

**President's Message**

Welcome Stamping Friends!

STOP PRESS – RESPONSE TO THE TRAGIC FIRES IN VICTORIA – Our Club Members unanimously voted to donate \$2000 to the Lexton Branch of Blaze Aid. We hope that this will encourage other Stamp Clubs to donate money to assist the victims of the fires.

Our October Stamps and Coins Fair brought Philatelists from all over Victoria. It was a very successful day and our thanks to the hardworking committee and members once again. Thanks to lone and Frank Myers our caterers, our club table people and Trish Simmons who did a great job liaising with the Dealers during the day. We congratulate our progressive friends from Warragul Club who bussed to Geelong Fair on Saturday and on to us staying over night in Ballarat before enthusiastically participating in our Fair. We appreciate theirs and other Regional and Metro Clubs members' support. Our Ballarat Historical Covers and overprinted mini sheets and No 3 of the Cinderellas also sold well.

The Interclub displays were acclaimed and the Ballarat Club thanks our Special friend Alex Stoneman who judged the competition again and for his wholehearted support of Philately in Victoria. It is appreciated. We propose to provide Certificates of Participation in future. More soon.

Following the fair we welcomed four new Members to the Club which was fantastic. Thanks again to Members promoting our Club. We also recently welcomed Jane Kelly another new member.

Our venue of recent years the Specialist School is renovating hence we had to find a NEW VENUE for our March 2020 Fair. The Eastwood Leisure Centre is a very central, warm and inviting building with plenty of parking and good facilities. All details and a map (last page) included later in this bulletin.

Gary Watson recently advised me of the sad passing of his father, Max Watson. A 93-year-old Philatelic Legend. Max was very supportive of our club and provided displays of Victorian Postal History. Our members greatly appreciated the genuine advice and friendly company provided by Max for many years.

Our Christmas function was enjoyed at Anne and Jack Van Beveren's home – thanks again. We send our best regards to Jack who has recently been unwell and had time in Hospital and we hope he is soon back to full health.

Happy New Year to all – we challenge you to a "New Year Resolution" of doing something new philatelically or supporting your club even more.

Cheers

Peter Morey President Ballarat Philatelic Society

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## Coming Events

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| February 17th   | Eureka Displays—One sheet Letter “M”<br>Club Newsletter Items due  |
| <b>March 9</b>  | <i>(Monday of Labour Day Weekend)</i><br><b>Begonia Festival Stamps and Coin Fair</b><br><b>Note New Venue Eastwood Leisure Centre</b> —See Page 3 for all details               |
| March 16th      | Eureka Displays—Two Sheets Letter “N”<br>Club member’s special interest display—Phil Day - “Errors, etc”   |
| March 30th      | (5th Monday) Circuit Sheets and Committee Meeting  |
| April 20th      | Eureka Displays—Three Sheet Letter “O”<br>Visit and presentations by Maryborough Stamp Club  |
| May 18th        | Eureka Displays—Four Sheet Letter “P”<br>Club member’s special interest display— John Niehoff— “Antarctica”  |
| June 15th       | Nominations due for Office Bearers and committee members for 2020-21 (AGM July 20th)<br>Club Newsletter Items due<br>Club member’s special interest display—Jack van Beveren—TBC |
| <b>Oct 11th</b> | <b>Begonia Festival Stamps and Coin Fair</b><br><b>Note New Venue Eastwood Leisure Centre</b>  |

## Member Profile - Dianne Whitford



Dianne has been collecting stamps since 1997, a relatively short time compared to some who have been collecting since childhood. She is a long standing member of the Ballarat Philatelic Society having served eight years as secretary and a number of years as the Society’s Librarian.

Dianne’s collection consists of Pre & Decimal Australian stamps and Covers – she is aiming to have a complete mint collection of Decimal Stamps 1966 to 2006, 40 Years and Covers to 2016, 50 Years of Decimal Postage.

When she first joined the club not so many years ago, everyone would ask, “What is your theme?” and she would say “Australian Stamps” which apparently was boring and common. She thought it must be important to have a theme so her search for an inspiring theme began with butterflies, coins, maps, and on it went. One night at a club auction a member suggested that she bid for a small album of stamps with a theme that she may find interesting and not wanting to be boring and common, she successfully bid for the little album and her thematic collection of “STAMPS ON STAMPS” began.

“STAMPS ON STAMPS” feature stamps that depict previous stamp issues reproduced on a stamp usually to celebrating an anniversary of the initial stamp, a Birthday, the Death of Royalty or the anniversary major events.

Dianne now collects these stamps world wide and has eleven albums. In the course of collecting these stamps she has learnt so much about other countries. Even just finding out where they are she has found interesting – Forayer for instance is one place she knew nothing about. Forayer is a small island which is located between Iceland and Norway.

Dianne has given herself a challenge to find the stamp with the most stamps on the stamp. So far a Colombian stamp has 22 to celebrate Philatelica Expo 1970.



Dianne also collect Birds of Prey, Australian Defence Force on Stamps and anything Ausipex 84, Australia's 1<sup>st</sup> International Expo.

Philatelic collecting can be very Diverse, Interesting and Challenging.



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# BALLARAT BEGONIA FESTIVAL STAMPS & COINS FAIR Monday 9th March 2020

NEW VENUE

9.30am — 3.30pm

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Eastwood Leisure Centre,  
20 Eastwood Street, Ballarat

Series 20 of the Ballarat Historical  
Covers: Town Hall & Sturt Street,  
Ballarat (\$3.00)

Overprinted mini-sheet of  
Centenary of First England-  
Australia Flight, 1919 (\$15.00)

**To Order Contact- Peter Morey**

email: petermorey05@gmail.com

mob: 0435 601 673

No. 4 of the Sturt Street & Town Hall  
Cinderella Series

(Singles \$1.00 or block of 4 \$5.00)

**To Order Contact- Jack Van Beveran**

email: annejack3@bigpond.com

mob: 0427 819 984

- Orders processed in order of receipt with payment
  - Allow \$2 postage or \$4.50 registered
  - Overseas clients allow for 15% for PayPal
  - Cheques payable to 'Ballarat Philatelic Society'
- PO Box 337, Wendouree, Vic. 3355



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**New members most welcome!**



## From the Archives

Page 21/22 of 100 plus 10 (Ballarat Philatelic Society's history) highlights correspondence with Queen Elizabeth II, initiated by Assistant Secretary Miss Elva Callaway, that saw "many thousand" special Co and Co letter coming into the Ballarat Begonia Festival office in 1956 prior to be sent around the state via coach and finally delivered to Ballarat. On such letter was sent to the Queen.



**Gossip from Ballarat**

HER interest in stamps landed Elva Callaway (Chinaware) with a marathon job during the Begonia Festival.

As assistant secretary to the Ballarat Philatelic Association, Miss Callaway's job has been to service all the letters which poured in from all over Victoria to go on the Cobb and Co 90-mile coach run, a feature of this festival. By the time it left Miss Callaway had serviced nearly 2,000 letters.

One letter was sent to Queen Elizabeth, via coach, as a demonstration of loyalty from the people of Ballarat.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

2th March 1956.

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd March.

The Queen accepts with gratitude the souvenir cover of the Cobb and Company mail, which you so kindly sent for Her Majesty's acceptance.

Yours truly,

Martha Zantoni

Miss E.M. Callaway.

**LETTER FROM QUEEN**

Miss Elva Callaway, assistant secretary of the Ballarat Philatelic Society, yesterday received the thanks of the Queen for a letter she sent Her Majesty in the Cobb coach mail during the Begonia Festival.

Seeking to interest the Queen who is a philatelist, and as a reminder of Her Majesty's visit to Ballarat, Miss Callaway sent the letter by air mail enclosed in the special festival mail envelope and with the complete set of Cobb and Co. stamps.

The Queen's acknowledgment was conveyed by her secretary who wrote: "Thank you for your letter of March 2. The Queen accepts with gratitude the souvenir cover of the Cobb and Co. mail which you so kindly sent for Her Majesty's acceptance."

The letter was written at Buckingham Palace on March

## On the Grape Vine



Questions are often asked about how do we remove self adhesive stamps from backing paper. Neil found this product on the internet and has successfully trialled it. The directions for use are "Stamp lift remover is applied to the stamp to remove it from the letter / cover. Stamp lift safely removes the stamp whilst also preserving the gum. Apply a few drops to the reverse, allow a moment for the Stamplift to penetrate then lift the stamp from the envelop "

## Useful Web Pages

Removing self adhesive stamps is always a pricy question so having just completed the "On the Grapevine" piece for this newsletter I thought that I would check out what the "experts" have to say about removing stamps from paper. I decided to search "**how to remove postage stamps from paper**" and come up with a plethora of suggestions and videos. Suggestions included putting a few drops of water on the stamp and "nuking" it in the microwave for 20 seconds.



## On The Grape Vine

On 10th March 2020 three of our members are presenting displays at the Brighton Philatelic Society event.

**Keith Sanders** is presenting one frame titled *WORLD WAR I - HOW AUSTRALIA TOOK GERMAN NEW GUINEA* and one based on *TONGA*.

**Peter Morey** will exhibit 2 frames on the *NETHERLANDS INDIES* with postcards and covers.

**Jack van Beveren** will present two frames of *ENVELOPES and COVERS* produced by the *BALLARAT PHILATELIC SOCIETY* and two frames of *ESSAYS of AUSTRALAN Stamps* displayed using *CINDERELLAS*. These, along with other frames, will be very interesting presentations, come along if you can and see how another club functions.

## Tangier, British Offices (1924-1956) King George VI Issue – Overprinted.



The International Zone of Tangier, located on the northwest coast of Morocco, was administered by a committee of foreign powers from 1924 – 1956. When Spain and France divided Morocco for colonization in 1912, Tangier remained a disputed area, primarily because of its strategic location at the mouth of the Mediterranean Sea. As a result, it was decided that Tangier would become an International Zone. The agreement was put on hold because World War I and wasn't finalized until Dec 18, 1923 in the Tangier Protocol. With the exception of Spanish Occupation during World War II, Tangier remained an international zone until it became part of the newly created Kingdom of Morocco in 1956. Great Britain, like France and Spain, maintained a post office in Tangier throughout its existence.

In the Scramble for Africa, European powers carved up the continent of Africa for colonization. While the French laid claim to most of North and Western Africa, Spain received a few territories along the Atlantic coast. Even after the 1884 Berlin Conference, Morocco remained a disputed area, especially in the north, as the British didn't want any other European powers to control the land across from Gibraltar.

A side agreement was finally reached in 1904, where Spain and France could carve up Morocco with

However, the Germans were furious that they weren't involved in the negotiation. This situation prompted Kaiser Wilhelm II to visit Tangier on March 31, 1905, where he gave a speech calling for Moroccan independence. This was a direct challenge to French influence in the region, setting up the first Moroccan Crisis.

Over the next few years the Great Powers postured, and Germany and France became bitter rivals. Eventually most nations sided with France (except Austria-Hungary) and in 1912. The Sultan Morocco was forced to divide the country between France and Spain, becoming their protectorates. Thus, Morocco became the last territory in Africa to be colonized. Tangier, however, would be designated as a joint protectorate administered by France, Spain and Great Britain.

The outbreak of WWI complicated the agreement, and the final implementation of the international status wasn't officially ratified until 1923. Over time, additional countries were added to the agreement as administering powers, including the Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Portugal, and Italy.

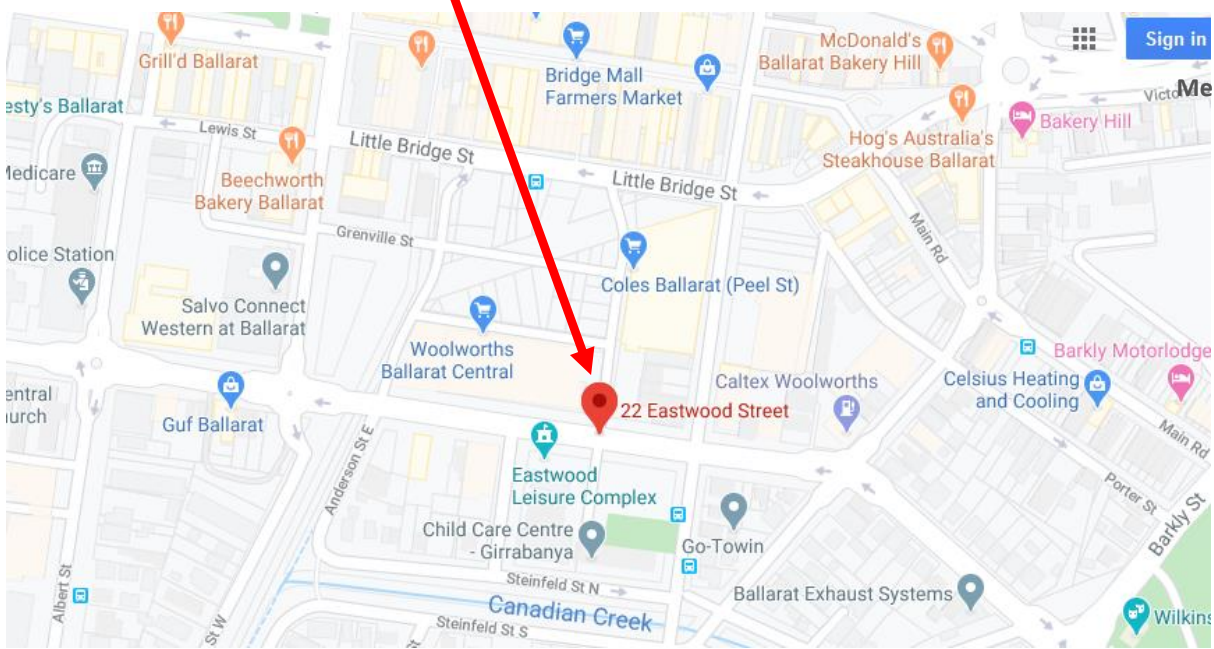
During WW2, Spanish troops occupied Tangier on Jun 14, 1940, the day that Paris fell to the Germans. Italy, being an Axis country, was dropped as an administrator. After the war, Spanish troops withdrew from Tangier on Oct 11, 1945 and the United States and the USSR were added as administrators while Italy was re-instated.

During much of its existence, the International Zone of Tangier was a haven for spies, smugglers, free thinkers, artists and those seeking a hedonistic lifestyle. Also, during the time, Great Britain, Spain and France had active post offices in the city.

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