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Early Roman Quadrigatus showing Janus about 230BC

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Syllabus 2012/13

Meeting	Topic	Speaker
14 th December 2012	Christmas Meeting. Non- Numismatic Items of Interest and Awards	
15 th February 2013	Annual General Meeting	
22 nd March 2013	Anzac Oration – A Most Remarkable Seaman	Ross Wilkinson
19 th April 2013	1000 th Meeting	
17 th May 2013	1923 Victorian Police Strike	Steele Waterman
21 st June 2013	To Be Announced	

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NAVigator

Welcome to the final issue of the year of the NAV's Australian Numismatist Newsletter. Our cover is graced by a *Quadrifidus* showing Janus, the Roman god of beginnings and transitions, after whom January is named.

In Roman times, as now, January 1 (known as the *kalends* of January) was New Year's Day and consecrated to Janus. It was customary to exchange cheerful words of good wishes, dates, figs and honey as a token of well wishing as well as the giving of gifts of coins called *strenae*. I certainly hope some of you are lucky enough to receive numismatic gifts this season.

Looking back we've got reports from our September meeting at which we had a very successful donation auction, with a 100% clearance. In October I gave a talk on the City of Sydney's 1942 Centenary Medal and in November, Jill Pearson enlightened us on the internet and what an invaluable tool it can be for both collectors and dealers.

Looking forward we have our AGM in February, including the election of officers, with nomination detailed in this newsletter. March sees a change in date to the 22nd to avoid clashing with the St. Patrick's Day celebrations at the Celtic Club.

Finally we are well in to our preparations for the 1000th Meeting in April. We have decided to have a meal at the Celtic club as well as talks, door prize and a raffle. An invite, for both members and a partner, is included within this newsletter. RSVP's should be returned as soon as possible as places are limited. The last day for the return of RSVP's is February 15th, the date of the February meeting.

We are asking for a small contribution of \$15 towards costs and this can be paid through either a cheque or money order, payable to the Numismatic Association of Victoria. This can be returned with the RSVP or cash will be accepted at meetings. We certainly hope to see you there and all that remains is to wish all of you, your families and friends a very Merry Christmas all the best for 2013.

Darren Burgess - Editor

Minutes of General Meeting No. 994
21st September 2012

Location Celtic Club, Second Floor, 320 Queen Street, Melbourne

Chair President, Ross Wilkinson

Present: 14 members

Apologies: 4 members

The President opened the meeting at 8:12pm by welcoming all present, and with apologies for the delayed start. Members were reminded to sign the Celtic Club's visitor's book as per requirements.

Minutes of previous General Meeting No. 993 (17th August 2012)

Tabled and moved for acceptance on D Burgess' motion, seconded by K Marshall and carried.

Correspondence

Detailed in the new *Reports from Council* report, which was tabled and distributed. No matters arose from correspondence.

Reports from Council

Finance & Membership (D Likar) – As of 9th Aug 2012 the NAB No.2 Acc stands at \$2,873.17, the major outgoing for the period being \$218 for the NAV Domain website.

There are 7 outstanding 2012 subs and reminder notices have been sent out giving a cut-off date of 19th Oct 2012.

NAV Journal (F Robinson) – Quotes have been requested from three printers (including Kiema Press who have printed Journal for some years). We are considering possibility of printing in colour. Apologies for the long delay with this Journal. Articles required early for 2012 Journal.

Auctions (R Wilkinson) – Donation Auction tonight, next Tender Sale at November Meeting. Tender sales will continue in 2013 commencing at the March Meeting with the Donation Auction to be determined in the Syllabus.

Library (P Shields) – Work continuing on the valuation of the library for Council to determine its future.

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NAA Affairs (R Wilkinson) – Consultation regarding future workings of the NAA and its committees.

Newsletter (D Burgess) – Newsletter 126, Spring 2012 was completed and posted on Tuesday 11th September, including an insert for tonight's Donation Auction.

A new introduction, "The NAVigator", has been added and feedback on this item or the newsletter as a whole is gratefully received through the usual channels. I urge members to contribute to future newsletters, there's always room for short articles, stories, cartoons, opinions and even jokes!

Website (F Robinson) – No action

New Acquisitions

Philippines Notes/Federation Dollar/Ten Cents 2012 coin: Member D Burgess showed some circulated banknotes from his recent trip in Philippines. Also, Darren recovered from change a Federation Dollar coin with the Queen's portrait rotated 90 degrees to the left (upset die), and the 10 cents coin dated 2012.

Mixed issue dates on RAM coin sets: Member J Chapman mentioned about a recent ACAB article where RAM issued Proof coin sets for 2012 that included a dollar coin dated 2013.

Issue and release dates for banknotes: Member J Gerzelis mentioned to the members that early-dated polymer \$50 banknotes are coming out presently. In fact, notes of \$5 and \$50 dated 2012 are coming out now, whereas notes with some earlier dates are also released presently. In studying on polymer notes, member Frank Robinson explained that these are coming out of stored currency stock at the Reserve Bank and are released as required, irrespective of dates.

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New Malaysian Notes: Member F Robinson showed his latest acquisition from the IBNS meeting (last night), a set of 1–5–10-20 Ringgit banknotes from Malaysia. The first two are polymer and the other two are paper notes.

Jiao notes for Spratly Islands: member P Shields presented a couple of notes from China with a special overprint for the Ninsha (Spratly) Islands, currently under territorial dispute among neighbouring countries.

Special Presentation 20 cents and 50 cents coins: Working for a project by the RSL, Member R Wilkinson showed a couple of specially-presented 20 and 50 cents coins on the "Battle of Australia".

Baldwin's Auction: Member T Howell showed a Baldwin's auction catalogue with a lovely group of gold coins to be auctioned.

General Business

NAA Paul Simon Award: Member L Henderson informed the members on the 2012 Paul Simon Award, as the two-received nominations were tied during the voting procedure, and a decision was made that no award will be presented. In addition, the NAA has decided to reform the Paul Simon Award committee as most of the delegates have performed their duties for many years, such as Len's 30 years of service. Most of the members will step down for new nominations.

NAV 1963 Medal: Member J Chapman mentioned that back in 1964, the Association held an exhibition at the Melbourne Town Hall and issued a small medal for commemorating the "Holey Dollar and Dump" Sesquicentenary. John has some that can be sold at \$10 a copy for the Association. The Council thanked John and will look into this.

Euro Coins: Member K Marshall mentioned that at the I S Wright shop, there was a sale of mixed Euro coins for \$75 per bag.

IBNS Melbourne Convention: Member F Robinson informed members of the IBNS Melbourne Banknote Convention at the Downtowner on Lygon, on 20th / 21st October 2012. Members interested were invited to see Frank after the meeting.

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ANDA Fair: Member D Burgess showed the images captured at the ANDA Show as detailed in our Newsletter. Member F Robinson complemented by mentioning about the ANDA report in the latest Australasian Coin & Banknote magazine.

Donation Auction

The President thanked all for their excellent input and Auction preparations commenced. Consisting of 82 lots, it was conducted by Auctioneer P Shields, assisted by F Robinson and D Likar.

Following this, the President thanked Pat and his team for its success, raising about \$860. The President also thanked all members and numismatic outlets that donated material. The President closed the meeting at 9:35pm. Refreshments kindly arranged by the Celtic Club management.

Election of Office Bearers

The following positions are required to be filled for election for the Council of the Numismatic Association of Victoria for 2013:

President, Vice President (2 positions), Secretary, Treasurer, Councillor (3 positions).

The constitution requires that nominations for election to the Council are received by the conclusion of the October General Meeting. At that time the following proper nominations were duly received:

- President - Ross Wilkinson
- Vice President - Frank Robinson
- Secretary - Bill Xynos
- Treasurer - David Likar
- Councillor - Darren Burgess

As the number of nominations did not exceed the required positions an election is not required. The Council may, with the approval of members, appoint members to fill casual vacancies as required.

Minutes of General Meeting No. 995
19th October 2012

Location Celtic Club, Second Floor, 320 Queen Street, Melbourne
Chair President, Ross Wilkinson
Present: 10 members **Apologies:** 3 members
Visitors: M Robinson, C Hunt

The President opened the meeting at 8:05pm by welcoming all present, with special welcome to Mrs Robinson and Mr Charles Hunt. Members were reminded to sign the Celtic Club's visitor's book as per requirements.

Minutes of previous General Meeting (21st September 2012, No.994)

Tabled and accepted by membership, on a motion by Ken Marshall, seconded by Bill Xynos.

Correspondence

Detailed in *Reports from Council*, which was tabled and distributed. No matters arose from correspondence.

Reports from Council

Finance & Membership (D Likar) – As of 1st September 2012 the NAB No.2 Acc stands at \$2,873.17 Major outgoings for the period include \$510 - NAA Journal #22, \$134 - Stamps + Envelopes for post out Journals, \$360 - Celtic Club Venue Rental 2012/13

The Donation Auction realised \$796

There are now 4 outstanding 2012 subs and reminder notices have been sent out giving a cut-off date of 19th Oct 2012.

Journal (F Robinson) – Quote accepted to include colour and Journal should be available by end November. Articles required early for 2012 Journal.

Auctions (R Wilkinson) – Donation Auction successful with 100% clearance and the next Tender Sale at November Meeting.

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Library (P Shields) – Work continuing on the updating and valuation of the library.

NAA Affairs (R Wilkinson) – Currently Seeking venue for annual conference in 2013.

Newsletter (D Burgess) – No report

Website (F Robinson) – No report

New Acquisitions

Olympic Games 1908 medal: Member Ken Marshall gave a brief background to his recently acquired medal that after some research was confirmed as an Olympic 1908 medal awarded for golf. Combined with the Franco-British Exhibition, the Americans were disturbed with the British dominance of the games, so much so that golf was introduced. This was won by a Canadian. Members added that in these Games, the proper gold-silver-bronze system of medals was established, and that this year was the last one where the golden medals were made of virtually solid gold!

Dupré medal: In another spectacular revelation, member Darren Burgess showed another Dupré medal, a restrike from the Paris Mint of the Libertas Americana.

Mixed Beauties: President Ross Wilkinson showed his latest acquisitions, an 8 escudos / 6400 reis Brazilian coin of 1801, an Indian gold Bengal Presidency 1793 mohur coin, and an awarded 'DOR' inscribed medal awarded to Private S McLean.

Chinese Dollar: Member John Gerzelis discovered some lost items, amongst them a Chinese Dollar silver coin of Pei-Yang Province date-translated of 1908.

General Business

Nominations for NAV Council for 2013: President Ross Wilkinson apologised to the members regarding the arrangements for the Nominations for Council positions in 2013. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the nomination entry forms have not been prepared in advance and were not tabled tonight.

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Ross assured the members that “emergency” nomination forms will become available tonight for members interested in joining our Council composition, which were distributed.

The President indicated that the lack of full Council has affected the operations of the present Council members, who have volunteered hard to accommodate the Association’s needs within their daily routines with work and family commitments. While it’s not an excuse for this administrative delay, the President asked members for their kind understanding and asked for all nominations to be returned after the conclusion of the meeting.

Peter Wall Medal on eBay: President Ross Wilkinson continued with his report on the late Peter Wall Medal, awarded by the Association, currently on sale on eBay.

NAV’s 1000th meeting: Member Frank Robinson mentioned the Council’s ideas about the 1000th meeting in April 2013. It was recommended that we’ll have a Special Dinner. Also, a display of photos taken from past meetings was proposed and Frank suggested for members to search and report to him soon.

Member Peter Goldsmith asked about striking a medal, but Frank was sceptical due to the costs for preparing a single die (the other one is the official NAV logo – that we have). From past experience, Frank responded that ideally, it would be great if we could afford and arrange it well in time but past declining sales discourages us to proceed with these projects. Instead, special presentation cards will be prepared. Frank asked members for feedback on organising this unique meeting quickly.

November 2012 Meeting place (room availability): Treasurer David Likar mentioned that the next meeting will be held at the basement of the building, as the present one will be used by the Celtic Club administration.

IBNS Melbourne Convention: Members Bill Xynos and Frank Robinson announced to the members that the IBNS Australian Chapters will have the Banknote Convention at the Downtowner on Lygon, on the weekend of 20th and 21st October 2012.

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Morwell N.S. Christmas Meeting: Member Pat Shields announced to the members that the Morwell Numismatic Society kindly invites the NAV members to their Christmas meeting on the first Monday of December (3rd December). Details will be announced soon.

APTA Stamp, Coin & Collectables Show: Member Bill Xynos announced to the members that the APTA Show will be held at the Box Hill Lower Town hall on the 10th & 11th November (10-5 both days).

ANDA November 2013 Show: Member Bill Xynos announced to the members that ANDA will have an International Coin Show at Etihad Stadium in Melbourne. More details will become available soon.

Hoard of Medieval British Coins: Members discussed briefly about a new hoard of British Medieval coins located recently in Great Britain.

Syllabus: 'The Municipal Council of Sydney Centenary Medal – 1942' by Darren Burgess

The President thanked all for their lively input and asked member Darren Burgess to open his presentation tonight on "The Municipal Council of Sydney and its Centenary Medal of 1942".

Darren opened it with a brief but concise history of the local government in Sydney. First references to a municipal council for Sydney appeared in the minutes of the Legislative Council in September 1832. On 1 November 1842, the elections established Alderman John Hosking as the first Mayor.

Sydney Town Hall was constructed on sandstone sourced from nearby Pyrmont with the foundation stone being laid by the Duke of Edinburgh in 1868 and completion in 1889. The design was submitted by architect J H Willson in 1868, with the façade of the Town Hall illustrated on the commemorative Five Dollar coin (2012 ANDA Release) designed by Anna Meszaros.

As the Centenary of the Council was approaching, the July 1942 Council minutes reveal a detailed listing of events and functions to be done including the striking of commemorative medallion (bronze or silver) and a plaque. In addition, the church added their presence to the proposed

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celebrations by proposing a special service at neighbouring St. Andrew's Cathedral. Further, a surprise dinner for the Lord mayor was to be organised.

Darren's research was extensive and breathtaking as he showed a photo of the Special Council Meeting showing Alderman Stanley S.Crick (Lord Mayor), His Excellency the Governor of NSW, The Lord Wakehurst KCMG, the Prime Minister of Australia (John Curtin), the Town Clerk of Sydney (Mr Roy Hendy CMG) and others.

Darren's attention to the numismatic part was also detailed. He showed an image of the silver medal struck for the occasion (Carlisle 1942/2), the council minutes for finalising the list of recipients of the medal and the letter of order to Angus & Coote, plus a supplementary order for a few more to be engraved for very important persons.

A letter of permission from the department of Supply and Development (war period) for the production of the medals and the commemorative tablet was shown. These letters between June and July 1942 confirm the number of 100 medals and of the total cost of 76.10.0 (\$5,000 in today's currency). The medals and dies were returned from Angus & Coote promptly.

Then, Darren moved into the Coat of Arms, designed by M. de St Remy in 1857, a prominent feature of the medal. The shield's main charge featured a ship for reflecting the city's maritime history, and above it (chief) a rising sun, that was replaced later by a beehive (industry). The shield was supported by an Australian aborigine and by a British sailor. Below, the logo was "I take but I surrender". In 1902, the City was granted a Royal Warrant, and with the creation of the Lord Mayoralty and the Lord Mayor title, its first Lord Mayor (Rt Hon Thomas Hughes) recommended for a new Coat of Arms to be created.

The heralding designer, William Frederic Ward, used the early features but the chief was replaced by the "arms" of Thomas Townshend (Viscount Sydney) at left, elements of the posthumously-granted "arms" of James Cook – the globe and the two polar stars on a St George's Cross at centre, and at right the "arms" of Sir Thomas Hughes. Below, the maritime-linked ship.

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Also, Darren showed various other medals issued by the City feature the Cost of Arms, such as the 1885 Lord Mayor's Soudan medal, the 1920 HRH Prince of Wales Royal Visit, the 1932 Sydney Harbour Bridge and the 1937 & 1953 Council of the City of Sydney Playground Coronation Medals.

Darren gave some biographical information about Stanley Sadler Crick, the Lord Mayor of the City from 1940 to 1942, Roy Hendy, the Town Clerk from 1931 to 1953, and Richard Charles Hagon, the Lord Mayor in 1933.

In his Vote of Thanks, Frank Robinson thanked Darren for his thorough and well-researched presentation. The detailed documentation shown proved again Darren's dedicated research. "All members enjoyed Darren's talk", Frank exclaimed and together with all present, Darren was praised and congratulated very warmly.

The President also added his appreciation to Darren as he was involved in Council matters for some years. Then, Ross declared this enjoyable evening as closed at 9:45pm. Refreshments kindly arranged by the Celtic Club management.

Gold Company Sets Up in Mint

A Melbourne company is hoping to tempt investors into the world of gold, with a showroom that strikes at the heart of the timeless metal.

Bullion retailer Melbourne Mint has taken up shop inside Victoria's former home of money-making — the Melbourne Mint — from which it also takes its name.

With the building's 19-century steel vault as the showroom's centrepiece, the company is hoping to convince investors that gold offers a safer return than volatile equities in the current economic climate.

"The latest reports out of Europe say there's no likelihood of change this decade," Melbourne Mint CEO Peter August said.

"It's sad — I don't want to see economic turmoil, but at the same time, there's an option for people to protect their wealth."

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The company, part of a global precious metals group that includes the Australian Bullion Company, Gold Merchants International and Universal Coin Co, will allow customers to buy gold bars over the phone, online or in the flagship Melbourne store, which has recently been restored to showcase its Renaissance Revival architecture.

Mr August said he hoped to attract seasoned investors as well as passing members of the general public.

"It could be young people starting out, who want to buy an ounce of silver for \$40, or older people looking to protect their wealth through a self-managed super fund."

The Sydney Morning Herald 11th October 2012

Minutes of General Meeting No. 996 16th November 2012

Location Celtic Club, Second Floor, 320 Queen Street, Melbourne

Chair President, Ross Wilkinson

Present: 13 members **Apologies:** 3 members

The President opened the meeting at 8:08pm by welcoming all present.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting (19th October 2012, No.995)

Tabled and accepted by membership on a motion by B Xynos that was seconded by D Burgess.

Correspondence Detailed report tabled and distributed. Morwell Numismatic Society's invitation to the 2012 Christmas Meeting on 3rd December at 7.30pm (Christian Community Church, 5-7 McDonald Street, Morwell).

Reports from Council

Finance & Membership (D Likar) – As of 26 October 2012 the NAB No.2 Acc stands at \$2,587. Major outgoing for the period, \$420 for Meeting Refreshments.

The following have been removed from the Membership Register due to non-payment of fees:

1105 V.L. Bennett, 1133 A.D. Miller, 1141 J.Pettit, 1147 B.Black, 1148 L.Adams.

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Presently, David estimates that the Association has 44 subscribing, 17 life and 10 award-of-merit members.

Journal (F Robinson) – 2011 Journal to be distributed at tonight's meeting or posted with December Newsletter. Articles required for 2012 Journal with deadline being March 2013 Meeting.

Auctions (R Wilkinson) – November Meeting. Tender sales will continue in 2013 commencing at the March Meeting and every two months with the Donation Auction to be held in October.

Library (P Shields) – No update.

NAA Affairs (R Wilkinson) – AGM in Sydney in February 2013 and dinner to celebrate 100th Anniversary.

Newsletter (D Burgess) – Summer edition is due early December. Details and invitation to the 1000th Meeting to be included.

Website (F Robinson) – No update

New Acquisitions

Commemorative \$2 coin (D Burgess) – This NCLT coin with a Canberra mint mark is a color printed example of the first commemorative \$2 issued by the Royal Australian Mint to commemorate remembrance day. A colour version was specially issued by the RSL, but sadly, the coin is glued on the card.

GB 1794 Half-Penny Token (D Burgess) – Issued by Daniel Eccleston from Lancaster, this token shows design elements similar to Matthew Bolton's Cartwheel Penny, including those unique raised rims.

GB £2 Bridgnorth Bank banknote (Darren Burgess) – Dated 12th of May 1814, this banknote was signed by Mr. McMichael. This note was in exceptional condition (VF) for its scarcity.

Photograph Award Plaque (D Likar) – This plaque award was issued by the Dover Photographic Society and was in bronze, on a wooden frame with wide margins. It's believed that the frame is the original one and was exceptionally designed in electrotype method.

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Investigator Medal (R Wilkinson) – This lovely chocolate-like bronze medal was engraved by Pinto and is the Investigator Medal on Captain Cook's discoveries.

General Business

1964 Commemorative Holey Dollar NAV Medal - Member John Chapman will sell to the members upon request the mentioned medal at the price of \$10 each, to be donated to the Association. There is a limit of 2 medals per member.

NAV's AGM - President Ross Wilkinson announced to the members all nominations received at the October Meeting (President: Ross Wilkinson, Vice-President: Frank Robinson, Treasurer: David Likar, Councillors: Darren Burgess and Secretary: Bill Xynos). Ross informed members that there are some vacancies and invited members to consider joining our team.

NAV's 1000th meeting - Member Frank Robinson detailed to the members that the meeting would have a display of past photographs from our functions. A special invitation will be sent to all members and all R.S.V.P. should be returned as soon as possible.

John Chapman – 60 Years of RPSV membership - Member Bill Xynos read a brief extract from the Journal of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria's Sep.12 edition, noting that Dr John Chapman was honoured at a dinner on 11 August to mark the 60th anniversary of his membership. John joined the RPSV in 1952 and his membership embracing half of the Society's 120-Year existence! He's now the second-longest serving member. Bill congratulated John for this achievement.

John O' Riley's health - Member Bob Hammon had the chance to visit our member recently and found John well in health (under the circumstances) and was able to recognise Bob. We all wished well for John's health and this was conveyed to Bob for his next visit.

NAV Assets - Members discussed briefly on some items returned to the Association such as an Australian Flag and camera aids. It was confirmed that the flag was flown at the Parliament House. While the Association never had a camera, we have a carousel projector and a copy stand.

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Syllabus: 'The Internet' – Jill Pearson

The President invited member Jill Pearson to open her presentation tonight on "Internet and Numismatics". Jill thanked the Association for the kind invitation and was pleased for the chance to follow up on her previous presentation about collection and inheritance issues. While not a collector herself, Jill's association with a leading numismatic house has allowed her to appreciate about the art of collecting and meet with so many collectors over twenty years, or so.

Over this period, Jill has seen the progression of the hobby and of the industry overall. During the early days of Spink in Melbourne, followed by Noble Numismatics, the preparation of an auction has improved enormously, thanks to the technological improvements in computerisation and in cataloguing.

During the early days, selected numismatic items would be photographed and their images manipulated manually for forming the final group of printing plates (showing key items to be auctioned) covering from 2 to 8 pages of illustrations. With the typing of information per lot, including researching through reference books and catalogues, the content of an average-sized auction catalogue would take about a month to complete, and then, a few weeks more for final proofing and printing production. As these processes changed over the years, the demand for illustrating the images prior to their description became work-intensive. This task would involve many staff members of the auction house, with responsibilities assigned to key personnel depending on knowledge and experience.

The introduction of the computers has progressively reduced the time taken to compile the content of an auction catalogue. Furthermore, the advanced photographing of key numismatic lots and the introduction of colour has improved catalogues enormously. Under normal circumstances, with the use of the computer, the whole process would take about a week and a half! Also, the printer would complete their proofing in a week's time and the catalogue would also be available on the Internet before it's even printed.

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However, matters became complicated as the concept of the worldwide Internet became a reality. Computer users were able to post, alter and exchange information and opinions on many topic and numismatics could not escape from this progress. As collectors demanded details about numismatic items and key background data, many auction houses had to adapt to the increasing demand. Specifically, Noble Numismatics catalogues improved with colour, with a much larger number of images and with more information and have been acknowledged as a producer of top-quality catalogues, containing an abundance of key numismatic information as well as extensive research.

Jill continued on the subject by outlining problems experienced by numismatists searching for correct information from the Internet. Firstly, she focused on the issue of retrieving information and recommended that not all posted on the web is accurate. Researching requires cross-verification of details before conclusions are reached. Secondly, it's well known that with the Internet, sophisticated online auction houses allow the sale and purchase of numismatic material. Jill recommended that buyers must beware of incorrect descriptions and grading of lots, including re-touched photos of items. The opportunity to purchase genuine items at cheaper prices is open to all, but many reproductions and incorrect grading have disappointed many collectors.

On the issue of reproductions, Jill was alarmed that copies of our low mintage coins have appeared in the market and show virtually no indifference to the genuine coins. And this brings us to the point of the importance of numismatic societies such as the NAV, where members can discuss and exchange vital information for counteracting this worrying trend.

Finally, the emergence of computerisation and manufacturing units has allowed the reproduction of some key numismatic items being reproduced with high accuracy. The aim of flooding these 'copies' into the market has caused a considerable alarm in the numismatic community. The well-established auction houses are aware of the impact such forgeries or reproductions to the hobby and have continuously alerted the industry and the collecting community.

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Following questions from many members, member Ken Marshall concluded by stating that the high-quality auction catalogues from Noble Numismatics should be acclaimed and awarded. In his Vote of Thanks, President Ross Wilkinson thanked Jill for a very informative presentation that not only showed the benefits of the computerisation in the numismatic industry, but also on the benefits and disadvantages of the Internet. Jill was warmly congratulated by all present.

Then, Ross declared the meeting as closed at 9:20pm, followed by a Tender Sales. Refreshments kindly arranged by the Celtic Club management.

ANA Recovers Its Stolen Holey Dollar

An 1813 New South Wales Holey dollar worth over \$150,000 stolen from the American Numismatic Association in 2007 has been recovered, the organization announced Oct. 31.

The Holey dollar was returned Oct. 23 by Coinworks, Ltd., an Australian numismatic firm. It had acquired the coin from an Australian auction house in July 2007.

“Coinworks is an organization that prides itself on its strong ethic and commitment to the industry. That Coinworks initiated the discussions regarding the return of the 1813 Holey dollar to its rightful owner (ANA) is a clear demonstration of the principles by which we operate,” said Belinda Downie of Coinworks.

The coin had been sold for \$155,755 in July 2007 at an auction in Melbourne and was one of approximately 300 stolen from the ANA’s Edward C. Rochette Money Museum in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Wyatt Yeager, who had briefly been ANA collections manager in early 2007, pleaded guilty in January 2012 to one count of theft of major artwork, a violation of Title 18, United States, Section 668. He was sentenced in federal district court in Wilmington, Del., April 24 by Judge Leonard P. Stark. He received 27 months in federal prison and two years supervised release He was also ordered to pay \$948,505 in restitution.

Numismatic News, November 10th 2012

Perth Mint Christmas Locket



The Perth Mint's 2012 Christmas Locket 1oz Silver Proof Coin. Designed by Aleysha Howarth this 40mm \$1, with a mintage of 5,000, incorporates a transparent locket containing semi-precious gemstones.

I know that NCLT (Non-Circulating Legal Tender) trinkets such as these aren't everyone's cup of tea, but I think it'll look great hanging on the Christmas Tree.