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MEMO TO AFFILIATED CLUBS

On 24th January 2023, final settlement of the sale of the three floors owned by Philas at 17 Brisbane Street, Darlinghurst, took place. The Brisbane Street premises are now effectively closed to the public and all Philas property has been removed. Furniture and fittings have been moved off site where they will be stored until the refurbishment of new premises is complete. It is expected that volunteer staff will cease to have access to the former Philas House from 24 February.

On 19th January we exchanged contracts for the purchase of a property at 20 Egerton Street, Silverwater. Final settlement of this purchase is expected to occur in late February, after which we will begin the refurbishment of these new premises. Once refurbished, the new premises will be used for all Philas activities. The next Philas auction is delayed until the refurbishment is complete.

It has not been possible to advise full details of this relocation until now because of confidential legal and financial arrangements that had to be finalised first.

Refurbishment of the Silverwater building will take several months. Philas will suspend operations during this time. In the meantime, our mailing address, telephone numbers and email addresses will remain the same. Diversions will be in place for these services.

This major change to Philas operations (the first in 45 years) will leave Philas in a sound financial position. The new building is owned outright.

The Silverwater location is handy to Parramatta and other major Sydney population centres. We would really like to see new volunteers coming from these areas. The current custodians of the Association have done our best to secure the future of Philas financially. We now need the stamp collecting community to step up and ensure that we can continue to serve you. We can't do that without your help.

We will contact you again when the opening date of the new premises gets closer and invite you to inspect it and, I hope, become part of the team.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "moore".

John Moore
President of Philas