

CANBERRA



STAMPSHOW 2016

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19TH BIENNIAL NATIONAL PHILATELIC CONVENTION
FRIDAY 18 TO SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2016

HELLENIC CLUB, MATILDA STREET, WODEN

BULLETIN NO 1

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first bulletin for Canberra Stampshow 2016, the nineteenth Biennial National Philatelic Convention staged by the Philatelic Society of Canberra Inc. Our main theme next year is the link between Malta and Australia. The secondary theme will be the 50th Anniversary of Decimal Currency.

There will be two half national exhibitions in Australia in 2016 with Canberra and Mandurah in Western Australia sharing the classes. The Mandurah exhibition is 4-6 November (TBC). In addition, Adelaide will hold the Australasian Challenge in October 2016. Our exhibition will have Postal History (all three sections), Postal Stationery, Youth, Open, Maximaphily, Frugal Philately, First Day Covers and the new Topical Class.

Don't forget that the show is part of the annual Celebrate Canberra Festival and our exhibition will be a featured event, together with many other exciting events. If you are an early riser the balloon festival (on every morning weather permitting) is great to see and go for a ride over Canberra.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the show.

Darryl Fuller

MALTA AND AUSTRALIA

The question that arises is why the link between Australia and Malta. The simple reason is that if you look for 100-year anniversaries to celebrate in 2016 there are not a lot except for WWI. A fifty-year anniversary gives us decimal currency, which will be the sub-theme for the exhibition.

As it turns out there is a strong link between Australia and Malta from 100 years ago with Malta being known as the Nurse of the Mediterranean because so many Australian diggers and soldiers from other countries were nursed in Malta. It seems obvious to honour them.

The other link is known as the Children of Billy Hughes. On 29 October in 1916, a group of 208 Maltese labourers on the ship the Gange were subjected to the notorious 'dictation test' provision of the Immigration Act and declared prohibited immigrants. Essentially they were considered the wrong colour and were sent off

to New Caledonia. Eventually most made it to Australia and at least one member of the Philatelic Society has a relative who married one of the famous Children of Billy Hughes.

Both seem fitting to commemorate 100 years later.

IMPORTANT – Dates of the Exhibition

The exhibition will be held on the last weekend of the Canberra Festival from Friday through to Sunday, as in previous exhibitions. This is NOT the Canberra Day long weekend.

All New Zealand entries must be sent through the Commissioner

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Number of Frames Available

It is important to note that to minimize the cost of frame transport, only one container of frames will be used in Canberra. This limits the total number of frames available to about 330 or so, so get in early with entries.

GREAT AUSTRALIAN STATIONERY CHALLENGE

We will be reprising the very first philatelic challenge GASC (Great Australian Stationery Challenge). So if you entered the original challenge dust off that exhibit and enter it. Or better still enter a new stationery exhibit covering stationery that is post 1945.

DEALERS

We are expecting to have up to 32 local, national and overseas dealers at the 32 stands at the exhibition. The names of dealers will be placed on the Philatelic Society of Canberra and APF web sites when they are confirmed but virtually all participants from 2014 have accepted plus a new New Zealand dealer. A number of international dealers use this exhibition to start or finish a tour of Australia so come along to see all your favourites at the one venue.

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ACCOMMODATION

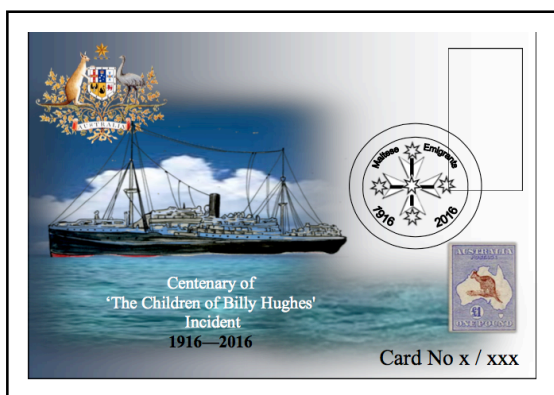
The closest hotel is the Abode Hotel, 10 Bowes Street, Woden across the road from the Hellenic Club. It can be contacted on 1300 122 633 or www.abodehotels.com.au The Quality Hotel, Phillip, on the corner of Melrose Drive and Launceston Street is a short walk from the Hellenic Club. Contact (02) 6281 7730 or groups@qualityhotelwoden.com. An alternative is The Statesman Hotel-Motel on the corner of Strangways and Theodore Streets, Curtin (next to Curtin shops), 1.8 km from the Stampshow venue. Contact (02) 6281 1777 or www.statesman.com.au.

For other accommodation choices, contact the Canberra Tourist Bureau, or websites such as Wotif.

VENUE

The Stampshow will be held on the first floor of the Hellenic Club of Canberra, Matilda Street, Woden, which was the venue for the last seven Canberra Stampshows. There is free parking on Saturday and Sunday, air-conditioning and several cafes/restaurants in the building.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB



By becoming a Supporters' Club member, you will not only help to fund the show but also receive a range of benefits, including:

- free entry to the exhibition
- free exhibition catalogue
- \$5 discount on one Awards Dinner ticket

- direct mailing of Bulletins
- Joint Issue dual stamped postcard of the Philatelic Society of Canberra and the Malta Philatelic Society
- Overprinted Malta Miniature Sheet
- Overprinted Australian PSE commemorating the nursing of Australian Diggers in WWI
- One other item (still to be determined)
- exhibition envelope
- access to the Supporters' Lounge (including free tea and coffee)

The number of Supporters' Club memberships is strictly limited to 100 and have sold out at the last four exhibitions. At recent Canberra shows, some dealers were buying particular philatelic souvenirs for the cost of Club membership, so get in early.

The cost of membership is only \$100.

COMMITTEE

The Committee currently comprises:

Chairman	Darryl Fuller
Vice-Chairman	Ian McMahon
Secretary	Elspeth Bodley
Treasurer	John Vassallo
Venue Manager	John Davis
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Check the web sites regularly for frequent updates.