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PHILAS AUCTION SAT 10TH MARCH



"Boxes of auction lots at Philas"

First auction of 2012 is being prepared & catalogues are available from Philas, and also "on line" at www.philas.org.au be sure to check what items you would like to place a bid on. Lots may be viewed at Philas House on specified days as shown in the catalogue.

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Any movie buffs who wish for a nostalgia trip starring Bob Hope & James Cagney in a superb dance routine that will amaze you visit;
<http://videos2view.net/Hope-Cagney.htm>

Postage Increase in USA!

The U.S. Postal Service raised stamp prices in early 2012, the first increase in more than 2 1/2 years as it continues to face challenges created by declining mail volume amid a broad consumer shift to electronic communications.

As of Jan. 22, the price of a stamp for a first-class, 1-ounce letter rose by a penny to 45 cents, with charges for additional ounces unchanged at 20 cents. Other price increases include a 3 cent rise in the price of a postcard stamp -- which will cost 32 cents each. Stamps on letters destined for Canada or Mexico rose A nickel to 85 cents each, while those bound for other international destinations increased 7 cents to \$1.05 each.

The NZ Round Kiwi stamp returned in 2011

One of New Zealand Post's most enduring stamps, the Round Kiwi stamp was first produced in olive green in 1988. Since then, New Zealand's national bird has appeared in red (1991), blue (1993), purple (in 1997 initially, and re-issued for the new millennium in 1999), gold (2000) and bronze (2002).

In 2011 the Round Kiwi stamp returned in three denominations \$1.20, \$1.90 & \$2.40 reflecting New Zealand's current postage rates. The \$1.20 stamp has been printed in black – widely regarded as New Zealand's national colour and worn by several of their sports teams.



Australian Stamps

By December, 1913 the kangaroo stamps were joined by another, a pale pink engraved KGV design with a value of 1 penny. This appears to have its genesis in the rejected, winning design of 1911.

By this time the government had changed with Joseph Cook's Australian Liberal Party winning the election by one seat. Because Labor retained control of the senate, Joseph Cook was frustrated by Labor blocking his legislation & recommended to the Governor General, Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson that both houses are dissolved & fresh elections called.

This was Australia's first double dissolution. With WW1 breaking out by the time the election was held, Andrew Fisher pledged that "Australia would stand by the mother country to help & defend her to the last man & the last shilling".

With Labor winning, it formed the "Third Fisher ministry". As a result the kangaroo stamps remained on sale, and some values lasted up until 1950.

New USA Bonsai Issue:

USA is issuing five bonsai stamps in 2012. They depict Sierra Juniper, Trident Maple, Black Pine, Azalea and Banyan. These all have "forever" value, meaning that they are still valid for local US letter rate even after the Postal rates increase.



An End to the Dentist's Drill:

A new painless cavity filler could be on the market in two years. A hi-tech 'plasma brush' can hollow out rotten teeth in just 30 seconds, with only a slight cooling sensation for the patient. It uses chemical reactions to disinfect cavities before operations, and forms a bond on the tooth which is much stronger than current techniques.

This means that fillings will last much longer than before, a huge boost for dentists and patients as currently many stay in place for just a few years.

Scientists from the University of Missouri, which has pioneered the research along with medical technology company Nanova, are confident that the new device marks a huge breakthrough in dental practice. 'Our studies indicate that fillings are 60 percent stronger with the plasma brush' said engineering professor Hao Li.

If all goes to plan, the pain will end in late 2013, when the plasma brush should be made available to dentists for the first time.



stamp joke with no offence to any Blondes!!!!



Postage Due stamps on a parcel totalled - £163.50

The following two Australian banknotes are very rare and would command considerable interest if they came up for auction. Images were obtained from an historic site & items aren't for sale.



Aussie 10/- banknote with Matthew Flinders.



Australian £10 banknote with Sir John Monash.



Now that's what I call an overloaded cart. Feel sorry for the donkey though!!!

Punchbowl Show & Coin Fair:

44 Rossmore Ave Punchbowl. February 25 & March 24 and each month thereafter. See members Phil, Richard & Eddie.



Mike Hill of Bexley Stamps also attends Punchbowl monthly stamp fairs. Mike has donated a number of Gibbons Stamp Monthly magazines to our club. They will be made available for members to borrow via our club library. Contact Mike on (02) 9920 5057 or send an email to: sales@bexleystamps.com.au Website: www.bexleystamps.com.au Mike operates entirely through mail order

Richmond Stamp Show 2012:

St. Monica's Hall Cnr Windsor & Bourke Sts. Richmond. 21 April Open 9.00am – 3.00pm

Canberra Stampshow 2012:

Fri 16th to Sun 18th March at Hellenic Club Woden. A number of our club members have booked a motel for Fri & Sat night in order to enjoy maximum time at this dynamic event. Many local & international dealers will be present and the competitive displays are of top quality.

2011 Armidale Garden Show:



Member Manfred Junge, now a resident of Armidale took part in the open my garden. Manfred is also a dealer and if you require any philatelic items you can contact Manfred via; Email: mjstamps@manfredjunge.com.au or Website: www.manfredjunge.com.au His website currently displays an extensive number of Australian booklets & their sale price. Mention you are a member of the Campbelltown Philatelic Society NSW. All Items posted to you promptly.

Kids of Macarthur

At our January meeting, the presentation of a cheque for \$1,000 was presented to Denise McGrath, CEO of “**Kids of Macarthur.**” Denise McGrath said that the money donated will go towards the purchase of an x-ray machine which costs \$75,000 for the kids. Our club raises funds for local charities through our Christmas Charity Auction held in December each year. Once the members raise \$1,000, we select another local charity for our next fundraising effort. Kids of Macarthur are the fourth local charity our Club and members have donated \$1,000 too.



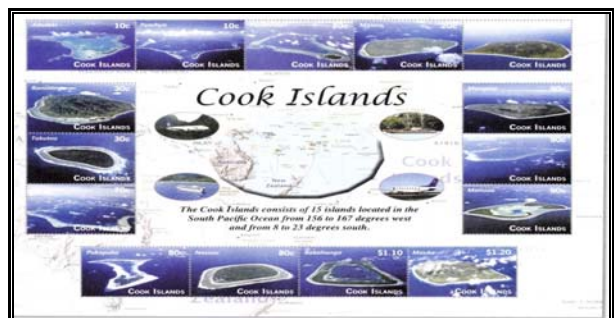
Club Vice President Tony Bailey and Denise McGrath

Ongoing Stamp Donations to Church Mission

Our club encourages members to pass on their spare and duplicate stamps to St. Thomas Moore church for their mission work in South America. There's a special marked box at each meeting beside our attendance book. If you forget to bring them one month, please remind yourself in time for the next meeting.

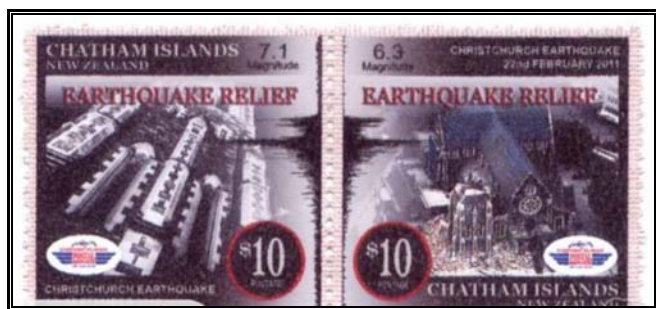
OPEN DAY AT PHILAS HOUSE

Saturday 18th February from 9.30am, there will be stamp club circuit books, dealers and stamp displays at **17 Brisbane Street, Sydney**. The library will also be available to browse or borrow for one month only. Light refreshments may be purchased, and a mini stamp auction will commence at 3.00pm that afternoon. Come along and enjoy a stamp day out amongst friends.



Cook Island minisheet containing 15 stamps one for each of the island group. They are Aitutaki, Penrhyn, Mauki, Palmerston, Mitiaro, Atiu, Mangaia, Manihiki, Manuae, Rakahanga, Nassau, Pukapuka, Suvarrow, Rarotonga .

[Earthquake Relief Chatham Islands:](#)



Getting in on a disaster, stamps have been produced under the name of CHATHAM ISLANDS in aid of the victims of the Christchurch series of earthquakes. With face values of \$10 each they are not intended to be used for postage, but are aimed at extracting a donation from stamp collectors. They may generate a significant profit if resold in the future, or may not find any interest from collectors in time to come.

[New Zealand Lighthouse Stamps.](#)

After a series of failures of insurance companies in **Britain** around the mid-1860s, the Government established an insurance & annuity scheme under the control of the Post Office.

New Zealand copied this in 1869 and within a year had Government Life offices operating out of thirteen post office branches. By 1880 this had grown to 150. It was popular because there was no fear of default. The postal authorities resented this extra work, so there were separate offices established in the larger centres. Their mail was still carried without postage stamps and an annual fee given to compensate the Post Office. A much larger sum was demanded by 1888, requiring arbitration of the disagreement.

Government Life proposed that it should pre-pay postage through its own postage stamps; however the use of "alien" stamps caused dissent. Fortunately it was decided that stamps of a distinctive nature might reduce fraud, and would provide the opportunity to advertise the business.

This was the brainchild of the Government Life actuary who was also the president of the NZ philatelic society.

We do not know who selected the image of a lighthouse, but trials of different types were conducted & finally approved for release in 1891. Usage was confined to official business envelopes. Stamps were printed on special watermarked paper (NZ and star with 4mm space between them) but over several printings there have been different perforator machines used. An updated design was utilised in 1906, completely new design substituted in 1947, and overprinted values in 1967 for decimal currency. In 1969 five different stamps were substituted, and the final stylised look produced in 1981.

[Missionary Stamps Turn Back the Clock to 1850](#)

The U.S. Postal Service's commemorative sheet of four rare "Hawaiian Missionaries" stamps is loaded with local history. Printed in 1850 with a value of as little as 2 cents, the originals are worth millions of dollars today. The Postal Service is offering commemorative copies for the cost of normal postage: \$1.48 for a four-stamp sheet. It's a lot cheaper than the \$1.9 million a Swiss collector paid for the famed "Dawson Cover," the only surviving envelope in the world to bear a 2-cent Hawaiian Missionary stamp.

Mailed to an Eliza Dawson in New York from Hawai'i, the envelope was found around 1905 in a bundle of papers stuffed into a blazing furnace. Signs of slight charring from the flames are visible on the left edge of the envelope.

The Dawson envelope was part of a larger collection belonging to Persis Corp, headed by former Advertiser Publisher Thurston Twigg-Smith. They sold the lot at a New York auction in 1995 for \$9.8 million. The collection included the notorious "Parisian murder" stamp. That's the 2-cent Missionary stamp that a French collector tried to buy in the 1890s from a friend in Paris; when the friend refused to sell, the collector murdered him and stole the stamp.

Twigg-Smith became interested in collecting the stamps partly because some of the other early Hawaiian stamps had been printed on the presses of The Advertiser in 1856. Before the collection was sold, it was kept in a little-known vault on the third floor of The Advertiser building. The stamps are called "Missionaries" because almost all of them were used by early Christian missionaries in Hawaii to pay the Hawaii share of the cost of mailing letters to the Mainland.

The 2-cent stamp was normally used for newspapers or printed circulars; the 5-cent stamp usually paid the Hawaii share of postage on a letter, and the 13-cent stamp was created to prepay all the postage for a letter from Hawaii to the East Coast of the United States by way of San Francisco.

[Margaret Jean Roberts 4 April 1942 – 16 January 2012](#)

Brian's wife Margaret passed away peacefully after a long illness on Monday 16th January. A number of our members were able to attend the funeral service held at Glenquarie Anglican Church on Thursday, 19 January to farewell a remarkable person.

The entire stamp committee and members extends our sympathy to Brian & his children. \$200 was donated to Brian's church instead of flowers as per Brian's request. At January's meeting, we were able to welcome Brian back to club activities. We look forward to his return and company.