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**Athletics International 1970 medal honouring
Ron Clarke**



*Betty Turvey, who was born on Anzac Day 1915,
after being presented with her 50 year continuous membership badge*

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SYLLABUS 2015

No	Date	Topic	Speaker
1027	18 September	Melbourne City Council Collection	Darren Burgess
1028	16 October	Donation Auction	----
1029	20 November	Survey of the Antoninianus in the 3rd Century	Bruce McElholm
1030	11 December (2 nd Friday)	Christmas Meeting: Awards and The One That Got Away, Or Didn't Get Away	----

Obituary – Ian Russell Young (member No 17)



Ian Russell Young was born in Kew on 25 January, 1931 and he sadly passed away on 5 December 2014. Ian was the last of our Foundation Members.

He was educated at Scotch College, Melbourne. For much of his working life he was involved with the printing firm Hames and Young, which had been founded by his father. He was subsequently a member of the Commonwealth Public Service in the Employment and Industrial Relations Department. Having been an employer himself, he was asked to meet with other employers to encourage them to contact the Commonwealth Employment Service when seeking staff members. He was known for the quality of the reports he wrote summarising the outcomes of these visits. He retired in April 1986.

Ian had an extraordinarily inquiring mind. His study of numismatics and philately saw him develop a great knowledge of ancient and modern civilizations. In his teens, Ian began to visit the Eastern Market. He was fascinated by many of the shops but the target of his regular pilgrimages soon became the shop of Ronald Curwen Walker, Stamp and Coin Dealer.

From this time onwards collecting coins became a major part of Ian's life. He well remembered too his mother purchasing his first Roman coin – a rather worn dupondius of Antoninus Pius.

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It was another collector known as “the Padre” (Major F Charles Bremer) who told Ian of the proposed formation of The Numismatic Association of Victoria. Ian attended the inaugural meeting at the Victorian Railways Institute on Friday 17 May 1946 and became a founding member (Number 17).

The Minutes of the Meetings show Ian’s attendance and participation in the Association’s activities including quiz sessions, the presentation of papers for the Association’s journal, *The Australian Numismatist*, and he served as a member of the Council from 1959 to 1964.

Ian made many friends through coin collecting including Ray Jewell, Reg Williams, and Walter Gronich. Ian assembled, in his words: “a reasonable Australian Collection – coins, tokens and medals. However, as time moved on my interests turned to other areas, mainly classical and early oriental. I eventually sold most of my Australian Collection to Ray Jewell and, as a consequence, have the satisfaction that it formed the foundation of what was to become a very fine collection indeed.”¹

On 5 April 1977, the NAV held its 500th General Meeting at the Theatre and Conference Room of the National Museum in Melbourne. On behalf of the Association, Ray Jewell presented a souvenir memento to Ian, as well as Stan Church, Don Wicks and Antoine Pignolet, the foundation members attending the first NAV meeting on 17 May 1946.

Ian was both surprised and pleased to learn in 1987 that he had been elected a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society – nominated, without his knowledge by two other members of the NAV.

On 17 May 1996, at the Association’s Golden Jubilee meeting, Ian and his wife attended this special function at the Australian Postal Institute in Lonsdale Street, where he and the then other surviving foundation member of the NAV, Don Wicks, each were presented with the 50 Years Continuous Membership Badge, as well as a special copper striking of the NAV 50th Anniversary medallion to mark their contributions to the Association. Such was the regard in which Ian was held and his knowledge of coins respected and valued.

At the meeting, Geoff Thomas (of 3NR radio and an NAV member), interviewed a panel consisting of Ian, Don Wicks, Jean Harwood and Ron Stewart who reminisced about the early days of coin collecting. They mentioned coin dealers such as R C Walker, Mrs Dawson, Orlo-Smith, and praised Ray Jewell as being the ‘hub of numismatics’, and elaborated about

¹ Quoted from Ian’s last contribution to *The Australian Numismatist* which was in the 1996 Golden Jubilee issue with his article “Reminiscences of a Coin Collector”, where he reflected on his early years as a coin collector and as a member of the NAV.

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the progress of the hobby through the years, with an emphasis on the importance of numismatic literature.

Ian's great interest in coin collecting lasted indeed for the whole of his life. He was, in many ways, at his best when speaking, without any notes, about a coin in his collection, its history, where he obtained it and what it could teach us about the period when it was used. Friends have also remembered contacting Ian at home only to find him happily classifying a new addition to his collection. How pleased he was to secure a coin he had long tried to find...or one that complemented the other coins in his collection.

Ian was very well read – an interest that supported his knowledge of coins. He was gregarious, and much admired and respected. He had very many friends from the different areas of his involvement: the Kelvin Club, the Naval and Military Club, the Victorian Fly Fishers' Association, the Lions Club of Templestowe, the Probus Club of Doncaster and in the communities of Jamieson and Kevington. They appreciated his company, his ability to tell a good story and have everyone laughing, and most too shared his enjoyment of good food and good wine – all in the best of company.

How fortunate we have been to know Ian Young and how much we will miss him.

NAVigator

This year's Melbourne ANDA/APTA Coin, Banknote and Stamp Show has been widely reported as a success by not just the dealers, but also by attendees if the numbers through the door were any indication. There were over 70 tickets sold in the first hour alone on a fine autumn morning, and most were there to acquire new items for their collection, be it the ANDA show specials or something from one of the many dealers in attendance.

Members of the NAV, Melbourne Numismatic Society (MNS) and IBNS, put on excellent displays that filled the exhibition area with a wide variety of fantastic numismatic items. The NAV, with the assistance of the MNS, also managed to handle the ticketing on the doors, sell products at the ANDA stand and promote information on other local societies. Thanks to everyone that made the effort, it is really appreciated, especially when people give freely of their own precious weekends to help support our hobby.

The NAV also took the opportunity at the show to launch our most recent medallion, commemorating the centenary of Gallipoli and the awarding of the first VC to an Australian in World War I. The silver medallion, of which only 20 were struck, was easily sold out by the end of the show, with a good number of the bronze medallions being sold too.

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I can safely say this medallion has been a real success and this is in no small part down to a team of people that made it all happen. This includes David Likar for his initial idea, Ross Wilkinson for inputs with his extensive knowledge of military history, Frank Robinson for a really captivating design, and of course Barrie Newman, and the craftsmen of the Adelaide Mint, for not only producing a stunning finished product, but for also getting it to us in time for the show.

Orders continue to come in for the remaining bronze medallions and we'll certainly be taking some of the remaining stock with us when we head to Adelaide for the NAAC2015 at the end of October. If you're keen to obtain one of these unique commemoratives then please contact the secretary through the usual channels.

As I mentioned 24th – 25th October sees Adelaide host the NAA's biannual conference at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club of South Australia. Topics on the agenda include banknotes, public collections, ancients, medieval, East African coins, medallions and their manufacture, postal notes, Anglo-Boer War, East African WWI and other WWI medals.

Events like this are a great opportunity to not only learn more about our fascinating hobby it's also an excellent way to meet up with other Australian and international numismatists. I'm really looking forward to catching up with old friends and hopefully make some new ones while I'm there. Of course I will certainly be reporting back in the next issue and, until then, wishing you happy collecting and productive researching.

Darren Burgess, President

Centenary of Gallipoli Medallions

The NAV received the Centenary of Gallipoli medallions the day before the August NAV meeting and, before the ANDA Coin Show in Melbourne that weekend was over, the silver medallions (.999 fine) were sold out. Bronze medallions are still available at \$65 each, plus postage and packing (\$12).

These medallions, the 30th that the NAV has produced, were struck by the Adelaide Mint from a design by Frank Robinson (NAV Vice President) and engraved by Michael Nanson.

Further information, and an order form, is available on the NAV website.

Social Media Update

Our Facebook page has finally surpassed the 100 Likes milestone with currently 112 people following our feed. On 12th June we reached 696 people with a post linking to an ABC News article about a missing coin collection that

was found in Port Pirie. This number was achieved because our post was shared by our friends at the Australian Coin Collecting Blog.

Our Twitter Feed now has 120 followers and a number of people have re-tweeted and liked our posts over the last couple of months including the Perth Mint and the State Library on our post regarding the reinstatement of the dome promenade at the Exhibition Building accompanied by a picture of our commemorative medallion from 1980.

Darren Burgess, President

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No. 1024

19 JUNE 2015

Location Celtic Club, Second Floor, 320 Queen Street, Melbourne
Chair President, Darren Burgess **Secretary** Bill Xynos
Present: 12 members **Apologies:** 4 members **Visitor(s):** Tracey Ralph, Alex Pallent, Robin Glaister and Charlie Sheng.

The meeting was opened at 8:10pm and welcomed all, including our visitors.

Preliminary

Minutes of General Meeting #1023 (15 May 2015) and Council Report – GM Minutes were tabled and accepted on motion m/by Joan Henderson and s/by Ross Wilkinson. CR was tabled and accepted on motion m/by Bill Xynos and s/by Ross Wilkinson.

Council Report

This was tended and accepted. Details are:

Finance and Membership (David Likar)

Finance - No.2 Account balance stands at \$1,341.22 as of 19 May 2015. Main Outgoings were: NAV Award Medals (x 30) \$840, Melbourne Numismatic Society (assistance at 2014 ANDA Fair) \$50, Domain Name NAV Website \$33 and Celtic Club Meeting \$125. Main Incomes were: Tender Sale \$71 and Membership Subscriptions (x 4) \$140.

Term Deposit - \$27,721 matured on 16 June 2015 after 3 months, giving us a return of \$176.72. The Council considered our finances and forthcoming expenses to impact during the second half of 2015, such as the financing of the proposed Gallipoli Medal. With a recommendation from the Treasurer, it was unanimously decided to divert the amount of \$5,000 into the No.2 Account, and re-invest the Term Deposit of \$22,897.72 for 6 months at the rate of 2.9%.

Outstanding membership – Stands presently at 8.

Website (Frank Robinson)

Ongoing minor updates executed, as usual.

Social Media (Darren Burgess)

As of 17th June our Facebook Page has 75 likes with 95 people engaged and some posts reaching close to 2,000 people.

As of 8th June we are now also on Twitter (@NumisVic). We currently have 13 followers and have issued 27 Tweets. Posts on our Facebook Page are automatically Tweeted.

Publications (Frank Robinson)

Second Issue for 2015 – Submitted to the printer. Frank tabled a copy of the issue at the Council meeting and all were very pleased with its outcome. Well done Frank!

Future Publications – Councillor Tony Gordon proposed a plan to the Council based on his related experience to increase the circulation and reduce the costs of production of our current journal. The proposal includes extending the current journal to be a ‘Victorian’ publication, offering a combined publication for all Victorian-based numismatic clubs and associations.

It is believed that extending the readership would make the publication more attractive to advertisers and therefore allow us to propose competitive rates to dealers. Opening up a “Classifieds” section to members of all clubs to post their wants lists and items for sale, combined with the advertising revenue, would offset the costs of production and distribution, with the aim to make this project cost-neutral to the NAV.

The Council considered Tony’s proposal and offered its full support to the project and we will start by approaching all Victorian Clubs and Societies to discuss this further with them.

Syllabus (Frank Robinson)

Details given.

NAA Affairs (Ross Wilkinson)

NAA AGM – Ross has forwarded a group of documents associated with the NAA’s Annual General Meeting held in March 2015.

NAAC2015 (Adelaide) – As well as a number of members presenting papers the NAA are offering a bourse to delegates. As a result the Association plans to sell NAV items (Medals, Journals etc) at the Conference, to be held on the 24th and 25th of October 2015. Please see flyers for further details of this forthcoming numismatic event.

NAAC2017 (Melbourne) – The Council believes that the NAV can enhance the Conference by offering visiting / tourist opportunities as well as combining this

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event with a dealer led auction possibly around October. Further details will be announced as planning progresses.

International Numismatic Congress 2027 – The NAA has requested support from the Victorian Delegate for their bid to host the International Numismatic Council's 6 yearly congress in Melbourne in 2027. Many opinions were raised in questioning the long-term planning, the ability of the numismatic fraternity to be able to support the event this far in the future and the expectations of the NAV in relation to this event.

The Council considered that a show of support at this stage was advisable, given that indications were that the Association would have a minimal requirement in organising the event. The Council did mention that options should be considered on holding the event in Sydney, with strong links at the NAA to Macquarie University. It's understood that the Victorian State Government is a strong supporter of the bid, which is why Melbourne has been proposed. Ultimately the proposal to support the NAA's bid to host the 2027 INC in Melbourne was unanimously accepted by the Council and Ross will contact Mr Bloom to reflect this outcome.

Incorporation – As a consequence to the above discussions the Council is reconsidering a previous decision not to incorporate. The Council wishes to the reduce personal liability of its members, especially when hosting events. It is understood that members were asked to vote for incorporation some years ago, and that the motion was rejected, mainly due to the concerns that membership details will be made publicly available. The Council has reached a decision to review the matter of incorporation and present this to the membership over the next 12 months.

Tender Sales (Ross Wilkinson/David Likar)

Material for Tender Sales and Donation Auction are always welcomed. The Council will approach sources at the ANDA Fair in August for our Donation Auction.

Medals (Frank Robinson/Darren Burgess)

A new design (VC medal & map of Gallipoli background) has been prepared and amended following membership input at the May 2015 General Meeting. The design has now been forward to the engraver for final consideration and production.

Also, due to the low stock of award medals, based on recommendations from Frank and Darren, new 'award' medals have been struck and will cover our future requirements. The finalised product was shown at the Council Meeting on 12 June.

Both medal arrangements are with the Adelaide Mint. The Council has transferred the custodianship of the NAV 'Roo' die to the Adelaide Mint and this has been properly documented.

Correspondence

Inwards:

- Bank Statement (Account #2) and Term Deposit renewal notices
- Membership Applications from Mr W Bloom, Mr R Glaister and Mr A Flowers
- Letter from the Adelaide Mint (striking of award medals, custodianship of NAV 'Roo' die)
- Letter from member L Henderson (re: Stan Church Award)
- Numismatic Association of Australia Reports (AGM, Finances, Auditing, President, Secretary & Treasurer Reports, State Representatives Reports, Website Report)
- IBNS Melb Chapter Newsletter (June 2015)
- Newcastle Numismatic Society's News Bulletin (May 2015)
- Queensland Numismatic Society Monthly Magazine (May 2015)
- Tasmanian Numismatist Newsletter (May-June 2015)
- Geelong Numismatic Society Newsletter (April 2015)

Matters arising

a) Membership nomination – Ross commented that considerations for nominations can be done by the Council outside Council Meetings, something that the Constitution does not specifically state, to which the President and Vice-President agreed.

b) New Members – The President presented to the members Council's recommendations that Walter Bloom, Robin Glaister and Anthony Flowers be elected as new members and assigned numbers, 1162, 1163 and 1164 respectively. The motion was seconded by Bill Xynos and was carried. Darren presented Robin with his NAV membership pin and was very pleased.

c) Incorporation – This was discussed among the members. The President indicated that many years ago, the membership opted to maintain its non-incorporation status, mainly due to concerns that personal membership information would be accessible to other parties. Ross and Darren commented that non-incorporation can be sound but the individual members could be personally liable for damages, etc. As an incorporated body we will be required to have Public Liability insurance if we had our own shows, although this would be the same, and possibly more costly, if we were un-incorporated. Incorporation places limitations for damages to the Association and not the individual membership. With our current level of income, and Consumer Affairs Victoria offering an online portal to register and submit reports, the cost of incorporation is low (\$34 using model rules or \$217.60 if using your own rules) with an annual cost of \$54.40 to lodge an annual statement. Therefore, the case for incorporation should be pursued further. The President advised the members that this matter will be investigated further and the members will be notified in due course.

d) NAA Conference – The NAV has resolved to support co-hosting, with the NAA, a bid for Melbourne to host the 2027 International Numismatic Congress. This will be presented at this year's congress in Italy with Poland offering a strong bid for 2021. The NAV would have a significant co-hosting role on the 2027 bid and this Symposium will attract many academics.

New Acquisitions

Member Bruce McElholum showed a couple of ancient Roman coins from the 1st century AD (the 1st Jewish Revolt 69-70 AD), showing 'propaganda' themes such as inscriptions of 'Judea Capta', in order to emphasise to the population of the failed revolt through the compulsory use of these coins. These coins are also important because they reflect Christianity as a sect as opposed to a separate religion.

Member Ross Wilkinson showed a John Crocker medal on Isaac Newton, a one cent coin in a small bottle, an Edward VIII medal of 'United British Empire', a Von Muller 1914-struck silver medal and a British medal mocking the Lusitania German medal.

Member Len Henderson gave a brief report on Chinese forgeries that appeared in the 1980s. He was contacted recently by a numismatic dealer seeking relevant information on Holey Dollars. Len has strong experience based on his decades of experience. Members discussed briefly on this topic and it was revealed that it is thought that 25% of tokens are forgeries.

President Darren Burgess and member Pat Shields attended Morwell's Dinner to commemorate the 50th Anniversary (24/5/15). Darren showed an 1881 6 pence engraved coin and an 1897 Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Warrnambool medal. Pat picked up from the Warragul show a Henry VI Half Groat (1430, Calais mint), a Henry VII Penny (1485, York mint), an Edward IV Penny (1460, York mint) and some medals.

Member David Briggs showed some of his latest works on Australian Coins and Banknotes, in a series of well-illustrated books, and offered them to interested members at cost price.

General Business

Member Ross Wilkinson gave an update on Bob Hammon's health. On behalf of the Association, President Darren Burgess passed along via Ross our best wishes for a strong recovery.

Secretary Bill Xynos gave a very brief report on the ANDA Show in August 2015 and asked members to consider volunteering and exhibiting at the Show. Details will be announced next month. Application forms for exhibiting have been tabled.

Syllabus

The President Darren Burgess invited Councillor Tony Gordon for his inaugural presentation – ‘Workshop on Grading’.

Tony gave a basic introduction about the techniques that most of us use for grading coins. The coins commonly available to Australian collectors are classified as ‘raw coins’, this includes those in ‘2 x 2’ and hard plastic (eg, Eagle) holders. Coins encapsulated by professional third party grading (TPG) companies are referred to as ‘slabbed coins’.

The ADJECTIVAL System used in Europe and also Australia is descriptive and uses well-understood words (terms): Fine, Very Fine, Almost Uncirculated, Fleur de Coin etc. It is adequate but can be confusing, and is open to a high degree of subjectivity.

In America, a numerical scale system (SHELDON SCALE) is used by TPGs to grade coins. Basically, it starts from the top (70 Points) and points are deducted based the number of imperfections and other factors. The range of numbers used roughly map to the Adjectival System as follows: Very Good (VG, 8-10); Fine (F, 12-15); Very Fine (VF, 20-35); Extremely Fine (EF, 40-45); Almost Uncirculated (AU, 50-58); Uncirculated (MS, 60-62); Choice Uncirculated (MS, 63-64); Gem Uncirculated (MS, 65); FDC (MS, 70). A similar system is used for Proof coins prefixed with PF.

Other considerations when grading coins are the toning and lustre of a coin. Toning is the discoloration or light patina that forms on the surface of coins due to oxygen and chemicals in the air acting on the metal. This oxidation can result in a variety and level of toning and also depends on the properties of the metal – silver, gold, copper, nickel, etc. Lustre is the way light reflects off the coin's original surfaces. This is caused by the light reflecting off the naturally grooved surface of most coins and gives off a unique pattern of light known as cartwheel lustre.

Due to the recent marketing of Australian pre-decimal coins in better grades, there is a trend of increased preference to ‘slabbed’ coins, especially for grades EF and above. The prices realised for these higher-graded coins seem to subdue the dealing of coins in lesser grade. The better coins are sent to the professional coin graders (e.g. PCGS and NCG) for accurate grading.

These TPGs utilise teams of graders for opinions that are averaged and confirmed, ensuring grading accuracy as much as possible. Once this is achieved, the coin is ‘slabbed’ or encapsulated on a special acid-proof plastic holder and its guaranteed with special label identifies the coin and its grading. This method of grading achieves a few things: a) the coin cannot be tampered with, b) its air-tight environment will ensure prolonged protection, c) as its done by a third party it will ensure that the grade assigned can be trusted when buying or selling the coin, especially when the buyer can not physically see the coin e.g. online.

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Forgeries, as always, are an issue and it has been known for slabs to be forged. Forged coins that have been slabbed can be difficult to identify unless they're broken out of the slab.

Tony also touched on the sensitivity of market value of each grade, which can be influenced by an increased demand of certain grades or by the appearance of some grades in large volumes. Active discussions were had with members commenting that the 'slabbing' of coins affects the availability of coins in lower grade that would normally be collectable by most collectors, including younger ones. They continued by reporting that a number of Australian dealers now concentrate on 'slabbed' coins for better profits, but provide lesser services to entry level collectors seeking lower grades.

Tony recommended that collectors should equip themselves with tools that would assist every collector in grading and obtaining good coins: a good magnifier (x10); a well-lit room; obtaining knowledge before buying a coin, eg years of striking and respective mintages, the anatomy of each coin and its design; experience from other collectors, attending club meetings; and viewing lots of different coins at auction viewings.

Tony's presentation was supported by a number of 'slabbed' coins he has in his possession. After many questions from the members, in his Vote of Thanks, President Darren Burgess congratulated Tony for a fascinating and very interesting topic, allowing members to contribute and comment during the presentation, making it a very lively topic. All members congratulated Tony in the customary manner.

Due to the extended presentation, the planned June Tender Sales has been postponed to next month and the President closed the meeting at 10:20 pm. Refreshments were provided by the Celtic Club management.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING NO. 1025

17 JULY 2015

Location Celtic Club, Second Floor, 320 Queen Street, Melbourne
Chair President, Darren Burgess **Secretary** Bill Xynos
Present: 14 members **Apologies:** 4 members **Visitor(s):** Suwandi Sunarjo

The President opened the meeting at 8:10 pm by welcoming all present and reminded members to sign the visitors' book.

Preliminary

Minutes of General Meeting #1024 (19 June 2015) and Council Report – GM Minutes tabled and accepted on motion m/by Ross Wilkinson and s/by Tony Gordon. CR was tabled and accepted on motion m/by Ross Wilkinson and s/by Jane Ventur. No matters were arisen.

Council Report

This was tended and accepted. Details are:

Finance and Membership (David Likar)

Finance: Balance of No.2 Account stands at \$5,606.22 as of 22 June 2015.

Outgoings: Order form for medallion on website.

Membership: Outstanding memberships stand presently at 8.

Website (Frank Robinson)

Order form for medallion on website.

Social Media (Darren Burgess)

Facebook: currently our page has 83 Likes. A post on 1st July to mark Victoria Day, with a picture of our 1951 medallion commemorating the separation of Port Phillip from New South Wales, was the most popular with a reach of over 300! Our Twitter Account now has over 50 followers with re-tweets including the Old Treasury.

Publications (Frank Robinson)

Third Issue for 2015 is under progress. Proposed Victorian Journal will cater for all Victorian numismatic clubs/societies by combining reports and articles from each Vic club/society (including the NAV). Planned advertising content would enable its production in colour throughout. Council is currently putting this proposal to each Vic club/society and Morwell Numismatic Society has already confirmed their willingness to participate at their last meeting.

Syllabus (Frank Robinson)

Details given.

NAA Affairs (Ross Wilkinson)

Nothing to report

Tender Sales (R Wilkinson)

We have plenty of stock and the sale deferred from June will be held this month. Ross has commenced collecting for the Donation Auction.

Medals (F Robinson)

Gallipoli Centenary Medallion – Design finalised with the Adelaide Mint, dies now being prepared and silver has been purchased. Order form will be distributed tonight and mailed to rest of membership; it will also on the website.

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Members are encouraged to place (and pay for) orders ASAP. Delivery is expected prior to the ANDA Fair.

Correspondence

Inwards:

Bank Statement (Account #2), Bank Notice of Term Deposit Renewal, Domain Registration Services 'navic' website invoice, membership applications from Anthony Flowers, Charlie Sheng, Alex Pallent and James Mina. Also, Australian Numismatic Society–QLD Branch News Bulletin (July 2015), NSSA Newsletter (June 2015), Newcastle Numismatic Society's News Bulletin (May & June 2015), Geelong Numismatic Society Newsletter (April & May 2015), Tasmanian Numismatist (5-6/2015, 7-8/2015), Queensland Numismatic Society Monthly Magazine (May & June 2015), Hallmark Stamps Stamp, Coin & Banknote Auction (10 August 2015), letter of thanks from Melbourne Museum. Finally, correspondence from last month: Australian Numismatic Society–QLD Branch News Bulletin (July 2015), Royal Numismatic Society of NZ Newsletter (May 2015), Perth Numismatic Society Journal (June 2015).

New Acquisitions / Comments / Reports

Member David Briggs commented on the recent auction of the 'specimen' RAM coins. Some of these coins appeared to be of inferior quality and members expressed their views and comments.

Member Ross Wilkinson was awarded with the Police Service Medal of PNG, after 14 years in that country. Recent awards were shown such as the PNG Independence Medal, the PNG Royal Constabulary Medal and the QEII Diamond Jubilee from the PNG Government.

Member Bruce McElholum showed some Ancient Judean coinage ordered from a dealer in Israel, which were thought to have been lost. Apparently, a special permit for antiquities export was needed and this explained the delay of shipping these coins.

New Memberships

President Darren Burgess requested to the membership the acceptance of Council's motion to approve the membership applications by Mr Charlie Sheng, Mr Alex Pallent and Mr James Mina. With no objection raised, the President declared these gentlemen as members of the Association (Nos 1165, 1166 and 1167 correspondingly). In absentia, the new members were welcomed by all present in the customary manner.

General Business

President Darren Burgess reported that the Hellenic Museum has been approached in view of establishing the correct venue for the forthcoming numismatic congress.

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Vice President Frank Robinson gave a brief summary on the famous Australian athlete Ron Clarke who passed away on 17/6/2015. Frank gave a brief summary of Clarke's sporting achievements and world records. Ron's brother, Jack, was an Essendon player. Ron Clarke's memorial service took place early this week. Members added their recollections about this great man, whose actions impacted their lives, including Ross Wilkinson who ran against him when he was young.

Vice President Frank Robinson informed the members that the Gallipoli Centenary medal is progressing well and order forms have now been tabled. He invited members to consider purchasing and those who are interested can see him after the meeting.

Secretary Bill Xynos gave an update on the ANDA Show (22-23 August 2015) and asked members to add their names and select their volunteering duties on the distributed timetable. Access time starts at 7:30 am on Saturday.

Syllabus

The President Darren Burgess invited Vice President Frank Robinson for his presentation – 'Coins of Edward VIII'. As this meeting is the annual Ray Jewell Memorial meeting, Frank commenced with a prologue about Ray Jewell and his numismatic contribution; he then commenced with the topic. Edward VIII had the third shortest reign of any English monarch since the Norman Conquest. Edward VIII ascended to the throne after the death of his father George V on 22 January 1936, but by December 1936, he would dramatically choose the path of abdication for marrying the woman he loved – Mrs Wallis Simpson. As 1936 dated portrait coins continued with George V's portrait, only non-portrait coins of Edward VIII were struck.

(As Frank's talk is reproduced elsewhere in this copy of *The Australian Numismatist*, details are not given here.)

Frank's presentation was supported by a great number of coin examples and with explanatory maps and notes. After questions from the members, in his Vote of Thanks, Treasurer David Likar congratulated Frank for a most informative insight into the circumstances of the issuance of Edward VIII coins and of the variety of those specimens shown tonight. All members congratulated Frank in the customary manner.

The President closed the meeting at 9:45 pm, followed by the Tender Sales session, conducted by Pat Shields and assisted by David Likar. Refreshments were provided by the Celtic Club management.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING No. 1026

21 AUGUST 2015

Location Celtic Club, Second Floor, 320 Queen Street, Melbourne
Chair President, Darren Burgess **Secretary** Bill Xynos
Present: 16 members **Apologies:** 6 members **Visitor(s):** Margaret Robinson, Ian Stewart, Stephanie Ellis

The President opened the meeting at 8:08 pm by welcoming all present and reminded members to sign the visitors' book.

Preliminary

A minutes silence was observed in respect of the late member Trevor White (NAV Member #694), who passed away earlier this year. Trevor was a paid life member and had been a member of 48 years, joining on 20th January 1967. Member Pat Shields asked for someone from the NAV to contact Mrs Pat O'Riley as Trevor was a good friend with the late John O'Riley.

Member Bruce McElholum reported that Max Stern went to Queensland but collapsed and was taken to the hospital. Max, a well-known local dealer, is 94 years old.

Minutes of General Meeting #1025 (17 July 2015) and Council Report – GM Minutes tabled and accepted on motion m/by Len Henderson and s/by Ron Ashworth. The Council Report was tabled and accepted on motion m/by Frank Robinson and s/by Bill Xynos. No matters were arisen.

Council Report

This was tended and accepted. Details are:

Finance and Membership (David Likar)

The No.2 Account balance stands at \$6,074 as of 24 July 2015. Outgoings totalled \$829 and received funds amounted to a total of \$2,095, with one membership subscription. Outstanding membership stands presently at 5.

Website/Social Media (Frank Robinson/Darren Burgess)

With updates ongoing, details of the ANZAC Centenary medal have been posted, including application form. Frank will try to upload actual medal images when the 'ANZAC Centenary' medal arrives. The order form is already available from the site. Our Facebook page has 99 likes and our Twitter account has 100 followers, including the British Museum. We have used both to advertise the forthcoming ANDA/APTA fair and provide details of our new medallion.

Publications (Frank Robinson)

Forthcoming issue under progress. The proposal for the 'Victorian' newsletter has been put to the Morwell and Melbourne Numismatic Societies both with positive responses. Geelong Numismatic Society and the Bendigo Coin Club will also be invited and we should expect a response soon. Also, the IBNS Melbourne Chapter has been invited but due to its existing Newsletter, they have chosen to decline our offer. The Council has maintained its attempts to attract advertising revenue for the present issues in 2015 and will soon present a detailed report on this project, following one-to-one discussion with each club. The proposed name for the publication is *The Victorian Numismatic Journal*.

Syllabus (Frank Robinson)

Details given.

NAA Affairs (Ross Wilkinson/Darren Burgess)

Darren reported that Walter Bloom (NAA President) will attend the INC in Italy and support the Melbourne bid for the 2027 Congress. The Melbourne Numismatic Society overwhelmingly supported the bid at their last meeting.

Tender Sales (Ross Wilkinson/David Likar)

Material for Tender Sales and Donation Auction are always welcomed. We will approach sources at the ANDA Fair for our Donation Auction.

Medals (Frank Robinson/Darren Burgess)

The Adelaide Mint has confirmed that the medals shall be ready and delivered by Wednesday 19th August. The Council will promote this medal, as well as the 75th Anniversary ANZAC medal, as we have some stock left over. NAV Assets Coordinator Bill Xynos will select the best medals from the '75th Anniv' production and liaise with the Council as to the best pricing options for selling them with the 'Centenary' ones when required.

ANDA Show 22-23 August 2015 (Bill Xynos)

The latest plan has been tabled, showing the NAV exhibits at the middle of the hall. The ANDA stand is separated as per ANDA's wishes. Final list of Volunteers tabled. Arrangements made to invite Mrs Pepperell and Mrs May. Also, Bill has been in constant touch with ANDA for ensuring that logistical needs have been met. Volunteers are asked to report to the NAV Stand for tasks allocations on Saturday morning from 7:30 am. Arrangements have been made to promote all Victorian clubs and to ensure that NAV membership and products are promoted to the public.

Correspondence

Inwards:

- Bank Statement (Account #2)
- Email re: Trevor White passing away

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- IBNS Melb Chapter Newsletter (July-August 2015)
- Australian Numismatic Society Report (July 2015)
- Newcastle Numismatic Society's News Bulletin (July 2015)
- Queensland Numismatic Society Monthly Magazine (July 2015)
- Geelong Numismatic Society Newsletter (June 2015)
- Perth Numismatic Journal (August 2015)
- Mowbray Collectables Auction catalogue (NZ) on 4 Sep 2015

New Acquisitions / Comments / Reports

Vice President Frank Robinson presented the NAV's latest acquisition, the 30th medal the association has had made – the Centenary of Gallipoli medal struck in silver (20) and bronze (80).

Member Pat Shields showed a booklet entitled "Australia's Wealthiest Factory", about the Note Printing Branch of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. It is reprinted from an article by Icarus, first published in *The Australasian* newspaper on 3rd July 1937.

President Darren Burgess showed a medal that he believed was from the late Terry Pepperell Collection: 1911 King George V Coronation medal made by Stokes, un holed and in mint condition.

Vice President Frank Robinson showed tokens from the USA and an Abberfield (Sydney) token, acquired during his Queensland trip. He also visited the QNS meeting (as a member) and purchased a 5 franc note of New Hebrides (red overprint on New Caledonia note).

New Memberships

President Darren Burgess requested the members to accept the Council's motion to approve the membership application by James Mina. No objection was raised and the President declared Mr Mina as member of the Association (No 1168). James was presented with the traditional membership pin and was welcomed by all present in the customary manner.

The President also extended a special welcome to member Bob Hammon for his presence tonight after recent illness.

General Business

President Darren Burgess reported that in Germany, restrictions and conditions placed for the sale of numismatic items and artefacts will affect the continuity of collecting as the collector will need to prove of the provenance of a collectable item. This type of legislation was considered by many present as overreaching.

Member Dr John Chapman commented on a recent unique discovery made by Peter Lane. Peter is the curator of the SA Numismatic Collection, which has an example of Australia's first gold coin (Adelaide Pound). The unique

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discovery made by Peter is a lead strike of the same die that shows no crack at all. This evidence has not been found on other examples of the Adelaide Pound. Vice President Frank Robinson mentioned that this observation (no crack) is noted in an early Deacon numismatic book.

President Darren Burgess reported that nominations for the NAV Council in 2016 are now open and nomination forms have been tabled. Submissions close at the end of the October 2015 meeting.

Secretary Bill Xynos updated everyone on all the key information for those attending the ANDA Show at the weekend.

Finally, the President thanked the visitors, Stephanie, Ian and Margaret.

Syllabus

The President, Darren Burgess, invited member Jane Ventur for her inaugural numismatic presentation – ‘Banknotes of the Russian Civil War’. Jane opened the presentation by a brief explanation about the genesis of her banknote collecting; at the time, she was fascinated with the early imperial Russian banknotes and for some time, these motivated her “to do something with them”.

Jane gave a brief summary on the history during the last period of Czar Nicholas II, who ruled from 1894. The tragic circumstances following the defeats during World War I brought the country into civil unrest and the Czar was deposed by the provisional government. With his abdication in March 1917, the Russian Civil War started, with disastrous consequences to the economy and morale of the population. Different regions were forced to protect their territories and local currencies were issued. As inflation increased, their currency had no backing and printing production increased gradually. During the Civil War, which lasted five years, the issuers of these notes were regional governments, national states and armies.

During the presentation, Jane showed examples of the magnificent Russian Imperial notes, starting on the One Ruble from the 1898 State Credit Notes issue (brown colour), followed by the 1905-1912 series of 3, 5, 10, 25, 100 and 500 Rubles. This last note shows Czar Peter the Great on reverse, a truly magnificent banknote.

Jane’s presentation continued with series of notes produced regionally, complemented with the map of Russia for identifying the regions. Some of these notes actually show the regional map, showing the strength of the region where these notes were circulated.

A number of the issues shown contained notes in high-denomination Rubles, evidence of the effect of inflation towards the end of the Civil War, and a necessary incentive for paying the army forces. Issues shown were those for

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Northern Russia, Odessa City, Southern Russia, North Caucasus, Russo-Transcaucasia, Armenia and Siberia & Urals. Also, currency notes and short-term certificates issued by the State / Government Credit, Treasury were shown. Jane commented on the variety of colours used for many notes that also lacked the detailed engraving work compared to the Imperial issues. It's noticeable that the watermarks used for these notes were many too.

Jane's presentation was complemented with a display of many examples.

Members were invited for comments. Member Bob Hammon noted that while there was inflation, it was not as high as that experienced in Germany. Member Len Henderson noted that the North Russian 1921 note was printed in England. Vice President Frank Robinson commented that in North Russia, Australian troops in British Forces participated during the War, confirmed also by member Ross Wilkinson, who added that the Australian troops had to resign from A.I.F. and then enlist themselves to the British Forces. Two Australians were awarded the Victoria Cross for their services during that War.

After questions from the members, on his Vote of Thanks, Secretary Bill Xynos congratulated Jane for her for a great first presentation on a most complex subject, with similar characteristics as those of the China during the first half of the 20th century including fragmented population, civil unrest and war, regional governmental fighting, inflation increase and issuance of regional currencies. Also, the variety of notes shown was large too and the displays arranged tonight were fantastic. For this informative and colourful presentation, Bill invited all present for congratulating Jane on her presentation, which they did in the customary manner.

The President closed the meeting at 9:45 pm, followed by the Tender Sales, conducted by Pat Shields and assisted by David Likar. Refreshments were provided by the Celtic Club management.

The Dardanelles Campaign 1915 Inspiration or Lunacy? – Part 2

By Ross Wilkinson, NAV 1120²

MEDALLIC RECOGNITION

I will deal with this in two parts being Military and Civilian issues.

² Continued from previous issue

MILITARY SERVICE

Soldiers and sailors who served at Gallipoli were eligible for three service medals, the 1914-1915 Star, the British War Medal and the Inter-Allied Victory Medal that were worn in that order on a serviceman's medal bar. They were sometimes referred to as "Pip, Squeak and Wilfred" after three comic strip characters of the time.

Gallantry medals, if awarded, preceded these as shown with Jacka's medal set. The award of a Mention in Despatches was recognised by an oak leaf mounted on the ribbon of the Victory Medal as shown with Simpson's medal set.³

I have five Gallipoli medal sets in my collection, none with gallantry awards:

- **Sgt C Murray** 7th Light Horse Regiment AIF
- **Pte LS Brook** 10 Battalion AIF Killed in Action 10 October 1917 Belgium
- **Pte AM Code** 14 Battalion AIF Stretcher Bearer
Commander in Chief's Congratulatory Card 30 August 1916 Pozieres
- **Stoker 1/c C Higgs** HMS Fauvette Royal Navy
Killed in Action 9 March 1916 English Channel
- **Pte WMcL Amphlett** 5 Field Ambulance AIF
later Captain in Dental Service in France



Medals for Pte LS Brook 10 Bn AIF

³ See back cover of *The Australian Numismatist* 2015 No 2 for both these groups

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A further “medal” was issued to families of all British and Empire servicemen and women who died in wartime service. It was in the form of a bronze memorial plaque 120 millimetres in diameter with the serviceperson’s name embossed on it. It was accompanied by a memorial parchment scroll and a letter from King George V. It is estimated that approximately 1 355 000 plaques were issued.



*Memorial Plaque Pte AE Bolger 14 Bn AIF kia 27 April 1915
First Frankston serviceman to be killed at Gallipoli (plaque 120 mm)*

Two British banknotes were overprinted with Turkish characters and have been referred to as Gallipoli banknotes. They are a 10 shillings note and a One Pound note and were allegedly issued for use in anticipation of when the Gallipoli Peninsula was captured. The overprinting states that the 10 shillings

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note is equivalent to 60 piastres and the pound 120 piastres. There are a variety of stories as to where and when they were issued and used, if at all, although there is no doubt they are in existence. The notes are uniface.



Ten Shillings "Gallipoli" banknote (135 x 76 mm)

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Landing, in 1965 the Australian Government created a medal to be issued to all living Australian Gallipoli veterans or to veterans' families. By the time the design was finalised and the medal struck, it was 1967 before it was ready to be distributed. A small lapel badge in the same design was also issued for wear by these veterans.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL REL251 32 RELAWM16790.001

Medal for 50th Anniversary of Gallipoli landing (50 x 75 mm)

CIVILIAN ISSUES

Apart from newspaper reports of the Landing, the first recognition of any significance in Australia came from Mrs Ellie Wharton-Kirke who suggested to the Government that a commemorative medal be issued and sold to the public on 30 July 1915 for fundraising to assist wounded soldiers. Whilst I have one of the common bronze medals in my collection, the image shown below is one of four struck in gold and was issued to Mrs Wharton-Kirke. It is held at the Australian War Memorial.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RELAWM12438.001 RELAWM12438.001

Fundraising medal to assist wounded soldiers (25 mm)

On the reverse reference is made to Australia Day. At that time 26 January of each year was known as Foundation Day and there was a move to create 25 April as the National Day.



Victorian Department of Education 1916 medal (27 mm)

In 1916 the Australian Government declared that 25 April would be commemorated as ANZAC Day and services were held in all state capitals.

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The armed forces also celebrated the occasion, even at the Front Line in France. The Victorian Department of Education had a bronze medal struck for issue to all school children under the age of 16 (above). Even though it was struck only by Stokes & Sons, I have at least three different die variations in my collection.



ANZAC Medal (22 mm)

At some point a small (22 mm) copper uniface medallion was issued with the ANZAC Landing date on its face (above). Carlisle has listed it in 1915 but has no information as to its purpose, date of issue or manufacturer. Whilst the Victoria Museum has an example in its collection, it has no information to add to that of Carlisle. I have several in my collection and none has any manufacturing marks of any kind to give a clue.



Victorian Education Department 1918 medal (27 mm)

In 1918 the Victorian Education Department issued a further silvered bronze medal commemorating ANZAC Day (above). It had a slender cotton red, white and blue ribbon looped through a suspension ring and was issued to all Victorian school children.

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In 1919 the Australian Comforts Fund issued a bronze medallion to raise funds for the welfare of servicemen. Around the rim is incused the legend "Australian Comforts Fund S A Division". My example has been chromed and has lost its suspension ring. I have never seen an example with the original ribbon intact except that in the collection of the Australian War Memorial as shown below.



Australian Comforts Fund Medal (52 mm)

Dora Ohlfsen was an Australian sculptor and medallist who had moved to Europe to live because of its more permissive attitude to her sexuality. During the War she was working as a nurse for the Italian Red Cross. The experience deeply affected her to the point that in 1919 she created from her own funds a substantial medal as a fundraiser to assist maimed Australian and New Zealand soldiers (below).



Medallion by Dora Ohlfsen (60 mm)

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It is said that the profile of the soldier on the obverse is of her brother and that the woman on the reverse is an allegory of mother Australia grieving over her fallen son.

In 1965, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing our Association struck a medal. It used an image of a soldier holding a rifle that was from a statue in England called “Wipers” by Charles Sargeant Jagger. This statue was replicated in Melbourne and stood for many years outside the Library in Swanston Street. It has now been relocated to the Shrine.



“Wipers” statue by Jagger at Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne

As a child I was fascinated by this statue but from time to time I would notice that the bayonet blade was missing. It was explained to me that it was a separate metal piece that fitted into a slot in the bayonet hilt affixed to the statue’s rifle and that it was occasionally stolen. It can correctly be seen in the relocated statue at the Shrine (above).



NAV medallion for 50th anniversary of Gallipoli (38 mm)

But on the NAV medal (above) the blade is missing but the hilt can be clearly seen. This suggests to me that when the medal was being designed, the artwork was taken from a photograph of the statue at a time when the bayonet was missing and the omission was not picked up at the time.

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NAV medallion for 75th anniversary of Gallipoli (51 mm)

In 1990 our Association issued a further ANZAC medal to commemorate the 75th Anniversary (above). The obverse contains the legend and an image of ANZAC Cove with the landing taking place. The reverse contains an image described as Private Simpson and his donkey recovering a wounded soldier.



Whilst preparing this paper, I came across this image (left) in the Australian War Memorial collection of a painting by Horace Moore-Jones, an Englishman who enlisted in the New Zealand forces. This appears to be the image from which the medal design was taken.

Whilst recovering in England from an injury, Moore-Jones painted a series of watercolours depicting aspects of Gallipoli. When the New Zealand government refused to buy them he sold them to the Australian government and, for many years, this painting was in the High Commission in London.

Private RA Henderson NZMC

Any painting or photograph with a man and a donkey at Gallipoli is automatically assumed to be Simpson. This image was described as Simpson for many years and was most likely so when Terry Pepperell designed the 2015

medal. However, in recent years the Australian War Memorial, which currently holds the painting, has recognised that it is actually Private RA Henderson of the New Zealand Medical Corps and was painted from a photograph taken of him. I have found recent depictions of this painting on the internet that still describe it as being Simpson.

COINAGE

A number of commemorative coins have been minted by the Royal Australian Mint and the Perth Mint to recognise the various anniversaries of Gallipoli including the current Centenary. I will not attempt to describe these here but merely recognise that they exist.

CONCLUSION

In Australia we have tended to become very parochial about the ANZAC story and focus only on Australian deeds. We tend to forget that the letters NZ in the acronym stand for New Zealand. Even I tended to be quite blasé about this until a number of years ago when I was umpiring a representative cricket match between a touring New Zealand U15 schoolboys team and a Gippsland team. During the match one of the New Zealand boys took a spectacular catch and his young captain ran towards him crying out, "Oh, you little ANZAC!"

However much it is celebrated today in both countries, it is always remembered as a defeat. Even though the Turks lost 86 000 killed and over 250 000 wounded and the Allied forces only lost 45 000 killed, it was still a defeat.

So was it worth it? As described, were there other forces at play that drove Churchill to implement and continue with this plan? As it turned out, the Russian isolation was not a major factor because of the effect of the Russian Revolution.

The war was won in France and the Dardanelles became just another sideshow but for Churchill it was a constant reminder of his fallibility until his death.

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Coins of Edward VIII

By Frank Robinson, NAV 713⁴

INTRODUCTION

Edward VIII had the third shortest reign of any English monarch since the Norman Conquest, lasting just 10½ months in 1936 compared to 77 days of Edward V in 1483 and 9 days of Lady Jane Grey in 1553. While Jane, as an unwilling usurper, lost the throne to the rightful heir (Mary I) and Edward V was usurped by his uncle (Richard III), Edward VIII abdicated so that he could marry the woman he loved (Mrs Wallis Simpson).

Edward VIII ascended to the British throne on the death of his father George V on 22 January 1936. By December 1936, it became clear that Edward would have to choose between remaining King or marrying the soon to be twice divorced Wallis Simpson. The latter course meant that he would have to abdicate.

⁴ Frank presented this paper to NAV meeting 1025 on 17 July 2015

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As had become the custom, all portrait coins for Great Britain and the British Empire for that year continued to be struck with the bust of the recently deceased monarch. This was mainly for practical reasons of allowing time to prepare a new portrait coinage – artists to draw the portrait, dies to be engraved, etc; sometimes (as was the case in 1936) the opportunity was also taken to change the reverse designs. The custom then dictated that the portrait coinage of the new monarch would commence in the following year. It had also become the custom for the portrait of each monarch to face the opposite direction to his or her predecessor.

This talk will be limited to the issued coins with Edward's name or initials as well as several mules. It will not cover the various patterns for proposed coins.

Thus in this case, all 1936 portrait coins of Great Britain and the British Empire have the name and portrait of George V and it was intended that the first coins of Edward VIII would be dated 1937 and that the British (and some other countries) coins would have new reverses.

Edward's abdication on 10 December 1936 upset the plans for his coinage. It now meant that the 1937 coinage would have the names and portrait of his brother, George VI, and that there would not be a portrait coinage of Edward VIII.

The lower denominations of five parts of the British Empire were struck with central holes. This was particularly to cater for the indigenous people whose clothing often did not feature pockets – these coins could be threaded on a string and carried around the neck. The following were issued for George V:

- British West Africa (1/10, ½ 1 penny);
- East Africa (5 and 10 cents);
- Fiji (half penny and 1 penny);
- New Guinea (½, 1 penny, 3 and 6 pence, 1 shilling);
- Southern Rhodesia (half penny and 1 penny).

Of these countries, all except Southern Rhodesia issued coins with the name (or initials) of Edward VIII.

A number of the Indian Princely States issued coins with the names of both the local ruler and also the British monarch. Those that issued coins for George V were:

- Bundi (½ paisa; ¼, ½, 1 rupee; nazarana rupee);
- Jaipur (mohur; ½ paisa; **nazarana paisa; nazarana rupee**);
- Jodphur (¼ **anna**; ¼, ½, 1 rupee; ¼, ½, **1 mohur**);
- Kishangarh (¼, ½, 1 rupee; nazarana rupee; ½, 1 mohur);
- Kutch (trambiyo, 1 dokdo; 1½, **3 dodka**; ½, **1, 2½, 5 kori**);
- Tonk (⅛ rupee).

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Non-portrait coins were struck (and circulated) with Edward VIII's name or initials for British West Africa (1/10, ½ 1 penny), East Africa (5 and 10 cents), Fiji (1 penny) and New Guinea (1 penny) as well as for the Indian princely states of Jaipur (nazarana paisa; nazarana rupee), Jodhpur (¼ anna and 1 mohur) and Kutch (3 dodka, 1, 2½, and 5 kori); these coins were all dated 1936 (except Jodhpur ¼ anna and possibly 1 mohur).

AFRICA

British West Africa consisted of Gambia, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast, and Nigeria. East Africa consisted of British Somaliland, Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika.

BRITISH WEST AFRICA

The coins of British West Africa struck in the name of Edward VIII were in denominations of one tenth penny, half penny and one penny. All three coins were struck by the Royal Mint, London as well as by Heaton, Birmingham and Kings Norton Metal Co, Birmingham.

These cupronickel coins all have the same design with the only difference being the denomination.



British West Africa, 1 penny, 1936 (31 mm)

The obverse has the denomination curved above the central hole and inside an ornament on either side. The Imperial crown is above the denomination which splits the abbreviated Latin legend "EDWARDVS VIII REX ET IND: IMP:". Below is an Arabic legend giving the denomination.

The reverse has a open six pointed star formed from two interlocking triangles with the English legend "BRITISH WEST AFRICA" around above the star and the date "1936" below the star.

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Immediately below the central hole on the obverse is the mintmark (except for the Royal Mint issues which are plain); Heaton issues have a “H” and Kings Norton have “KN”.



Mintmarks on BWA coins: London (left), Heaton (centre), Kings Norton (right)

EAST AFRICA

The coins of East Africa struck in the name of Edward VIII were in denominations of five and ten cents. The ten cents coin was struck by the Royal Mint, London as well as by Heaton and Kings Norton Metal Co. The five cents coin was only struck by the two Birmingham mints.



East Africa, 10 cents, 1936 (31 mm)

These bronze coins both have the same design with the only difference being the denomination. The obverse has the denomination in two lines below the central hole and inside an ornament on either side. The Imperial crown is above the central hole and splits the abbreviated Latin legend “EDWARDVS VIII REX ET IND: IMP.”.

The reverse has the denomination numeral above the central hole with a pair of elephant tusks on either side of the hole; this is all within a circle. The legend “EAST AFRICA” is around above the circle and the date “1936” is below.



Mintmarks on BWA coins: London (left), Heaton (centre), Kings Norton (right)

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Immediately below the denomination on the obverse is the mintmark (except for the Royal Mint issues which are plain); Heaton issues have a “H” and Kings Norton have “KN”.

The Heaton Mint also struck two **mules**. Both are struck on British West Africa 1 penny blanks. The first combines the obverse of the East Africa 10 cents with the British West Africa reverse. Giordano states that this was “a contemporary error, reported at the time, after entering circulation”⁵.

The second mule combines the Edward VIII obverse with a 1945 reverse. Giordano states “The circumstances regarding this contemporary error remain unclear.”⁶

I first heard about the second mule when a former employee of the Heaton Mint gave a talk to the NAV in May 1973. He related various incidents, one of which related to when he was a foreman on the production line in 1945. One of the things he would regularly do was to pick up a coin after it came out of the press and check the quality of the strike. On this occasion, they were striking 1 penny coins for British West Africa and he was looking at the lettering on the obverse; he said to himself “yes, a nice E, a nice D, a nice W, . . . hey, what is a “EDW” doing on a coin of George VI?” “Stop the press!” he yelled out.

The resulting investigation showed that apparently two executives thought that the quality of the work wasn’t as good as in the “old days” and had replaced the die in the press with one from the archives! This production run was quarantined and then melted down; at that point somebody said “If one of these gets out, it will be worth a lot of money.” The reply came back “If one of these gets out, we’ll never get another contract!”

PACIFIC

FIJI

Although both the half penny and penny of Fiji were non-portrait coins with holes, only the penny was struck with the name of Edward VIII. They were struck at the Royal Mint, London.

The obverse has the Imperial crown above the central hole with the legend “EDWARD•VIII•KING•EMPEROR” around the rest of the central hole.

The reverse has the legend “FIJI” (above), “19” (left), “36” (right) and “PENNY” (below).

⁵ Giordano, p275

⁶ Giordano, p276



Fiji, 1 penny, 1936 (26 mm)

TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA

The Territory of New Guinea was the northern section of the eastern half of the island of New Guinea; this was administered as a Trust Territory under the League of Nations and had formerly been German New Guinea.



New Guinea, 1 penny, 1936 (27 mm)

All the coins of New Guinea were non-portrait and have central holes. The first coins were cupro-nickel halfpenny and penny coins dated 1929 which apparently were not issued. In 1935, there had been issues of cupro-nickel 3 and 6 pence and silver 1 shilling coins. The bronze penny was introduced in 1936 and was the only New Guinea coin for Edward VIII. All denominations (except the halfpenny) were also issued for George VI.

These coins were struck at the Melbourne Branch of the Royal Mint.

The obverse has the Imperial crown above, with swimming birds to left and right and the script “E•R•I•” monogram below the central hole.

The reverse has what appears to be a mask design around the central hole with the legend “TERRITORY•OF•NEW•GUINEA” (around above) and “•ONE•PENNY•1936•” (around below).

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Both obverse and reverse designs were by Kruger Gray whose initials (KG) appear on both sides.

INDIA

Three of the Indian Princely States issued coins with the name of Edward VIII; these were Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Kutch.

JAIPUR

Jaipur issued both nazarana paisa and nazarana rupee, Jodhpur issued ¼ anna and 1 mohur, and Kutch issued 3 dodka, 1, 2½, and 5 kori. A nazarana coin is one which is a special full flan striking and was for presentation to the local monarch to gain favour. They sometimes circulated alongside the cruder dump issues.



Jaipur, nazarana paisa, 1936 (32 mm)

The copper nazarana paisa of Jaipur has Edward's name near the top of the obverse with the year 1936 at the right edge of the centre line of text. (On my piece, the 6 is mostly off the edge of the coin.) The inscription (which is Persian) can be translated as "struck in Sawai Jaipur the year 1936 by permission of the King of Kings of the Sultanate of Anglistan Edward". The reverse inscription can be translated as "Year of his fortunate Reign 15 Maharaja of Rajas Sawai Man Singh". Man Singh II was the ruler of Jaipur from 1922 to 1949.

The silver nazarana rupee is similar but with a border decoration on both sides; however the only illustration I have seen is in the Standard Catalogue⁷.

JODHPUR

Jodhpur issued several varieties of a copper quarter anna as well as a gold mohur. I do not have the mohur, nor have I seen an illustration of it. The

⁷ SCWC, p1073

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quarter anna is a dump coin and the inscription on the coins is never complete which can make variety attribution hard. There appears to be four varieties; they are:

- no ^ (8) near Daroga's mark, but "astam" (eight) below line (reverse)
- small ^ (8) left of Daroga's mark
- large ^ (8) left of Daroga's mark
- ^ (8) right of Daroga's mark.

The key to identification of the varieties is first to find the Daroga's mark (ie mint master), the shape of which can vary between individual dies. Then look to see if there is a Persian numeral 8 (which looks like an inverted V) and which side of the base of the Daroga's mark it is. If the 8 is to the left, check if it is large or small. On some coins, the 8 can be just two dots.



Jodhpur ¼ anna; ^ (8) right of Daroga's mark (18 mm)

The obverse inscription can be translated as "In the auspicious reign of Edward 8 King of England Emperor of Hindustan". The reverse inscription can be translated as "Bahadur Sri Umaid Singh King of Kings struck at Jodhpur quarter anna". Umaid Singh was the ruler of Jodhpur from 1918 to 1947.

KUTCH

Kutch issued four coins with Edward's name – copper 3 dodka and silver 1, 2½, and 5 kori. All of these coins have an Urdu inscription in Persian script on the obverse and a Gujerati inscription in Devangeri characters on the reverse.

The obverse inscriptions can be translated as "Edward 8 Emperor of India struck at Bhuj 1936".

The Gujerati inscriptions can be transliterated as follows:

- 3 Dodka – "Maharao Shri Khengarji Bahadur" (around above), "Kutch" (around below), "Teen Dodka / 1993" (in centre); "teen" is "three".
- 1 Kori – "Maharao Shri Khengarji" (around above), "Kutch Bhuj" (around below), "1992 (or 1993)" (inside circle); "Kori Ek" (inside circle on obverse); "ek" is "one".

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- 2½ Kori – “Maharao Shri Khengarji Shri Khengarji Bahadur”⁸ or “Maharajah Dhiraj Miraj Maharad Shri Khengarji Sauai Bahadur”⁹ (around); “Kori Arai / Kutch Bhuj / 1992 (or 1993)” (inside circle); “arai” is “two and half”.
- 5 Kori – Text around as on 2½ kori; “Kori Panch / Kutch Bhuj / 1992 (or 1993)” (inside circle); “panch” is “five”.

Many years ago I had these inscriptions, which give the name and titles of the local ruler Maharajah Khengarji III, translated, however I have misplaced it.



Kutch 3 dodka; 1936 (obverse) and 1993 (reverse) (33 mm)

The 3 dodka has a dagger in the centre (above the date) and a trident on the reverse (in a similar position). The reverse of the three silver coins have a crescent moon above a trident and dagger in the upper part of the inner circle. The obverse of both the 2½ and 5 kori have a pattern of leaves on a vine around the inner circle.



Kutch 1 kori; 1936 (obverse) and 1992 (reverse) (17 mm)

Both the 2½ and 5 kori have “Kutch Bhuj” in both English and Hindi around the edge of the coin.

⁸ Transliterated from inscriptions in SCWC 1901-2000, p1077

⁹ Transliteration given in Giordano, p281



Kutch 5 kori; 1936 (obverse) and 1993 (reverse) (32 mm)

The year on the reverse is the Vikrama Samvat date. As the Vikrama Samvat year begins near the middle of the Christian year, these coins of Edward VIII occur with either “1992” or “1993”.

The coinage of Edward VIII is a short but interesting series.

Ron Clarke AO MBE

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Ron Clarke (born 21 February 1937 in Melbourne) died on 17 June 2015. He was, perhaps, the greatest athlete never to win an Olympic gold medal; nor did he win a Commonwealth Games gold medal. Ron was a medium and long distance runner who broke a total of 18 world records between December 1963 and August 1968; five times he broke two world records in the one run!

His world records were:

- 5000 m (4 times)
- 10 000 m (3 times)¹⁰
- 20 000 m (once)
- 2 miles (2 times)
- 3 miles (4 times)
- 6 miles (2 times)
- 10 miles (once)
- 1 hour (once)

¹⁰ The second of these was not officially recognised as apparently permission to run was requested too late.

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In 1956, as a promising 19 year old, Ron Clarke was chosen to light the Olympic cauldron at the MCG for the Melbourne Olympics. Almost 50 years later, Ron was one of the final four runners who carried the Queen's baton around the MCG during the Opening Ceremony of the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.

Clarke competed in two Olympic Games (Tokyo 1964 and Mexico City 1968) and three Commonwealth Games (Perth 1962, Kingston 1966, and Edinburgh 1970). He retired from competition in 1970.

In one of the greatest gestures of sportsmanship seen in athletics, Clarke tripped and fell in the 1956 Australian mile championship. John Landy, who accidentally spiked Ron in the arm, turned back to help him to his feet before going on to win the event! This gesture is now commemorated by a stature outside the MCG.

Clarke was appointed a member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 1966 "In recognition of service to athletics". He was awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 for "Significant contribution as a competitor (Athletics)". He was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2001 "For distinguished service to the eco-tourism industry". Then in the 2013 Queen's Birthday Honours List, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) "For distinguished service to the community through a range of leadership roles with local government and philanthropic organisations, and to the promotion of athletics".

In later life, Clarke was mayor of the Gold Coast from 2004 to 2012 and was involved in the successful bid for the Gold Coast to host the 2018 Commonwealth Games.



*Athletics International medal issued 1970
honouring Ron Clarke's 18 world records
designed by Andor Meszaros and struck by Stokes (A/asia) Ltd (50 mm)*

The Dardanelles Campaign 1915

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Fundraising medal to assist wounded soldiers (25 mm)



Australian Comforts Fund Medal (52 mm)

Centenary of Gallipoli Medallions

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Silver (top) and bronze (below)

Coins of Edward VIII

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British West Africa, 1/10 penny (20 mm left), 1/2 penny (25 mm, right), 1936