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This is not a design error, but if you hold the La Presse stamp upside-down and at arm's length, you will see a monkey peeping out of a kettle.



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by D.C. Speirs

In recent times, various computer programs have been produced which are advertised as a help to the philatelist. Most of these programs are simply variations of an inventory program which tells exactly how many stamps are in the collection, how many covers, so on and so forth. The average person generally doesn't need such a detailed record, even for insurance purposes for which it is easier and faster to photocopy the album pages. What the philatelist could use are some of the programs as listed herewith.

JUST ONE MORE STAMP - is a program designed to tell the philatelist how many stamps can be bought without missing next month's utility bill and bearing in mind that the car's transmission has been making a funny noise lately. The program takes into account gross income, fixed and variable expenses, average annual disposable income, and required savings. It also includes items such as tolerance of spouse towards stamp collecting, social obligations which take the philatelist away from the stamp albums, and other intangible factors.

HOW TO GET RICH QUICK BY BECOMING A STAMP DEALER - is, despite the title, a program that is designed to educate the philatelist about the real world. There is no correlation between the number of fine German cars sold each year and the number of stamp dealers in business, but some people persist in thinking that stamp dealing will pay off the mortgage within two years. This program reminds the potential Stanley Gibbons' that taxes and expenses generally come close to gross income.

HOW TO GET RICH BUYING STAMPS AT FACE VALUE - is for the new-issues collector who wants to buy only the stamps that will increase 100% or more a month after purchase. A difficult program to write, but success was achieved by the well-known investment newsletter publishers Dewey, Cheatham and Howe.

IT'S OLD, IT'S RARE, SO IT MUST BE VALUABLE - is intended for the beginner or for the general public, firmly convinced that they have a fortune in rare letters salvaged from the attic. Includes a useful subroutine called 'WE FOUND IT IN THE FAMILY BIBLE'.

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- ✓ Crown Circle Postmarks
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AUSSIE COBBERS (PART FOUR)

by Don Fraser

Summer has almost drawn to a close and that means for most of us a renewed burst of vigor to complete some of those album pages only half-finished last June. Over the past two months the Australasian Study Group has continued to meet for one reason or another; if not for stamps, then for fun of a different kind. In August we enjoyed our third annual summer barbecue. It was very nice to meet some of the wives of collectors. These social events are often a highlight of the club's activities for the year.

Now back to stamps and matters related. There have been a couple of noteworthy events in Australia that are well represented by new issues.



The State of Victoria held an almost year-long celebration to mark the State's 150th anniversary. Many events have been staged to recognize this significant historical milestone. Not the least was the issuing of a se-tenant pair on November 19, 1984 which depicted the Helmeted Honey-eater and Leadbeater's Possum.

The first officially recognized settlement in Victoria by white Europeans occurred on November 19, 1839, when the Henty family

landed on the south coast of Victoria at a place now known as Portland. This family came from Tasmania. The animals selected for these stamps are quite unique to the Victorian bush, and well represent the State in a symbolic way.

Another noteworthy date in Australian history is January 26, 1788. This was the date that the British flag was unfurled at Sydney Cove, and marks the beginning of settlement by Europeans in Australia. Australia Post has started early to recognize the Bicentennial of Australia.

The national theme selected for the bicentennial celebrations is 'Living Together'. Australia Post has started a five-year program of new issues, giving special recognition to many aspects of Australia's history. The format is interesting in that the stamps are square. This will continue thruout the series, and each stamp will show the special bicentennial symbol, a folded ribbon stylized to form the shape of the continent.

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This whole series shows real promise as a fine example of thoughtful design and modern printing skills. It could be a real challenge to try to complete the five-year set in fine used condition. Such a collection would give the philatelist an excellent education on the development of Australia, since the issues will follow a chronological approach from the period prior to European contact thru to the present day.

For more information on these or any other issues from Down Under, contact any of the members of the Australasian Study Group or see the classified ads elsewhere in this bulletin.

FACES AROUND THE CLUBROOM

photos by Dale Speirs



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These ads are free to CPS members wanting to buy, sell, or trade philatelic material. Limit is ten lines, including name and address. Submit ads to the Editor at meetings or mail to: Box 6630, Stn D, Calgary, T2P 2E7. Next deadline is November 1 for the bulletin appearing in late November.

WANTED TO BUY - Blocks with adjacent straight edges to assemble the cut-across center of a four-hundred pane of the Admiral issue of Canada. Contact Robert Bayes, Box 64-56, North Vancouver, BC, V7L 4L1.

VANPEX 85 is an exhibition hosted by the British Columbia Philatelic Society, to be held in Vancouver on October 19 and 20. Deadline for entries is October 1. For additional information, write to: BCPS, Box 2356, Main P.O., Vancouver, BC, V6B 3W5.

FOR SALE - Dutch stamps: mint, mnh, and used. Call Michael Teekens at 259-5327 (home) or 265-1733 (bus.)

WANTED - Canada used plate blocks with circle-dated cancels. Phone Ed at 274-0021.

THE STAMP GALLERY - stamps, postcards, postal history, etc. 409 Grain Exchange Building, 815 First Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 1N3. Telephone 290-1020.

WANTED - a set of used 1964 Scotts catalogs, volumes 1 to 4. Call Mike at 280-3961 between 0900 and 1200.

WANTED - Interested, enthusiastic, honest individuals to make up stamp packets. Work at home, set your own hours, pleasant, non-strenuous, experience not necessary. Big discount on any stamps purchased. A fun way to make some extra money. Phone Jim Taylor at 238-3698.

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AUSTRALASIAN STUDY GROUP - meets the third Wednesday of every month. If you are interested, phone Leanna Johnson at 282-9775 or Don Fraser at 274-7411.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 1985

September	18		Auction
	25		Auction
October	2		General meeting
	6		Sunday bourse
	16		Auction
	23		Auction
November	6		General meeting
	20		Auction
	27		Auction
December	4		Christmas party

Meetings and auctions are held at the Kerby Center, at 1133 - 7 Ave SW, starting at 8 pm sharp. Auction lots should be placed before 730 pm to allow bidder viewing.

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