

# CANBERRA STAMPSHOW 2020

**21st BIENNIAL NATIONAL PHILATELIC CONVENTION**

**FRIDAY 13 TO SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2020**

HELLENIC CLUB, MATILDA STREET, WODEN

## COMMITTEE WELCOME

Welcome to the first Bulletin for the Canberra Stampshow 2020, the 21st Biennial National Philatelic Convention staged by the Philatelic Society of Canberra Inc.

There will be two half national exhibitions in Australia in 2020, Canberra in March and Newcastle Stamp and Coin Expo in August.

## Classes

The Canberra Stampshow 2020 is offering entry to the following national classes:

- △ Postal History
- △ Aerophilately
- △ Astrophilately
- △ Postal Stationery
- △ Revenues
- △ Literature
- △ Frugal
- △ Youth
- △ Picture Post Cards

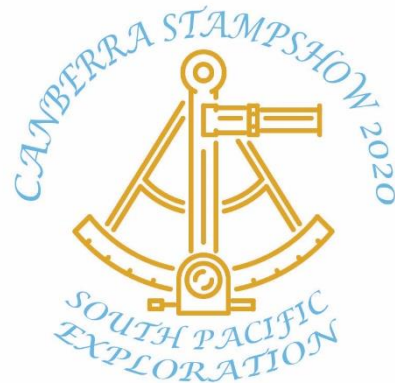
There will be a full range of State exhibition classes as well.

The Prospectus is out, so do not delay in submitting your entry.

## Exhibition dates

Please note, the Canberra Stampshow 2020 will be held on the last weekend of the Canberra Festival from Friday 13 March through to Sunday 15 March. This is NOT the Canberra Day long weekend. This is also a time of multiple events in Canberra. See the back page for more information.

We look forward to seeing many of you next March.



## PACIFIC CHALLENGE

The Philatelic Society of Canberra will be commemorating the 250th anniversary of Captain Cook reaching the east coast of Australia in 2020 with a special prize for the best South Pacific related exhibit. We look forward to the many and varied collections that will be exhibited associated with the South Pacific

### *Pacific Challenge*



The 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Captain James Cook's visit to the east coast of Australia occurs in 2020. To mark this anniversary the Philatelic Society of Canberra will provide a special prize for the best South Pacific-related exhibit in any of the classes offered by the Exhibition.

## VENUE

The Stampshow will be held on the first floor of the Hellenic Club of Canberra, Matilda Street, Woden. This has been the venue for the previous nine Canberra Stampshows. Free parking is available on Saturday and Sunday. There are several cafes/restaurants in the building. The Hellenic Club is also next to the Woden Shopping Centre.



## ENTRIES AND FRAMES

**The closing date for entries is Friday 30 November 2019.**

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 330, so get your entries in early.

The Canberra Stampshow 2020 is also the last chance to qualify for national exhibition at Melbourne FIAP to be held in February 2021. Don't miss out.

## DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS

The only Commissioner is from New Zealand. All New Zealand entries must be processed through the NZ Commissioner:

Paul McTaggart  
5 Glen Road, Stokes Valley  
Lower Hutt 5019  
Phone 64 4 563 6536  
Email [pmtaggs@gmail.com](mailto:pmtaggs@gmail.com)

While there are no interstate Commissioners, we will attempt to identify people coming to the exhibition who may be able to carry exhibits coming from interstate.

Make sure you read the Prospectus carefully to ensure your exhibits are delivered safely and in time:

- △ Hand delivered entries must be received in the Bin Room by 10 am 12 March 2020.
- △ New Zealand entries must be delivered and returned by the New Zealand Commissioner.
- △ Entries sent by mail must be in the hands of the Exhibition Coordinator not earlier than 2 March 2020 and not later than 9 March 2020.
- △ All literature entries must be received by the Committee by 15 January 2020.

With New Zealand 2020 immediately after the Canberra Stampshow, consideration is being given to how exhibits may be transported immediately to New Zealand after the Stampshow. More on this in the next Bulletin.

## DEALERS

We are expecting to have approximately 30 local, national and overseas dealers at the exhibition. Come along and meet up with favourite dealers.

A number of international dealers use this exhibition to start or finish a tour of Australia but this time the New Zealand exhibition is being held in the week immediately after the Canberra Stampshow.

The names of dealers will be placed on the Philatelic Society of Canberra and APF web sites when they are confirmed.

## PRIZES

There will be a range of prizes to be awarded however the Committee is seeking prize contributions from Philatelic organizations or individuals to support and encourage exhibitors. All prizes donated and contributions made will be gratefully acknowledged. Please contact the Secretary [elspeth@grapevine.net.au](mailto:elspeth@grapevine.net.au)

## SCHEDULE

Canberra Stampshow 2020

- △ Fri 13: 10am – 6pm  
Official opening 10.30am
- △ Sat 14: 10am – 6pm  
Awards Dinner 7pm for 7.30pm  
– *pre purchase of tickets essential.*
- △ Sun 15: 10am – 3pm  
Exhibits available for collection 5.30pm.

Meetings of philatelic groups will be scheduled Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

If you wish to arrange for your group to be allocated a time for a meeting, please contact the Secretary.

The Awards Dinner will be held at the Hellenic Club. We have managed to keep the cost the same as 2018 - \$75.00. Tickets can be purchased on the entry form and also will be available from the Stampshow website.

## SOUVENIRS

A range of souvenirs will be available and more detail regarding these will be in the next Bulletin and posted on the Stampshow website at a later date. They will include:

- Supporters Club pack
- An unadopted stamp design
- Imperforate miniature sheet
- Exhibition covers postmarked
- Australia Post special issues

- Captain James Cook souvenir  
Numbered and overprinted items with the Canberra Stampshow 2020 logo will also be available.



## SUPPORTERS' CLUB

By becoming a Supporters' Club member, you will receive a range of benefits while helping to fund the exhibition. Includes:

- △ Entry to the exhibition
- △ An exhibition catalogue
- △ \$5 discount on one Awards Dinner ticket
- △ A variety of special souvenirs, overprinted items (to be advised)
- △ access to the special Supporters' Lounge

The number of Supporters' Club memberships is limited to 100. These have sold out at previous Canberra Stampshows.

*Supporters' Club membership is still only \$100.*

Order your Supporters Club membership on your entry form or the souvenir form. Both are on the Philatelic Society of Canberra website. <http://www.canberrastamps.org/>

## ACCOMMODATION

There is accommodation close to the venue, but you will need to book early. Exhibitors and visitors need to make their own arrangements.

- △ 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](http://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](mailto:groups@qualityhotelwoden.com)
- △ 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](http://www.statesman.com.au)
- △ For other accommodation choices, contact the Canberra Tourist Bureau, or websites such as Wotif.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS CANBERRA STAMPSHOW 2020

Committee Coordinator:  
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Souvenirs: Bruce Parker

## CONTACT DETAILS

**The Philatelic Society of Canberra website is your main contact point.**

<http://www.canberrastamps.org/>

Check the website for the Prospectus and Entry Form, Souvenirs, to order your or additional Awards Dinner Tickets, and updated information.

There is also a link from the APF website: [www.apf.org.au](http://www.apf.org.au)

Any correspondence and Entry Forms should be addressed to:  
The Secretary  
Canberra Stampshow 2018  
GPO Box 1840  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
e-mail: [elspeth@grapevine.net.au](mailto:elspeth@grapevine.net.au)

## ACCOMPANYING VISITORS

The timing of the Canberra Stampshow 2020 coincides with a range of events held in Canberra before, during and after the Stampshow.

While it is not the Canberra Day long weekend, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Canberra Enlighten Festival when the city is a hive of activity. This Festival is held over the first 17 days in March.

Around the Parliamentary Triangle the national icon buildings will be ablaze for 11 nights with fantastic moving images (not limited to tall buildings in streets as in some cities!). Wander around for free. There are also ticketed events.

The Canberra Balloon Spectacular is also held on the edge of Lake Burley Griffin for those of you who like cool early morning walks as well as Lights! Canberra! Action!, Symphony in the Park, and Skyfire.

For more information about things to do, go to Visit Canberra:  
<https://visitcanberra.com.au/>

Don't forget to check exhibitions at the National Gallery of Australia, The National Museum and the National Library. There is also the Last Post ceremony at the Australia War Memorial, a walking tour of Anzac Parade, or lunch at Poppy's Café.