

IPSWICH STAMP STAMP CLUB INC.

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February- March 2018

Well here we are to another New Year and welcome back to Members— both old and new. This year is looking like being another busy year for the club and we have a number of inter club exchange meetings. We have attended our first outing for the year to Toowoomba, which was very successful.

Club Meeting Dates for 2018 are as follows:

February 1st
March 1st
April 5th
May 3rd
June 7th—Monthly Meeting and AGM
July 5th
August 2nd
September 6th
October 4th
October 21st Our Annual Stamp Fair
November 1st
December 6th—Christmas break-up

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Inter Club Visits:

March 19th Books to Enoggera
April 5th Books to Junction Park
May 3rd visit by Sherwood
July 14th Books to Toowoomba
Nov 10th Books to Toowoomba

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What's on Where

Thematics Qld, Meets QPC House 9.30am to 12.30pm
Sunday quarterly

Q Stamp Fairs, Memorial Hall, Mt Gravatt Showgrounds, Logan Rd.
Mt. Gravatt. 8.30am to 1.00 pm

CCQ Stamp Meets, RSL Hall, 58 Arnold St., Holland Park
9.00am to 1.00pm

Ipswich , North Ipswich Reserve Corporate Centre, 43 The Terrace,
North Ipswich.

Lockyer Valley, Gatton Shire Hall, North St Gatton. 9am – 4pm

Logan City, Senior Citizens Hall, Jacaranda Avenue,
Woodridge. 9.00am to 3.00pm

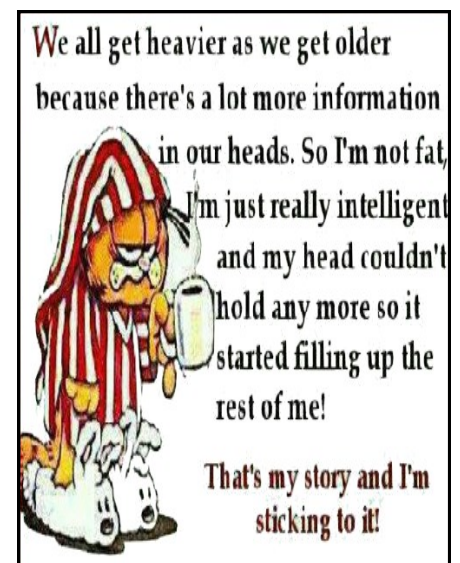
Bundaberg, Bundaberg & District Family Centre, Kensington St.,
Bundaberg. 9.00am to 4.00pm

Sunshine Coast, Square Dance Centre, 260 Dixon Rd,
Buderim. 9.00am to 4.00pm

Twin Towns, Cudgen Leagues Club, Cudgen NSW.
9.00am to 3.00pm

Caboolture, Senior Citizens Centre, Hasking St., Caboolture.
9am –3.30pm

Redland Bay, Cleveland Bowls Clubhouse, Shore Street North Cleveland. 9am –3pm.



**JUST WHEN I THOUGHT
I'D BECOME A MAN OF VISION,
I REALIZED I'D PICKED UP
THE WRONG
PRESCRIPTION LENSES.**

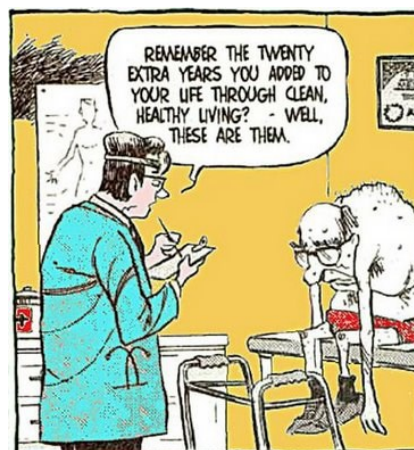
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Thank You Presentation To Shayne Neumann MP, Federal Member for Blair.



Thank You Presentations to Ipswich Council Members



David with Cr Ireland and Mayor Antonioli



David with Cr Martin and Mayor Antonioli



David with Mayor Antonioli



David with Cr Silver and Mayor Antonioli



David with Cr Pahlke and Mayor Antonioli



David with Cr Bromage and Mayor Antonioli



David with Cr Charlie Pisasale and Mayor Antonioli



David with Cr Wendt and Mayor Antonioli

I would like to thank on behalf of all members and our Management Committee, our club Patron, Cr Kylie Stoneman, and her fellow Councillors, and our new Mayor Cr. Andrew Antonioli for their support to the Ipswich Stamp Club Inc.. Their support is invaluable to our club in our support to the local community of collectors of all ages and backgrounds.

This year we will be extending our home visits to collectors who, for whatever reasons, can't leave their homes. We will be commencing a daytime club for collectors who may be having trouble with night driving, as well as keeping our night club for members who are still working, in so doing trying to accommodate members availability. We will be taking our club to the world via the "world wide web", which in turn will take our city of Ipswich with us.

Again many thanks to all our supporters

David Roberts
President.



From President Dave, Committee Members and all Club members, our thoughts and wishes for a safe and speedy recovery of our Treasurer Kym Leiper as she goes through her current treatment in the Mater Private Hospital.

Postage stamps and postal history of Bhutan

The first postage stamps of Bhutan were issued in 1962, the same year that the first motorable road was opened. Before that there was a mail delivery system in place for official mail using mail runners, and between 1955 and 1962 revenue stamps were accepted as payment for internal mail. With the opening up of Bhutan in the early 1960s, a formal postal system was introduced. The American entrepreneur Burt Todd assisted in establishing a postage stamp program in the country and Bhutan became known for the unusual designs and materials of its stamps which were chosen by Todd specifically to attract attention. With the assistance of the Indian postal advisor Dr. K. Ramamurti, who was in Bhutan from 1964 to 1968, a proper postal organization and infrastructure was set up under the leadership of a young Bhutanese officer Mr. Lam Penjor, who became the Director of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Prior to 1955 no systematic procedure appeared to have existed for the transmission of mail. In the absence of motorable roads, official mail was sent from one Dzong to another or to one of the royal palaces through special mail runners or casual travellers depending on the urgency. The *Thrimpon* (chief district court official) of each Dzong was responsible for the transmission of official mail.

With the start of development programs in Bhutan and the end of its self-imposed isolation in the late 1950s and early 1960s, there was a sizeable increase of correspondence in English and the number of mail items, now also including Indian newspapers and periodicals for the staff managing schools and development projects. The Dzong mail service was not able to cope with the significant increase of mail items and its staff could in general not read English. In the first Five Year Plan launched in 1961 the set-up of a postal service was among the proposed development activities. A Posts & Telegraphs Department was established under the Ministry of Communications and the first regular post office was opened in the border town of Phuentsholing on 10 October 1962, when also the first postage stamps were issued. The decision of the Kingdom to issue postage stamps has been described also as its first assertion of its international personality.

Bhutanese themes on postage stamps are the nation's royalty, Dzong architecture, Buddhist heritage, the Bhutanese mail service (the postal runner in particular), traditional crafts, antiques, Bhutanese scenes, hydro- power, and the nation's wildlife and sport. Bhutanese themed sport stamps have been issued on the occasion of the Olympics and soccer World Cups. A sample of the theme on Bhutanese architecture is the Expo 2000 issue depicting 6 different Dzongs in Bhutan, Trashigang, Lhuentse, Gasa, Punakha, Tashichhodzong and Paro.

Embossed gold foil coin stamps showing different Kings of Bhutan were issued in 1966 and 1968 and, square-shaped, in 1975. Perfume-infused rose stamps were issued in 1973. Embossed, thin carton stamps depicting paintings were issued in 1970 and 1972. Regular stamps with paintings as a theme were issued in 1987 (combined with sculptures), 1989 (Titan), 1990 (Hiroshige), 1991 (Rubens), 1991 (Van Gogh), 1993 (the not earlier released issue of 1974), 1999 (Hokusai) and 2003 (Japanese Art).

The first 3D stamp issues were released in 1967 depicting Astronauts and Lunar Modules. In 1968 a Butterflies 3D stamp issue and in 1969 a Fishes 3D, a Birds 3D and Insects 3D stamps issues were released. Other 3D issues are Paintings (1970), Animals (1970), Conquest of Space (1970 & 1971), Antique Automobiles (1971), Mushrooms (1973) and, at last a Bhutanese motive, Ceremonial Masks (1976). Unique moulded plastic 3D stamps were released of Ancient Artifacts in 1971 and of Famous Men in 1972. Other famous people which have appeared on Bhutan Stamps including Elvis Presley (2003), Princess Diana (1982, 2003), Gandhi (1969, 1972, 1998), John F. Kennedy (1972, 2002), Queen Elizabeth (2002), Mother Teresa (1998) and Albert Einstein (2000).

The famous silk stamps show Buddha Prayer Banners issued in 1969. The philatelic world was shocked in 1973 with the self-adhesive Record Stamps, which could be played as gramophone record, playing Bhutanese folk songs and providing a spoken short history of the Kingdom.

Postage stamps and postal history of Bhutan (cont)

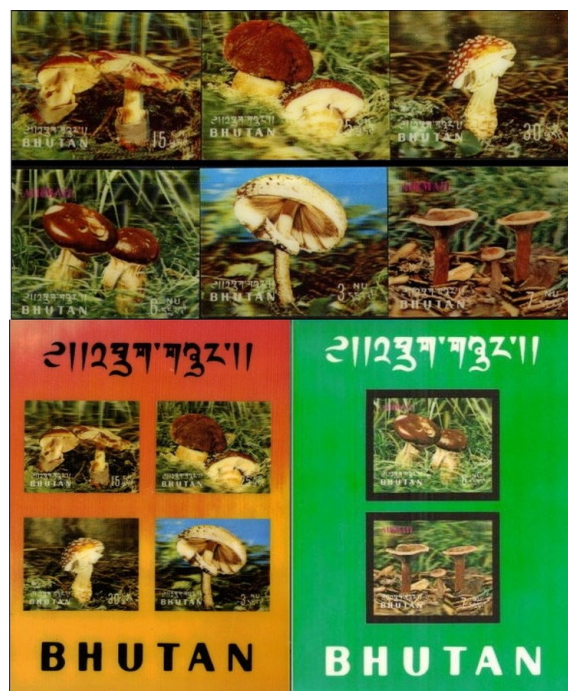
Bhutanese themed commemorative issues are among others Admission to the UPU (1969), Bhutan Admission to the UN (1971), Coronation of King Jigme Singye Wangchuck (1975), 30th Anniversary Bhutan Postal Service (1992), 350th Anniversary of Victory over Tibet-Mongol Army (1994), 25th Anniversary of the Coronation of King Jigme Singye Wangchuck (1999), 100 Years of Monarchy (2008), Coronation King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck (2008), Visit to Bhutan of Indian Prime-Minister Manmohan Singh (2008), the 35th Anniversary of WFP in Bhutan (2009), Royal Wedding (2011), Golden Jubilee Bhutan Post 1962 – 2012 (issued with delay in 2013).

Since 1993, Bhutan has released annual Chinese New Year stamps. Animals and flowers appear often on Bhutanese stamps. Disney stamps were issued in 1982, 1984 (2 issues), 1985 (2 issues), 1988, 1989 and again in 1991.

On the occasion of 100 Years of Monarchy did Bhutan Post release in 2008 the world's first CD-ROM postage stamps in partnership with Creative Products International, a company headed by Frances Todd Stewart, the daughter of the legendary Burt Todd. The 2nd CD-ROM stamp was issued the following year.



Bhutan record stamps. The stamps play the Royal Bhutan Anthem, folk-songs and a short history of Bhutan.



Complete set of 3D Mushrooms
set of 6v Stamps



First Non Paper Stamp of Bhutan
Gold foil Stamp set of 9 Stamps of
1966

STAMP FAIR DATES 2018

Feb 11	Thematics QLD
Feb 18	Logan
Feb 25	Bris Stamp & Coin
Mar 11	Bundaberg
Mar 18	Sunshine Coast
Mar 31-Apr 1	Gladstone
Apr 8	Northside
Apr 22	Twin Towns
May 7	Junction Park
May 13	CCQ Stamp Meet
May 20	Thematics QLD
May 27	QPC Bazaar
June 10	CCQ Stamp Meet
June 17	Maryborough/ Wide Bay
June 24	PSQ
Jul 8	CCQ Stamp Meet
Jul 22	Sherwood
Jul 28	Rockhampton
Aug 4	Redland Bay
Aug 5	Thematics QLD
Aug 12	Lockyer Valley, CCQ Stamp Meet
Aug 26	QPC Bazaar
Sept 2	Southside

For a laugh

I asked my daughter if she'd seen my newspaper. She told me that newspapers are old school. She said that people use tablets nowadays and handed me her iPad. The fly didn't stand a chance.

A girl asks a boy: "Peter, how much do you love me?"

The boy looks her in the eyes, "Look up at the stars, that's how much I love you."

The girl is confused, "But it's morning, there are no stars?"

Boy nods, "Exactly!"

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The Ipswich Stamp Club Inc. meets on the first Thursday of each month (except January), 7pm.–10pm., 1st Floor, I.C.C. Humanities Building, South Street, Ipswich.

Junior Club 6.30 to 7.30 pm.

Visitors are made welcome.

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