



## Philatelic Review Bulletin

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Dear members and collectors,

This is the first attempt to create a monthly bulletin. The contents aims at informing members of pending auctions, stamps issues and other calendar items relevant to our hobby.

As things go, there will be room for errors but I hope I can keep those to a minimum.  
The editor

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## Meetings

Start: 8:00 pm

Date	Activity
4 October 2007	Bohemia & Moravia Exhibition
1 November 2007	Exhibition; Trading
4 December 2007	Christmas Party Bring your spouse
January 2008	No meeting
7 February 2008	Exhibition; Trading
6 March 2008	Exhibition; Trading
3 April 2008	Exhibition; Trading
1 May 2008	Exhibition; Trading
5 June 2008	Election
3 July 2008	Exhibition; Trading
7 August 2008	Exhibition; Trading
4 September 2008	Exhibition; Trading

## References

Australia Post  
Royal Mail

## Stamp Issues

### Australia Post

[www.auspost.com.au/philatelic/stamps/intro.asp](http://www.auspost.com.au/philatelic/stamps/intro.asp)

▶ **2 October**  
Blast Off! 50 Years in Space  
▶ **2 October 2007**  
Disney Princess Souvenir Stamp Pack  
▶ **16 October 2007**  
Caravanning Through The Years  
▶ **1 November 2007**  
50 Years of Christmas Stamps  
▶ **1 November 2007**  
Christmas Island Christmas  
▶ **1 November 2007**  
2007 Collection of Australian Stamps  
▶ **1 November 2007**  
Australian Territories Collection 2007

### Great Britain

<http://www.royalmail.com/portal/rm>

### Royal Diamond Wedding

16 October 2007

A beautiful Princess married a dashing naval Lieutenant at Westminster Abbey 60 years ago this month. Royal Mail celebrates the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip with some very Special Stamps.

### Christmas

6 November 2007

Royal Mail will brighten up over 200 million items of post over Christmas with its special seasonal stamps. The designs for 2007 are particularly heavenly, depicting Angels playing musical instruments against festive backdrops in a beautiful Italian frescoe style.

In addition, two new stamps featuring religious paintings of Madonna and Child will also be available to buy – and will be re-issued each Christmas.

### Lest We Forget

8 November 2007

The second in our series of commemorative Lest We Forget Miniature Sheets marks the 90th Anniversary of the third Battle of Ypres, otherwise known as Passchendaele, and is issued to coincide

with Remembrance Day. The final sheet will follow in 2008.

### 2008 STAMP PROGRAMME

Next year is already looking good for stamps and collecting. From SOS and the RAF to Insects and the Olympics, here are the inspiring issues we've got lined up for 2008.

- January - Ian Fleming's James Bond
- February - Working Dogs
- February - The Houses of Lancaster and York
- March - Celebrating Northern Ireland
- March - Mayday - Rescue at Sea
- April - Insects
- May - Cathedrals
- June - Classic Carry On and Hammer Films
- July - Airshows
- August - Olympics
- September - RAF Uniforms
- September - Country Definitives: 1958 – 2008
- October - Women of Distinction
- November - Christmas 2008
- November - Lest We Forget

## Invitation

Dear guests and readers of this bulletin,

You are invited to join our club as stamp collecting has provided many of us with deep insights into past and present cultures of countries we may never visit. As a guest you may find the behaviour of existing members a bit overwhelming. Do not be afraid to ask questions. If you do, please not be overwhelmed with the answer as you usually get more as what you ask for. Some of us have been collecting stamps for such a long time that we have forgotten what it feels like to be a beginner.

Join in and enjoy a past time that need not be expensive. If you have inherited a stamp collection we will provide you with information (free of charge) about the value of that collection. Again, we may make comments you may not like (there is rust in the collection; not worth much but interesting enough to expand; etc). We are human and we have our little errors. However, if you do not like the information received, by all means, get a second opinion.

## Bohemia and Moravia

The Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia was established on 15.3.1939 by German authority after Czechoslovakia was invaded. Czechoslovakian stamps were sold at the counter until 30.11.1939 and could be used until 15.12.1939. Specialists are interested in stamps of Czechoslovakia used between 15.3 – 14.7. 1939. Those are sometimes referred to as pre-cursors and those used between 15.7. – 15.12.1939 as co-issues.

The first issues in 1938 were initially overprinted stamps of Czechoslovakia.



In the same year stamps were printed in Prague based on designs used previously in Czechoslovakia.

Czechoslovakia design	Bohemia & Moravia design
	
	

The currency of *haleru* and *Krona* was maintained.

After armistice several towns (Aussig, Rumburg, etc) overprinted 'Deutsches Reich' stock (Hitler stamps; Böhmen and Mähren) with overprints, hand stamps depicting names of towns, coat of arms or '1945'. Those local issues are of speculative nature and the Central Postal Authority, Prague, did not acknowledge them. Letters transported through the mail system are accidental or made by local postal authorities.

# CONSTITUTION

## PENRITH AND DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY

1. The name of the Society (hereinafter called the Society) is Penrith and District Philatelic Society.,
2. The Society shall be situated in Penrith or in such place as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine on approval by Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) or an ordinary meeting.
3. The objects for which the society is established are to foster philately by the following means:
  - a) To offer aid and advice and generally welcome all new members to our society.
  - b) To create, promote and foster means and devices for the education and general advancement of members of the society.
  - c) To procure the delivery of lectures and displays for the benefit of its members.
4. The objects, aims and policy of the society are of a non-political and non-sectarian nature.
5. The society shall provide at its meetings for the exchange and acquisition by members of philatelic material, under the supervision of the sales superintendent. All such material MUST be put away at the opening of the meeting until the close of the evenings official business and/or display.

## MEMBERSHIP

6. The society shall consist of :
  - a) Life Members
  - b) Honorary Members
  - c) Ordinary Members
  - d) Junior Members
  - e) Children under the age of 12 years.
7.
  - a) executive Committee shall have the sole right to admit new members.
  - b) In the case of objections being raised in committee to the admittance of any new members the proposers shall be heard before a vote is taken.
8.
  - (1) Honorary membership may be conferred by the Executive Committee for special services.
  - (2) Reputable persons over the age of sixteen years of age shall be eligible for ordinary membership, providing they sign an application form, giving their personal details and are nominated and seconded by two financial members.
  - (3) Subject to the same conditions as in Rule 8 (2):
    - (a) Minors between the ages of twelve (12) and sixteen (16) years of age may be admitted as junior members providing their application form is endorsed by one of their parents, foster parents or guardians.
    - (b) Children under the age of twelve (12) years may be admitted provided they are accompanied by a responsible adult.
9. Every member shall be supplied by the Secretary with a copy of the Society's Rules and shall be bound by them.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

10. The annual subscription shall be:-

Ordinary Members	\$2-00
Juniors	\$0-50cents.

  - (a) The subscription shall be payable in advance each year before the Annual General Meeting.

(b) All membership applications received on or after May 1st shall be carried forward and the new member shall be deemed to be financial into the next financial year and shall be subject only to any increase in subscription.

11. The Executive Committee shall :
  - (a) Remove any member from the roll who has not paid his or her subscription by the end of September.
  - (b) Review honorary membership at each A.G.M.
12. The Society's business shall be managed by a committee, consisting of ,the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and two other members to be known as committee men.
13. A committee member may hold two offices except the combined offices of President and Secretary, or President and Treasurer.
14. The committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting or in the case 'of a vacancy occurring during the current term, the ordinary meeting may elect to fill the vacancy.
15. No one shall be eligible for office unless he or she has been a financial member for at least six months prior to the date of the election and has been duly proposed and seconded by two financial members.
16. Retiring office bearers shall be eligible for re-election.
17. Junior members shall not be eligible to serve on the committee.
18. All positions are honorary.
19. The Society shall hold the members of the committee individually and conjointly indemnified in the discharge of their duties.
20. Any member of the Committee absent from more than two committee meetings within one term of office, without an excuse deemed acceptable by the majority of the Committee, will be removed from office.

## THE POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

21. The treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the Society's financial transactions. He shall give receipts for all moneys received and pay them onto the Society's Bank Account within a week of receipt. He shall present a statement at the Annual General Meeting covering the past financial year and an audited Income and Expenditure statement. Before making payments he shall have the respective accounts passed by the committee.
22. The Bank Account shall be operated on by any one of the following office bearers : President, Secretary or Treasurer.
23.
  - (a) The sales superintendent shall have the power to reject any stamps which are badly damaged, (seconds, thinned, badly creased etc.)
  - (b) He shall prevent any material being displayed for sale or to be sold during the meeting proper and/or on display.
  - (c) Neither the Society nor the sales superintendent will be held responsible for the loss or damage of any particular item or items.
24. The Committee shall make rules governing the conducting of Circuit Books and the Circuit Book Manager shall be responsible for all moneys and render accounts to the Committee when required.
25. The Committee shall have the power to remove from the meeting and/or disbar any person or persons behaving in a manner prejudicial to good order and conduct.

## MEETINGS

26. Ordinary meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of each month at 8 p.m., at a place decided upon by an ordinary meeting.
27. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the Third Thursday of July of each year.
28. Committee meetings may be held at any time or place upon a decision by a majority of office bearers as to the venue.
29. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for the meeting.
30. A quorum shall be 20% of financial members for all meetings except the Committee meetings where it shall be Three committee members.
31. If no quorum is present, a committee or ordinary meeting shall lapse. The A.G.M. shall be adjourned for one month.
32. If there is no quorum at the adjourned (A.G.M.) meeting the financial members present shall be empowered to transact the business before the meeting

## RESOLUTIONS AND VOTING

33. Every motion shall be properly moved and seconded.
34. Voting shall be by a show of hands except for the election of Officers where a secret ballot will be held.
35. In the case of an equality of votes for and against the motion, the President or in his absence the elected Chairman shall have a second vote which shall decide the issue.
36. The President or in his absence the elected Chairman may permit juniors and visitors to take part in a discussion if they desire to do so but they shall have no vote.

## DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

37. The Society shall be dissolved by the Committee or the remnant of it if the membership falls below eight (8) or if a special meeting convened for the purpose of discussing a dissolution shall decide by a 75% majority to dissolve it.
38. If after the dissolution of the Society and after the payment of all its liabilities, including the expense unavoidably incurred in winding up the Society's affairs, there shall remain funds in hand or in the Bank, the same shall be donated to a Penrith District charitable society, or in the event of a merger with another Philatelic Society, the funds shall be merged.

## ALTERATION TO THE RULES

39. No addition, or alteration of these rules shall be made unless proposed by the Committee, or at least four (4) financial members, and forwarded in writing to the secretary, who shall then promptly give a month's notice of the proposed amendments, in notifying members of the date of the meeting that shall consider the amendments. In order to be carried, such a motion shall require a majority of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and entitled to vote.