



## The Numismatic Society of South Australia Incorporated

### NEWSLETTER 142 – September 2022.

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 text and 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 the 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 987, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 21st July 2022.

**Present:** 12 members, 8 apologies.

**General Business:** The daytime contacts for the NSSA will be changed from Grant Morton (As I.S Wright Adelaide has closed) to Gerry, Richard, Mark and Kathryn.

NAA Journal 31 currently at the printers; it should be available towards the end of August.

The NAA wishes to host their annual conference in Adelaide next year. It was agreed that we accept this and we will try and have the conference in the same week as our 1000<sup>th</sup> meeting, which will be in August next year.

**Quiz & Door Prizes:** Were won by Rob, Helen and Barrie

**Numismatics:**



Mick spoke about new books he is writing, including **million numbered notes**, and **star notes**.



Barrie showed example of Antarctic medal he is producing featuring **Mawson's Huts**, which will be produced for the Antarctica Festival in Tasmania in August.



Paul J. showed an English silver shilling of **Philip & Mary** (1554-1558 period).



Richard showed an Anglo-Saxon silver penny of **Edward the Confessor** 1042-1066 period.

### What's On around Adelaide:

Brighton market, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month.

Fisherman's Wharf market Pt Adelaide every Sunday.

Willunga swap meet 21<sup>st</sup> August.

Strathalbyn Antique Fair 20-21 August.

Stamp Exhibition, 47 Reid Ave Hectorville, 20-21 August

### Meeting No 988, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 18th August 2022.

**Present:** 15 members, 6 apologies.

**General Business:** We received some Maurice Keain memorial medals from the Port Adelaide Historical Society and agreed to auction them next month and save one as a raffle prize for the Coin Expo.

We received some coins and coin albums as a donation from Mike M. and will include these as raffle prizes and giveaways at the Expo. Barrie has drafted a letter of thanks for the donation.

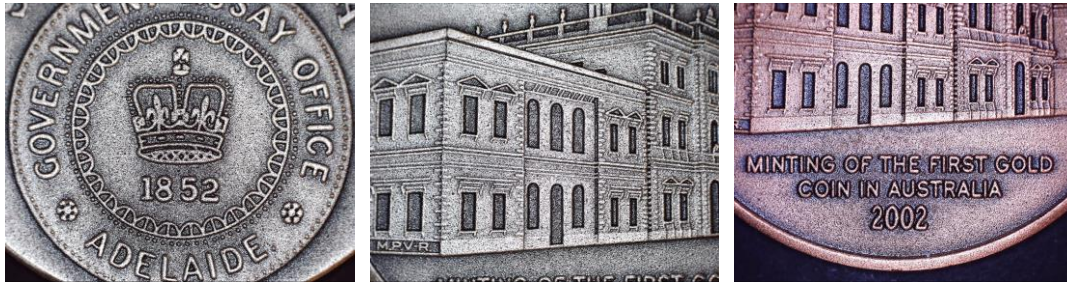
NAA Journal will be released soon. Barrie is taking orders for this journal. Price approx. \$30 to \$35.

### Numismatics:





Mick spoke about Andy Jenkins and the **Coin Carvery at Silverton** and showed examples of his work including seven pence coins and also spoke about the medallion at the **Daydream Mine**, which sells for \$16 cased or a thinner uncased version for \$10. An article will appear in CAB.



Neil showed examples of NSSA 2002 150 years of **Adelaide Pound medallion** and view of the Treasury Building Adelaide. The Treasury side of the 2002 medal was designed by Mick.



Paul J. showed some examples of **Elizabeth I** coins including a 1581 3d, a Half Groat and a 1592 6d.



Richard showed an Anglo-Saxon penny of **Aethelred II** (978-1016) and spoke about the Viking period.

### **What's On around Adelaide:**

Brighton market, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month.

Printed Collectables Fair 10<sup>th</sup> September, 47 Reid Avenue Hectorville from 9am to 3pm

Gawler Swap Meet 18<sup>th</sup> September

Sedan Trash and Treasure meet – 25<sup>th</sup> September.



## Meeting No 989, Royal Society Room, Adelaide, 15th September 2022.

**Present:** 19 members, 5 apologies.

Barrie forwarded a letter of thanks to Mike M. for coin donations used in the Expo raffles.



**General Business:** We auctioned some Maurice **Keain memorial medals** from the Port Adelaide Historical Society, thanks to those who bid on them. Mick will send an article to CAB magazine.

We noted the passing of well-known banknote dealer **Trevor Wilkin**.

We agreed to hold a Numismatic Bourse before each 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, starting in November and Steve volunteered to produce a syllabus of our next year meeting and events, thanks for that Steve.

NAA Journal will be released soon. Barrie is taking orders for this journal. Price \$35.

Door prizes were won by Paul S. and J.W.

### Numismatics:



Mick spoke about his newly released books on **million numbered** banknotes, and **first and last prefixes**.



Paul S. showed a George III medal about the **Union of Ireland**, also a **1901 Royal Fusiliers** fob and a shooting medal of the South Fingal Cavalry dated 1803.

Paul J. showed some examples of **Ancient Parthian silver coins** and spoke of the rivalry between Rome and Parthia.

The vast majority of Parthian drachms are struck on semi oval flans with the portrait perpendicular to the long axis. This assured the main features of the King's face (centre of the design) would be clear, but almost guaranteed that parts of the design would not fit. The minters seem to have taken care to show the top of the headdress on the flan, so truncation of the bust and the tip of the beard on long-bearded types are often seen. Any specimen that has the entire beaded border visible on the obverse is rare. For the same reasons, you often find examples without the reverse inscription fully on the flan, particularly on the tetradrachms.



Drachm of Parthia, Orodes I

Silver drachm, 20mm, 3.97gm, issued 90-77 BC.

Obv: Draped bust facing left wearing tiara with eight pointed star in centre.

Rev: Archer seated right, seven line inscription around.

Some of the more frequent wording appearing on Parthian coins:

- ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ = Of the King of kings
- ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ = the Great (genitive form)
- ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ = Arsaces (genitive form)
- ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ = *Euergetes*, the Benefactor (genitive form)
- ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΟΡΟΣ = Autokratōr, absolute ruler (genitive form)
- ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ = Dikaios, the Just (genitive form)
- ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ = *Epiphanes*, the Illustrious (genitive form)
- ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ = Philopator, father-loving (genitive form)
- ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ = Philhellene, the Friend of the Greeks (genitive form)



Virginia presented a 20c coin of which one side had been **ground down** to bare metal.



David showed a **Durban Military Tattoo medallion**, 38.2mm, 24.1 grams which was sponsored by the Durban Match Co of South Africa. Image, previous page.



Helen showed Einstein Centenary PNC from 2022, a **Dinosaur collection** of \$1 coins from 2022 and a **Socceroo Centenary \$2** coin from 2022.



P. Ja. presented a bundle of 100 **Soviet era 25 Roubles** banknotes from 1961.

Allan showed an example of a 2023 Year of the Rabbit coin with QEII portrait, image above right.



Richard showed an Anglo-Saxon period **penny of Cnut** and quoted some thoughts from Winston Churchill's History of the English Speaking Peoples about this ruler.

### What's On around Adelaide:

Woodside Antiques & Collectable Fair Sat/Sun 8-9 October from 10am

Morgan swap meet Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30am

Strathalbyn Swap meet, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30am

Adelaide Gem & Mineral Show, Payneham Library 15-16 October from 10am

Brighton Market, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Clare Swap meet Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October from 7.30am.

NSSA Expo, Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground, 1-3 October 2022.



Because the two previous annual events were cancelled due to Covid restrictions, South Australian collectors were keen to embrace collecting again and formed a very long queue for free entry on the first day of the expo.

There were a number of factors that probably contributed to the success of the show. The absence of an Adelaide coin show for the previous three years, the \$2 coin collecting craze, the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the fine weather and the extensive advertising. Collectors were keen to buy and sell many of the scarcer \$2 commemorative coin varieties, and obtain coins with the effigy of the late Queen.

There was also free parking and entry to the event – another drawcard.

Two hundred specially overprinted PNCs were produced for the show with small quantities supplied to dealers with tables and the lowest two numbers allocated as the first prize in the raffle.

There were regular raffle draws throughout the three days with a lady winning the numbers 1 and 2 of the special show PNC's for 150 years of the Overland Telegraph, and David, in charge of the raffles, drawing his own winning ticket for a series of donated coin albums after purchasing only five tickets!

Richard is to be congratulated, along with his NSSA member helpers, for organizing and putting on such a good event.

No doubt dealers and collectors will be eagerly looking forward to the next one. Thanks to Helen for the Expo images.

An article has been sent to CAB by Mick.