



The Numismatic Society of South Australia Incorporated

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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 July 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 16th.

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 Buller, David Figg, Peter Lane and Paul Sobels 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 latest article from Paul Sobels is attached. I am sure that all of you will be fascinated and interested in the depth and detail provided in the assessment of his medal.

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.

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,
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Attachments:

Site plan of the Armoury Gallery behind the SA Museum
Paul Sobels numismatic gem article