

A L L O U R O W N W O R K



The story of one N.A.V. medallion is told on page 17 by Mrs. Betty Turvey, who has served for many years on the medallion committee and has been responsible for part of the design in several issues.

The N.A.V. has issued some two dozen medallions since 1949 with the Annand Smith token's centenary (see Len Henderson's account on page 12). Looking back, the subjects have been many and varied, with explorers being perhaps the most consistent theme: Cook in 1967, and his death in 1979; Bass, Oxley and Sturt in 1968 to 1970, Burke and Wills in 1960. Another kind of exploration was celebrated in a commemoration of the first England-Australia flight, issued in 1969.

Three jubilees have been noted: 50 years since Federation, our own silver jubilee in 1971, and two for the price of one in 1977 for the Queen's silver jubilee and our 500th meeting. (We are now past the 700 mark.) Fifty years since the Gallipoli landing (issued 1965) was hardly a jubilee.

We also took note of the 1953 coronation, the Olympic Games in 1956, the royal wedding of 1981 (see page 81), Halley's comet, Victoria's sesquicentenary, Australia's bicentenary (see front cover) and the sesquicentenary of the 1813 "holey dollar". There was also an odd issue for "Papua", and a souvenir of the exhibition in the Town Hall in 1964.

One consistent theme, believe it or not, links this medley together: each one has been struck in limited numbers; they hold their value well at auction or in (rare) private sales; and the great majority have been designed by members of the Association. To read the names of the designers is to read part of the history of amateur numismatics in this State.

We hope to continue this tradition in the future.

