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**New obverse coin portrait of Queen Elizabeth II
by Jody Clark**

(courtesy: The Royal Mint website)

NAV December 2014 Meeting

(see minutes commencing on page 6)



David Likar receiving the Max Stern Trophy from President Darren Burgess



Secretary Bill Xynos and President Darren Burgess

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SYLLABUS 2015

No	Date	Topic	Speaker
1021	20 March	My Favourite Medals	Bill Xynos
1022	17 April	ANZAC Oration (Tender Sale)	Ross Wilkinson
1023	15 May	Highlights from the English Hammered Series	Michael Wade (Melbourne NS)
1024	19 June		<i>(speaker required)</i>

NAVigator

The change of seasons sees a new portrait of Queen Elizabeth II for UK coinage and, if recent numismatic history is any indication, we can safely assume that this portrait will adorn Australia's coinage in the near future.

The mid 1960's saw a resurgence in numismatics with the advent of decimal currently, with people searching their change for those elusive rarities and wanting to know more about the coins they carried in their pockets. Who knows, maybe this new portrait, will prompt people to look at their coins and want to know more. If they do, we'll be here to help them on that journey.

Also as a result of events in 1965 we've seen the Royal Australian Mint celebrate their 50th anniversary with a series of events in Canberra and the release of a gold plated 50 cent piece. It's no coincidence that the Melbourne Numismatic Society are also set to mark their golden anniversary shortly with a coin show on 11th April.

I would certainly encourage our members to participate in this event, ideally as an exhibitor of numismatic material, but if that's not something you feel you can do then at least let's support our fellow collectors by attending the event.

Darren Burgess, President

Centenary of Gallipoli Medallion

To commemorate the centenary of the Anzac's campaign on Gallipoli, the Numismatic Association of Victoria is striking a medallion. The NAV also celebrated both the 50th and 75th anniversaries with medallions.

The medallion will feature Albert Jacka VC MC and Bar. Further details and an order form will be enclosed with this copy of *The Australian Numismatist*.

Social Media Update

Would it surprise you to learn that the NAV has friends in Saudi Arabia, Bulgaria, India and Mexico? These people, and over 35 others, have never attended a meeting and many are not likely to either. However they do follow the NAV on Facebook. Our Facebook page posts coin related news stories as well as information about local forthcoming numismatic events such as the recent visit to Melbourne by the Royal Australian Mint on Australia Day or a recent talk on *Ceylon Coins, Currency & Coffee Tokens* in Burwood. A recent post on the imminent release of the new portrait of Queen Elizabeth II by the British Royal Mint reached nearly 200 people thanks to the Royal Mint just liking our post. This portal gives the association an international reach and certainly meets one of the key objectives of the society, which is to inform the public about our wonderful hobby.

Following is a breakdown of the demographics of the followers of the NAV on Facebook (as at 4/3/2015):

By Country		By City	
Australia	33	Melbourne, Vic	12
Saudi Arabia	3	Dammam, Ash Sharqiyah	2
Bulgaria	2	Perth, WA	2
Canada	1	Hobart, Tasmania	2
Italy	1	Kadina, SA	1
USA	1	Ballarat, Vic	1
New Zealand	1	Buffalo, New York	1
India	1	Sydney, NSW	1
Mexico	1	Bendigo, Vic	1
		Ranchi, Jharkhand	1
Total	44	Total	24

Our five most recent (to 4/3/2015) posts were:

Date	Post	Reached
2/3/2015	The Royal Mint has released the Queen's new portrait for UK coinage. What are your thoughts?	12
2/3/2015	Britannia is set to make a welcome return to Britain's circulating coinage.	7
2/3/2015	Oh so that's where I left my spare change!	20
2/3/2015	Melbourne Numismatic Society 50 th Anniversary Coin Show.	5
20/2/2015	The Royal Australian Mint are getting ready for their birthday bash tomorrow and they've the one's	17

And here's a look at traffic since the start of the year:



Darren Burgess, President

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No. 1019

12 DECEMBER 2014

Location Celtic Club, Second Floor, 320 Queen Street, Melbourne
Chair President, Darren Burgess **Secretary** Bill Xynos
Present: 12 members **Apologies:** 6 members
Visitor(s): Mrs M Robinson and Mr J Mina

The President opened the meeting at 8:04pm and reminded members to sign the visitors' book. He also thanked the visitors (Margaret and James) for their presence and welcomed them to our Special evening.

Preliminary

Minutes of General Meeting #1018 (21 November 2014) and Council Report – Tabled and distributed.

The proposal to accept both documents was moved by Len Henderson, seconded by Tony Gordon and carried.

Council Report

Details are:

Finance and Membership (David Likar)

Balance of No.2 Account stands at \$2003.12 as of 28th November, with cheques 513 & 514 issued for \$99.95 and \$162.95 correspondingly. There are four outstanding memberships, which will cease to be active members as of this meeting.

Website / Social Networking (Frank Robinson / Darren Burgess)

No further updates.

Australian Numismatist (Frank Robinson)

2014 No 4 issue is nearing completion.

Syllabus (Frank Robinson)

- February Annual General Meeting and Tender Sale
- March Bill Xynos My Favourite Medals
- April ANZAC Oration, speaker required (Tender Sale)

There is no meeting in January.

Speakers required for all meetings from April to September (inclusive).

NAA Affairs (Ross Wilkinson)

A reminder that the NAA Conference will be held in Adelaide on the weekend of 24th – 25th October 2015.

Library (Bill Xynos) – No update

ANDA Melbourne Show (Bill Xynos) – No update.

Matters Arising from Council Report

Treasurer David Likar has regretfully explained to the members about the striking of four members from the Membership List, following unanswered requests to renew their subscriptions for 2014.

On responding to the Syllabus Coordinator Frank Robinson, member Ross Wilkinson will give a presentation in next April.

On NAA Affairs, Ross Wilkinson informed us that last month's information is now outdated. The NAA 6th Biennial Conference will be held at the Naval Military and Air Force Club of South Australia in Adelaide during the weekend of 24-25 October 2015 that will include a bourse, with an organised dinner on Friday evening.

Correspondence

Inwards:

- NAB Statement & Term Deposit Announcement of forthcoming maturity
- Geelong Numismatic Society Newsletter Oct 14
- IBNS Melb Chapter Newsletter Dec 14
- Queensland Numismatic Society Inc Monthly Magazine Nov 14
- Newcastle Numismatic Society Bulletin Nov 14
- Philatelics Australia Inter-Post Auction 142 (5/12/14)

New Acquisitions

Tony Gordon – He was able to obtain at ridiculous prices a number of US Silver Dollars (Morgan & Peace) from a Melbourne-based dealer's e-auction, plus some Mauritius Rupee notes c.1970s in fine condition, and an Ethiopian pre-war banknote, including some QEII NZ banknotes.

Frank Robinson – He showed a book on JIM currency (as advertised in the CAB magazine) but with minor content discrepancies.

NAV Awards

Long Term Memberships

President Darren Burgess opened this session by thanking all members for their loyal support. In accordance to the Constitution, there are a number of members who have remained with the Association for many years, and as such, deserving the special long-term membership award pin.

15 Years of Membership

There are two members who have completed 15 years of membership: Mr Wayne Matthews (NAV member 1116, joined 21/5/1999) and Mr Ross Wilkinson (NAV member 1120, joined 19/11/1999). The President invited Ross to receive his special pin – a lovely replica of the Athenian tetradrachm with the Roman numeral of XV, signifying 15 years of loyal membership. Ross was extremely pleased with the award!

25 Years of Membership

Then, the President declared that Mr John Yarwood (NAV member 1037, joined in 1987) has completed 25 years of membership.

40 Years of Membership

He continued on by announcing that Mr Geoff Thomas (NAV member 838, joined 18/10/1974) has completed 40 years of membership.

50 Years of Membership

In joining this elite group of members, Darren announced that members Mr Maurice Keain (NAV member 421, joined 21/6/1963), Mr Chris Haymes (NAV member 452, joined 17/4/1964), Mr Ken Downie (NAV member 468, joined 19/6/1964), Mr Edwin Jewell (NAV member 478, joined 17/7/1964) and Barry Clark (NAV member 534, joined 11/12/1964) have completed 50 years of membership.

On behalf of the Association, President Darren Burgess congratulated all these members for this extraordinary achievement and was joined by all present in the customary manner. These special awards will be sent to these members soon. Darren will personally present Mr Ken Downie with his well-earned award.

Annual Awards

The President continued on with the annual awards.

Stan Church Award (for original numismatic research)

There has been no evidence for this award to be merited.

Award of Merit

The Council felt that there has been no strong evidence for this award to be presented.

Certificate of Appreciation

The Council has considered carefully and reached to the decision to award it to Mr Noel Lodge, our tireless Auditor since 2007.

Council Award (presented to members who are not in the Council)

Darren stated that all considerations led to one member, who has done so much work for the Association in his relatively short time as a member. His enthusiasm and enterprising ideas for promoting the NAV has been outstanding and Darren invited member Tony Gordon to receive this award. Tony was pleasantly surprised and all present congratulated him.

The President's Award

The President continued the tradition of presenting this special award. Without any doubt, Darren explained that the recipient has been worthy so many times, given his dedication and loyalty to the NAV for many years. He was delighted in presenting this award to member Pat Shields, a lovely French silver coin. Pat was very pleased and all congratulated him warmly.

ANDA-NAV Competitive Exhibition

As per report a few months ago, Frank Robinson received the inaugural “Terry Pepperell Shield” (perpetual ANDA-NAV Trophy) for his display “Coins of Edward VIII – The Uncrowned King”. He has also received the “The Tom May Award” for the Show’s Most Popular Exhibit: “Millions and Billions”. ‘... a well-deserved achievement’, according to the President.

Max Stern Trophy

The President pointed to the Perpetual Trophy, an impressive silver trophy that many members aspire to hold onto and have their names engraved for posterity. While the winner becomes the custodian of this magnificent piece for only a year, a lovely miniature replica is presented to the winner to keep forever. This award is for the best numismatic presentation and according to Darren, the voting for the top two speakers was separated by a single point! And with this, Darren asked member David Likar to receive his well-earned trophies for his excellent presentation on the “Royal Photographic Society Medal 1863-1963”. David was quite shocked as this has been his first presentation ever! All present congratulated David warmly and acclaimed of his presentation as one of the best in recent times.

Numismatic Quiz & Door Prizes

Vice-President Frank Robinson conducted the numismatic quiz superbly and member Bill Xynos was the winner with 16 points out of 20, followed by other members. Finally, the door prizes were drawn and won by members Joan Henderson, David Likar, Ross Wilkinson and Darren Burgess.

The President thanked all members, wished them all the best for the Festive Season, a Happy New Year and by declaring the Meeting closed (at 8.57pm), he asked all to stay and enjoy the Supper, kindly organised by the Celtic Club management.

From the Archives – 40 years ago

The following item appeared in *The Australian Numismatist*, Vol 29 No 2, March/April 1975 issue, p12.

“Did You Know?”

“In 1876 there was a breakdown of machinery at the Royal Mint, London, in consequence of which all pennies for that year were struck at the Heaton Mint. The “H” on Heaton dies was engraved by hand, with the result that its position is subject to variation. The absence of a bar on certain “H” mint marks was the result of either weak striking pressure or wear on dies.”

December 2014 Quiz

Members at the December meeting took part in a quiz. The winner with 16 correct was Bill Xynos. Can you do better without looking at reference material? Here are the questions.

- 1 Australian circulation shillings of which date have a dot after the date?
(a) 1910; (b) 1936; (c) 1938; (d) 1946
- 2 What year was the last pre-decimal commemorative coin?
(a) 1951; (b) 1953; (c) 1954; (d) 1964
- 3 What alloy was the Australian 1966 50 cent coin?
(a) 50% Ag, 40% Cu, 5% Zn, 5% Ni; (b) 80% Ag, 20% Cu;
(c) 92.5% Ag, 7.5% Cu; (d) 75% Cu, 25% Ni
(note: Ag = silver, Cu = copper, Ni = nickel, Zn = zinc)
- 4 What year was the first decimal commemorative coin?
(a) 1966; (b) 1970; (c) 1977; (d) 1981
- 5 What year was a 20 cents commemorative coin issued for the Centenary of International Women's Day?
(a) 2009; (b) 2010; (c) 2011; (d) 2012
- 6 Who was the only signatory on Australian notes to sign as "Deputy"?
(a) J G Phillips; (b) M J Phillips; (c) R J Randall; (d) E C Riddle
- 7 The watermark portrait of Captain Cook is at lower centre on which denomination of the George VI notes?
(a) 10 shillings; (b) 1 pound; (c) 5 pounds; (d) 10 pounds
- 8 Which trade is **not** named on the tokens of Edward De Carle?
(a) auctioneer; (b) grocer; (c) iron monger; (d) spirit merchant
- 9 Which of these Victorian halfpenny tokens does **not** depict a kangaroo?
(a) Crombie, Clapperton & Findlay; (b) Nokes; (c) Taylor;
(d) Thrale & Cross
- 10 How many **issued** NAV medallions did Terry Pepperell design?
(a) eight; (b) nine; (c) ten; (d) eleven
- 11 How many medallions were originally intended to be in the NAV Explorer medallion series?
(a) four; (b) six; (c) ten; (d) twelve
- 12 Who designed the NAV 15 year continuous membership badge?
(a) Hans Ferdinand; (b) Ray Jewell; (c) Terry Pepperell; (d) Ron Stewart
- 13 When last struck, what was the value of the guinea?
(a) 20 shillings; (b) 21 shillings; (c) 25 shillings; (d) 30 shillings

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- 14 Which Pacific Ocean country issued a 1 penny coin with Edward VIII's name?
(a) Fiji; (b) New Zealand; (c) Tonga; (d) Western Samoa
- 15 What are the initials of the Dutch East Indies Co appearing on some of their coins?
(a) DEIC; (b) EIC; (c) NEI; (d) VOC
- 16 Which country issued a JIM note with a denomination of "¼"?
(a) Burma; (b) Malaya; (c) Netherlands East Indies; (d) Philippines
- 17 Which country issued this note?



- (a) Bangladesh; (b) Bhutan; (c) India; (d) Nepal
- 18 Which country issued this note?



- (a) Iraq; (b) Jordan; (c) Lebanon; (d) Syria
- 19 Which country was the first to issue a polymer note with a denomination of one million units?
(a) Belarus; (b) Romania; (c) Turkey; (d) Zimbabwe
- 20 What was the value of the Brazilian half Johanna coin?
(a) 6400 reis; (b) 8400 reis; (c) 10 500 reis; (d) 12 800 reis

The answers are on page 29.

– Frank Robinson

From the Archives – 50 years ago

The following item appeared in *The Australian Numismatist*, Vol 19 No 3, March 1965 issue, pp 4-5. This was the foundation of the Melbourne Numismatic Society which is now celebrating its 50th anniversary. Congratulations to the MNS on achieving their half century. As part of their celebrations, they will be holding a Coin Show on Saturday 11 April at Mitcham (details are on the NAV website).

“New Coin Club

“By the time this number of our Journal is published it is hoped that a new Society will have been formed in the Eastern suburbs.

“A meeting has been convened for March 11th, 1965 at the Guild Hall, St. Silas’ Church of England, Osburn Ave., Nth. Balwyn at 8pm. and thence the second Thursday in each month.

“All collectors interested are invited to attend these meetings.”

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING No 68

20 FEBRUARY 2015

Location Celtic Club, Second Floor, 320 Queen Street, Melbourne
Chair President, Darren Burgess **Secretary** Bill Xynos
Present: 11 members **Apologies:** 6 members **Visitor(s):** Ms Parajuli

The meeting was opened at 7:50 pm. The President thanked all for attending these meetings tonight and extended a special welcome to member Bimal Khatiwada and his friend Ms Parajuli.

Preliminary

Minutes of Annual General Meeting #67 (21 February 2014)

These were tabled and the motion for acceptance was moved by Frank Robinson, seconded by Tony Gordon and carried. No business was raised from these minutes.

President’s Report

Tabled and read by the President.

Secretary’s Report

Tabled and read by the Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Tabled and read by the President due to the Treasurer's absence.

Acceptance of these reports

Moved: Len Henderson Seconded: Frank Robinson

Matters arising from these annual reports

The President analysed and clarified the tabled information on NAV Journal where progressive changes to the content during 2014 have established that savings will be achieved in 2015, thus reducing the projected expenditure on NAV Journal for the year.

Elections (NAV Council for 2015)

Nominations received for the New Council

- President (1 seat) – Darren Burgess.
- Vice President (2 seats) – Frank Robinson.
- Secretary (1 seat) – Bill Xynos.
- Treasurer (1 seat) – David Likar.
- Councillors (3 seats) – Tony Gordon

With no matters arising on this matter, the President thanked member Tony Gordon for entering his nomination for a Council position. Darren stated that with no contest arising from each position, it is declared that all nominees for Council in 2015 are duly elected according to the Constitution.

The President thanked all members for their support and closed the AGM at 8:25 pm.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No. 1020

20 FEBRUARY 2015

Location Celtic Club, Second Floor, 320 Queen Street, Melbourne
Chair President, Darren Burgess **Secretary** Bill Xynos
Present: 11 members **Apologies:** 6 members **Visitor(s):** Ms Parajuli

The President opened the meeting at 8:26 pm.

Preliminary

Minutes of General Meeting #1019 (12 December 2014) – These were tabled and accepted by the members on a motion put by Len Henderson, seconded by Bill Xynos.

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Council Report

This was tended and accepted. Details are:

Finance and Membership (David Likar)

Balance of No.2 Account stands at \$1643.12 as of 30 January 2015. Term Deposit matures on 18 March 2015 (principal amount of \$27 494).

Website (Frank Robinson)

Preparations are currently being worked on for updating the Syllabus content. Visitors are advised to look at the 'What's New' for NAV updates.

Publications (Frank Robinson)

Apologies for the delay of the already distributed Issue No 4 / 2014 that drew accolades from the Council. The 2014 period has been a period of 'trial' for the contents of the Journal. Issue No 1 / 2015 should be released within by mid-March or earlier. Members' submissions must be forwarded to the Editor as soon as possible.

Syllabus (Frank Robinson)

- 20 February Annual General Meeting and Tender Sale
- 20 March Bill Xynos My Favourite Medals
- 17 April ANZAC Oration Ross Wilkinson
Gallipoli – Inspiration or Lunacy (Tender Sale)
- 15 May Michael Wade (Melbourne NS) Highlights from the
English Hammered Series
- 19 June (speaker required) (Tender Sale)
- 17 July Ray Jewell Memorial Meeting (speaker required)
(Tender Sale)
- 21 August (speaker required) (Tender Sale)
- 18 September Darren Burgess Melbourne City Council Collection
(Tender Sale)
- 16 October Donation Auction
- 20 November (speaker required)¹ (Tender Sale)
- 11 December Christmas Meeting, Quiz, Awards and Supper

Other Numismatic Events:

- 11 April Melbourne Numismatic Society's Show & Exhibition St
John's Parish Hall, 494 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham, VIC
MNS 50th year anniversary
- 11-12 April APTA / ANDA Melbourne Stamp, Coin and Banknote
Show Bayview on the Park, 52 Queens Road,
Melbourne, VIC

¹ After the meeting, Bruce McElholum volunteered to be the speaker in November.

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- 22-23 August ANDA / APTA Melbourne Stamp, Coin and Banknote Show Bayview on the Park, 52 Queens Road, Melbourne, VIC
- 24-25 October NAA Adelaide Convention
- 7-8 November APTA / ANDA Melbourne Stamp, Coin and Banknote Show Bayview on the Park, 52 Queens Road, Melbourne, VIC

NAA Affairs (Ross Wilkinson)

Darren Burgess has been elected to the NAA Council as one of three Members' representatives. Ross Wilkinson has been asked by the Council to continue his duties as the Victoria representative to the NAA.

Tender Sales (Ross Wilkinson)

Sufficient interesting stock from members and donations will enable tender sales to be held every two months commencing at the February Meeting. A date for the Donation Auction is yet to be determined but will tie in with the ANDA Fair when significant donations are collected from dealers.

Medals (Frank Robinson)

Designs for a medallion commemorating the centenary of the Anzac troops on Gallipoli have been prepared.

Matters arising

On the matter of Publications, Vice-President Frank Robinson apologised for the late mail out of the Journal. All members accepted it but complemented on the high quality of the latest issue. Also, with input from members Joan Henderson and Tony Gordon, postage savings can be achieved by hand-delivering a number of copies at our General Meetings, a suggestion that will be considered by Frank.

Correspondence

Inwards:

- Bank Statements (Account #2) and Bank Notice (Term Deposit)
- Letter of enquiry on sports medals
- Email from metaldetector.com (insertion of their link to our website)
- Email on request to borrow two NAV Library books
- Email on Henry Parkes medal
- Festive Season card from member Gillian Davis
- Membership Subscriptions (4)
- Melbourne Numismatic Society's Application forms for their competitive exhibition in April
- Ceylon Society of Australia – Invitation to talk on Ceylonese currency

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- Roger McNiece – availability of Commemorative Tasmanian medals
- Banyule Council – Napier Waller House tour referred to Committee
- Email from Renniks regarding new search details on their website
- 1855 Sydney Mint Sovereign alloy enquiry

Correspondence from clubs, societies and associations:

- Australian Numismatic Society Report (Dec 2015)
- Australian Numismatic Society – QLD Branch News Bulletin (Jan 2015)
- IBNS – Melb Chapter Newsletter (Feb 2015)
- Newcastle Numismatic Society Bulletin (Dec 2014 & Jan 2015)
- Numismatic Society of South Australia Newsletter (Dec 2014)
- Queensland Numismatic Society Monthly Magazine (Dec 2014 & Jan 2015)
- Royal Numismatic Society of New Zealand Newsletter (Jan 2015)
- Tasmanian Numismatic Society Numismatist (Jan-Feb 2015)
- Numismatic Association of Australia – results of election
- Numismatic Association of Australia – stolen medals recovered
- Numismatic Association of Australia – AGM on 27/3/2015 at Status Int'l House (Sydney)
- Bathurst Exhibitions 2015 email/document

New Acquisitions

Members showed a variety of numismatic items. The President showed a restriking of 2015 obverse design on existing coins (at a special RAM mobile unit at the Federation Square), where a flaw on the same spot appears. Also, he obtained a new Dollar coin (mob of Roos) and the 2015 dated ANZAC Dollar.

Member Bruce McElholm showed a Roman Follis of Constantine from the London Mint with an obverse made at Lyon and a reverse made locally (deformed dwarf).

General Business

Bruce McElholm informed the members that the Catholic Theological College (Mannix Library) has two displays of coins from the 1st and 2nd Jewish Revolt, currently exhibited from Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. There is no admission fee.

President Darren Burgess informed the members that a visit to the MCG (re: Helen Walpole's presentation on the Sports Museum (*Gold for Australia! Stories of our sporting medals*)) will be arranged on the 13th of March (around 11:30 am) with interest from the Melbourne Numismatic Society. If members of the NAV are interested, they can see him after the meeting as our participation may achieve a discount on the entry fee.

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John Chapman enquired about the sale of his surplus medals and Darren confirmed that a pair was sold at the Donation Auction last year. Further sales can be achieved and this will be looked at soon.

Tony Gordon expressed his satisfaction for our successful Christmas meeting and informed us that Mr Mina was also impressed.

The President thanked all and declared the Meeting closed at 8:40 pm, followed by the Tender Sales, conducted by Pat Shields and assisted by Bill Xynos. Light refreshments were organised by the Celtic Club management.

NAV President's Report 2014

As I reflect on 2014 there are, as usual, a mixture of emotions. Although we continue to provide support at the Melbourne ANDA fair, our role last year was reduced to manning the information tables. Despite this we rose to the occasion and informed the public about organised numismatics in Victoria, where we could, and did it with passion. It is essential we strive to promote the hobby as much as possible as it's one of our key objectives as an association.

We continue to struggle to grow our numbers in the real world, which will always be a challenge, however in the virtual world we have over 30 new Facebook members who get updates on a semi-regular basis including coin related news stories from around the world, as well as updates on our meetings and other numismatic activity in Australia. If nothing else our presence on the internet raises our profile and will hopefully bring new members to our door.

2014 also saw some unfavourable changes in our access to quality numismatic material in Melbourne. Peter Stritch upped sticks and moved to Queensland and Downies moved both their auction and retail operations, with auctions set to be held at different locations around the city throughout 2015. With Nobles disappointingly no longer holding an annual auction in Melbourne, Downies is the only predominantly numismatic auction physically held in Melbourne. It seems that most of the purchasing of coins has continued the trend of occurring on-line. While this gives those of us fortunate enough to have internet access almost infinite access to material others, who have yet to make this transition, could find it harder and harder to add quality items to their collections.

On the positive side of things in addition to strengthening our ties with local clubs such as the Morwell Numismatic Society and the Melbourne Numismatic Society, I've also had the opportunity to establish relationships with our counterparts in Western Australia (Perth Numismatic Society) and Adelaide (Numismatic Society of South Australia) as well as our continued ties with the

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Numismatic Association of Australia (NAA). Just as no man is an island I believe that our association's future lies with strong links to these other societies that share our goals.

In the spirit of cooperation this year sees the Melbourne Numismatic Society belatedly hold their biennial coin show at St. John's Catholic Church in Mitcham on April 11th. The MNS is also marking their 50th anniversary this year and I would encourage as many of our members as possible put on displays to support our fellow Victorian numismatists celebrate this milestone.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the herculean efforts of my fellow councillors; our secretary and general all round nice guy, the every ready (if occasionally late) Bill Xynos; the keeper of the coin, our erstwhile treasurer David Likar; and my right (and sometimes even left) hand man, the redoubtable Frank Robinson. I'd like to welcome Tony Gordon to the council, and we'll certainly put his enthusiasm and commercial skills to good use. Other members also continue to contribute and all I can ask is for more of the same as we could always use the help.

Darren Burgess, President

NAV Secretary's Report for Year 2014

Fellow members and friends,

It has been a privilege for me to be associated with all of you for another year. For a numismatic body that strives hard to maintain its membership, our volunteering efforts have enabled our Association to achieve so much.

Our conduct in upholding the noble hobby and maintaining the Association's aims and objectives has been remarkable and noteworthy.

The Association has moved along with another eleven months of numismatic adventures with an array of quality presentations and publications. Members should be praised for dedicating their time and knowledge for expressing their passion and knowledge through impressive talks; pushing the boundaries of normality, such as "Femininity in Numismatics" where nudity was looked at in detail (in a modest way), and the "Paper Money of the First Republic of South Africa" where history was seen from a different angle, such as the disastrous and unforgivable British concentration camps. Such talks offer us the chance of reviewing our perceptions on many issues; challenging us to consider deeply and to react.

We have also maintained our close relationship with the Morwell Numismatic Society and the Melbourne Numismatic Society. At Morwell, Five members from the NAV attended the Morwell Christmas Function where we renewed our friendships with many Morwell members, attended a splendid presentation on 'British Hammered Coinage' by Mr M Wade (President of the Melbourne

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Numismatic Society) and supported the Society through its legendary raffle program.

Then, our relationship with the Melbourne Numismatic Society's members continued through ANDA's Melbourne Coin & Banknote Show. With our common interests, volunteers from both clubs were united again, many clubs were promoted, quality exhibits were displayed and the public was educated. During 2014, our Association accepted five new members but sadly, four members discontinued their membership subscriptions.

Assistance from the Council and supporting members has been invaluable, making the management of the Association easier for all concerned. Darren's and Frank's high-level presence and efforts in promoting us locally and abroad has given a boost to our numismatic relevance. Frank's appetite for hard work has never wavered as we have enjoyed the latest quality issues of the *Australian Numismatist*; now released every quarter for the benefit of the remotely-based membership. Also, the combined efforts from Ross, Pat and David have resulted in another series of successful Tender Sales and October's Donation Auction. Our warmest appreciation goes to all members and dealers who have contributed much needed numismatic lots and supported us.

My words here cannot express the impact left on the Association by the loss (in December 2013) of our much-loved member, Terry Pepperell. At the ANDA Melbourne Show, Terry's absence of his quality exhibits was noticed, but the exhibitors worked hard to prepare high-quality exhibits, a strong competition that would have pleased him. A mark of respect, the Council has officially renamed the ANDA-NAV Perpetual Trophy as the 'Terry Pepperell Shield'. At the Show, all involved were very pleased to meet with Mrs Lorna Pepperell, who kindly accepted our invitation and present the inaugural Shield to the winner of the competitive exhibition, Frank Robinson for his exhibit "Coins of Edward VIII – The Uncrowned King".

Finally, by thanking members for supporting the Council, I cannot disregard the efforts made by our member Tony Gordon, whose enterprising attitude promoted the Association at the ANDA Show and at key CBD-based numismatic outlets; hard work that has earned him the Association's Council Award.

The Association will continue upholding its aims and objectives. Your Council will again rely on your goodwill and volunteering work for making 2015 a successful year. In closing this report, I wish you a Healthy and Happy New Year.

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2014 Syllabus Program and Members Attendance

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meeting No., Member & Presentation</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Visitors</i>	<i>Apologies</i>
21 Feb	Annual General Meeting #67 & General Meeting #1009	12	1	2
21 Mar	#1010, Len Henderson – Works of James Berry, Designer	12	1	3
11 Apr	#1011, Alan Flint – Sir John Monash	17	2	3
16 May	#1012, David Likar – Royal Photographic Society Medal 1863-1963	16	2	2
20 Jun	#1013, Bill Xynos – Femininity in Numismatics	11	1	2
18 Jul	#1014, Ray Jewell Memorial Meeting: David Briggs – The Kangaroo Office	11	-	5
15 Aug	#1015, Ross Wilkinson – Australia's First Expeditionary Force of the First World War	14	1	3
19 Sep	#1016, Guest Speaker, Helen Walpole – National Sports Museum: Medals Exhibition	11	1	5
17 Oct	#1017, Donation Auction	14	1	4
21 Nov	#1018, Rion Van Zyl Smit – Paper Money of the First Republic of South Africa	14	1	4
12 Dec	#1019, Christmas Meeting: Awards presentation and Quiz	12	2	6
Average for 2014 [2013 Average: 12 present, 2 visitors, 4 apologies]		13	1	4

Council Attendance

Meetings were held on 10th February, 8th April, 6th June, 5th August, 7th October and 3rd December 2014

President	Vice Presidents		Councillors			Treasurer	Secretary
D Burgess (6/6)	F Robinson (6/6)	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	D Likar (6/6)	B Xynos (6/6)

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Additional Voluntary Assistance to assigned Special Duties

Darren Burgess	Facebook-master https://www.facebook.com/numisvic , NAA Representative (Vic)
David Likar	Tender Sales & Donation Auctions (assist)
Frank Robinson	<i>Australian Numismatist</i> Editor, Webmaster (navic.org.au)
Pat Shields	Auctioneer of Tender Sales & Donation Auctions, Custodianship – Library/Display Cases/Dies (assist)
Ross Wilkinson	NAA Representative (Vic), Tender Sales & Donation Auctions (assist)
Bill Xynos	Emailmaster, Exhibitions Coordinator, Custodianship – Library/Archival Medals/NAV Assets Registry

Long-Term Membership Awards

Long-Term Membership Awards presented / announced at the December 2014 General Meeting

15 Year Award	Wayne Matthews (NAV 1116, joined 21/5/1999) , Ross Wilkinson (NAV 1120, joined 19/11/1999)
25 Year Award	John Yarwood (NAV 1037, joined in 1987)
40 Year Award	Geoff Thomas (NAV 838, joined 18/10/1974)
50 Year Award	Maurice Keain (NAV 421, joined 21/6/1963), Chris Haymes (NAV 452, joined 17/4/1964), Ken Downie (NAV 468, joined 19/6/1964), Edwin Jewell (NAV 478, joined 17/7/1964) and Barry Clark (NAV 534, joined 11/12/1964)

NAV Numismatic Awards

Award of Merit	<i>(no award)</i>
Max Stern Trophy	"Royal Photographic Society Medal 1863-1963" by David Likar
Council Award	Tony Gordon for his enthusiastic work at the ANDA Fair
President's Award	Pat Shields for his past invaluable contribution to the Association
Stan Church Award	<i>(no award)</i>
Certificate of Appreciation	Noel Lodge for his tireless auditing work for the Association

NAV – ANDA Numismatic Competition & Exhibition (August 2014)

Best Judged Exhibit / Winner of the inaugural "Terry Pepperell Shield" (perpetual ANDA-NAV Trophy)	"Coins of Edward VIII – The Uncrowned King" by Frank Robinson
Most Popular Exhibit / Winner of the "The Tom May Award"	"Millions and Billions" by Frank Robinson

Bill Xynos, Secretary

NAV Treasurer's Report 2013-4

The 2013 – 2014 NAV Accounting year has recorded a deficit of \$2,175 against an estimated budget deficit of \$2,020.

Summary Expenditure/Outgoings

The total expenditure/outgoings for 2013/2014 was 6,422. The main items being:

MNS* Assistance ANDA Fairs	\$	400
Postage/ Stationary	\$	600
NAV Journal	\$	1,243
NAV Newsletters/Journals	\$	1,171
Venue Rental (2013/14)	\$	360
Catering Xmas Dinner	\$	307
Monthly Meetings Refreshments	\$	710
NAV Web site	\$	218
Trophies	\$	515
NAA Journals x 2	\$	800

* Melbourne Numismatic Society

Summary Revenue

Total income for 2013/2014 was 4,427. The main incomes were:

Bank Interest	\$	1,045
Subscriptions 2013/14/15	\$	1,435
Donations/Donation Auctions	\$	424
ANANDA Fairs x 2 (July + Oct 2013)	\$	1,000

Our total combined bank balances as of 30th of Sept '14 stand at \$29,303.92 including the Stan Church Account at \$2,234.91.

Please note last year's report incorrectly had combine balances at \$28,186.97, this should have read 31,479.26.

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2014 – 2015 BUDGET**

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	\$		\$
Catering – Xmas	330	Subscriptions 2014/15	1,500
NAV Journal	2,800	Donation/s Auctions	1,200
NAV Promotion	200	Tender Sales	50
NAA Journal	600	Medallion Sales	100
Postage / Box Rental	700	ANDA Fairs	200
Trophies	300	Bank Interest (T/Dp)	1,000
Venue Rental (2014/15)	360		
NAV Web Site	250		
Meeting Refreshments	900		
	\$6,440		\$4,050
		Deficit =	\$2,390

The estimated budget for 2014 / 2015 has a projected operating loss (deficit) of \$2,390.



The costing for the proposed NAV Anzac 2015 medallion have not been included in the budget estimate due to insufficient costings as of 26/12/14.

In closing, I would once again like to thank Mr Noel Lodge for being kind enough to audit the NAV accounts.

Thankyou,

David Likar
NAV Treasurer
21st February 2015

N.A.V. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE
1st OCTOBER 2013 TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2014

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
	\$	\$	\$
BANK BALANCES lifted fwd. 5/10/2012			
General Acc @ 1/10/2013	3,291.85		
Investment Acc @ 1/10/2013*	26,032.44		
Stans Church Award Acc @ 1/10/2013 *	2,154.97	28,387.41	31,479.26
FEES			
Arrears - 2013	35.00		
Current - 2014	1,330.00		
Advertiser - 2015	70.00		
Other	0.00	1,435.00	
SALES			
Tender	70.00		
Medallions	175.00		
Journals	88.00	333.00	
DONATIONS			
Donation Auctions	244.00		
	180.00	424.00	
ANDA FAIR July 2013	600.00		
Oct 2013	400.00	1,000.00	
SUNDRIES			
	10.00	10.00	
INTEREST			
General Acc	0.00		
Investment Acc	965.71		
Stans Church Acc	79.94	1,045.65	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		4,447.65	
TOTAL		35,726.91	
* Stans Church Acc & Investment Acc are combined as a Term Deposit			
PRESIDENT 	TREASURER 		
AUDITED BY: <i>N. Kojic 05/12/14</i>		NGA Edge FCFWZ (Ret)	
		# MNS - Melbourne Numismatic Society assistance to scan tables at the ANDA Fair, July '13 and Oct '13.	
		SOCIAL Caring Xmas 307.00 Monthly Meetings 710.00 1,017.00 PRINTING Journal (O&D) x 2 1,243.00 Journal (New) x 2 1,171.94 2,414.94 POSTAGE/STATIONARY 600.70 600.70 ANDA FAIR (MNS) 400.00 400.00 TROPHIES 515.50 515.50 MEDALLIONS 0.00 0.00 VENUE RENTAL 2013/14 360.00 360.00 LIBRARY 0.00 0.00 NAA JOURNALS x 2 800.00 800.00 NAV WEBSITE 218.90 218.90 NAV FLYER - Club Promotion 95.95 95.95 TOTAL EXPENDITURE 6,422.99 BANK BALANCES @30/09/2014 General Acc 2,301.92 Investment Acc* 24,762.09 Stans Church Acc* 2,234.91 27,000.00 29,303.92 TOTAL 28,726.91	

**Media Release from the Reserve Bank of Australia,
13 February 2015**

***Next Generation Banknotes: Additional Feature for the
Vision Impaired***

The Governor, Glenn Stevens, has today announced that the next generation of Australian banknotes will include a 'tactile' feature to assist people with a vision impairment.

As previously announced, existing features to help the vision impaired tell the difference between different denominations of Australian banknotes will be maintained on the new series. These include: bright colours; large and bold numbers; and different sizes for each denomination of banknote. The Bank will also continue to fund the production of the 'cash test card'. The addition of a 'tactile' feature will further assist people with a vision impairment to tell the difference between denominations.

This decision is the culmination of extensive research by the Bank into whether an effective and durable tactile marking could be included on Australian banknotes. This included consultation with the vision impaired community, other stakeholders and overseas central banks.

The testing and trialling process for the next generation of banknotes is ongoing and designs have not yet been finalised. Details about the new designs, the release dates and how they will be issued will be released in a timely way, so that the public can be confident they understand how to recognise and use the new banknotes.

Divers on the Money

(news report in Herald Sun, Thursday, 19 February 2015, p25)

SCUBA divers have uncovered the biggest trove of gold coins ever found off Israel's Mediterranean coast – about 2000 pieces dating back more than 1000 years.

It was by chance that members of a diving club at the Roman-era port of Caesarea discovered the coins circulated by the Fatimid Caliphate, which ruled much of the Middle East and North Africa from 909 to 1171.

New Secretary to the Treasury

Information on the website of The Treasury² (of the Australian Government) is that the new Secretary to the Treasury is Mr John Fraser with effect from 15 January 2015.

Mr Fraser replaces Mr Martin Parkinson who was dismissed in December 2014 by the Prime Minister, Mr Abbott.

Most recently Mr Fraser was Chairman and CEO of UBS Global Asset Management from late 2001 to 2013 based in London. During this time, John was also a member of the UBS Group Executive Board and Chairman of UBS Saudi Arabia. In 2014, John remained as Chairman of UBS Global Asset Management, Chairman of UBS Saudi Arabia and Chairman of UBS Grocon Real Estate.

Prior to joining UBS and its predecessor organisations in 1993, John served for over twenty years with the Australian Treasury including appointment as Deputy Secretary (Economic) from 1990 – 1993 and postings at the International Monetary Fund (1978-1980) and as Minister (Economic) at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC (1985-1988).

Further information about John Fraser is available on The Treasury website.



*Mr John Fraser, Secretary to the Treasurer
(courtesy The Treasury website)*

As the Secretary to the Treasury is one of the two signatories on Australia's notes (the other being the Governor, Reserve Bank of Australia), we can expect to see Mr Fraser's signature in due course – however this could be

² www.treasury.gov.au/About-Treasury/OurDepartment/Secretary-to-the-Treasury

another two years or so, depending on how soon notes with his signature are printed and how long before they are issued.

Media Release from The Royal Mint, 2 March 2015

The reveal of the Queen's fifth coin portrait

The Royal Mint has today unveiled a new coinage portrait of Her Majesty The Queen, giving the general public the first glimpse of the image that will soon be a familiar sight on United Kingdom coins.

This is only the fifth definitive portrait of The Queen to appear on our circulating coins since her accession to the throne in 1952, making it a very rare event indeed. When it appears in our change later this year, it will become the fourth portrait currently in circulation, joining those created in 1968, 1985 and 1998; together, the coins that carry them tell the story of Her Majesty's lifetime and paint a compelling picture of the story of her reign.

It has also been revealed today that the new portrait is designed by Jody Clark. He is the first Royal Mint engraver to be chosen to create a definitive royal coinage portrait in over 100 years.

Just 33 when his design was selected from a number of anonymous submissions to a design competition, Jody is the youngest of the five designers to have created the portraits of The Queen that have appeared on UK circulating coin during her 63 year reign.

Adam Lawrence, Chief Executive of The Royal Mint, said: "This change of royal portrait will make 2015 a vintage year for UK coins, and it will be hugely exciting for us all to see the new design appear on the coins we use every day.

"Jody's achievement is something that we can celebrate as a proud moment for The Royal Mint. Capturing a portrait on the surface of a coin demands the utmost skill, and is one of the most challenging disciplines of the coin designer's art. The last Royal Mint Engraver to be commissioned to undertake a royal portrait was George William de Saulles, who engraved the portrait of Edward VII which first appeared on the coinage in 1902."

Commenting on the honour of being selected, Jody Clark said: "I really liked the four previous coin portraits – each one is strong in its own way. I hope that I've done Her Majesty justice and captured her as I intended, in a fitting representation. The news that my design had been chosen was quite overwhelming, and I still can't quite believe that my royal portrait will be featured on millions of coins, playing a small part in The Royal Mint's 1,000 year history."

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Jody's elegant portrayal of The Queen, wearing the Royal Diamond Diadem crown worn for her Coronation, was selected in a closed competition organised by the Royal Mint Advisory Committee (RMAC), a consultative panel to Her Majesty's Treasury comprising experts from such fields as history, sculpture, architecture, art and design. A number of specialist designers from across Britain were invited to submit their own interpretations of the Queen's portrait under anonymous cover, and each one was judged on its merits and suitability before the winning artwork was recommended to the Chancellor and, ultimately, The Queen for approval.

Coins featuring the new effigy go into production as of today, and the public are being urged to keep a watchful eye on their coins later this year when it will start to appear in pockets, purses and piggy banks across the land.

It is assumed that Australia will start using this new portrait next year (2016), however we will need to wait for news from the Royal Australian Mint.

The new portrait is shown on the front cover, and the first four definitive portraits (as used on Australian coins) are shown on the back cover.

Answers to December 2014 Quiz

- | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 (c) 1938 | 8 (c) iron monger | 15 (d) VOC |
| 2 (c) 1954 | 9 (b) Nokes | 16 (a) Burma |
| 3 (b) 80% Ag, 20% Cu | 10 (d) eleven | 17 (a) Bangladesh |
| 4 (b) 1970 | 11 (d) twelve | 18 (c) Lebanon |
| 5 (c) 2011 | 12 (c) Terry Pepperell | 19 (b) Romania |
| 6 (b) M J Phillips | 13 (b) 21 shillings | 20 (a) 6400 reis |
| 7 (c) 5 pounds | 14 (a) Fiji | |

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Vice President: Frank ROBINSON
Secretary: Bill XYNOS
Treasurer: David LIKAR

Councillor

Tony Gordon

Editor "Australian Numismatist": Frank ROBINSON

Recipients of the NAV 'Award of Merit'

1969	H J Jenkin *	1998	P A Shields
1971	E Philpotts *	2000	T R B May *
1974	R T N Jewell FRNS *	2001	P J Harwood *
1979	J Simon BEM *	2001	J O'Riley *
1986	B Turvey	2003	P F Hamilton
1990	L T Pepperell *	2005	F J Robinson
1992	H J Prange	2006	J E Hope *
1994	D F Wicks *	2011	B Xynos
1996	Dr J M Chapman		
1996	R L Henderson	*	deceased

Past Presidents

Rev F C Bremer, Ed	1946 – 1948	R L Henderson, FRNS	1979 – 1980
W E Curran, Ed, FRNS	1948 – 1950	H J Prange	1981 – 1982
N W Adams	1950 – 1953	L T Pepperell	1983 – 1984
R W Farman	1953 – 1955	J M Faringdon-Davis	1985 – 1986
E Kennedy	1955 – 1957	G M Faringdon-Davis	1987 – 1988
J Gartner	1957 – 1958	H J Prange	1989 – 1990
H P Higson	1958 – 1960	Dr J M Chapman, FRNS	1991 – 1992
E Philpotts	1960 – 1962	P A Shields	1993 – 1994
W E Curran, Ed, FRNS	1962 – 1964	T G Davies	1995 – 1996
R T N Jewell, FRNS	1964 – 1965	J O'Riley	1997 – 1999
R G Stewart	1965 – 1967	F J Robinson	2000 – 2002
P Simon, FRNS	1968 – 1969	L T Pepperell	2003 – 2005
F H Heard	1970 – 1972	P F Hamilton	2006
W E Purnell	1973 – 1974	F J Robinson	2007 – 2011
H J Prange	1975 – 1976	W R Wilkinson	2012
P J Downie	1977 – 1978		

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(see minutes commencing on page 6)



Pat Shields receiving the President's Award



Tony Gordon receiving the Council Award



Frank Robinson receiving the Terry Pepperell Shield "Replica"

***The first four coin portraits of Queen Elizabeth II
as used on Australian coins (years appearing on Australian coins)***



by Mary Gillick (1953 – 1964)



by Arnold Machin (1966 – 1984)



by Raphael Maklouf (1985 – 1998)



by Ian Rank-Broadley (1999 – 2015?)