



## The Numismatic Society of South Australia Incorporated

### NEWSLETTER 138 – September 2021.

**Society meetings** are held on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** of the month, in the Royal Society Room behind the S. A. Museum off Kintore Avenue, Adelaide from 7.45 pm., supper afterwards, visitors welcome. **Postal address P.O. Box 312 Magill 5072.** For information, contact the Secretary, Richard Welling; [secretary@sanumismatics.org.au](mailto:secretary@sanumismatics.org.au)

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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 are photographed by Mick at meetings, but members can also send images of their items direct to Mick.

**Newsletters** are sent via **email** to members who have the capacity to receive them. In this way you get your newsletter quicker and better than a printed version, **AND IN COLOUR**. Please advise Secretary 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.

## Meeting No 976, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 15 July 2021.

Meeting commenced at 8 pm after a Numismatic Bourse where members bought and sold coins and banknotes between 7 pm and 7.50 pm.

Present: 23 members, 12 apologies, visitors Nittav & Vinal.

Business arising from Minutes: Account to SAPHIL for insurance for the NSSA to be paid.

Correspondence: Membership application received from Piero, who was present at the meeting and was accepted as a member of the NSSA.

NAA Report: Barrie advised that NAA Journal had been completed. Printed copies will also be available at \$26 each. He is waiting to receive the final numbers that will be required, which should take 3-4 weeks.

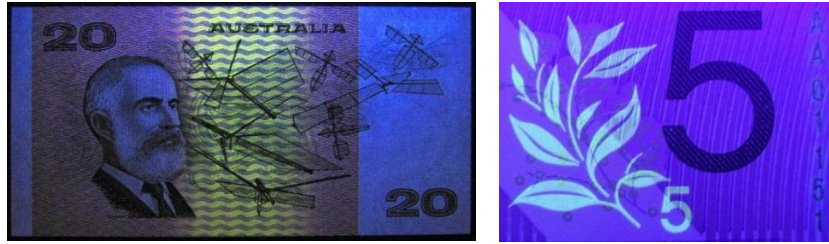
Quiz Prize: July numismatic quiz was won by E. M. and door prize of CAB magazine awarded to Piero.

### Numismatics:

Terry showed an Edward VII period silver trade dollar with Britannia looking out over her Empire and Chinese characters. This coinage type was used by the British in the Far East as trade coinage during that period up until the 1940s and is 26.88 grams and struck in Bombay.



A Member showed a silver agricultural medal by the Royal Agricultural & Horticulture Society awarded to Sir Samuel Davenport for white wine. 70 mm, 151.99 grams. **Sir Samuel Davenport** was born 15 March 1818 and died in 1906. He emigrated from the UK in 1842 to Macclesfield S. A. and promoted new industries in S. A. He was elected to the Legislative Council in 1857 and knighted in 1884. In 1856 he purchased Beaumont house.



Mick showed examples of **fluorescence** on various Australian decimal banknotes.

Virginia showed a **Swiss 1907 Silver Half Franc**. Obverse: Full length figure of Helvetia standing, facing left, wearing toga, holding a spear in right hand with Coat of Arms of Switzerland in left hand. 22 stars around representing the 22 cantons of the Swiss confederation. Reverse: Wreath formed of oak and Alpine rose branches tied with a ribbon below. This silver coinage was used as currency up until 1971 and was replaced in 1968 by a copper-nickel issue.

Gerry showed some segments or remainders of **very rare Australian banknotes** that had been cut and retained by a bank manager many years ago, including part of a 50-pound note.

Neil showed **Football Park Membership badges** 1975 to 1994. Apart from the 1975 pass, there are 3 different designs, with a pip for each year being inserted into the badge to denote the year of membership. After 1994 they became Adelaide Crows membership badges.

What's on around Adelaide: Strathalbyn Antique Fair, 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August.

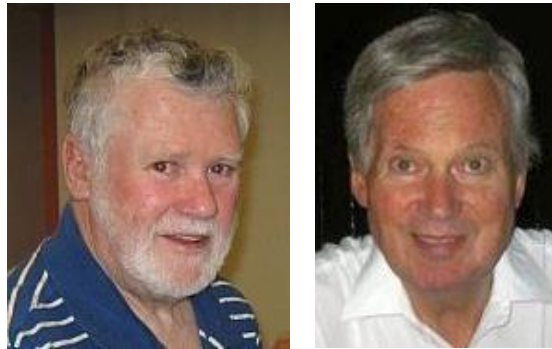
The meeting was closed at 9.00pm followed by a continuation of the Numismatic Bourse for approx.. 15 minutes, then tea/coffee.

### **Meeting No 977, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 19 August 2021.**

Show Committee meeting was held before the meeting between 7.10 pm and 7.40 pm.  
Present: 16 members, 16 apologies. General Business:



Mick was presented with a **Honorary Life Fellow** certificate (previous page) by President Gerry in appreciation for his long-time service to the NSSA including 20 years as treasurer and 25 years as newsletter editor. Image taken by Helen.



*Maurice Keain and Stephen Cole.*

Peter L. gave a memorial talk with photographs for the late **Maurice Keain**, a long-time NSSA Life Member who passed away recently.

Gerry spoke on behalf of the late **Stephen Cole**, a long-time Tasmanian dealer who passed away recently.

**NSSA November Coin Expo:** Unfortunately, the NSSA has had to cancel its Coin Expo for this November. The show committee agreed that there was too much uncertainty over Covid 19 spread to guarantee a successful event.

We have re-booked the Drill Hall for the first weekend of November 2022 and Richard will investigate the possibility of the NSSA also holding a smaller show in April of 2022 at another venue.

Quiz Prize: August Numismatic quiz was won by Richard.

### **Numismatics:**



David mentioned his Zoom presentation of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 on “How to **collect and exhibit Picture Postcards**” The presentation was recorded and made available to view on You Tube from a link of the RPSV (Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria) website.





Paul. S. showed 1899 Exhibition medals, two different medals, associated with the **Greater Britain Exhibition of 1899** held at Earl's Court, London.



Paul .J. showed four different denominations of **Charles I coinage**, a gold double crown or Ten shilling piece, as well as a silver crown, a silver half crown and a silver shilling from the reign of Charles I.

The reign of Charles I was very interesting from both a historical (Civil War period) and numismatic viewpoint, with a larger number of coins in different denominations being produced during this period.



Banknotes



Minerals under short wave UV



Atom Bomb glass



Uranium glass

Mick gave an illustrated talk on **fluorescence** on the current next-gen banknotes, previous polymer notes and experimental paper notes.

He showed that fluorescence is not just on banknotes but on stamps, in minerals, and **uranium glass**, including glass fused from sand at the Maralinga Atom Bomb site.



Helen showed a **one-gram silver bar**, manufactured in Switzerland by the Valcambi mint. These bars are also available, up to 100g, in gold, platinum and palladium. Each bar shows the weight and purity on both sides and the obverse shows the mint name and assay mark.



Gerry showed a rare 1776 USA **New Hampshire colonial** coin that he will send to the US for certification.



Richard showed an Ancient **Athens silver tetradrachm** from the period 393-294 BC and a 1949 Australian ten-pound banknote.

What's on around Adelaide: Printed Collectables Fair 11<sup>th</sup> September 9am-3pm at Reid Avenue Hectorville.



**Meeting No 978, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 16 September 2021.**

Present: 14 members, 5 apologies.

**General Business:** Numismatic Bourse next month (October) to commence at 7pm and run to 7.40 pm and again at meeting conclusion. Buying and selling numismatic items. People having tables are Gerry, Paul J., Purple, Richard, David. If anyone else would like space, please contact the Secretary on 8165 3446 or email.

Quiz Prize: September numismatic quiz was won by Richard.

## Numismatics:



A member showed a Personal Challenge Coin awarded to **Jane Hardie**. 44mm, Chromed Brass, enamelled on both sides. Challenge coins Florida USA, mintage 300. Coat of Arms/Kangaroo facing palm tree, Southern Cross above. Challenge coins are associated with the military or National Associations and are used as a badge of identity. They are sometimes awarded for exceptional service.



P.J. showed four British coins from the reign of **George II**, a 1735 Halfpenny, 1743 Shilling, 1758 Sixpence and a 1759 Maundy Penny. This is the first time this member has shown coins at our meeting and we hope he will show us more coins in the future.





Paul J. showed coinage of the **English Civil War**. A Commonwealth of England 1652 Half Crown, a 1653 Commonwealth shilling and two interesting examples of siege coinage, a 1646 Newark shilling and an Irish Ormonde money silver 4d coin. These coins were produced whilst under siege from silver plate. Paul showed how the Commonwealth coinage by the omission of Latin titles, was radically different to the English coinage that had preceded it.



Top left genuine note, top right souvenir note. Above left cancellation on genuine note. Above right, back of souvenir note.





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Mick gave an illustrated talk about the differences between genuine **Confederate banknotes** and copies, with the genuine notes having different coloured handwritten details, and the facsimiles all black. There are 72 different Confederate notes in seven series illustrated by Wikipedia. He also showed the differences between normal decimal banknotes and those with **inverted watermarks**.

Gerry very kindly gave away to other members several Krause catalogues to do with coins and banknotes and bought copies for members to look at of Philatelics Australia latest coin/stamp sale catalogues.

Richard showed some modern decimal coins with **various cars** as the theme and spoke about the nostalgia of old cars.

What's on around Adelaide: Gawler swap meet Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Tarlee swap meet 4<sup>th</sup> October, Brighton markets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month, Morgan swap meet 10<sup>th</sup> October.

## ROYAL SOCIETY ROOM PROJECTOR

The overhead projector failed to work for the July meeting. A temporary projector was supplied by the museum for the August meeting. The overhead projector again failed for the September meeting. The following explanation was later given by the S.A. Museum.

We are currently aware of this issue, it relates to a failed HDMI switch wall plate to the left of the screen, which we are currently awaiting delivery of parts for. The issue effects wired connections using HDMI and VGA cables.

Many users are able to connect to the projector wirelessly via miracast or in the case of a Mac via the Apple TV. It is worth noting that these wireless options are not available on all laptops, especially older laptops using Windows 8 and older.

The fault has now been fixed and the museum states that it should now work using my usual laptop computer with Windows 7.

Thankfully, some members supplied their own images, which are included in this newsletter, and I was able to still take images with the society's digital microscope.

As a temporary measure, I was able to show some images on my laptop to members. Mick.

The possible need to purchase our own projector was discussed at the September meeting, but now that the museum has stated that the problem their projector has been fixed, this may no longer be immediately necessary.