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500th Meeting of NAV

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NAV CELEBRATES 500th MEETING



An early minting scene, reproduced from the cover of the souvenir programme celebrating the 500th meeting of the Numismatic Association of Victoria

All Victorian numismatists gathered in Melbourne on 5 April to celebrate the 500th meeting of the Numismatic Association of Victoria. An attractive souvenir programme was issued giving details of the night's events, a chronology and the minutes of the first meeting held on 17 May 1946.

The cover of the programme reproduced an early minting scene and set the trend for the evening.

The president, Mr P. J. Downie, opened the meeting and welcomed members and visitors, remarking that the attendance of approximately 150 was a record for the Association. Due credit was given to Ray Jewell for the part he

played to make the evening such a success.

Mr R. L. Henderson, archivist of the NAV, gave a brief history of the Association, and the guest speaker was Mr John Gartner, a past president of the NAV and publisher of *The Australian Coin Review*. He spoke on the early days of collecting in Australia and New Zealand, looked at present trends, and gave his forecasts for the future.

A series of small competitions were held, with attractive prizes for the winners, and a commemorative medallion and a memento of the evening were presented to all present.

A coin display in the foyer created great interest and the evening concluded with supper, arranged by Mrs Betty Turvey, who was enthusiastically thanked by the president for her part in the festivities.

The main dates in the history of the NAV are:

1914 – 16 Feb: First meeting of interested persons to form an organised numismatic group in Victoria.

1914 – 24 Feb: First meeting of 'Numismatic Society of Victoria'.

1929 – 4 Feb: Last monthly meeting of N.S.V.

1931 – July: Numismatic Society of Victoria affiliated with the Historical Society of Victoria.

1944 – 24 March: N.S.V. disaffiliated from Historical Society. A provisional committee appointed from Association of Australian Numismatists.

1945 – October: Circular sent to all interested persons in Victoria.

1946 – 17 May: First meeting of Numismatic Association of Victoria.

The first six meetings of the Association were held in the rooms of the Victorian Railways Institute.

Meetings 7-50 were held at Kurrajong House, 179 Collins Street, Melbourne.

All meetings since that time have been held at the present location, Theatre, National Museum.

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

A new coin has been issued by the Netherlands Antilles to commemorate the US Bicentennial. Obverse of the coin bears a portrait of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, while the reverse has a scene of the US sailing ship *Andrew Doria* flanked by the flag of America, the Grand Union. The 45 mm coin was struck in .925 fine silver by the Franklin Mint.