



The Numismatic Society of South Australia Incorporated

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Society meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, SAPHIL House 22 Gray Court, Adelaide 7.30 pm., visitors welcome.

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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 Virginia, at treasurer@sanumismatics.org.au

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 financial 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 receive their emailed newsletters and these are also being forwarded on to our financial members by email.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 16 October 2025, 7.30 pm, Saphil House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide.

Meeting 1023, SAPHIL House 17th July 2025.

Present: 18 members, 15 apologies.

Coin Expo report:

It is FULL STEAM AHEAD for the October 4th-5th Coin Expo which is looming up faster than you think... 35 coin dealers will be attending.

We have advertising flyers available; it is also advertised on the NSSA website.
Radio advertising has been booked as well as an advert in the Senior newspaper.
Money will also be spent on a Facebook campaign.
Any other low-cost advertising thoughts that you can help organize?

24-hour security will be provided at the event, beginning Friday 6pm until Sunday 4pm.
This, I feel, is necessary, but strains the budget.

We would like to hold a raffle to help pay for it, Gerry and myself will help with raffle prizes.
If anyone else wants to help with the raffle, either by organizing it or helping to sell tickets, please contact the secretary.

Door Prizes:

Hardeep kindly donated two bottles of wine, we gave away the ACR magazine and the president made a donation to the members, thank you both.

General Business:

The NSSA extends condolences to **J. Wilhelm** on the passing of his father. A sympathy card was signed by the members and has been posted, and he has been contacted.

STEAM RANGER Train Trip Sunday 31st August – contact Helen if you wish to attend.

Numismatics:



Mick spoke about a 1966 Newspaper banknotes advertisement \$1-20 8x Specimen 1966 banknotes, a Ransom Note from Strand Coins and \$50 polymer dye-pack notes.

Neil spoke about and showed some examples of modern decimal commemorative coinage.

Paul J. spoke about and showed two French **medieval period coins** from the 13th-14th century including a Crusader coin and an earlier Viking period coin of Richard I, great grandfather of William the Conqueror.



Only known undated image of Hugh IV as his legacy can be found in coins.

CRUSADERS, Lusignan Kingdom of Cyprus. Hugh IV, 1324-1359. Gros (24.5mm, 4.61g). Nicosia mint.

Hugh IV seated on throne facing, holding sceptre and orb, B in left field / Jerusalem cross with square centre, crosses in each quarter part.

Hugh IV was King of Cyprus from 1324 to his abdication, in 1358 and, nominally, King of Jerusalem, as Hugh II, until his death.

Hugh's son-in-law portrayed him as a vicious tyrant. Hugh's sons Peter and John went against his wishes and left Cyprus for a visit to Western Europe. Hugh worked hard and spent a lot to retrieve them, whereupon he had them imprisoned at Kyrenia Castle until the pope intervened.



943-996 France Silver Denier Normandy Richard I 'the fearless' struck in Rouen; this coin has been softly struck. The inscription reads +RICARDUSI around a large central short cross pattée, with a pellet in each quadrant. On the reverse the inscription reads +ROTOMAGVS, around a central depiction of a stylized temple with a St. Andrew's cross and pellets in each quarter.

Richard I was the grandson of the famous Viking Rollo who became the Duke of Normandy and the Count of Rouen, He was the grandfather of Edward the Confessor and great-grandfather of William the Conqueror.

He is remembered by the large number of alliances he made with the Vikings, the King of France and many lords around Normandy. His most successful was his daughter Emma who married Æthelred the Unready of England and her children included Edward the Confessor, Alfred Aetheling.



Rollo and Gisele's wedding. Richard the Fearless

FRANCE, Melgueil. Bishops of Maguelonne. 11th-13th century. AR Denier (19mm, 0.96 gm). Cross with arms in the shape of a bishop's mitre; pellet in one quarter / Four annulets with pellet in centre.

The Pope started a Crusade against heretics in the south of France which led to the overthrow of the Count of Toulouse and the country that he ruled called Melgueil. The Bishop of Maguelone used this authority to take possession of the county (granted to him, at his request, by the pope). In the process the bishop established that Melgueil was a papal 'fief'. After the bishop took possession, he installed papal authority to build up his power against both internal and external enemies.



A Denier is valued at a silver penny and a Gros was worth 12 Denier's.

The Duke of Lorraine from 1508 denier.

Obverse titlature + AnThOn+ D. - G. CALAB, (punctuation by simple cross). Obverse description: Sword in pal supporting a shield of Lorraine.

Obverse translation (Anthony, by the grace of God, [duke] of Calabria).

Titlature reverse: + mOnETA+ FACTA+ nAnC, (punctuation by simple cross).

Reverse description Hollowed-out Cross of Lorraine.

Reverse translation (Money made in Nancy).

Antoine known as the Good, was Duke of Lorraine from 1508 until his death in 1544. In Lorraine, Antoine faced the spreading of the Protestant Reformation (practitioners were known as Heretics) this resulted in the Peasants' War which broke out in Saverne and Bitscherland. Antoine launched an expedition in which he massacred the two peasant armies.



Nancy, Ducal Palace: Statue of Antoine, Duke of Lorraine.

References, www.vcoins.com, rarecoinsmelbourne.com.au, Wikipedia, Wiki commons, Coinarchives.com, www.bidder.com, www.collectorsweekly.com, academic.oup.com/www.colleconline.com



Gerry spoke about and showed a **William II** silver penny (1087-1100 period) and an 1852 Adelaide Pound gold coin.



Richard spoke about and showed a **J. Hosie Scotch pie Shop 1862** Victoria penny token.



Helen spoke about and showed a \$2 modern coloured coin pack of **Wallabies & Wallaroos**.

What's On.

SA Farmers Market, 7am-noon, cost \$1.50 Held every Sunday.

Brighton Market, 8am – noon, free entry, every 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Christies Beach Market 121 Beach St 1st and 3rd Sundays 8am-1pm, free entry.

Meeting 1024 held at SAPHIL House 21st August 2025.

Present: 20 members, 14 apologies, two visitors J. B. and R. P.

NAA Report: Approx. 30-35 people attended, with 20 speakers, covering a wide range of topics.

Coin Expo report:

Set up is on Friday 3rd October from 9am until approx. 3pm, with dealers setting up 3pm-6pm on Friday and Sat from 8am.

On the Friday, lunch will be provided for the volunteers.

Parking is \$10 on the Parade Ground on Sat/Sun, free for volunteers and anyone who has donated a prize to the raffle. Entry fee is \$5 for adults, \$1 for children and pensioners and free to volunteers.

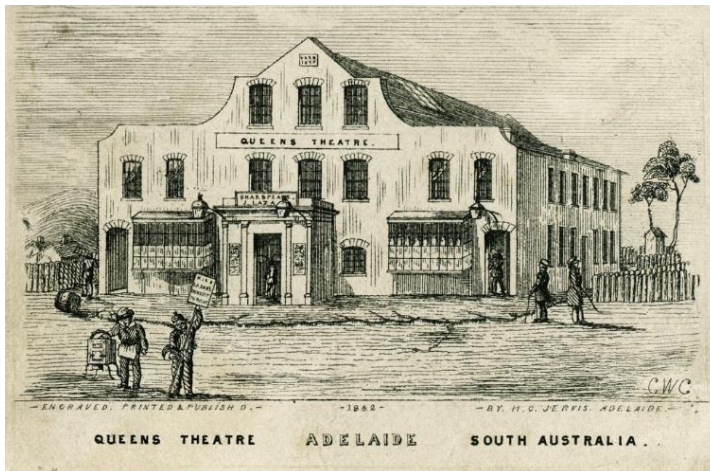
Door Prizes:

Hardeep kindly donated two bottles of wine, we gave away the ACR magazine and Gerry made a donation of coin albums to the members, thank you Gerry.

General Business:

Hardeep and Helen were recognized for their outstanding service to the NSSA. At the Toss of a Coin generously donated the new Renniks catalogue to them as a token of appreciation for their service. Thank you Gerry, you are also one of a kind.

Numismatics:



43 coins & tokens Found:

A break up of the denominations to nearest %

halfpennies 26%
pennies 53%
four-pence 5%
Quarter cent of the East India Company 2%
shilling 2%
SA penny token 2%
Inter-colonial penny tokens 2%
Inter-colonial halfpenny token 2%
unable to identify 6%



Peter L spoke about and showed coins and tokens from the **Queens Theatre Dig**. 43 coins and tokens, some as far back as George III showing a diverse range of coinage that was used in early Colonial Australia.



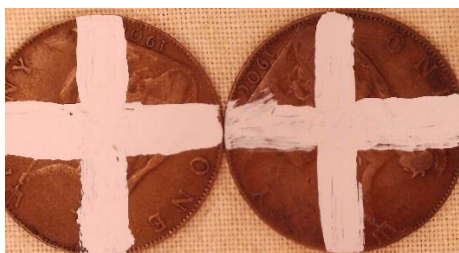
A member spoke about and showed a **King's College Old Scholars** badge and two cuff links. The badge 9ct gold, number 288, with green enamel, 25 x 18mm, 2.30g, with the makers name R. R. Sarre. The cufflinks are gilt and enameled in green each with crescent shaped attachment for a button hole.



Mick showed a \$10 note **printed upside down** and a \$10 note not printed correctly (missing the black from the design.) An article will appear in the October ACR.



Gerry spoke about and showed a rare **1930 penny**.



Richard spoke about and showed **Two Up** coins.

Michael presented a newspaper article about “**Merch**” the growth and proliferation of merchandise advertising.



David spoke about and showed a bronze medallion, commemorating **Douglas MacArthur** farewell address to Congress 1951.

Visitor B. H. spoke about and showed some modern Australian proof silver coins.

Meeting 1025 held at SAPHIL House 18th September 2025.

Numismatic Bourse was held before the meeting, commenced at approx. 6pm until 7.30pm

Present: 26 members, 12 apologies, 3 visitors T.S, L.D and P.L.

Coin Expo report:

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Saturday 4 October 10-5, Sunday 5 October 10-4, Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground, corner King William Street and Victoria Drive, Adelaide, opposite Adelaide Oval.

Entry, Adults \$5, children under 18 \$1, pensioners \$1. Parking fee on parade ground \$10 cash, no EFTPOS. Free bags of coins for children. Refreshments. Enquiries 8165 3446, or noon – 7 pm, 0457 022194.

Door Prizes:

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Door prize winners, Hardeep, Helen, P.J. and M.H.

General Business:

Helen organized a trip for members on the **Steam Ranger** train at Strathalbyn in late August. 17 people attended. A good day was had by all, thank you Helen.

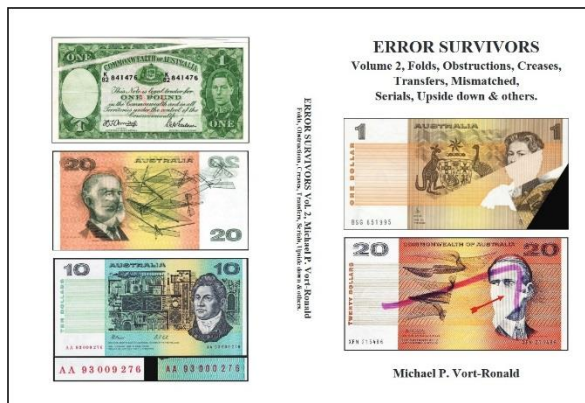
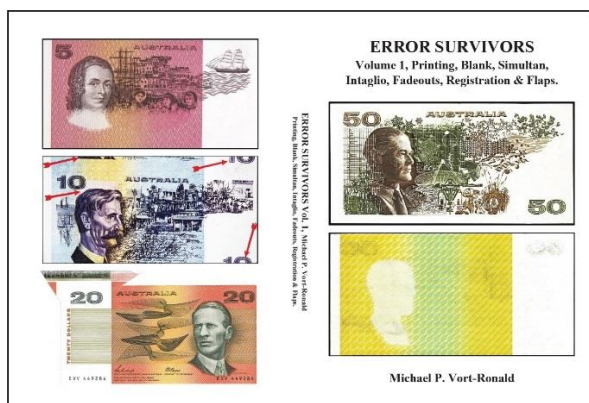




Numismatics:



Paul J. spoke about and showed an **Edward III silver groat** from the 14th century and a Scotland, David II groat from the same period. The groat was 4 silver pennies and was the daily pay for an archer during this time.



Mick showed some examples of **fade outs on \$2 paper banknotes** which he believes to be the result of cleaning and bleaching. Mick also has released two new books titled **Error Survivors**, each with 340 pages and over 1,000 illustrations, selling for \$66 each.



Gerry spoke about and showed an **Elizabeth I 1566 sixpence** and the red box it came in, that was a Queen's Reading Contest prize in 1954.