

CIRCUIT MANAGERS' REPORT July 1989

Book no. 89/31 was posted at the end of June, making an average of four books per month being put into the circuit. Many thanks to the vendors who are supplying a wonderful array of material. Books are always required and gratefully accepted.

The following statistics may be of interest to some members.

No. of books in circulation as of 1/7/89	13
Commission to the Club as of 1/7/89	\$106.23 (for 17 books)
Average sales per book	63%

Welcome to our new Victorian members Laura Bainbridge, Col Edwards, Alec Cheney and Bryan Magee and to Herb Stacker of N.S.W. These welcomed additions bring the circuit number to 18. Should circuit numbers ever exceed 20 we feel that it may be necessary to instigate another circuit in Australia so as to ensure speedy circulation of material. We'd be grateful for any suggestions regarding this matter and members may wish to drop us a line or add a note to a circuit book about this.

All enquiries about the circuit may be directed to Jill and John Grant, P.O. Box 111 Weston Creek, A.C.T. 2611. Don't forget that vendors do not have to be members of the society, so please encourage fellow collectors to sell their surplus perfins through the circuit. Empty books are available from us at 25c each or 12 for \$2-50 plus postage (\$1).

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PUBLICITY

The Club has received some good publicity in the June 1989 issue of Stamp News Australasia with a note in "Cinderella Corner". This brief mention, due to the efforts of the Grants, led to quite a few new members and enquiries.

The July 1989 issue of the Perfins Bulletin will provide some general information about the Club and they have requested permission to reprint the article on private WA perfins from the April 1989 issue of the Bulletin. It is likely to appear later this year.

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WANTED

Alan Ramsay, 1 Healy St., Spence ACT 2615 Australia is seeking a range of Roos and KGV issues with OS and State Government perfins on a specialised basis. He has a wants list available. Please write to him if you have such material for sale.

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NEW ZEALAND PHILATELIC FEDERATION 'THANK/YOU' PERFINS

Robert Samuel, the President of the New Zealand Philatelic Foundation and one of our members, kindly supplied the following information.

At the November 1988 Federation AGM it was agreed to increase the subscriptions charged to societies. The previous subscription had averaged about 25c per stamp collector and had produced income of only about \$1200 per annum for the Federation. The new levy was set at "\$1 per member". This was expected to increase Federation's income from subscriptions to about \$6000 per annum.

It was anticipated that there would be considerable opposition to the increase from at least some societies. It was for this reason that the THANKYOU perfin was devised. The idea was that societies would increase their own subscriptions to their members by \$1. When the society's levy was paid to the Federation the society would receive one card bearing a 1c stamp perforated THANKYOU for each \$1 of subscription paid. These cards could then be given to individual society members, free of charge, to acknowledge payment of their levy. In addition, societies would be offered mint perfins for resale to their members. It was looked upon as a "symbiotic" scheme. Although it was costly for Federation to implement, it was hoped to recover its costs from the sale of mint perfins; societies would be able to make a few dollars from the sale of mint perfins; and individual society members (who were really the ones paying the levy) should receive back a philatelic souvenir which, we would hope, would be worth at least \$1.



Perforating was carried out by J. Sloper & Co Ltd, England. We forwarded 100 sheets of 1c stamps to that firm with a request that 90 sheets be perforated normally and that 10 sheets be perforated from the back of the stamp so that the words read normally when viewed from the reverse. We thought that some collectors may like to purchase two stamps so that one could be mounted face up, the other face down, on an album page.

In the event Slopers seemed to have had some difficulty with the perforating. There were a number of inverted, inverted and reversed, and double perfin varieties. These items were quite unsolicited.

New Zealand Post has raised no objection to the scheme. The stamps are quite valid for postage and quite a few have been used on mail.

PHILAS PERFINS by Barbara Hancock (for PHILAS)

PHILAS perfins were devised in 1975 to aid in raising funds for the "Philas House Appeal". In that year and subsequent years, one stamp issue was selected and perforated with the word "PHILAS" under special licence from Australia Post.

This is the only known private philatelic perfin in New South Wales. Only one die has been used, applied to 10 stamp issues and one PSE (up to 1988).

Perfins were issued for each \$5 donation to the Philas House appeal. Perfins were issued for either direct donations to the appeal, or for each \$25 commission on material sold in Philas House Auctions.

Issues were not withdrawn until one year after the end of their year of issue. The first issue totalled 1460, but thereafter the number produced was usually between 100 and 200.

- a) 1975 - 10c Buchanan's Hotel stamp
- b) 1976 - 18c Nationhood Type I and Type II
- c) 1977 - 18c Silver Jubilee
- d) 1978 - 18c Australia Day (flag)
- e) 1978 - 20c Animal (Wombat)
- f) 1979 - 20c Australia Day (1788)
- g) 1980 - 20c Australia Day (Flinders)
- h) 1981 - 22c Australia Day (map)
- i) 1982 - 24c Australia Day (heads)
- j) 1983 - 27c Australia Day (Sirius & Supply, se-tenant)

The perfins were only available cancelled on specially printed PHILAS HOUSE envelopes which were numbered up to the 1978 issue, and thereafter cancelled on normal PHILAS envelopes

Item (e) 20c Womat was available with red special Philas House postmark of 19.7.78 for the opening of PHILAS HOUSE.

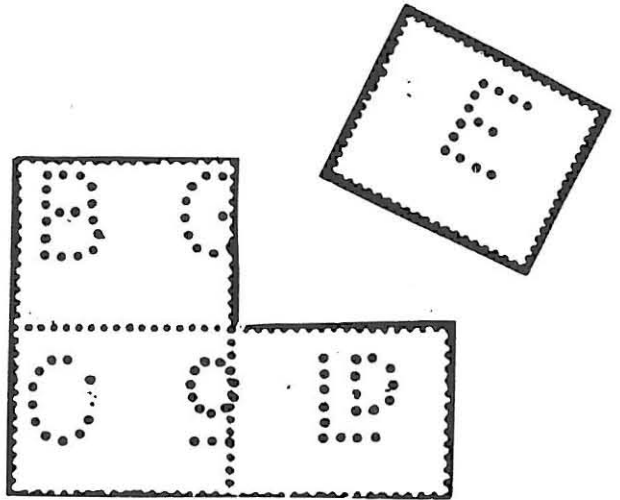
The 1983 perfin was the last regular issue produced by Philas.

A souvenir item for those attending the Philas Exhibition Dinner at Philas House on 5th August 1988, was the 1988 Sydplex 88 PSE with the Philas perfin applied to the stamp area and cancelled at the exhibition. Only 71 were produced.



WHAT IS IT ?

In the April 1989 issue of the Bulletin a pattern BG?/CoLD was illustrated. It appears that this pattern should read BGE/CoLD. A copy of a single letter E has surfaced that is the same size as the other letters and had been attributed to the British General Electric Company Ltd. Does anyone have this letter E with a recognisable part of the G to confirm this conjecture ?



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PERFIN PRICING

Gordon Passau comments:

Basically I look at the Cat value of the stamp, adjust it downwards for condition (from 50% down) then add about 10% because it is a perfin. So mostly they are priced at 30% to 40% of unperfinned cat value. The odd one e.g. a U.K. stamp perforated with BNZ (Bank of New Zealand) provided the stamp was in good condition would command a premium, say 70 to 80% of cat.

I know it is easy to say that the price of a stamp is only what someone is prepared to pay for it, but it is true ! I will only sell what collectors are prepared to pay and if my prices are too dear I will not make any sales.

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ARTICLES ??? !!!

There has been a good response to my plea for articles as you can see from this Bulletin. Please continue to send them to me more are urgently needed.

Articles in the pipeline include updates for New South Wales private perfins listings and a listing of David Jones perfins.

It would be nice to have articles on official perfins and those from New Zealand and other South Pacific countries to provide a bit of something to interest everyone.

If there are subjects that you would like covered please let me know and I will see if information on that subject can be provided.

Pattern	Rating	Pattern	Rating	Pattern	Rating
JU	A	RC/I	C	A.H/&S	C
K	A	RH/&Co	C	A/MF	A
KLTD	C	RH/&S	B	AMP/F&G	A
LC	A	RI/Co/LD	A	A.W.F	A
L&C	A	RL	C	BC	A
L&Co	C	R&S/LD	B	B&T	B
LD	A	SB Type 1	B	BW/&Co	A
LR	C	SB Type 2	C	C	C
L.&L.&G./ INSURANCE/ Co.	B	SB/NE	C	C.B.H	A
L/S Type 1	E	SH/&Co Type 1	D	CEN	A
L/S Type 2	E	SH/&Co Type 2	D	C/L/C	A
MA	A	S.H/&Co	C	CM/Co	C
MB Type 1	B	SH/&CoLTD	A	CM/F	C
MB Type 2	B	T	E	C.N.B/&co	A
MB Type 3	B	TCB/&Co	A	CU	C
MB.	A	TS/F	A	CU/A	C
M.B./S	C	TYS/LD	B	CU/ACo	A
McC/LTD	B	VOCO	C	DJ/LTD Type 1	B
ME	C	W&A/McA/LD	D	DJ/LTD Type 2	B
MH	B	WC	D	DJ/LTD Type 3	A
M.H	A	WC/C	A	D.T	A
M/P	B	W.G&Co..	D	EB/LTD	A
NC/SCo	A	WG/&Co..LD	D	ED&CoLD	A
N.Q./I.Co.	C	WILLS	B	EF/LD	A
NZL	E	WP/&Co	A	EL	C
OD/C	B	(crucible)	A	ER/&Co/LD	A
OD/V	B	(bell)	A	F	A
OK	A			F.M	C
O.L	B	REVENUES		G	B
OPL	C	A Type 1	B	GAC	C
OV/R	A	A Type 2	A	GB/&Co	A
PL/&B	D	AAA/Co	A	HB	A
PLD	A	AC/&Co.	A	HI	B
PT/Co	A	ACo..	C	HSCo	A
P.W	C	AGI	B	HSLD	A