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MINUTES OF THE 225th GENERAL MEETING HELD  
AT THE THEATRETTE, NATIONAL GALLERY,  
SWANSTON STREET, MELBOURNE, 15th JANUARY,  
1965.

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- IN THE CHAIR: The President, R. Jewell Esq. F.R.N.S.
- PRESENT: 65 Members and 36 Visitors.
- APOLOGIES: Mrs. Freame, Messrs. Enscoe, Schafer,  
Page, Henderson, Dr. & Master Hellings,  
A. & B. Bramley, B. Bernal and E. J. Davies.
- CORRESPONDENCE: (a) Brighton Boy Scouts requesting that the  
Association send 4 speakers to the Dandenong  
Jamboree to speak on coins and exhibit  
same.  
(b) R. D. Le Baron, 2574 Starbright Drive,  
San Jose, California - to exchange coins  
for Australian.  
The correspondence was received.
- ELECTION OF MEMBERS:
- |  |         |
|--|---------|
| Nell Lee Bye (Mrs.)                          | No. 551 |
| 64 Brighton St., Richmond.                   |         |
| Douglas Thomas Guiver                        | No. 552 |
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| Raymond Percy Joseph Whelan                  | No. 556 |
| Wallingford Long Gully Road,<br>Healesville. |         |

ELECTION OF  
MEMBERS - cont.:

William Jack Anderson No. 557  
33 Liverpool St., Nth. Fitzroy.  
The above 7 members were elected  
unanimously.

NOMINATIONS FOR  
MEMBERSHIP:

ANDERSON. Erling Viggo  
169 Malop St., Geelong.

ANDERSON. Theo & A. R.  
367 Ryrie St., Geelong.

CHUA. Kim Song  
Flat 8, 62 Westburgh St.,  
East St. Kilda, S.16.

FELLA. Joseph  
173 Tyler St., East Preston.

HARLE. H. (Mrs.)  
4 Ottawa Rd., Toorak.

LESLIE. Richard Cabell  
2215 Greenridge Drive, Richmond,  
California.

MOGRIDGE. Mervyn L. G.  
Dept. of Labour, Cameron Plateaus,  
Milne Bay, New Guinea.

PILE. Leonard  
117 Reynard St., Coburg.

SANFORD. Terrence 15/18 J.M.  
43 Barkley Terrace, Melbourne.

TAUB. Yesha, Yahu  
61 Milton St., Elwood, S.3.  
Applications to remain on the table until  
the next meeting.

GENERAL  
BUSINESS:

Retiring Presidents Report.  
Secretary's Report.  
Auditor's Report - D. Wicks Esq., B. Com.  
A.A.S.A.

The General Meeting was adjourned to enable the Special General  
meeting to be held.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

ANNUAL ELECTION: The following were elected -

President R. Jewell Esq., FRNS. Unopposed.

Vice Presidents P. Simon Esq., FRNS.

R. Stewart

Council Messrs. Griffiths, Hibble, Higson,  
Bethard and Philpotts.

Treasurer E. Kennedy, B.Com, F.A.S.A.

After the election the General Meeting was resumed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members,

It seems only a very short time ago that you honored me by electing me your President. Tonight it is my responsibility and privilege to deliver the Annual address.

Firstly I would like to record the great debt we owe our Secretary. The demands upon his time, energy and ability in the last year have been heavy, especially in his dual role of Secretary-Treasurer. I personally as President and you as Association members, have been most fortunate in having a man who has given so much time and effort so willingly throughout the year.

My thanks also to the other members of the Council for their support, to all members who have read papers or prepared exhibits as well as the large number of members who have helped throughout the year with supper, Tender Sales, Syllabus, Exhibition and all the other jobs that have required a devotion to the Association which assures us of a successful future.

Another class of member, too often forgotten who I would also like to thank, are those who attend our regular meetings and who by their presence and appreciation contribute greatly to the success of the meetings.

Our financial membership now stands at 226 and our average monthly attendance for the period under review has been 92. Both these figures I feel give some satisfaction but there is no reason at all why our membership should not continue to grow and our attendances increase. Increased attendance has brought with it the problem of accomodation. The holding of two monthly meetings may overcome the problem of cramped meetings but if not you can rest assured that your Council is aware of the problem and will act

accordingly.

Throughout the year a varied programme has been arranged for us by the Syllabus Sub-Committee. These talks and displays have been supplemented by visitors who have added much to our meetings. In May Mr. Ron Osborne, then Superintendent at the Melbourne Branch of the Royal Mint and now at the National Mint, Canberra, addressed the meeting and with the aid of films fully explained the manufacture of coins. At the August meeting the Rt. Honourable A. A. Calveley, M.H.R., exhibited the insignia of The Order of St. Gregory the Great and talked of the circumstances surrounding his award of the Order. In September Mr. Stuart Devlin, the designer of the reverses of the decimal coins spoke to us and exhibited his original plasters. The December meeting was addressed by Mr. R. Parry, an expert on decimals and the problems that the changeover will bring.

All these gentlemen contributed greatly to the knowledge of those of us that were privileged to hear them and I would again take this opportunity of recording our thanks to them.

My thanks also to the wives of Council members who have graciously allowed us to use their homes for the monthly Council meetings.

Throughout the year the Council have striven to improve the workings of the Association. Little things, many of which have passed unnoticed or which are now taken for granted, have helped. The serving of supper at each meeting has I think greatly helped in promoting a congenial atmosphere.

Early in the year the Council decided that the N.A.V. should possess a library. In years gone by our Association did have quite a reasonable library but as the majority of members at that time owned their own reference books the demands upon the library were very small. This led to the disposal of the books. However with the influx of juniors and beginners the position has altered. A number of books have already been purchased and a number have also been donated. I feel confident that in years to come this library will grow in size and importance.

The financial position of the Association is sound as the Treasurer's report will show.

The decision to strike a Commemorative medallion to honour the Sesqui Centenary of the first distinctive coinage of Australia, or New South Wales as it was 150 years ago, was made early in 1964. Although the striking was limited to silver medallions only, the de-

mand far outreached our expectations. The initial orders from members was in excess of 200 and the Council was faced with the other difficult decision of either disappointing members or striking sufficient extra medallions to meet these orders. The latter course was adopted and although we realise that this could bring criticism upon us we felt that our duty lay in satisfying our own members.

The Council have already discussed a commemorative medallion to be issued for the 50th Anniversary of Gallipoli Landing. Designs are being prepared and the matter will be under discussion again very early this year.

During 1964 the N.A.V. successfully staged the first full scale Exhibition held in this country. To a large extent this was a trial and error show. We felt our way and doubtless made mistakes but the lessons learnt were priceless and will hold good for any future Exhibitions or Conventions. That the Exhibition was a success was due to the tremendous effort of a large group of our members who helped in an enormous number of varied jobs spread over a considerable period.

The N.A.V. were privileged in obtaining The Rt. Honourable Harold Holt, P.C., M.P., The Federal Treasurer, to open the Exhibition. Mrs. Holt also attended the opening of the Exhibition as a guest of the N.A.V.

Press, Radio and Television coverage throughout the Exhibition was very good and contributed greatly to the overall success.

A small souvenir medalet was issued to commemorate the event and several hundreds of these were sold. This type of souvenir is very popular in North America and doubtless there will be many more struck in this country.

The thanks of the Association are due to the Editor of "The Australian Numismatist". He has been an unceasing worker throughout the year. To Mr. Jenkin also our thanks for his efforts in collating the Journal each month.

During the year the Council decided to change to a printed Journal in 1965. This should add to the prestige and standing of "The Australian Numismatist".

In the year past one member only, Mr. H. Robinson of Auckland, New Zealand, submitted papers for publication in our Journal without having first read them at a regular monthly meeting. This is indeed a sad state of affairs.

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THE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/64.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
1. 1.64 To Balance	£211. 7. 2	31.12.64 By Rent	£ 55. 2. 6
31.12.64 <u>Subscriptions</u>		<u>Journal</u>	
Current	£213. 6. 9	Production	£121.12. 0
Arrears	39.17. 1	Wrappers	28. 2. 6
In Advance	77.12. 6	Covers	17.10. 0
Nominations	<u>88. 3. 0</u>	Envelopes	20. 5. 0
	418.19. 4	Postages	<u>13. 7. 7</u> 200.17. 1
Donations	21. 5. 3	Printing and Stationary	64.15.11
Commission on Sales	172.17.11	Telephone - rental	21. 8. 3
Holey Dollar Medallions	623.15. 7	Tender Sales - vendors	1540.10. 1
Social Committee Badges		Exhibition	650. 5. 7
etc.	25. 8. 3	Library	11. 5. 0
Tender Sales	1529. 1. 9	Holey Dollar Medallion	431.17.11
Exhibition, Medalets	667.12. 6		
<u>Miscellaneous</u>		<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Journals	£ 1. 2. 8	Bank Charges	£1.10. 0
Interest	3. 0. 0	Postages	13.15.11
Sundries	<u>19. 0</u>	Sundries	<u>17.13. 9</u> 32.19. 8
	5. 1. 8		
Donation Sales	17.11. 0		
	<u>                    </u>		
	<u>£3693. 0. 5</u>	Bank Balance	£3009. 2. 0
			<u>683.18. 0</u>
			<u>£3693. 0. 5</u>

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
1. 1.64 To Balance	<del>£</del> 2. 3. 5	By <del>Journal</del>	
31.12.64 To Subscriptions	174. 2. 7	Production	£121.12. 0
To Interest	1. 3	Wrappers	28. 2. 6
	<u>                    </u>	Covers	17.10. 0
	176. 7. 3	Envelopes	20. 5. 0
General Account - O/D	48. 2. 9	Postages	<u>13. 7. 7</u> £200.17. 1
	<u>                    </u>	Telephone	21. 8. 3
	<u>£224.10. 0</u>		
		Balance at Bank	£222. 5. 4
			<u>2. 4. 8</u>
			<u>£224.10. 0</u>



BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/12/64.

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
<u>Sundry Creditors</u>		<u>Cash at Bankers</u>	
Subscriptions in advance	£ 77.12. 6	General Account	£683.18. 5
Rent	5.14. 8	Publications	<u>2. 4. 8</u>
		Equipment at Cost	
		Epidiascope	16. 3. 6
<u>Income and Expenditure Account</u>		President's Medal	5.16. 7
Balance at 1/1/64	£209.10.10	Exhibit Case	<u>2.10. 0</u>
Add Surplus for year	<u>427.17. 8</u>	Exhibition Medalets - at cost	24.10. 1
	637. 8. 6		<u>10. 2. 6</u>
	<u>£720.15. 8</u>		<u>£720.15. 8</u>

I have examined the books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Numismatic Association of Victoria for the year ended 31st December, 1964 and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required, and in my opinion, the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Association at the date named, as shown by the Books of the Association.

(Signed) D. F. WICKS, B.Com., A.A.S.A.,  
Hon. Auditor.

E. KENNEDY, B.Com., F.A.S.A.

Hon. Treasurer

R. JEWELL, F.R.N.S.

President

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If we are to lay any claim to being a leading numismatic body or cultural body we must show a willingness to do original research into some facets of the series that holds our interest.

The pace and varied interests of the present day meetings do not lend themselves to long specialists papers. I cannot think of any other regular numismatic publication that is entirely dependent upon the monthly paper for its content.

There are no pre requisits for writers. New and experienced, young and old can have the joy and satisfaction that comes from study and research into coins or medals in their collection. Too often today the comment is heard - "I could not afford that coin". I would like to say to all members that it is not always the owners of the largest or most expensive collections who derive the most pleasure from their coins.

Please do not take these comments lightly. The pages of the Journal should reflect the work and interests of our Association. The Editor will be only too pleased to advise any member who may have thoughts along these lines.

The December meeting was again given over to our Christmas party. I believe that much good can come from members being able to meet and talk together with unlimited time at their disposal. It is my wish that in the coming year we will be able to organize activities that will present these opportunities.

Again to all members my thanks for your support and encouragement in the year past. I feel sure that together we can confidently look forward to an even better year in 1965.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

I have to report the activities of the Council for the year.

A new format to assist the smoother working of the general meetings was instituted - viz. A Social Committee to use the facilities of the kitchen to supply coffee, tea and biscuits at the end of the meeting.

A syllabus Committee to arrange the syllabus for the year.

A tender sale Committee to catalogue, appraise and list coins offered for sale.

Printed nomination forms were obtained.

The Council nominated Mr. P. Simon, F.R.N.S. to fill the vacancy in that body. It was decided that a reference library be formed,

books purchased and members were asked to donate books.

Mr. Stewart was appointed "Welcoming Officer" and was to keep the attendance book.

The Editor's request to obtain envelopes to save time in posting the Journal was approved.

At the request of the Australian Numismatic Society to share jointly in the issue of a medallion to commemorate the 150th issue of the Holey Dollar and Dump, your Society agreed to do so. Apparently no action was taken by the A.N.S. Our Association decided to issue the medallion alone.

The Council discussed the possibility of issuing medallions for the 50th Anniversary of the landing at Anzac and the foundation of our Society, but the matter was postponed for further discussion.

To further help in the progress of your Society the Executive decided to hold monthly meetings. Subject to the approval of the Public Library authorities the Council wishes to hold two general meetings a month.

Mr. Calwell visited our meeting to exhibit his Order of St. Gregory the Great. He was presented with a suitable inscribed case containing three medallions, viz. the Papuan, Annand Smith and the Bourke and Wills, donated by Messrs. Kennedy and Jenkin and Philpotts respectively.

In order to facilitate the business of the Association of Victoria, the Library Authorities were requested to:

- (a) extend the use of the theatrette to 11.30p.m.
- (b) provide better lighting for exhibits and
- (c) make provision for housing the library.

An exhibition was held on October 16th, 27th and 18th in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall.

The cost was more than anticipated as we did not obtain a sponsor. To reduce costs the Council issued a commemorative medalet. Members were also asked to donate coins for the purpose of having a "Donation Sale".

Record of attendance of the Executive -

Messrs.	Curran	2	Jenkin	8	Philpotts	10
	Young	1	Jewell	9	Stewart	8
	Enscoe	1	Kennedy	10	Williams	4
	Hegson	9	Simon	4		

Attendances at monthly meetings show progressive increase from 35 members and visitors in January to 163 in December.

In conclusion I wish to thank all members and council for assisting me throughout the year.

E. Kennedy, Hon. Sec.

GENERAL  
BUSINESS:

The insurance of exhibits and sales items was discussed by the President and application forms were laid on the table. Members were asked to contribute coins for the "Donation Sale" to partly help to reimburse the cost of the Exhibition.

PUBLICATIONS:

Catalogues were distributed to members from:  
1. Melbourne Stamp Auctions Sale. 28/1/64.  
2. P. J. Downie. Auction. 26/1/65.  
Both catalogues were advertising coin and stamp sales.

LIBRARY:

R. F. Webb of Box 29 P.O. Rockdale N.S.W. to the library a copy of 8th edition of the "Australian Coin Chart", which is a must to Australiana.

TENDER SALE:

A very successful tender sale was held.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Members are advised that subscriptions for 1965 are now due.  
Adult members £ 1.10.0 Nomination Fee £ 1.1.0  
Junior members 14-18 years 10/6  
Student members 11 - 14 years 5/-

NEXT MEETING:

19th February, 1965.  
Paper and Exhibit by R. Stewart Esq.

CLOSURE:

The meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.

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The Story behind the Decorations. BAVARIA,  
by W. E. Curran, E.D., F.R.N.S.

(Continued from December issue)

HOUSE ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. GEORGE.

This order was instituted by the Duke Max Emanuel of Bavaria, to commemorate the "Holy Knights and Martyrs devoted to the

Immaculate Virgin Mary".

When his son the Duke Karl Albrecht came to the throne on the death of Max Emanuel, the new Rules confirmed the Order, and re-established it under the same lengthy title.

The Duke Karl Theodore in 1778 also gave it his ducal patronage, as also did Maximilian Joseph IV, who granted it second ranking in the Bavarian Honors Order of Precedence.

The Order celebrates its feast day on April 24th, and again on December 8th. The Cross of the Order consists of a Maltese Cross in sky blue enamel, with white edges, the centre medallion bearing a picture of the Virgin Mary.

Between the arms of the Cross there are small panels bearing the letters V.I.B.I. (Virgini Immaculate. Bavaria. Immaculate.) There are small gold knobs on the ends of the eight points of the Cross. The reverse of the Medallion bears St. George and the Dragon surrounded by a wreath in green enamel. The Cross was suspended from a golden lions head holding an inverted half moon in its mouth, to which was attached a "fleur de lis" in blue enamel.

The ribband of the Order is shaded light blue to dark blue with white border stripes.

The Star of the Order consists of two Maltese crosses, one within the other, edged gold, the angles containing a losenge in the Bavarian colors, green and white. The centre medallion consisting of the red St. Georges Cross with white background. It was worn on the left breast.

The neck chain consisted of a series of three links composed as follows, (i) Two lions supporting a column surmounted by an Orb, (ii) two lozenges of the Bavarian arms and (iii) an oblong plaque, crowns on each end, laurel leaves above and below. The Motto "In Fide Justicia et Fortitudine" is read along the plaques, each bearing a few letters of the whole motto. Capes and hats complete the attire of the members of the Order.

On February 25th, 1827, the Order received a new Constitution, and from that date the King assumed the rank of Grandmaster, and the Crown Prince held the next place in seniority. The Order had 6 Grand Commanders, and 12 Commanders and Knights. Earlier there had been an ecclesiastical class, consisting of a Bishop, 4 Deacons and a Chaplain of the Order. But under a Statute dated April 17th, 1871, a branch open to persons engaged in "Works of Compassion"

was formed. This consisted of 6 Chief Grand Commanders, and 12 Chief Commanders of Honor and Knights.

This Branch of the Order was Roman Catholic, and members had to be at least 21 years of age, and were required to undergo a test before being admitted to membership.

Of those examined only 32 were chosen and these bore the title of "Gabel" or "Tendrils". There were also 24 German or foreign ladies of rank admitted under the title of "Knights of the Foreign Tongue". The term "tongue" is synonymous with the french "langue" meaning "branch" or the German "Zunge".

#### ST. GEORGES MEDAL.

This Decoration was instituted by the Prince Regent Leopold of Bavaria, who died at Munich on December 15th, 1889. The Decoration dates from December 8th, 1889 and was issued to commemorate the Feast of the House Order of St. George.

The Medal can only be worn with the insignia of the Knightly ORDER of St. GEORGE, and the Medal, in gold, bears on the obverse a shield with the inscription "LUITPOLD, PRINZREGENT VON BAYERN", surrounding the picture of St. George on horseback. The medal is worn suspended from a ribband of sky blue with red and white edge stripes.

#### OUT OF THE PAST

Report in the Ballarat Courier of 25th January, 1950, states:- A Reminder of the days of George I was a coin dated 1701 found in Jermyns Tea Rooms in the Block Arcade yesterday. During the morning Miss Eileen O'Neill of Bendigo picked up the coin and was surprised to find its ancient date and inscription.

The Herald Auckland N.Z. of June 1st 1949 reports that a Jew walked into a building in Vienna and formerly used by the German Air Force and asked permission to remove his father's property left there in 1934 during the NAZI reign of terror. Police watched as the young man tore away wooden panneling below a window frame disclosing a tin containing gold coins worth £6,000.

#### PERSONAL COLUMN

Two persons stand out in my mind for this months personal column. Firstly I must mention Mrs. Jewell, our President's wife for the excellent way she has provided supper each meeting for the past year. Have you noticed the splendid cup of tea she makes. Secondly our popular Auctioneer-cum-welcoming officer - Ron Stewart.

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 Numismatists

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 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