

Australian Airmail Society

Formed in 1968 the Society caters for collectors interested in mail and other messages carried by air. This ranges from the early pioneer pilots and adventurers to modern commercial carriage of mail around the planet.



Meets at - SAPHIL House, 22 Gray Court, Adelaide;
1st Wednesday of each month from 7.30pm.

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Meetings for 2019

- March 6 Sale of philatelic items by members' bourse.
- April 3 Display of Picture Postcards depicting Zeppelins
- May 1 History Festival Event – Talk on Captain Harry Butler
- June 5 Talk on Captain Ross Smith
- July 5 Display re 50th Anniversary of first moon walk
- August 7 AGM & Members' display on material carried by Captain Harry Butler
- Sept. 4 Members Display
- Oct 2 Vintage Aviation Film Night
- Nov 6 Smith Brothers Centenary - Members Display
- Dec 4 Smith Brothers Centenary Talk by Lainie Anderson



Aeropex 19 will be an aviation themed philatelic exhibition held in conjunction with the centenary of the first flight from England to Australia and the carriage of the first international airmail to Australia. It is being organized by the Australian Airmail Society and the South Australian Philatelic Council.



On show will be:-

- Messages carried by homing pigeons;
- Letters conveyed by manned and unmanned balloons;
- Letters carried by famous pilots on record-breaking flights;
- Mails carried on inaugural flights between cities and towns;
- Letters salvaged from airline disasters;
- Letters carried by rockets including some in to space.
- Propaganda and advertising leaflets dropped from planes in times of both war and peace;
- Aircraft and Airline souvenirs and mementoes;
- Labels and stickers promoting air mails and airline services;
- Aerogrammes and other special types of stationery designed for the air mail;
- Special stamps issued to pay air mail postage;
- Stamps, labels, postcards and other collectables depicting aeroplanes and famous pilots;
- Also available will be souvenirs, collectables, buying, selling and appraisal opportunities.



Torrens Parade Ground Drill Hall, Adelaide
Friday 6 December to Sunday 8 December 2019.



The Great Air Race from England to Australia and the First International Air Mail.



When Ross & Keith Smith, Wally Shiers and Jim Bennett left London on 12 November 1919 they carried with them many messages and letters to friends and dignitaries. After delivering and collecting more letters en route they arrived in Darwin on 10 December 1919 with the first mail to be carried from overseas by aeroplane.

Ross Smith asked the Prime Minister, Billy Hughes, to arrange for the letters carried on the Vickers Vimy to have a special stamp affixed to show they were a part of the first "Aerial Post". Only 364 letters received the special stamp making them some of the most sought after and valuable items in Australian philately.



EPIC FLIGHT CENTENARY
1919-2019

*Celebrating the first England-Australia flight by South Australia's
Smith brothers – inspiring a new generation*



WHY JOIN A STAMP CLUB?

“Stamp clubs put the life into your hobby!”

If you collect stamps then you can't afford not to be a member of a stamp club! Stamp clubs provide their members with the opportunity to meet with like-minded people and to share information about their hobby. They are also a great source of stamps for your collection.

Many collectors hesitate before visiting a stamp club because they may regard themselves as 'only beginners' or for other reasons. Don't think this way. All members of stamp clubs were beginners at one time. Stamp clubs are full of people from all walks of life who, just like you, enjoy collecting.

The members of stamp clubs cover the full spectrum of stamp collectors, from those who collect the latest new issues to those who have only very limited stamp budgets through to those who exhibit at national exhibitions. All value the benefits of their memberships in their stamp club and the friendships and contacts it brings.

What can a Stamp Club provide?

Most stamp clubs offer:

- an opportunity to obtain stamps at reasonable prices through their circuit books and auctions
- displays or visiting speakers
- newsletters or magazines
- access to catalogues and books on stamps

But above all, stamp clubs offer the friendship, knowledge and experience of their members who help you with advice on all aspects of collecting including:

- identifying stamps
- where to get stamps
- storing and housing your collection
- ideas on new collecting areas
- latest news on fairs, auctions, and exhibitions.

Stamp Auctions, Fairs and Exhibitions

Many clubs run stamp auctions, markets, stamp days or open days. Whatever they are called they provide the opportunity for you to look for items to add to your collection.

Stamp Exhibitions are organised by clubs or by state philatelic councils and include competitive displays of stamps and other philatelic material. In addition, they usually include a good range of dealers. National and International Stamp Exhibitions are held less frequently, but are well worth attending when you see them advertised. They usually have a great range of world class exhibits and many stamp dealers attend.

Information on stamps

Many clubs have a library which may consist only of a few catalogues and some magazines, or it may have a large and extensive collection of early books on stamps as well as magazines up to 100 years old or more!

Displaying your stamps

Stamp clubs also provide you with a chance to share your pleasure in your collection with others. This can range from an informal talk at your local club to showing off your "gems" through local, State, National and International Exhibitions.

Circuit Books

Most clubs have circuit books which contain stamps which members of the club are seeking to sell. Many collectors join stamp clubs primarily for access to the circuit books which enable them to sell their duplicate stamps as well as to buy stamps at reasonable prices.

Specialised Clubs

In addition to local stamp clubs there are many specialised groups which can help you enjoy new collecting interests. These include clubs for collectors of air mails, postal history, coins, postmarks, picture postcards, postal stationery, and ephemera. There are also clubs for collectors of particular countries like colonial South Australia and the Australian Commonwealth.

Costs of being a member

One of the great benefits of being a member of a stamp club is that it costs so little. Even the most expensive club or society cost less than a \$1 a week, with many costing considerably less. The savings you will make on stamps, books and accessories will more than repay the cost of joining a stamp club.

Other Benefits

The pleasures and friendships that you will get from joining a stamp club will last a lifetime and are quite simply – priceless.

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📘 South Australian Stamp Clubs

Stamp Clubs in South Australia and Northern Territory

Alice Springs Stamp Club
Barossa Stamp Collectors Club
Blackwood Philatelic Circle
Bordertown & Districts Philatelic Soc.
City of Noarlunga Philatelic Society
Community Philatelic Society
Darwin Philatelic Club Inc.
Eastern Districts Philatelic Society
Elizabeth Philatelic Society
Encounter Bay Stamp Club
German Philatelic Group
Glenside Philatelic Society
Lower Murray Philatelic Society
Mount Gambier Philatelic Society
Para Hills Philatelic Society Inc.
Philatelic Society of South Australia
Port Pirie Philatelic Society
Riverland Philatelic Society
Salisbury Philatelic Society
SA Power Networks Stamp Club
Stirling Philatelic Society
Strathalbyn Philatelic Society
Ukrainian Collectibles Club
Yorke Peninsula Collectables Club

Special Interest Societies

Australian Airmail Society
Aust. Match Cover Collectors' Society
Australian Postcard Society
Commonwealth Specialists Group
Numismatic Society of South Australia
Postal Stationery & Postal History Society of Australia Inc.
Printed Collectables Club
South Australia Study Group