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500TH N.A.V. MEETING SOUVENIR ISSUE



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THE FINANCIAL YEAR OF THE ASSOCIATION COMMENCED ON 1st JANUARY.

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DETAILS OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS ON PAGE 1.

- TOP. *A view of portion of the attendance at the 500th Meeting during the evening's proceedings in the Theatrette. Who can you recognise?*
- BOTTOM. *Reminiscences being shared between two past Presidents of the Association, Mr. Norm Adams on the right, and Mr. Ray Jewell. In the background can be seen members viewing exhibits arranged in cases around the foyer of the Theatrette.*

REPORT OF THE 500th MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 5th APRIL, 1977, AT THE THEATRETTE AND CONFERENCE ROOM, NATIONAL MUSEUM, MELBOURNE.

The President, Mr. Phil Downie opened the meeting at 8.15 p.m., welcoming all present to this milestone occasion, and in particular greeting a number of older Members who had not been able to attend regular meetings.

THE ARCHIVIST, Mr. Len HENDERSON presented a paper entitled **"SOME OF OUR HISTORY"**. Mr. Henderson traced the history of the early Numismatic Society of Victoria, founded in 1914, until its affiliation with the Historical Society of Victoria in 1931. He further detailed events leading to the dis-affiliation and the subsequent formation of the N.A.V. in 1946.

THE GUEST SPEAKER, MR. JOHN GARTNER, a Past President, spoke on early collecting days, the present, and the trends for the future. These reminiscences brought a touch of nostalgia to the hearts of the older members present.

THE VOTE OF THANKS, was moved by a Past President, Mr. Bill Purnell, who warmly thanked Mr. Gartner on behalf of all present.

TWO COMPETITIONS had been arranged on the themes of **"THE OLDEST NUMISMATIC ITEM"** and **"NUMISMATIC ITEMS RELATING TO '500' "**.

The judges announced that the respective winners were Miss Jean Harwood and Mr. Peter Wall. The President presented both with a small memento.

A special **Commemorative Medallion** had been struck to mark the occasion and also to honour the 25th year of reign of Queen Elizabeth II. Mr. Ray Jewell explained the circumstances surrounding the striking of this medallion. The original obverse die of this medallion was used, coupled with a reverse die bearing the words **"COMMEMORATING THE 25th YEAR OF THE ACCESSION OF HER**

MAJESTY ON THE OCCASION OF THE N.A.V.'s 500th MEETING 5th APRIL 1977". Only 110 of the 38mm silver-plated medallions were struck of which 20 have been reserved for sale to Country, Interstate or Overseas Members. The price is \$8 each, or \$9 posted.

The President announced that a **souvenir memento** of the occasion would be given to :—

- (1) Those present who had attended the **FIRST N.A.V. Meeting.**
- (2) **JUNIOR** members present.
- (3) Persons present who had travelled **over 100 km** to attend.
- (4) Presidents of other Numismatic Societies present.

Those in attendance who qualified were presented with a souvenir spoon bearing the badge of the Association.

Mrs. Betty Turvey was then asked to come forward and light the candles on the "500th Meeting" cake.

Mr. Norm Adams, the 3rd N.A.V. President, was asked to come forward and cut the cake.

Sample Bags were then given to each person present. These contained approximately 26 items comprising both useful items and interesting souvenirs of the evening. The Sample Bags were a real surprise, and naturally were enthusiastically received by all.

The President closed the Meeting and asked that everyone view the exhibits which had been specially displayed in the foyer, then to partake of the **Catered Supper** beautifully spread out in the Conference Room adjoining.

CONGRATULATIONS AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Due to the nature of the occasion there was a strong response from members who were unable to attend the 500th Meeting due to distance and other reasons. It is only fitting that their apologies be recorded in this report.

Those members who wrote to congratulate the Association and to tender an apology were:— Messrs. J.J. FREEMAN (Tasmania); R.SIMPSON (N.S.W.); A. BURNELL (Qld.); Mrs. J.SIMON (Ballarat); The Blue Lakes Coin Club (Mt. Gambier); V. HAUSER , M.L.C., (Vic.); and J.REMICK (Canada).

Apologies for being unable to attend on the evening were also recorded on behalf of:— Messrs. M.FREEHILL (Sydney); J.NOBLE (Sydney); P.WEBSTER; L. LESLIE, M.STERN; E.JEWELL; Mrs.A.ALBON; Miss J.ARMSTRONG, and Miss B.NEILSEN.

EXHIBITORS AT THE 500th MEETING

Contributions of exhibits for display in the foyer on the night of the 500th

Meeting added greatly to the numismatic flavour of the evening and to the overall success of the occasion.

The exhibits were all of a high standard, covering both broad and specialised areas of numismatics; coins, tokens, paper currency, primitive money, civil and military medals and Insignia.

The following members supplied exhibits :--

Bob Winton	Jeff Turnbull	Hardy Enscoe	Frank Heard
Stan Konior	Edward Vilips	Stan Church	Mrs. Pat Hoiles
Dr. Percy Zerman	Frank Robinson	Mrs. Betty Turvey	Howard Jenkin
Ken Downie	Hans Prange	Peter Wall	Miss Jean Harwood
Hans Ferdinand			

The Science Museum of Victoria. (Arranged by John Sharples).

** Appreciation is recorded for the kind services of Pepperell Publicity in expertly arranging and describing the N.A.V.'s own medallion collection exhibited on the evening.*

POST - SCRIPT TO THE 500th MEETING

A special mention is made (see also "Report of the 501st General Meeting") of the very considerable time and effort put in by both Mr. Ray Jewell and Mrs. Betty Turvey to ensure the success of this very special meeting. Their efforts were amply rewarded by the enjoyment all received on the night with a knowledge that memories will linger for long into the future.

As a permanent record of the evening Mr. Geoff Thomas tape-recorded the official proceedings in the Theatrette.

FORWARD SYLLABUS

FRIDAY, JUNE 17th	"HERALDRY AND NUMISMATICS" by Terry Pepperell.
TUESDAY, JULY 5th	"MEDALETTE, MEDAL, MEDALLION AND PLAQUE" by Ray Jewell.
FRIDAY, JULY 15th	"COIN ERRORS" by Peter Wall. Tender Sale this night.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd	"QUESTION AND ANSWER NIGHT". A night where any question about coins, tokens, medals, banknotes, etc., can be put to our panel.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 19th	"THE FUNCTION OF COINAGE IN THE ROMAN WORLD", their use, circulation, range, international and trade import. By John Sharples. Tender Sale this night.

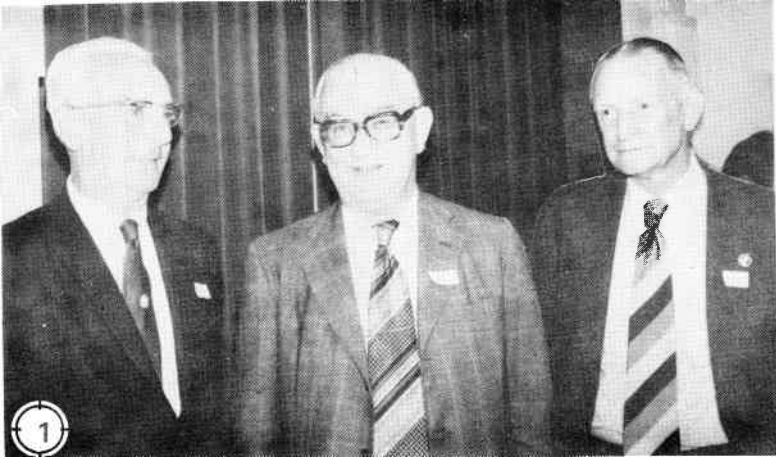
The Numismatic Association of Victoria



500 Meeting 500

5 April 1977

(Shown above is the front page of the 500th Meeting souvenir Programme depicting a Mint workshop in Medieval times.)











SCENES OF THE 500TH MEETING



*** For Details of these Photographs turn to Page 9 ***



"SOME OF OUR HISTORY"

(Continuing from page 12 of the last issue, the brief account of the Association compiled and read out by Mr. Len Henderson at the 500th Meeting).

In December 1923 members were entertained by Mr. LeSouef at the Melbourne Branch of The Royal Mint where they were privileged to see the large and beautiful collection of coins and medals numbering over 7,000 pieces comprising coinage from nearly every country in the world. There were a great many medals, both British and Foreign, and both decorative and commemorative. An added charm, according to at least one of the viewers, was to see a collection so well displayed.

On other occasions Mr. Chitty, Numismatist to the Public Library, entertained members in his own home where they could view his own collection at leisure and more importantly receive a talk of high educative value. Mr. Chitty had come to Melbourne where he had classified and arranged that Museum's collection. On two or three occasions in the early years of the Society's existence they had approached the Trustees of the Library to appoint a Curator of the State Collection of unclassified, valuable, coins and medals. The Trustees were successful in obtaining the services of Alfred Chitty. One of the features of this collection is the section devoted to Greek coins, which number about 1,000 pieces exclusive of the vast range of Electrotypes. The Roman section is equally representative and supplemented by an exceptional collection of wax impressions. Mr. Chitty generously donated his own collection of Uncirculated Australian where every coin was duplicated so that obverse and reverse could be displayed side by side. Thirty five years ago I remember seeing these coins "stuck" to the backing of the vertically mounted wall-cases in the Mezzanine Gallery where the Weapons are now on display. Unfortunately, over a period of time much substitution was made, with V.F. pieces taking the place of the Uncirculated and Proofs. A person who was responsible for the mounting of Reptiles in the Museum was later Charged, and Convicted, of the Larceny of some of the coins but of course they could not be regained. The theft was only discovered when Spink and Son in London wrote to the Trustees saying that they had been receiving parcels of scarce and rare coins from a collector in Melbourne and that they had never heard of this person before as a collector; could the Museum give them any background material on a Mr. A. Massola? The Museum could, and did, and Charges were laid leading to a conviction. It was already strongly suspected that much substitution had been taking place and Ray Jewell had called on the Trustees to talk about this before the news came through from England. This took place in the Post-War years after Fritz Schafer had retired and there was no one officially looking after the Collection. This was about 1963.

One very strange fact that has emerged since John Sharples took over as Numismatist is that there has come to light a few coins that should not be there at all — an extra Adelaide Pound and a Canadian Pattern that doesn't exist in the Ottawa Mint Museum collection!

DETAILS OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWN ON MIDDLE PAGES.

1. *Two past Presidents and a foundation member. In the centre Mr. John Gartner, guest speaker at the 500th Meeting, flanked by Bill Purnell (left) and Hardy Enscoe. There's a knowledgeable threesome!*
2. *Ian Young receiving a memento of the occasion from Ray Jewell. Ian, together with Stan Church, Don Wicks and Antoine Pignolet had been present at the first N.A.V. meeting on 17th May, 1946. Each received a memento from Ray on behalf of the Association.*
3. *The Secretary, President and Treasurer applauding as Mr. Norm Adams cuts the cake bearing five candles, each candle representing 100 meetings. It was a tasty cake too.*
4. *Wynn Sharman (left), Mavis Barnes, Len Henderson and Frank Heard gathered around one of the supper tables. In the background can be seen two Junior Members, Greg Ross and Danny McGrath gaining numismatic nourishment from a conversation with Hans Ferdinand.*
5. *Eve Hales (extreme left) and friend admiring the exhibits by Hans Prange of Grand Cross Knight's Insignia. Also in the picture are Ray Jewell and Gabriel De Meneghi, here seen closely examining a case containing N.A.V. medallions and dies.*
6. *A group of members looking at Tom May's magnificent exhibit relating to the Dutch ship "Gilt Dragon" and containing coins salvaged from the wreck. From left to right in the picture are Jean Harwood, Howard Jenkin, Patricia Batchelor and Frank Robinson.*
7. *"All good things....." Here we see Oliver Lloyd (centre) watching as Ed and Mrs. Vilips carefully pack up Frank Heard's exhibit at the end of the evening.*

GIFT TO ASSOCIATION ARCHIVES.

The original engraved metal block used for printing the crest of the Numismatic Society of Victoria has been generously donated to the N.A.V. by Jenkin Buxton Printers Pty.Ltd.

The crest, shown here, was adapted for use by the Association and the central portion of the original crest used on the cover of all issues of "Australian Numismatist" since 1946. Our Archivist, Mr. Len Henderson, has the block in his care but it may be viewed by any member on request.



BUSHRANGER MEDAL. The colony of New South Wales awarded medals in gold and silver to police and citizens who displayed bravery in capturing or resisting bushrangers.

The medals were awarded in the years 1863-1875. A total of 15 medals were awarded. These comprised a small number of different types, each of which is either unique or very rare considering that only 15 medals in all were awarded.

REPORTS OF OTHER MEETINGS.

THE 501st GENERAL MEETING was held on Friday, 15th April, in the Theatrette of the Science Museum.

At 8.00 p.m. the President, Mr. Phil Downie, opened the meeting and welcomed the 24 members and 4 visitors present.

The **SYLLABUS** for the evening consisted in a **QUIZ** prepared by Mr. Reg Williams. Question sheets were handed out for members to test their knowledge of Numismatics. Prizes went to Peter Wall and to Master Adam May (**JUNIOR SECTION**).

Reg was thanked for his work in preparing the quiz.

An **APPLICATION OF MEMBERSHIP** was received from W.D. DARCY of South Caulfield, Victoria.

During **GENERAL BUSINESS**, Mr. Frank Heard requested that a minute of appreciation be recorded for those who helped organise the 500th Meeting. Approval was given by spontaneous acclamation.

Mrs. Betty Turvey thanked the many members who had commented favourably to her on the 500th Meeting.

Mr. John Sharples gave a brief talk on the current situation in the Numismatic Section of the Science Museum, mentioning recent acquisitions and finds.

The **MEETING** was then closed for supper and all were invited to view Peter Wall's fine display of Ancient Egyptian Coinage in the foyer.

The 502nd GENERAL MEETING was held in the Conference Room at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd May. The meeting was opened by the President, Mr. Phil Downie, who welcomed the 40 members and 6 visitors present.

Mr. Howard Jenkin then proceeded with the **SYLLABUS ITEM**, a paper he had prepared entitled "GASBAGS". He gave a short account of the history of airships from the hot-air balloons of the Montgolfier Brothers in France in the 18th Century to the enormous, but illfated dirigibles (eg. the Zeppelins), to the modern-day propane-gas heated balloons. Howard then spoke on the numismatic items he had brought along to illustrate his historical account. Members enjoyed viewing the large display which aroused considerable discussion.

During **GENERAL BUSINESS** greetings from Grant Musgrove, in Tasmania, were conveyed by Tom May who had met Grant in Hobart a few days earlier.

The meeting was then closed for supper and a very successful tender sale.

THE 503rd GENERAL MEETING was held in the Theatrette of the Science Museum on Friday, 20th May. The President, Mr. Phil Downie, opened the meeting at 8.00 p.m., welcoming 33 members including Mr. Robert Kaldor, recently returned from a trip to Europe, and 6 visitors.

The SYLLABUS ITEM was presented by Mr. Rick Williams from Monash University who spoke on "The Athenian Coinage Decree". After a brief introduction, Mr. Williams ran a film he had compiled which transported the audience back in time to the atmosphere of Athens in the mid 5th Century B.C. The guest speaker then used slides to trace the development of the "OWL" of Athens which gained widespread use since the purpose of the Decree was to limit the striking of coins by those lesser states within the Athenian league. In all, the guest speaker combined a very good commentary with an excellent visual presentation of the subject matter.

Passing a vote of thanks on behalf of the members, Mr. Peter Wall remarked that Mr. Williams lecture would be worthy of inclusion in the official programme of Greek Festival Week then being held in Melbourne. All members joined in a warm round of applause for the young guest speaker.

Five NEW MEMBERS were unanimously voted into the Association :—

No. 901 Peter A.Dwyer, 19 Fontein Street, Tottenham, 3012.

Collecting Interest : Australian and World Coins.

No. 902 Jimmy Mistry, 6/51 Brook Street, Hawthorn, 3122.

Collecting Interest : Indian Coins.

No. 903 Graeme Millstead, (Junior Member) 30A Parkers Road, Parkdale, 3195.

Collecting Interest : Australian pre-decimal.

No. 904 George Cage, 9 Elm Tree Road, Doncaster, 3108.

Collecting Interest : British Colonial.

No. 905 Miss Myrtle Jacobs, "Hillcrest", 288 Pakington Street, Geelong, 3220.

Collecting Interest : Commemoratives.

The meeting was then closed for supper followed by a successful tender sale.

BACK AND FORTH.

Back from a short trip overseas was Robert Kaldor who was seen at the last meeting happily showing around some of his newest acquisitions both coins and books on coins.

Forth at the moment are Ron Stewart who is enjoying a holiday in Britain before travelling around the continent.

Stan Church has also left for the warmer and familiar climes of Yugoslavia. The question is now being asked is if Stan is not living in Yugoslavia but spending his holidays in Australia!

AWARDS FOR 1976.

The announcement and presentation of the Awards for 1976 were made during the Annual Dinner held on Saturday, 26th March, at Allison's in Windsor.

Two awards were made, the first being the "Max Stern" Trophy for the best

paper throughout the year, the winner being Mr. Jack Clay, whose paper "Biblical Prophecy as related to numismatics especially the British Isles", was given at the meeting held on Tuesday, 6th April, 1976.

The presentation of the "President's" Award for 1976 was made to Mr. Frank Heard for his quiet behind-the-scenes assistance throughout the year.

NEW NOTE PRINTING WORKS.

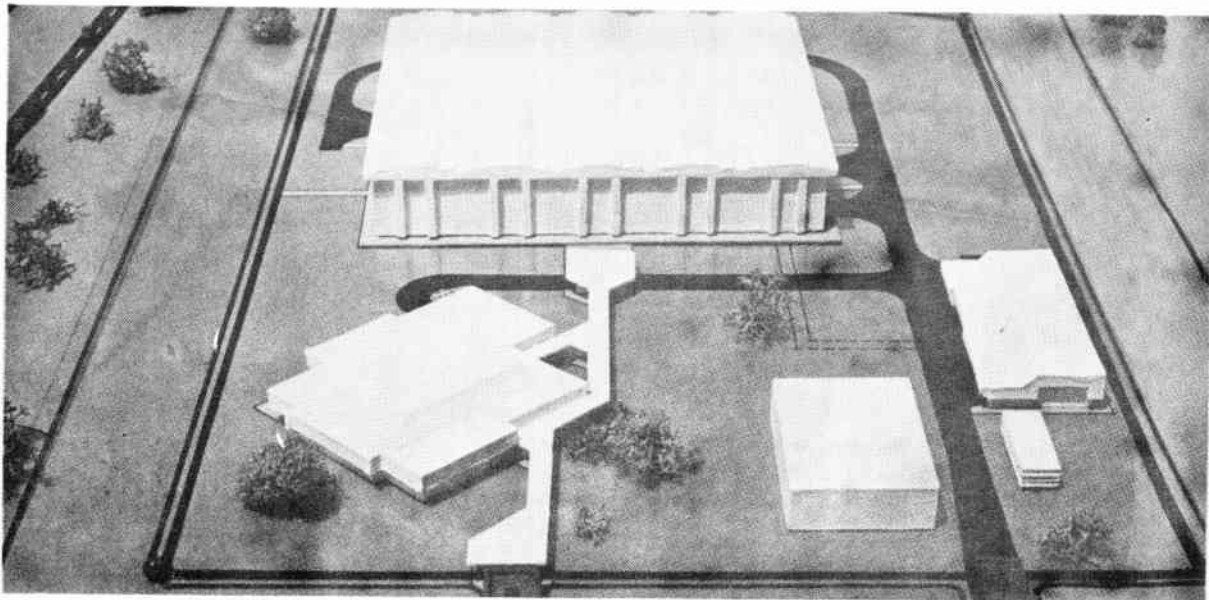
The Reserve Bank of Australia has accepted a tender of \$1,874,000 from Lewis Construction Co. Pty.Ltd. for the first stage of the construction of the new Note Printing Works at Craigieburn.

The work to be carried out in this initial contract includes:

- a) site preparation and excavation for the production and service buildings;
- b) foundations for the production building including service tunnels;
- c) internal road system and carpark;
- d) stormwater, water supply and sewerage systems;
- e) outer perimeter security fence.

The contractor was given possession of the site on 3 November and commenced work on site on 8 November. The contract provides for completion by 3 August, 1977.

Documentation of the main contract should be available for the calling of tenders in the first half of 1977, to allow the main construction work to commence immediately site works are completed.



ABOVE: *The New Note Printing Works (Model).*

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THE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

Established 1946

OBJECTS :

Briefly, the objects for which the Association was established, are—

To encourage the study of Numismatics in all its branches

To represent generally the views and interests of all Numismatics

To provide education in the field of Numismatics, and to encourage
sound and methodical collecting practice

ACTIVITIES:

Discussion at Monthly Meetings

Reading of Papers

Assisting members in the study and acquisition
of numismatic specimens

An Annual Exhibition

A bi-monthly publication containing articles and items of interest
to all Numismatists

Stimulating research into the currency of Australia

Encouraging correspondence between members throughout the world

MEETINGS DATES IN 1977:

JAN. 21st	MAY 3rd, 20th	SEPT. 6th, 16th
FEB. 1st, 18th	JUNE 7th, 17th	OCT. 4th, 21st
MARCH 1st, 18th	JULY 5th, 15th	NOV. 8th, 18th
APRIL 5th, 15th	AUGUST 2nd, 19th	DEC. 6th, 16th