: 17 members, 27 apologies. Visitor Michael.

*Workshops October-December:* Future Workshops would be considered subject to Expo Sub-committee meetings.

*November Coin & Banknote Expo:* Richard advised that the Expo Sub-Committee had assessed the ramifications of the revised conditions of the Torrens Training Depot and Car Park imposed by them relating to holding our November Expo there following the Corona virus restrictions, and the many current and possible future government limitations, particularly for interstate travel at that time, and had decided that the best option would be to cancel this year’s Expo. Consideration would be given to possibly holding an interim Expo early next year if circumstances warranted such an option.

*Special Resolution to Alter the Constitution and By-Laws:* The Secretary advised that he had received no comments or changes to the proposed alterations sent to all members before the August meeting. The President then asked if there were any comments from members at this meeting on the alterations, and when no comments were made, put the Motion proposed on 16 July 2020 to adopt the changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society. Carried unanimously.

*NAA Report:* The Secretary advised that there were still printed copies of Journal No. 29 available for sale and that the forthcoming AGM was to be held by ZOOM on Sunday 25 October 2020. The NSSA Report to that AGM would be tabled on our 15 October regular meeting to members.

General Business:



New Members: It was moved that John and Michael, who had been regularly proposed and seconded, and paid their subscriptions, be elected members of the Society. Carried with acclamation.

Door Prizes: September 2020 CAB was won by Michael and 2 bottles of wine donated by Hardeep were won by Ern and Richard.

Numismatics: Mick advised overhead spotlights at venue causing shadows on images.



Robert showed 3 items that he thought could be forgeries: a) gold 1oz ingot, Pert Mint; b) 2015 \$100 gold kangaroo 1 oz gold, Perth Mint (designer initials “auj”); c) Johnson Matthey 1 oz troy fine gold. There were large discrepancies between the weights of the first two items purported to be from the Perth Mint and both showing that they were weighing 1oz gold.



Gerry showed a silver 1904 Edward VII “ONE FLORIN TWO SHILLINGS” with a standing Britannia (uncommon) reverse.



JP. showed a 1943 Poland 10 Mark Jewish Ghetto coin issued for circulation in the ghetto in Lodz, Poland, obv. “GETTO” with “10 Mark” and German writing on rev. possibly meaning “The Elders of the Jews” (aluminium) and commented as follows:

“My father was born in Radom, Poland in 1933 and was 6 & ½ years old when the Nazi German Army invaded and occupied the country in September of 1939. When I came across this coin, it stirred a desire to research its background, as it was issued and used “close to home”, so to speak.

“135 Kilometres away from my father’s birthplace was the city of Lodz with a population of 672,000 including 230,000 Jews. The order for a Jewish Ghetto was made soon after occupation and by 30<sup>th</sup> April 1940 there were 163,777 residents (prisoners) mostly used for slave labour in manufacturing goods for the Nazi Regime.

“In 1942 the liquidation of the Ghetto was commenced and by the time the Soviet Army entered the city there were only 877 people still alive and hiding in the Ghetto. It is estimated that out of 230,000 Jews in the city at the beginning of the occupation only 10,000 survived the Holocaust.

“The 10 Mark coin dated 1943 was used as legal tender only within this Ghetto and came in other denominations up to 20 Mark.

“The Legend “Der Aelteste Der Juden” roughly translates as “Elders of the Jews”

“The coin is made of Aluminium, measures 28.3 mm and had a mintage of 100,000 pieces. The larger 20 Mark coin had a mintage of only 600 pieces therefore is very difficult to obtain, although counterfeits are common.”



David showed two medallions issued in 1980 & 1988 to mark the Centenary of the Melbourne Exhibition Buildings and the Bi-Centenary of Australia International Trade Fair medal, issued to commemorate the International Trade Fair held in 1988. More commonly known as the Brisbane Expo, it was a six-month event from April 30 to October 30 1988, at South Bank, Brisbane, featuring the theme 'Leisure in the Age of Technology'. Both medallions were produced by Stokes of Melbourne.

a) 1980 Medallion – 38mm diameter, 4mm thick, weight 40 grams, Obv. Melbourne International Exhibition MDCCCLXXX (1880) and head of Queen Victoria; Rev. Melbourne International Centenary Exhibition 1980 (Stokes Melb) around edge. Centre – Commemorating the first 100 years of the Exhibition Building. Opened on October 1, 1880. The head of Queen Victoria has been reproduced from the original die which minted the 1880 Gold Prize Medals.

b) 1988 Medallion – 38mm diameter, 3mm thick, weight 25 grams, Obv. Centennial International Exhibition Melbourne 1888-89 with image of building; Rev. The Australian Bicentennial International Trade Fair around edge with bicentennial and Stokes logos in centre with text Proud Exhibitors 1880 -1888 -1980 -1988.





Richard showed a) 1870 Intercolonial Exhibition New South Wales white metal medallion with standing Britannia (laurel wreath in R hand) and background of rural, industrial, mining scenes Obv. and aboriginal head, Rev. b) 1935 bronze medallion aviator Bert Hinkler, Obv. head of Hinkler in flying helmet; Rev. map of route taken from England to Australia in bi-plane Feb 1928, (Stokes) with original box;



c) 1770s medal issued by Dassier commemorating King John and the Magna Carta; d) 238-244AD Roman sestertius of Gordian III and gave a detailed address on the Roman senate and how the Senate decided to take the teenage Gordian, rename him Marcus Antonius Gordianus and proclaim him Caesar, though, because of his young age of 13, the affairs of Rome were controlled by the Senate. Gordian was killed in battle against the Persians aged about 19.

Kathryn showed a badly damaged 1948 Australian penny.

SH. showed a good example of a \$1- mule, with the Queen's head from a 10 cents obverse.



Terry showed an 1824 Spanish silver, 2 reals with pierced hole.

AK. discussed an interesting find when he was researching his family history:

"New Kind of Counterfeit Shilling"

"Well not really new, but that was the message in The Public Advertiser (London) on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1778.

"I had been researching my 5<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather, Sir William Whitmore - General & Warden of the London Mint, when I can across the attached newspaper article about discovered forgeries of Queen Anne silver shillings. I thought it interesting so I thought I would research about the Office of Warden of the Mint, the coins & Queen Anne.

"Although Queen Anne died in 1714, forgeries had been found in 1778 as per the article.

[A copy of real Queen Anne Shillings is also included.]

"Under Queen Anne's reign, the Acts of Union 1707 created a unified Kingdom of Great Britain through the union of the Parliament of Scotland with the Parliament of England. Her parents were King James II and Anne Hyde Duchess of York and Albany

[Note, another interesting article mentions Sir George Whitmore, Sir William's great Uncle, and an attempted robbery].



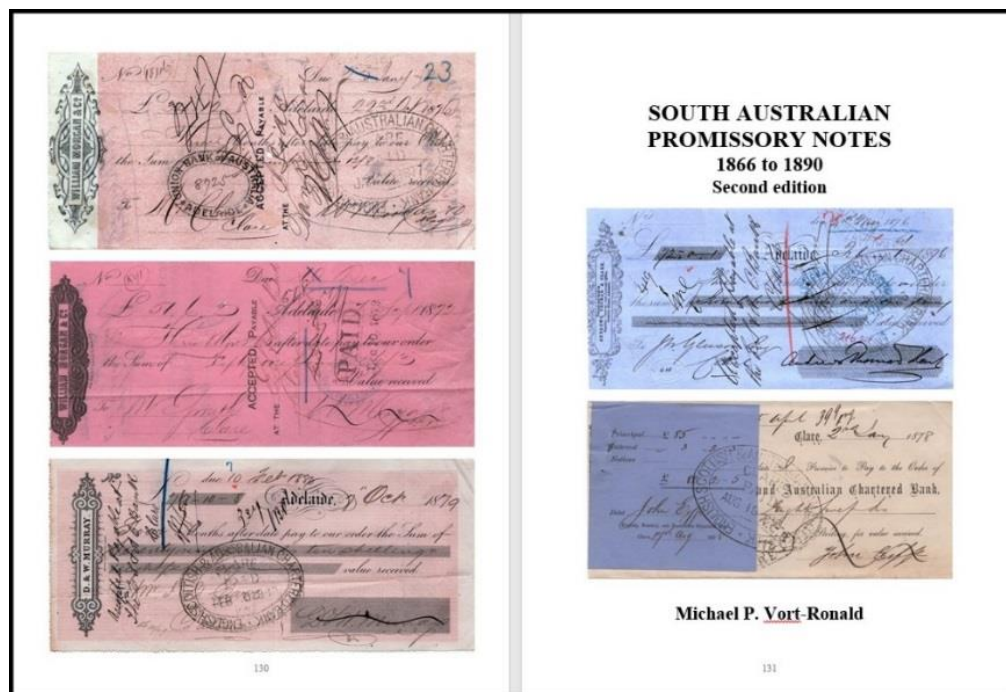
“Warden of the London Mint.” “Warden of the Mint was a high-ranking position at the Royal Mint in England from 1216–1829.

“The warden was responsible for a variety of minting procedures and acted as the immediate representative of the current monarch inside the mint. The role of warden changed greatly through history with the original task being the receiving, assay and payment for bullion while later evolving into more of an administrative role. The office received a yearly emolument of £500 and up until 1685 wardens were given tenure meaning many wardens died while in office. “The most illustrious holder of the office of Warden of the Mint was Isaac Newton, who was warranted to this position on the recommendation of his friend, Montagu, Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1698. In 1699, however, Newton undertook the office of Master of the Mint, which was far more lucrative, as well as potentially more technically challenging. After the death of the final warden, Sir Walter James, 1st Baronet in 1829, the office was abolished having existed for 613 years.

#### “Appointment to the Office of Warden

“The Public Advertiser \_ - Tue 15<sup>th</sup> April 1766.

“It was interesting that Sir William Whitmore when, on his “appointment to the Office of Warden of his Majesty’s Mint”, he had to kiss his Majesty’s Hand. [I presume he kissed the Royal Seal on the King’s hand]. The king at the time was King George III”.



Mick gave an illustrated talk about 150 year-old promissory notes – “time to pay cheques”. From the Clare hoard he retrieved hundreds of paid cheque-like forms from the 1860s to late 1880s issued by various businesses, mostly from Rundle Street, Adelaide. These he has studied and presented in the second 128-page edition of his book on S.A. Promissory Notes, incorporating over 300 images of notes, advertisements and premises to be released in October, selling for \$30.