

STATE COUNCIL REPORTS



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ACT PHILATELIC COUNCIL INC: REPORT TO THE APF AGM AUGUST 2015

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Canberra Stampshow 2016

Canberra Stampshow 2016, the 19th National Philatelic Convention will be held over three days, Friday 18 March to Sunday 20 March 2016, at the Hellenic Club in Woden. This venue continues to offer excellent accommodation for 350 frames plus over 20 dealer tables as well as a setting for the Awards Dinner and space for meetings of various Societies.

The Exhibition will be a half National Exhibition with National level classes: Postal History, Postal Stationery, Open, Maximaphily, Frugal Philately and First Day Covers. In addition all state level classes will be available.

The themes for the exhibition are the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Immigrant Ship, the *SS Gange*, from Malta and the 50th anniversary of Decimal Currency

Ed Druce Memorial Prize

The Council donated the *Ed Druce Memorial Prize* for Sydney Stamp Expo 2015.

Judges and Exhibitors Seminars

The Council organised regular meetings for judges and exhibitors throughout the year 2014-15. These have been well-attended and provide an opportunity for ACT Judges (State, National and FIP) and for interested exhibitors, established and potential. The session usually includes trial judging of two or more exhibits and advice to those preparing new exhibits.

ACT exhibitors continue to be active in exhibiting at FIP, FIAP and National Exhibitions.
The Council continues to make available archival quality paper for exhibits.

Frames and Frame Trailer

The Council continues to maintain a frame trailer.

Appointment of Commissioners

Marilyn Gendek was the ACT Commissioner to Sydney Stamp Expo 2015.

Ian McMahan

President
July 2015



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PDC ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015

Office Bearers 2014/15

The PDC of PHILAS Inc membership for 2014/15 was:

Council Chair	Ed Wolf (ex officio: PHILAS Vice President)
Council Secretary	Linda Lee
Deputy Chair	Lionel Savins
PDO Metropolitan	David Collyer
PDO Country	Michael Newman
PRO	John Sadler
Youth Development Officer	Yung Benson
Committee Members:	Geoffrey Lewis, John Moore
Australia Post Representative	John Link
APTA Representative	Danny Jurd

John Moore continued to serve on the APF as Secretary. David Collyer and Linda Lee continued as PDC representatives on the PHILAS Executive Council.

The PDC's Standing Committee, the NSW Exhibition Standing Committee, (NESC) became the SSE15 Organizing Committee for the planning and the conduct of the Sydney National Show held from 16-19 April 2015. In addition to PDC members, the SSE15 Organizing Committee also comprised Nicki Anderson, (Events and Accommodation Manager) David Benson, (Products Manager) Gert Ebing, (Hon. Treasurer) Phil Green, (Floor Manager) Geoff Kellow (Catalogue Manager) and David Miner (Volunteers Manager).

Promoting Organized Philately in NSW.

Our main promotional activities during the year have been the Open Days at PHILAS House, the distribution of promotional material and reports in PHILAS News and support for Society, National and International Exhibitions.

We have continued to work closely with the PHILAS News Editor Graeme Morriss. He has published many articles promoting future attractions and reports on past activities and entry forms for exhibitions being run in NSW. We continually promote the various NSW and APF websites.

PHILAS Open Day Displays:

The Council organized the displays for the PHILAS Open Days for October 2014, and February and June 2015. October 2014 featured club displays co-ordinated by Ed Wolf. The event was well publicized in PHILAS News. Ten Clubs participated.

The February 2015 Open Day displays were made available for entrants to the National Show, Sydney Stamp Expo 2015 to have a frame reviewed by a qualified APF judge. This offer was taken up by a number of exhibitors

The June 2015 Open Day featured material from the Australian Commonwealth Collectors Club as part of the celebrations for its 75th Anniversary in May.

Society and Club Displays

Wyong and District Philatelic Society Exhibition:

The Wyong and District Philatelic Society held another successful club exhibition from 15-16 November 2014. They used frames supplied by the PDC that were picked up from Newcastle instead of having to come to Sydney. The event was well supported.

Tamworth Philatelic Society 15 Sheet Frames:

The PDC arranged for 15 sheet frames previously stored by the Tamworth Philatelic Society to be moved to Newcastle in preparation for Norpex 2015 the National One Frame exhibition to be held from 31 October to 1 November 2015. Thanks to John Moore for making this possible. The Newcastle Philatelic Society has fully restored 20 frames relocated from the Dubbo Philatelic Society.

Youth Philately

Yung Benson continued to keep in touch with the Youth Leaders in NSW.

The Sydney Youth Stamp Group continues to conduct Stamp Collecting Workshops during the school holidays. The themes for 2015 were “Australian Animals on Australian Stamps” in January and “ANZAC CENTENARY” in April. During the April meeting the young people prepared a page for display at the SSE15 ANZAC Centenary Show at Hurstville from 16-19 April. The displays were judged during the Show and were returned at the July Open Day when prizes were presented. The theme for the July meeting was “India” and the last meeting for 2015 will be held in October when the theme will be “Christmas”. Attendance numbers have continued to be high for these Open Days.

Robert Cox from Boambee Philatelic Society reported that the Society was not running a youth stamp club anymore as most of the young people have finished high school and moved.

Audrey Ferris reported that Orange Coin & Stamp Club had a meeting planned for July 7th 2015 but only 3 children replied. The Bletchington school club is going well. Attendance is variable because of other activities, but the children are keen.

Exhibitions and Exhibiting

Exhibiting

Since September 2014 NSW entrants have participated in the following exhibitions:

Baypex 2014 Stamp Show – 14-16 November 2014 – New Zealand National and Australasian Challenge where Team NSW scored 466 out on a possible 600. Besides the Challenge entries there were 6 other entries from NSW. Geoffrey Lewis was the NSW Coordinator for the Australasian Challenge and a Jury member together with Geoffrey Kellow.

Malaysia 2014 FIP World Youth Exhibition and Malaysia 2014 29th FIAP Asian International Stamp Exhibition. NSW had two entrants in the FIP level show and 7 in the FIAP level show. Linda Lee was the Australian Commissioner and a member of the FIP Jury.

Philacanakkale (Turkish National) 18-25 March 2015 This Show was held in honour of the Centenary of the ANZAC campaign. Australia had 57 frames entered which included 2 entries from NSW.

Sydney Stamp Expo 2015 "ANZAC Centenary" 16-19 April 2015 - This joint effort between the PDC and APTA was well supported with 38 entries and one literature entry from NSW. The NSW Jury members were Geoffrey Lewis (Jury President), Geoffrey Kellow (Jury Secretary), David Benson, Yung Benson, Stephen Browne, David Collyer, John Gibson and Lionel Savins. Jim Johnstone, John Moore and Tim Schofield were the NSW Probationary Judges.

Taipei 2015 FIAP Exhibition 24-28 April 2015. Stephen Browne won the Grand Prix D'Honneur for his entry of "NSW Postal History to 1849". There were 6 other entries from NSW. John Moore was the Australian Commissioner and Stephen Browne was the Assistant Australian Commissioner.

Exhibitions

Without doubt the major activity for the year ending June 2015 was the planning and conduct of the National Philatelic Exhibition in Sydney, Sydney Stamp Expo 2015 "ANZAC Centenary" (SSE15), which was held from Thursday April 16 to Sunday April 19 2015. The overwhelming success of the Show made all the effort expended well worthwhile.

The creation of the NSW Exhibition Standing Committee (NESC) for the 2007 Expo has stood us in good stead as the experience we have gained since, including the Sydney 2011 Expo, has meant that there were no unexpected hitches. All of the NESC members have performed above and beyond requirements and have done so willingly. We had a good team and it showed!

Given the initial task of providing space for an exhibition to house 900 frame sides, we were able to select a site comprising three adjoining basketball courts at the Johnny Warren Indoor Sports Centre of the Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre, Penshurst, NSW. It was a joint venture between the PDC and the Australasian Philatelic Traders Association (APTA) and was held under APF auspices. In addition to the space issue we were also very concerned about the hiring costs of suitable venues in and around Sydney. APTA was initially not very enthusiastic as the site was "out of town". However the economics of it were such that it swayed the decision in favour of acceptance.

By the time we were some 12 months out, the issue of finding sufficient entrants to fill the required 900 sides became critical and it was decided, with the APF's blessing, to reduce the Exhibition to two containers i.e. about 600 sides. Even this required the Organising Committee to come up with some creative ideas to fill the space. In the end we had just over 650 frames of quality material on display.

We were delighted that Australia Post accepted our invitation to have a stand at the Show. We were also given a special permit by the Department of Veteran Affairs to use the word "ANZAC". The Show coincided with the Centenary of the ANZAC Landing at Gallipoli and had the "ANZAC Centenary" as its theme. The APF appointed Geoffrey Lewis as the Jury President and Geoffrey Kellow as the Jury Secretary. The souvenirs that NESC selected and the cancellers designed by John Sadler provided us with a margin of profit whilst minimizing the risks of losses on unsold items.

APTA provided a website for the Sydney Stamp Expo 2015 which was used to promote the Show, to provide the prospectus and entry forms, and lists of souvenir items as well as general information about the Show. The

SSE15 OC was extremely grateful to APTA for providing this support as a new webmaster for the PHILAS website was not appointed until after the end of SSE15.

The PDC is proud to report that SSE15 was successful with the help of our more than 100 volunteers and with the participation of the APF, Australia Post and APTA.

Assistance from the APF

The PDC did not submit nominations for the APO and Research awards or for the SPAN award for 2015. The PDC was delighted to receive the APF Administration Grant again this year. In particular this Grant has helped with mail outs to the NSW Clubs and Societies and with renewing the GPO mail box. As the mail for the GPO Box has declined, the PDC has decided to close it at the end of the current term and to use the PHILAS PO Box instead.

The APF provided a good range of support for the organization and conduct of the SSE15 National Show including the provision of display frames, their transportation and the assistance of the APF Frames Officer, prizes and a special grant. In addition Darryl Fuller was appointed as the APF Coordinator and provided much needed advice by email and through attendance at Organizing Committee meetings. The APF was given 500 imperforate booklets produced by AP to raise funds for the Show. The print run was shared equally between APTA and the SSE15 OC.

Assistance from Australia Post

John Link as the AP representative on the PDC continued to provide philatelic items quarterly in support of stamp collecting in NSW. Philatelic items were also provided to assist Stamp Club Fairs and Open Days in other States. Official Australia Post media releases promoting new stamp issues also continued. The relationship is working well.

In addition Richard Breckon and Lowana Cummin from the Philatelic Group have kindly provided the superb designs for our 2015 Show logo, souvenirs and promotional material.

Cheryl Roy provided advice about the material which would be available for Souvenir items so that we could choose the best for our purposes. She worked with APTA to provide the images of the chosen items for posting on the website.

Australia Post also provided useful assistance in providing a special insert with information on the Show for inclusion in the NSW mail out of the Stamp Bulletin just prior to the Show.

Overall the advance publicity from Australia Post meant that there were queues outside the venue before it opened every day of the Show and the attendance exceeded that of the previous Sydney National Shows held in 2007 and 2011.

Assistance from APTA

The past year has been a busy and challenging one for APTA. With Sydney 2015 being the main focus of that, however as has been covered in previous reports APTA was happy with the results of Sydney 2015. Crowds were good, and importantly an affordable venue has been unearthed.

The sharing of responsibilities and costs, as has been the template over the last decade or so in NSW was again a successful partnership and we look forward to pursuing this template for future shows in NSW, if a similar basic template could be introduced for National Shows in other States, APTA would support such a partnership.

On a broader view the news that a new venue at Bankstown may also be useable is something APTA is keen to investigate. APTA remains committed to working with the NSW PDC for positive outcomes for Philately within NSW.

More broadly again APTA is keen to contribute and participate in promotion and nurturing of the Hobby on a State and National level, it is becoming apparent that numbers of collectors could be thinning out and measures need to be taken to encourage more people to engage in this great hobby. How you do this of course is the \$64,000 question, but we cannot ignore the challenge.

Future Directions

This year has been a busy one mainly due to the Sydney National Show in April 2015. We will be supporting the One Frame National Show in Newcastle and the Smithfield PS Club Competition for the October 2015 Open Day. In addition 2016 will see the continuation of the PDC's vital role in supporting philatelic development in organized philately in NSW for PHILAS.

Ed Wolf
PDC Chairman and Vice President of PHILAS Inc
July 2015



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ANNUAL REPORT 2015.

The Queensland Philatelic Council Inc. continues to be the controlling body in the State and has affiliated, all philatelic Clubs and Societies in the State.

The Council conducts its affairs from our wholly owned premises in Wynnum.

The 2014 Annual General Meeting saw Mrs. Dawn Radley elected for her second term as President. The long serving pair, Secretary, Mr. Murray Collins, and Treasurer Mr. John Crowsley were again elected to their respective positions. The following were also elected. Mr. Jeff Gunston, as librarian, has provided grand service in streamlining our extensive holdings. Mrs. Joan Orr has again, as Education Officer, P.R.O. and Judges Coordinator, ensured the smooth operation of delegating lecture topics and venues, Judges allocation to State events and the advertising of our Annual events and competitions. Mr. David Roberts, Club Liaison Officer, has been active in liaising with club committees encouraging a closer relationship with Q.P.C. and its aims. Mr. Craig Chappell continues to work tirelessly in maintaining the buildings and grounds, in addition to arranging our popular products which are marketed in conjunction with the State Exhibition, providing a major income stream annually. A committee of enthusiastic and active members, Mr. Bob Radley, Ms. Mary Stewart and Dr. Philip Levine, who assist in various capacities during the year.

The Queensland Philatelic Council continues to be self-funding with a strong balance sheet and more than adequate reserves to continue its role for many years to come. This healthy fiscal position is brought about by the Treasurer, Mr. John Crowsley, whose skills ensure the financial well-being of our Council.

Q.P.C. conducts three Bazaar Days each year which prove popular and are routinely well attended and are a major revenue raising activity. A State Exhibition is also conducted annually over two days. The exhibits are judged by nationally accredited judges and the quality of entries continues to be of a high standard, these exhibits would not be out of place at national level.

Again this year, greater attendance at Q.P.C. meeting from delegates of clubs previously not represented is pleasing. This fosters an even greater understanding between Q.P.C. and the clubs it represents.

Q.P.C. looks forward to the future with renewed vigour and enthusiasm for the ongoing health of philately in Queensland.

Murray Collins.

Q.P.C. State Secretary.

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REPORT FOR 2014-15

SAPC Membership

The council membership remains the same as last year with 19 metropolitan and 12 country societies and allows for delegates from all 31 affiliated South Australian and Northern Territory societies, two from the local trade and one from Australia Post.

SAPC Management

The present Council Management Committee consists of eleven members –

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| • President | Martin Walker |
| • Vice-President | Jenny Roland |
| • Secretary | Linda Welden |
| • Treasurer | David Figg |
| • Publicity Officer | Meagan Thomas |
| • Philatelic Development Officer | Michel Roland |
| • Property Officer | Barbara Bartsch |
| • Circuit Book Manager | Mike Kovaleff |
| • Judges' Registrar | Anthony Presgrave |
| • Committee (2) | Robert Halliday and Claire Thomas |

The SAPC also has positions for an Archives Officer (Anthony Presgrave) and a Congress Co-ordinator (presently vacant).

SAPHIL House

The Council owns a property at 22 Gray Court, Adelaide, which houses the APF Store, an office for the Circuit Book Scheme, storage facilities, the SAPC Archive and a meeting hall. It is the home of the Philatelic Society of South Australia, including their Commonwealth and South Australia Study Groups; The Australian Airmail Society; Postal Stationery & Postal History Society of Australia; the Australian Postcard Society and the SA Branch of the Australian Match Cover Collectors' Society.

The building is in need of refurbishment for a number of reasons, the most important being to arrest some deterioration issues, bringing the facilities into the 21st century; improving access for an aging visitor and membership group and making the building more inviting for first time visitors. Work will be done over a number of years to minimise disruption to the meetings of the societies using the building. This year the entrance hall, APF Store and Circuit Book Office have been re-painted and floors recovered with durable laminate tiles. Future plans include expanding the meeting hall, refurbishing the kitchen facilities and toilets and improving the access to the building for aged and disabled visitors.

SAPC Awards

The Council makes available a number of awards each year but only one was presented in the current year. The Harry Butler Award, for services to a particular society, was presented to Wendy Johnson of the Lower Murray Philatelic Society.

The Year's Events

The highlight of the year was Adelaide Stampex 2014. This half-national philatelic exhibition included an accord with the United Kingdom bringing a number of spectacular exhibits to join those entered by Australian and New Zealand exhibitors. The public attendance was very gratifying with perhaps the greatest attendance at an Adelaide Philatelic Exhibition for many years. Visitors came from all states of Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, China and Hong Kong! The exhibition also featured a Picture Postcard Challenge which was won by South Australia.

South Australia also fielded a team in the Australasian Philatelic Challenge in Napier New Zealand but sadly didn't repeat the success of the Picture Postcard Challenge.

South Australians also exhibited at Albany, PhilaKorea, Sydney Stamp Expo and Cannakale, Turkey, for their World War One Centenary Commemorations.

Locally, the Salisbury Philatelic Society celebrated their fortieth anniversary and the Mount Gambier Philatelic Society their sixtieth. The Australian Match Cover Collectors' Society (SA Branch) celebrated their fiftieth anniversary with an exhibition at the Torrens Parade Ground Drill Hall. The same venue was also used by the Australian Postcard Society for another successful Picture Postcard Exhibition.

A judging seminar was conducted by Michel Roland on picture postcard exhibits in anticipation of the inclusion of Picture Postcards as a class within Australian Philatelic Exhibitions. Eight South Australians were invited to sign the National Judges' Register during the year – six at Adelaide Stampex and two at Sydney Stamp Expo.

The council continues to operate a popular and successful circuit book scheme serving local and interstate societies and specialist groups.

For the first time in many years all positions of the Management Committee are occupied and this committee continues to investigate and plan a number of new and old initiatives in South Australian philately. These include -

- Completion of a revised and updated constitution and by-laws;
- re-evaluation of the records stored and maintained in the council's library and archive;
- development of an interactive website;
- developing a social media presence;
- expansion of the services, support and advice offered to affiliated members;
- promotion of the hobby into new, or long-forgotten, venues;
- and (most importantly) recruitment of volunteers for these projects.

It is also hoped the push into the internet and social media arenas may also re-engage some youth interest in philately in the state. Whilst the council continues to plan and design a strategy for these arenas it is pleasing to note that our publicity officer has taken the initiative to promote the hobby and our events through her own 'South Australian Stamp Clubs' Facebook page.

SAPC Judges and Exhibition Commissioners

Despite the new signatories to the National Judges' Register, the number of accredited judges in South Australia has declined. At present they are B. Bartsch, J. Bodnar, A. Downes, D. Edwards, P. Edwards, D. Figg, A. Presgrave, J. Roland, M. Roland, M. Walker, L. Welden and C. Ziegeler.

Commissioners are - David Figg, Anthony Presgrave, Michel Roland and Martin Walker

Plans for 2015-16

Apart from the afore-mentioned refurbishment of SAPHIL House the SAPC also has the following goals for 2015-16 –

- Host its Annual State Philatelic Congress and Exhibition at Torrens Parade Ground Drill Hall on the weekend of 10-11 October 2015.
- Conduct a Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting Seminar with Gary Brown on 1 August 2015.
- Conduct a seminar on judging similar exhibits with David Collyer on 4 October 2015.
- Commence preparations for hosting the 2016 Australasian Challenge.
- Continue to assist the Philatelic Development Officer and Judges' Registrar to improve exhibiting and judging skills in the State.
- Continue to assist societies to promote the hobby to the South Australian collecting public in both Adelaide and country districts.
- Develop an internet and social media presence.

Martin Walker
SAPC President
August 2015

Tasmanian Stamp Council **Annual Report 2014 - 2015**

Office Bearers:

President	Malcolm Groom
Vice President	Randall Askeland
Secretary	Peter Allan
Treasurer	Gordon Harrison
Youth Officer	Ken Stocks
Committee	Gary Carbines, Bob Morgan,

Club Activities

There was no change in the number of Societies affiliated with the Council but while we have just four, they do cover the breadth of the state. Club membership and meeting attendance remain at healthy levels throughout the group. Clubs continue regular programs including, displays, talks, auctions, visiting speakers, Market Days in the case of Launceston and Devonport and exchange books.

The Tasmanian Philatelic Society produces a Journal, 'The Courier', twice per year as well as an extensive web presence offering much information for Tasmanian collectors and an on-line discussion forum. These are at <http://tps.org.au> and <http://tps.org.au/bb> respectively.

Recently the TPS published a *Guide to cds on the Tasmanian Pictorial Stamps*, by John Hardinge. This publication has proved popular with collectors and over 320 copies have now been sold to individuals and circulated to TPS members.

Youth Activities

Ken Stocks continued as Youth Office but due to some ill health has not been able to maintain his program of school visits for a period in 2015. We are grateful to the local businesses who continue to support Ken with a steady stream of stamps.

As Ken has flagged he will not continue as Youth Office at some point in the foreseeable future, Gary Carbines who is the President of The Devonport Stamp Club has begun a research project to identify stamp collectors amongst current State Ed teaching staff.

A surprising 180 teachers have responded to his survey saying they collect stamps. Gary is currently looking at how this information might enable a wider strategy for engaging young people in collecting at the school level.

Promotion and Exhibiting

The Launceston Philatelic Society Inc. and Devonport Stamp Club have continued with their successful program of market days, this year with financial support from the Tasmanian Stamp Council towards promotion of these events in the community. These not only provide their members with the opportunity to buy and sell stamps but also are a most effective way to introduce others to the hobby and bring in new members.

Another National One frame National, featuring both stamps and postcards, has been agreed by the APF for Tasmania. This will take place in the Hobart Town Hall, in November 2016.

Visiting Speaker Programme

The Tasmanian Philatelic Society was pleased to welcome David Figg who conducted a 2-hour Sunday afternoon workshop on exhibiting postcards at the Tasmanian Philatelic Society in April 2015. This workshop was very well attending with over 20 participants. The TPS invited members from other clubs and

it was very pleasing to welcome members from both Launceston and Devonport. The TSC contributed \$200 towards this event.

Feedback from this workshop was excellent and it is planned to conduct something similar on exhibiting in general. Gary Brown has accepted an invitation to visit Hobart in April 2016 and will conduct a workshop on forming a One-frame exhibit. It is hoped this will assist members planning a One-frame exhibit at the TPS National One-frame exhibition in November 2016.

New Tasmanian Stamp Council website

The TSC has developed a website at <http://tasmanianstampcouncil.com> . This provides an on-line presence for the TSC and at the same time promotes the 4 Tasmanian clubs.

Peter Allan

10 August 2015

(Secretary Tasmanian Stamp Council)

VICTORIAN PHILATELIC COUNCIL INC.

The composition of the Victorian Philatelic Council is:

- Four members elected by affiliated Clubs and Societies. Charles Bromser (Polish), Raymond Lancaster (Geelong) and Alex Stoneman (Maryborough).
- Four members nominated by the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria. Nominees currently are Garry Brown, Peter Leitch, Frank Pauer and John Rennie.
- Four members nominated by the Australasian Philatelic Traders' Association. Currently Robert Williamson of the Stamp Album who regularly attends Council meetings.
 - A non-voting observer from Australia Post. None are available.

The Council usually meets on a Monday with meetings commencing at 5:30pm. Council meetings are held at Purves House, the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria home, at Ashburton an inner Melbourne suburb.

The Council elects its own Office bearers. The 2014 VPC Council Annual General Meeting in October elected the following:

President: Charles Bromser
Vice President: Robert Williamson
Secretary: Peter Leitch
Treasurer: Peter Leitch

The Council has also appointed people to the following positions:

Youth Development Officer: Laurie Smyth
Philatelic Development Officer: Robert Williamson

State Judges Co-ordinator

John Sinfield

A continual disappointment to the Council is that there is no Australia Post representative attending Council meetings as they are held outside of normal working hours.

Affiliated Clubs and Societies

During the 2014 VPC year there were 37 affiliated Clubs and Societies. 20 are in the Melbourne Metropolitan area and 17 in country Victoria.

Since 2009 affiliation with the VPC has meant the payment of an affiliation fee. Affiliation with the VPC includes the benefit of the Australian Philatelic Federation insurance cover.

There are 2 Country clubs that have 2 evening meetings per month. 4 Metropolitan Clubs have a day and an evening meeting per month. 3 metropolitan clubs have 3 meetings a month; 2 evening plus a day meeting.

There are 4 Clubs that cater for special interests: Australian Cover, China, Polish and Italian.

Two Melbourne based Clubs own their own premises: Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria and the Brighton Philatelic Society. The VPC does not have its own premises.

61st Annual Congress

The 61st annual Congress was on 11 October 2014 was hosted by the Geelong Philatelic Society. The guest speaker was Gordon Scholes, philatelist and former local member of the Australian House of Representatives.

VICPEX 2014

The VPC held VICPEX 2014 a State Level Exhibition on 11 October 2014 at the Geelong West Town Hall. There were 8 one frame entries and a 4 frame entry received for VICPEX 2014.

VICPEX Exhibitions are held every year to encourage new exhibits and exhibitors.

VPC News

During the year the VPC published 4 editions of the VPC News each with 8 pages. The Editor is Alex Stoneman. The VPC News is distributed by email free of charge to Victorian affiliated clubs and APTA members.

Stamp Display Copies

The VPC has colour copies of a large number of stamp displays on a wide variety of topics, which are used at stamp fairs and lent to affiliate Societies. Having copies reduces the security risk of handling original material.

Display Frames

For many years the VPC has maintained a trailer with 30 15 sheet display frames which give 60 sides. Affiliated Clubs and Societies can borrow the display frames free of charge. The frames are occasionally used by non philatelic Societies.

Peter Leitch Secretary 17/7/2015

Western Australian Philatelic Council Inc.

Report for APF AGM August 2015

My second year as President of the West Australian Council has gone smoothly due to the Society's capable committee of many years of experience.

Glen Stafford	Vice President, Public Relations Officer and Philatelic Development Officer.
John DiBiase	Immediate Past President and Committee Member.
Ross Wood	Secretary and Editor of The Western Sandgroper.
Gavin Woodward	Treasurer.
Jeff Trinidad	Webmaster.
Denis Penfold	Exchange Secretary.
Mike Kouwen	Committee Member.
Ken Moore	Committee member.

Due to the midterm resignation of Yvette Trinidad as Youth Officer we are without leadership in this area, however Andrew Martin continues to run the youth interest tables at all our fairs.

Earlier this year our premises suffered water damage due to leaking box gutters which have now been replaced. All aspects of our major refurbishment have been completed including the replacement of the ageing air-conditioning system. With our long term hire agreement firmly in place we are now capable of giving more assistance to all our associated Clubs and Societies.

After the success of the Albany Great War Centennial Exhibition 2014 the Swan River Stamp Show is once again to be held at the University of WA's Student Guild. Available space this year has been somewhat reduced as the Student Guild recently sublet our normal display area. A new display area has been improvised but it is far from ideal, this makes it imperative that new premises are found for future shows.

After the success of shows in areas outside of Perth, Mandurah 2010 and Albany 2014, planning is progressing for another Half National to be held in Mandurah in November 2016. Hopefully this will attract the national display support we received for the previous exhibitions.

In recent years the Society has experienced a problem with the storage of display frames and equipment being located in many different areas, this has now been rectified by the purchase and installation, for storage purposes, of a 30 foot container at Baldivis south of Perth.

While metropolitan and surrounding region stamp clubs and societies thrive, clubs in the south of the State continue to struggle with membership numbers dropping. With the retirement of Bernard Buckland and Peter Martin, visits to the southern clubs have now almost ceased. We need to find new Society members to take over this role of visiting clubs to bring fresh life, philatelic material and ideas.

Congratulations to John DiBiase, Ross Duberal, Mike Rhodes, Ross Wood, Ray Todd, Elsa Todd, Glen Stafford, Penny Wells and Jeff Trinidad as appointed State Commissioners to National Exhibitions for 2014/2015. Glen Stafford, APF Vice President, Ross Wood and Mike Rhodes continue to represent the State on the APF and its various committees. Ross this year received an award for 16 years of service to the APF. Congratulations also to John DiBiase who has been elected as the 2015 WA Delegate to the APF AGM.

WA has once again been well represented with medals at competitions in Sydney, Adelaide, Pennsylvania and Malaysia, WA were also placed fourth in the Australasian Challenge at Baypex 2014.

Altogether it has been a full and interesting year.

Keith Michaelson

President Western Australian Philatelic Council.