



Philatelic Society of Australia

Commemorative Meetings 2011



Report - 16th February – Sudan by John Gibson

The second meeting of the Society's centenary year took place at Philas House on 16th February with 18 members & 2 visitors in attendance. The guest presenter was John Gibson, winner of a large vermeil medal at the ITALIA 2009 Philatelic Exhibition.



The display presented by John featured covers and postage stamps of Sudan from 1852 to the 1950s. Highlights of the display were two letters written by General Gordon whilst in Khartoum, and a letter by Lord Wolseley during the Nile campaign. Philatelic gems included an essay of the first permanent issue of the camel postman (1898), and proofs and colour trials of the second permanent issue (1902-1921).

John also presented a collection of airmail covers posted in Sudan for delivery to Europe & the Americas. Cancellations on the covers showed the long and complex routes taken to reach their destinations. Prominent amongst these were the South Atlantic and Double Trans Atlantic routes.

Paul Storm in his vote of thanks praised the quality and high standard of the display, and commented that the material shown had evoked many talking points and much interest from members.