



The Numismatic Society of South Australia Incorporated

NEWSLETTER 139 – December 2021.

Society meetings are held on the **3rd 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

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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 979, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 21 October 2021.

Present: 17 members, 6 apologies.

New member, Stephen has paid his subs and was welcomed to the NSSA.

Barrie is taking orders for NAA Journal. Please contact him to obtain a hard copy.

General Business: Numismatic Bourse was held before and after the meeting.

Quiz Prize: Was not held this month but will be held next month. Purple Penny made a donation of an item and the NSSA thanked them for the donation. CAB magazine & donated items were won by members in a random draw.

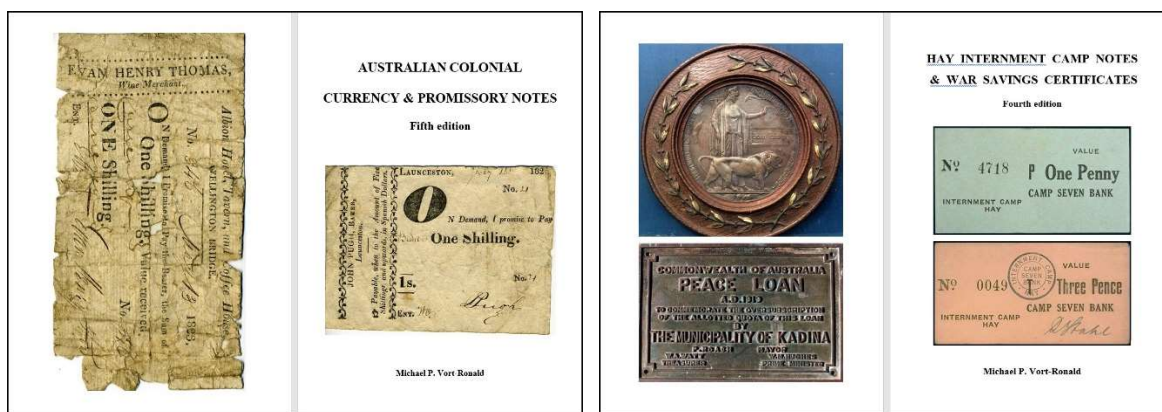
Numismatics:



Mark showed an interesting piece of WW1 trench art, an Identity disc engraved on a GB bun- head penny to Lt W.Shaffery (died Gympie 1943), No. 5 Tunnelling Company.



Paul J. presented some coins of Charles II, a 1660-1685 period half groat, a 1672 shilling, a 1677 Gold Guinea and a set of Maundy coins, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d and spoke about Charles II and the Restoration of the Monarchy after the English Republican period that followed the Civil War.



Mick showed the covers of his two new books on promissory notes and Hay Internment Notes and War Savings Certificates. He elaborated on the WW1 plaque known as the Dead Man's Penny awarded to Scotsman John Crichton, and the bronze plaque awarded to the town of Kadina in 1920 for raising more than 17,000 pounds for the 1919 peace loan. These are on the back cover. He showed images of his former WW1 tin badge collection and the few surviving bits of war memorabilia from his grandfather, V. R. S. born in Russia or France



Richard showed and talked about the 1797 GB Cartwheel penny and twopence.

The meeting was closed at 9.02 pm followed by tea/coffee and a continuation of the Numismatic Bourse.

Meeting No 980, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 18th November 2021.

Present: 16 members, 9 apologies.

General Business: The NSSA paid tribute to Ray Crettenden, a long-time member and former secretary of the NSSA, who passed away recently. (Six NSSA members attended Ray's funeral on Monday 22nd November). Obituary - see last page.

Some food and drink will be served at the December function, in line with COVID 19 protocols.

Quiz Prize: Was won by Steve, good effort Steve.

Numismatics:

Gerry showed a 1948 penny with lustre and a fake dot added after the date, an interesting attempt at deception, because 1948 Y. pennies with lustre are scarce.



Paul. J. showed some coins of the English James II (1685-1691 period) including a Gold Guinea from 1685, a 1687 silver crown, a 1686 silver shilling, a 1690 Gun Money crown and a 1691 Limerick siege halfpenny.



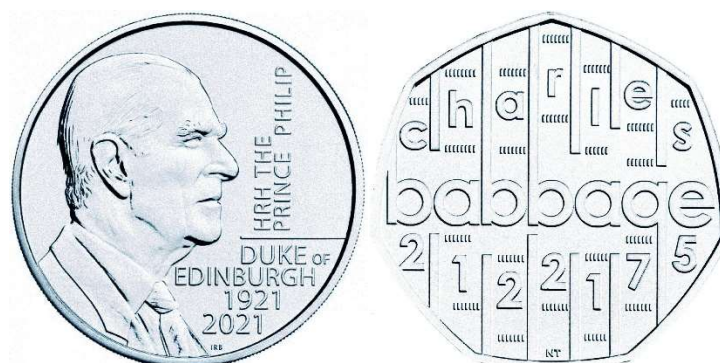
Mick showed images of incorrectly described banknote errors including fadeouts, registration shifts and ink transfers. Images, previous page. Fadeouts are nearly always on the bottom of the note and usually on the back, but when they occur on the front the signatures are missing. He also advised that he had that day purchased over 100 pieces of uranium glass and demonstrated one at the meeting. Shown in the last image by Allan on the previous page is Mick with the society digital microscope and his laptop computer demonstrating the glass.



Barrie showed some Freemason Jewels or medallions from the past 60 years. Lodge jewels are a type of engraved medallion and are quite colourful and intricate.



Richard presented some of the many different coin denominations made during the reign of Queen Victoria.



Allan presented a GB Five Pound coin of prince Philip struck in 2021 and also showed a coin commemorating Charles Babbage 150th anniversary of death. Charles Babbage, an English mathematician born 1791, died 1871 is considered one of the fore-fathers of the modern computer.

Meeting No 981, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 16th December 2021.

Present: 16 members, 8 apologies.

Seenying has resigned from the NSSA due to family commitments. Stephen has been welcomed to the NSSA as a new member.

General Business: Several NSSA members attended the funeral of Ray Crettenden, a long-time member and former secretary of the NSSA, who passed away recently.

A Numismatic Bourse was held before the December meeting, commencing at 7pm and continuing after the meeting. Quite a bit of activity was noted. Meeting commenced at 8pm.

Quiz Prize was won by Richard.

Numismatics:

Gerry showed a 5 Franc coin and recollected some buying and selling from many years ago.

Michael showed a book about Ancient Coins.



Mick demonstrating some Uranium Glass given to him that day, originating from his grandmother. Photo above by Helen at the bourse with secretary and president looking on.

Kathryn showed a counterfeit \$50 note that had been passed in her shop recently.

P.J. showed some North Korean banknotes of various denominations.

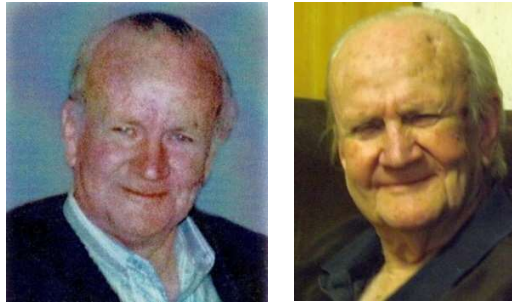
What's On around Adelaide: Hahndorf Swap meet, Sunday 16th Jan at Hahndorf Oval.

Brighton Market, Sunday mornings 9/23 Jan at Brighton High School.

Gepps Cross Market every Sunday morning at Mainline Drive In.

Fisherman's Wharf market Pt Adelaide every Sunday.

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm followed by tea/coffee and supper.



OBITUARY – Raymond Douglas Crettenden 28.11.1931 – 15.11.2021.

Ray was born on 28-11-1931 at Medindie S. A., the 5th. child of Lilian & Urwin Crettenden. He went to school at Gillies Plains Primary, finished his education at Nailsworth Boys Junior Technical School, then commenced work as a floor surfer and finisher, eventually purchasing the business, which he successfully ran until his retirement in 1996.

Ray met Fay and married in 1954, purchased their first and only house in St. Peters, and had two children, Diane and Donald. Ray was a firm believer in supporting small businesses for everyday needs. During his retirement years and up until recently he would donate to multiple charities on a regular basis, and his philosophy was if contacted for a donation, he would say "send me the info and a return envelope and I am happy to help out."

Over the years Fay had a range of health issues and Ray cared for her while working and supporting the family home until she passed away 20 years ago. I and several society members attended her funeral. He then did volunteer work at the Salvation Army Museum documenting various donations for a number of years, and again making great friends. He was never one to complain and took in his stride life with its ups and downs. Ray was an avid reader, reading the newspaper each day front to back and especially on Saturdays and completing the puzzles, and would ring his sister Elaine each week to compare the answers. Ray's view was that puzzles kept the mind active.

Ray was a keen collector of various items over most years of his life, which occupied a lot of his retired time. They included Australian stamps, coins, tokens and books - all items with an Australian flavour and local history. Through them he made many lifelong friends and sometimes researched and proof-read information for companies before they released a catalogue for an auction, often correcting data, particularly about tradesmen's tokens.

He joined the Numismatic Society of S.A. on 1 December 1979. I was secretary from 1999-2002 and Ray followed as secretary from 2003 to 2008. Ray was a major contributor of information and images for my comprehensive article on the Schools Patriotic Fund, published in the Australasian Coin & Banknote magazine. Although housebound, he maintained an active interest in the society and was kept up to date by one member in particular (Paul), and myself when often visiting before society meetings. The second image of Ray was taken by me during one of those visits.

Ray remained in the family home until his health would no longer allow it and entered an aged care home where he was cared for until he passed away. Six members of the society attended his funeral on 22 November 2021. Ray's son Don passed away at home on 31 December 2021.

Mick Vort-Ronald, Honorary Life Fellow, N.S.S.A.