

Victorian Numismatic Newsletter



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Welcome



Numismatics in action! Victorian numismatists attending the ANDA 2018 Melbourne Money Expo.

Welcome to the second in our series of newsletters designed to fill the void of our suspended regular in-person meetings due to restrictions imposed by COVID-19.

We are pleased to bring some numismatic news and mini-articles to our members during these uncertain times. As with the last issue we're including the latest news from Victorian numismatic societies and other interesting numismatic news from around the country and the world.

For those of you wondering about the Victorian Numismatic Journal, we're looking at putting an bumper printed edition out at the end of the year. We'd like to fill it

with interesting numismatic articles, so if you have something interesting to share with your fellow collectors this would be an excellent opportunity to start preparing. For any comments and questions, please do not hesitate to drop us a line; our contact details are on page 3. We hope that you find the content interesting and informative. Until we can meet again, please stay safe.

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At times like this is more important than ever to stay in touch. There are many ways to contact the NAV and these can be found on the right. To make sure we can contact you please notify us if you've recently changed address or updated your email.

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Editorial

By now we're all aware of the ongoing restrictions imposed on our "normal" way of life in order to control the ongoing spread of COVID-19. In the numismatic community this means many clubs and societies have had to suspend their physical meetings. Recently we have also seen a few well-established fairs postponed or cancelled, including ANDA's Melbourne Money Expo, which was scheduled for July. We will continue to update the [Numismatic Calendar](#) on our website as soon as fairs and meetings are able to occur. The Association will continue to service its membership and the wider numismatic community across all our channels of communication, and the Victorian Numismatic Newsletter has been created as just one way of keeping in touch. This publication is available via email to members of Victorian numismatic societies, on our website at navic.org.au or as a hard-copy mailed to NAV members who do not have email.

The feedback on our first issue has been positive and we thank you for the support. NAV affairs have been administered prudently and new technologies enabling us to reform our physical meetings to remote video-conferences. This continues to be essential due to the ongoing restrictions. To take advantage of these remote video-conferences, details can be found on page 4. In the meantime we will continue to monitor the official health advice and inform you of any changes.

In receiving a number of questions in relation to some information published on the first issue, we have introduced a new section titled 'Questions and Answers', where you will find out responses and comments on VNN content. Finally, if you have any questions or suggestions for content, please write or email to us on any numismatic or club administrative matter. Our contact details are shown above. Enjoy the reading, stay safe, keep calm and coin on!

Brief News from the NAV

As this issue was being finalised the situation with regard to COVID-19 restrictions in Victoria was changing rapidly, forcing the health authorities in Victoria reinstitute tougher restrictions. While the Celtic Club has advised the Association that its venue is 'conditionally' available to us, the Committee now has decided to continue conducting its video-conferences until the situation improves.



The 19th June video-conferencing was successful, with one visitor from the USA and the President of the Melbourne Numismatic Society joining us! The next session is planned for the 17th of July and invitations will be sent to members by email closer to the date.

We hope you can make it, it would be wonderful to see you.

Obituary - Dr. John M. Chapman F.R.N.S.



It's with much sadness that we report the passing of Dr. John Chapman (29/5/1928 - 30/6/2020), one of the foremost collectors of Australiana of the 20th Century. Dr. Chapman, a former dental specialist, was a member and former president of the NAV, a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society and a foundation member of the Numismatic Association of Australia (NAA).

His passion for collecting items related to the history of Australia extended well beyond numismatics. As an example in 1988 he donated the [1853 Bendigo Goldfields Petition](#), containing over 5,000 signatures, to the State Library of Victoria. The rejection of the Petition was one of the contributing causes of the Eureka Stockade, and had long been thought lost.

Elected as a member of the NAV in 1977, Dr. Chapman presented a number of talks to the NAV, and was presented with the Max Stern Trophy, for the best talk of the year, four times. Over the years he filled many roles for the Association and was president in 1991-1992. He contributed a number of articles to the NAV's Journal, the *Australian Nummatist*, over the years including the [Medal of the Adelaide Jubilee International Exhibition, 1887](#), [Musings of a Medallophile](#), [Precision in Numismatics](#), [Coin and Medal Photography](#) and a [Pioneer Piece of Port Phillip](#).

In 1996 Dr. Chapman was awarded with the NAV's highest honour, the Award of Merit. The same year he was presented with the NAA's Paul Simon Memorial Award for outstanding contribution in promoting numismatics. His contributions to the Journal of the Numismatic Association of Australia were [Alfred Ronalds and his Victorian Separation medal](#), [The solution of the Charlotte enigma](#), and a look at the [St. Kilda Bowling Club medal](#).

In 2004 two important documents relating to the foundation of Melbourne from Dr. Chapman's collection were sold to the National Museum of Australia. One was a six-page letter, dated June 1835, from John Batman urging Colonial Secretary Lord Glenelg to support the Port Phillip Association's claims to land from Melbourne to the Bellarine Peninsula.

In 2008 he sold the bulk of his numismatic collection in [Nobles Sale 88a](#), which contained among many rarities the Charlotte Medal, the first known piece of medallic art crafted in Australia. This 74mm diameter silver disc is believed to have been engraved by Thomas Barrett, a convict thief and forger, on board the First Fleet convict transport Charlotte whilst the ship was anchored in Botany Bay between 20 and 26 January 1788. It now resides in the collection of the [Australian National Maritime Museum](#). He even struck a number of [personal medals](#) to mark the occasion of the sale.

In his later years with the NAV he would delight in handing out bags of mixed coins to young collectors attending the ANDA fairs. An active member of the numismatic community for many years he will be sorely missed by his family and friends, but his legacy as a custodian of the nation's history will undoubtedly live on.



Dr J M Chapman receiving the Max Stern Trophy for his presentation "Australian Historical Medals" in 1989.

William Lane Brighton UK Photographic Studio - Advertising Token c.1860

By David Likar (NAV 1072)

After five weeks of travel this British Advertising Token has arrived from France. Normally airmail France to Australia is about seven to ten days. However, not this time.... with the current situation and lack of flights it took so much longer. Still it arrived ... so all good.

This rare advertising token was issued by William Lane, Photographer, Brighton. On the obverse we assume to have a portrait of William Lane and the studio address "213 Western Road Brighton". On the reverse, "Lanes / Portraits / Best In The / Kingdom / Prices from 6d / To One Guinea".



All the way from France.....

William Lane Photographer, Brighton, c.1860 Advertising Token

The token can be dated to about 1860 as Lane operated the photographic studio at 213 Western Rd from 1853 to 1862 before moving to North Rd Brighton.

As to the function of the token, apart from an advertising piece....

at just over 29 mm the piece is too large to be considered an unofficial farthing in [Galata's Token Book 2](#). So, this leaves one to speculate as to how this token may have been used. If the piece ever did circulate it may well have been a farthing, or possibly a halfpenny, or even a post 1860 reform Small Penny (dia 30mm). Either way.... likely use.... upon presentation at Lane's studio a discount would have been received for photographic services or goods. If only the token could talk...

Pilgrim Token

By Gerland Bell (GNS)

About thirty years ago I received a catalogue from a London dealer. This chap dealt in coins and antiquities, and one of his items for sale in the Antiquities section caught my eye.

At the time I collected early Anglo-Saxon sceattas. One variety of these, the Series J sceattas, has a unique reverse that does not occur in any near-contemporary coins – two heads facing each other, with a cross in between. The only other coins to feature two heads facing each other were a very rare issue of Celtic (pre-Roman) coins, from several centuries earlier, which would have all been melted down or buried during the Roman invasion. The connection seemed rather tenuous. But in the catalogue there was a clay pilgrim token using the same basic design, and only a few decades older than the sceattas.



Left: Series J sceatta Right: Pilgrim token

The connection seemed much more plausible, but the story behind the token was even more interesting.

This story takes us back to AD 314; in that year Helena, mother of the emperor Constantine the Great, decided to go on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. As is well-known, Constantine was the first

Christian emperor of Rome, and Helena was very devout. So Helena, and no doubt a large retinue, sailed to the Holy Land. This was a Roman province, so the Governor would have made Helena very welcome. Her mission, to find the True Cross, bore fruit when three crosses were found, one of which bore the inscription the Bible tells us was nailed to Christ's cross.

The cross was pronounced to be the True Cross, and set up in Jerusalem as an object of pilgrimage. The centuries came and went, and the western half of the Roman Empire collapsed; the eastern half, however, survived and became the Byzantine Empire.

Just as the western Empire had its enemies, so the Byzantines were pretty much in a continual state of war against the Parthian Empire, based in what is present-day Iran. And in AD 612, under the Parthian emperor Khusru II, the Parthians captured Jerusalem. A huge amount of plunder, including the True Cross, was taken back across the desert to Persepolis.

It was twenty years before the Byzantines struck back, but when they did it was a tremendous success; Emperor Heraclius II led an army that sacked the Parthian capital and reclaimed the True Cross, which was taken back to Jerusalem in triumph. To commemorate the return of the cross, a small piece was taken from it and burnt; the ashes were mixed with clay and the pilgrim tokens fashioned from the clay. Doubtless many were made to popular demand.

So that's the story behind the token. The two heads are supposed to be St. Peter and St. Paul. Maybe some Anglo-Saxon king or prince, or even a bishop, on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in the seventh century, came across one of these tokens and decided to celebrate his visit on the coins minted in his kingdom? The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle tells of some visits to Rome in this era, and Bede's Ecclesiastical History has a chapter concerning a Gaulish bishop whose ship, returning from Jerusalem, was blown off course and wrecked on the west coast of Britain.

As for the True Cross; sadly it disappeared during the repeated battles over Jerusalem between Crusaders and Saracens, sometime in the twelfth century. In a more superstitious age, the cross and the tokens allegedly containing a microscopic piece of it, would have commanded huge devotion.

Today, perhaps because we live in a more cynical age, one can't help wondering if it was all a bit of a scam to get money from gullible travellers. But maybe.....

Questions and Answers

One Shilling token: Issued by Lambert and Son ?

This token shown in the VNN #1 issue was reported to be produced for the firm Lambert & Son, based in Melbourne at 252 Collins St (operated from 1898 to 1919). The collector identified the token with a similar one for sale on the internet and described it as such from the sale's details.



The editor was contacted by some renowned numismatists and commented that the token may have been issued by Langley & Shaw. The owner of this token has been asked ...to explain! Obviously,

more research is needed on the subject and we'll give you updates as soon as they arrive in our letterbox...

Goldfields Medallion Discovery - Ballarat, Victoria

By Nick Anning (NAV, 1183)



'The Old Identities Association 1851-1854'

Silver medallion (32mm); obverse (engraved at the centre, from top to bottom): 'ARRIVED' / 'Nov 52' / 'G. Vining'; reverse showing mining equipment with bucket on winch, gold cradle, puddling tub and stirrer, shovel and a pickaxe; 'G.A. WELCH BALLARAT' in relief above; suspension loop at top. Mintage is 60.

The only known example in private hands.

(Ex Dr Alan Nicholson).

Sixty medals were manufactured in 1884 by jeweller GA Welch¹, and were displayed in his Sturt Street premises, Ballarat². Other examples are known with an ornamental pin-bar attached above and inscribed 'BALLARAT'. We can only surmise that the medals were produced for the surviving members of the association, although we have found no evidence to support this theory. The above medal has not been previously recorded by the *Museum of Victoria*. The remaining known examples listed below are all held by museums or institutions:

- Arthur Croft, arrived 1852 (Museum of Victoria)
- Isaac Croft, arrived September 1851 (Sovereign Hill Gold Museum)
- R.W Wright, arrived August 1853 (Museum of Victoria)
- John Brooksbank, arrived September 1851 (Museum of Victoria)
- Ben Storey, (Ballarat Historical Society)

The above medallion is to be offered as Lot 1010 in [Abacus Auction](#) #241, scheduled for this July.

The Old Identities Association

The objectives of the association are "to aid and assist indigent or suffering old colonists; to raise a fund, by the voluntary subscriptions of the members in sickness and old age; for assisting those in extreme distress, to provide the shelter of a home for old and indigent pioneers of the goldfields, their widows, or anyone connected with the association, and in the event of the death of any member to have his remains decently buried the association defraying the expenses of the funeral (providing that no funds or property are left by the deceased).

¹ The Ballarat Star, Saturday 11th October 1884.

² "Mr Welch, jeweller, of Sturt street, has just manufactured 60 medals, for issue to the members of the Old Identities' Association of Ballarat. Each is suitably inscribed and ornamented. The medals will be on view today in Mr Welch's window." Source: NLA Trove

On 1st July 1851 Ballarat was a small sheep station. On this day, the Port Phillip District was formerly separated from New South Wales and the new colony named Victoria. Six weeks later gold was (officially) discovered on 18th August and news quickly spread of the rich alluvial fields where high yields of gold could easily be extracted. On 6th March 1852, the population was 600.

New Acquisitions: Item 1 - Belgium's 500 Francs banknote

The collector was kind to provide us with an image of a banknote, similar to the one he acquired some months ago: the Belgian 500 Francs banknote. The design is very attractive, with the Bank's name and denominations are surrounded by allegorical women and small angels. There are three releases of the note over a period of 33 years.



The first release (Pick #72) commenced from mid-October 1910 to the end of July 1925 and was denominated in Francs only. The second release (Pick #103) started from January 1927 to mid-November 1936 and is denominated also in Belgas. The third release (Pick #109) was released from February 1938 until early October 1943. For this last release, the signatures appear on both sides of the note. The languages used for the banknote are in Flemish and French.

New Acquisitions: Item 2 - Champlain & St Laurence Rail Road note

The first railway opened between Liverpool and Manchester (England) in September 1830. The success of this event ignited the possibilities of establishing track laying around the world for transportation and commercial purposes. Technological and transportation advances enabled trans-Atlantic steamships to be used in the 1820s for delivering mail from continental Europe and Britain to Northern America and in 1830, a steam engine was used to raise great blocks of granite in the Quebec area.

Then, in 1831, a railway opened between Albany and Schenectady (New York) and among its passengers were Peter McGill (president of the Bank of Montreal) and New Englander Jason B. Pierce. Obviously, experiencing at first hand this journey, they joined with the brewer John Molson and pressed for a legislation to create Canada's first railway company. On 25th February 1832, a charter was granted by the legislature of Lower Canada to the Company of the Proprietors of the C&SL Railroad. Construction was begun in January 1835 and a steam locomotive from Newcastle and four passenger cars from the United States were ordered, with flatcars and baggage wagons to be built in a Montreal factory.

The tracks consisted of 6-inch pine squares joined by iron splice plates and bolts. Iron straps were spiked to the upper surface of the rails for protection. Though potentially dangerous, the rails caused only one minor accident before they were replaced by iron rails in the 1850s. In June 1836, the

locomotive Dorchester arrived at Molson's wharf in Montreal. It had four driving wheels, a high centre of gravity and a short wheel base that earned it the nickname "Kitten" for its skittish behaviour. The Dorchester's trial runs were staged at night in the moonlight so as not to frighten the public.



Unsigned reminder of the banknote produced for Champlain & St. Lawrence Rail Road: "Pay to Bearer Half a Dollar on demand in current Bank Notes of this City in sums not less than Five Shillings / Montreal 1st August 1837. Printer Rawdon, Wright & Hatch, NY. At that time, an Ecu was equal to 3 Francs, 2s 6d or half a Dollar.

The line opened in July 1836 to a huge celebration. The "Kitten" achieved speeds up to 20 miles per hour. Amongst its first passengers were Lord Gosford, Governor General of Lower Canada. The 300 guests proved too much for the little engine so only the two first-class coaches, carrying 32 of the elite, were attached to it. The remaining coaches and flatcars were hauled by teams of horses. In two hours everyone had reached the brand-new station at St. John, where there were toasts and many testimonials.

The whole operation was very popular. Although shippers found the railway to be too expensive, the passenger traffic was astonishing. Montreal families could not resist a combined ferry-railway outing which cost only a few shillings. Excursions were so numerous that the clutter of picnickers along the tracks was playing havoc with the schedules. Rules had to be made to curb the carefree behaviour of the passengers and penalties were enforced for walking on top of the coaches while in motion or for smuggling a dog into a first-class compartment. Charles Dickens took a day off from the theatre in Montreal to ride the railway, praising it extravagantly. Source: Wikipedia

New Acquisitions: Item 3 - Countermarked Token

Recently, a countermarked copper coin with a diameter of 2.8cms was shown at a recent NAV virtual General Meeting. On the reverse, the coin has been worn with no distinguished features. The obverse shows some design details which may reveal its origin. Some research on the internet has so far revealed that coin may have been used in Northern America and has been countermarked for emergency local use in a Caribbean island with an ornamental punched flower design. The collector will appreciate any information that you may have on the subject. Thank you.



News from around the World

[NNP Symposium 2020](#)

The NNP Symposium is an entirely virtual numismatic event, including speakers from all fields of the hobby on a wide range of topics. Sponsored by the Newman Numismatic Portal (NNP) and the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society (EPNNES) they are hosting together a line-up of live presentations and meetings to be delivered via Zoom on August 28 and 29, 2020. Anyone can apply to present, and anyone can attend - all completely free of charge. More details, including on how to register, can be found [here](#).

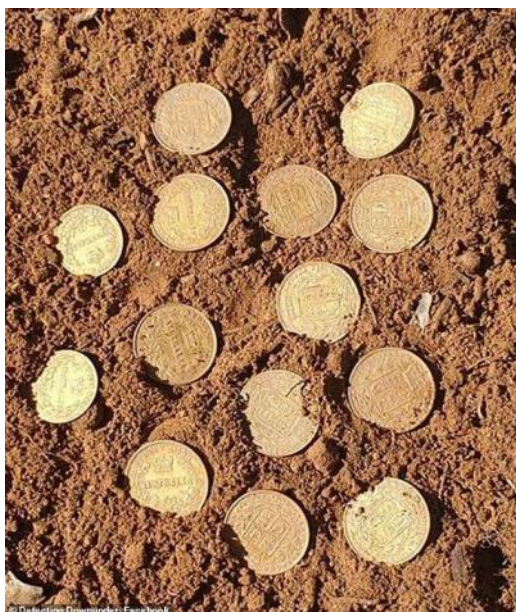
Disinfect banknotes? Ha! Let's microwave them!

This damn Covid-19 virus has caused all sorts of fears, especially about possible contamination and spreading by handling banknotes.

Well, a recent report from China revealed that a woman from the Jiangsu province was so worried about catching the coronavirus, she decided to disinfect her paper notes. As a famous actor quoted in a movie in recent times: "...be careful what you shoot at. Most things in here don't react too well to bullets..". Well, paper products don't go well in high heat and the unavoidable happened: in less than a minute, something was burning and about 3,000 Yuan were 'cooked'. Thankfully, most of the deformed notes were exchanged by the Bank with new ones.

On a similar story, a South Korean man attempted to use his own way of medicine to disinfect his banknotes. With the outbreak of the coronavirus and the possibility of his banknotes being contaminated, instead of exchanging them for new notes, he decided to use his microwave to disinfect them. He stuck about 1.8 million Won currency into his microwave. Well, as we know, cotton-based notes with metallic security threads do not react well with microwaves. The medicine was a failure with half of them burned to a crisp. About 950,000 Won were rescued.

A recent Reuters report has informed that as visitors returning from abroad are being placed in isolation, the Federal Reserve has been setting aside shipments of US currency coming from Asian countries for preventing any possible spreading of the virus. This is because in many countries, the US currency is used extensively and is very popular.



Striking gold! Amateur metal detector finds FOURTEEN extremely valuable coins on her FIRST hunt - and they could be worth thousands of dollars

Source: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8472753/Amateur-metal-detector-finds-FOURTEEN-extremely-valuable-sovereign-coins.html>

By TOM PLACE FOR DAILY MAIL AUSTRALIA
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An amateur metal detector on a family holiday in Victoria's famous goldfields has found 14 coins potentially worth thousands of dollars.

'Ms Martin said she was incredibly lucky to even find one of the rare coins and had yet to make up her mind on what to do with them

know she had found something special. She started digging with her shovel before unearthing the rare coins thought to be over 150 years old. 'This is a once in a lifetime find and I doubt anyone will ever find this many again,' she told Daily Mail Australia. 'They are very, very hard to find, you are pretty lucky if you find even one.' Ms Martin, who has only recently taken up the hobby, was keen to share the discovery online with the Detecting Downunder Facebook group. 'We've all heard the story of that person out on their first treasure hunt with a metal detector and hits the mother load,' they said. 'Well, break out your tissues because it's happened again.' Ms Martin said it was her first trip

out to the Golden Triangle, a location in the northern area of Greater Central Goldfields region, that is famous for unearthing a huge amount of gold nuggets in the early 1850s. Ms Martin said didn't quite know what to do with her very rare coins but would likely get them valued soon. 'I have no idea how much they are worth but just gold value alone they would be worth quite a bit,' she said.

Joe Dettling, the owner of M.R.Roberts' Wynyard Coin Centre, said the collection of coins dated between 1842 to 1857 would be worth a minimum of \$700 each. 'Sovereign coins can be worth hundreds of thousands or as little as \$700, it all depends on when they were made, the type and their condition,' he said.



*The Royal Australian Mint expects consumers' preference for online shopping and contactless payments will remain after the pandemic.
Photograph: Peter Parks/AFP/Getty Images*

Virtually no demand for coins in covid-19 era as Australia's shift from cash to digital hastens

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2020/jun/24/virtually-no-demand-for-coins-in-covid-19-era-as-australias-shift-from-cash-to-digital-hastens>

As a result of the trend, the Royal Australian Mint and the Reserve Bank are considering producing less physical money. Tens of millions of coins may never make it into circulation as a result of the shift toward digital payments that has been hastened by

Covid-19, as Australia's currency producers observe dramatic fluctuations in demand for cash.

The Royal Australian Mint has seen "virtually no demand" for coins in 2020 as physical retail closed down, although the Reserve Bank of Australia – responsible for supplying banknotes – was forced to produce about 2.5bn extra banknotes to respond to a surge in Australians withdrawing their savings as early pandemic fear set in, behaviour which emptied consumer banks of their cash stores.

However, the RBA acknowledges this increase in cash withdrawals has not offset the waning popularity of cash transactions, which had been noted before the pandemic and has intensified since the beginning of Covid-19 restrictions. As a result of the trend, the RBA and the Mint will consider further reductions in physical currency production as they expect consumer behaviour favouring online shopping, and retailers' and shoppers' preference for contactless payments instead of handling cash, to remain after the pandemic.

The combination of shop closures and economic uncertainty early in the Covid-19 restrictions curbed spending, but data released by the Commonwealth Bank on Tuesday shows consumer behaviour is slowly returning to normal, with card spending in all states and territories higher in the week ending 19 June than in the same period last year.

In March the CBA recorded a record \$1bn in digital wallet transactions, and the bank observed a 29% reduction of cash withdrawn from its ATMs in May compared with the same month last year. The chief executive of the Royal Australian Mint, Ross MacDiarmid, said this attitude extended to coins. There had been a 53% drop in demand for coins between 2013 and 2019, he said, but he would normally have minted 15m coins for Australian banks in the first six months of 2020. However, "there's been virtually no sales for coins since the start of the year", he said.

MacDiarmid said demand normally picked up with increased retail activity in the second half of the year (in 2019 the Mint sold 110m coins), but he expected the same Covid-19-induced factors that

have quashed demand so far to extend to the end of the year. “During Covid, what has unquestionably occurred is that people have stopped using currency entirely, or reduced it significantly,” he said. MacDiarmid said the extent to which Covid-19 had hastened uptake of digital spending instead of cash would depend how extensively fears of handling cash and the trend towards online shopping continued after the pandemic. He noted that many cash-only and cash-accepting businesses had moved to only accepting credit and debit cards, and that they might continue with this model. “The question is what’s the legacy effect ... We just don’t know at this stage, and probably won’t know for another six months, until there’s been a period of normality.”

But MacDiarmid said there were certain groups that had proved resistant to digital payments – people over 65, the culturally and linguistically diverse, lower-income families and students looking to save money. “They know the less they have in their pocket, so the less they spend ... There is a level of comfort in cash, which continues to maintain anonymity,” he said.

The concept of cash offering security was also noted by the RBA in April, which recorded some Australians making “very large withdrawals ... in some cases into the millions of dollars” in the second half of March “as a means of holding wealth”. However, a spokeswoman told the Guardian this behaviour was an anomaly and that the surge in orders from banks to respond to it had since abated. She said cash demand had been trending downwards consistently, and that while it was “too early to tell” the exact impact of Covid-19, how much future banknote production would fall by would ultimately depend on how many consumers moved back to cash once society returned to normal.

A Treasury spokeswoman told the Guardian demand for cash had “generally declined for over a decade”, and that “more consumers and businesses are currently favouring electronic payments”.

Zooming into the Future

Video Meetings

The NAV will continue holding them at the same dates and times as a regular meetings, at least until restrictions are lifted to enable us to meet. Members who have provided an email address will receive an invitation-email from the Secretary of the NAV to join the meetings. This email contains a link that should be clicked around the time that the meeting is due to start.

As a minimum you will need internet access and a computer with a microphone and speakers. If your device has a camera that’s an added bonus. Alternatively if you have a Smartphone then you can download the Zoom App from the relevant store and participate on your mobile device. Failing that, the meeting also can be accessed by phone. Outlined below are a couple of frequently asked questions regarding Zoom Meetings.

Getting Started with Zoom

Where do I download the latest version of Zoom?

You can download the latest version of Zoom from our [Download Center](#). [Learn more about downloading Zoom](#).

Do you need an account to use Zoom?

A Zoom account is not required if you are strictly joining Zoom Meetings as a participant. If someone invites you to their meeting, you can join as a participant without creating an account.

Joining a Meeting

How do I join a Zoom meeting?

You can join a meeting by clicking the meeting link or going to join.zoom.us and entering in the meeting ID, which will be provided in the invite. [Learn more about joining a meeting.](#)

How do I join computer/device audio?

On most devices, you can join computer/device audio by clicking Join Audio, Join with Computer Audio, or Audio to access the audio settings. [Learn more about connecting your audio.](#)

Do I have to have a webcam to join on Zoom?

While you are not required to have a webcam to join a Zoom Meeting or Webinar, you will not be able to transmit video of yourself. You will continue to be able to listen and speak during the meeting, share your screen, and view the webcam video of other participants.

Brief News from the Geelong, Melbourne and Morwell Numismatic Societies

Geelong Numismatic Society

We have been having zoom meetings on the 4th Friday of the month at 7.00 pm. They are an informal occasion and every one that participates learns some thing new and a great input by all . We would ideally like to have more member at our zoom meetings though. We are still talking about the Stuart Devlin history walk around Geelong, the timing of safe meetings in Geelong and the Western Money Fair. All so thanks to Vicky for publishing our news letter and every one that has contributed to it.

Melbourne Numismatic Society

The following reports have been recently received:

MINUTES OF THE 55th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MELBOURNE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY INC. HELD ON THE 12th March, 2020

There were quite a few apologies due to illness or worry about the Corona virus.

Reports: Reports by the Secretary and Treasurer were read and passed.

Election of Office Bearers: Monica reported that only one nomination had been received for each position. Therefore the following were deemed elected: President: Michael Wade, Vice-President/ Treasurer: John Baker, Vice President: Paul Suter, Secretary: Monica de Knecht, Council members: Tim Wheeler, Jan de Knecht and Graham Murphy.

General Business: Although light on members, the general business part of our agenda was quite loaded with interesting collections of badges by our members, including a rare RAAD (Council) Dutch Carnival Badge and many other collections including schools, football, cricket, National Trust, Olympic Torch Relay of 2000 and many other miscellaneous treasures.

New Acquisitions: Michael brought in a gros coin of Charles the Rash (sometimes called Charles the Bold) of Burgundy and the history behind the Duke and his times. He also brought in groats and

pennies or Edward the third, including a rare, 1356 – 51 – pre treaty penny minted in London and a Henry VII halfpenny of 1485, the year that Henry defeated Richard the third in the Battle of Bosworth Field and became the first Tudor Monarch.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2020 AGM – MELBOURNE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY INC.

The ANDA Money show was held at the Malvern Town Hall. It was a very good location, but unfortunately the excellent displays were unable to be entered in competition, as the space allocated was not enough to be able to have many entrants in different categories of competition. Nevertheless the public were very interested in the variety of different, quality displays. Also NAV, MNS, Morwell and Geelong 'flyers' were picked up eagerly from many members of the public. We hope to see some of them at our various clubs in the future. MNS exhibiting members Michael, Monica and Jan also volunteered as did Fulvio, Dominic and Graham. It's always a great chance to promote our club, as a great amount of people attended on the 2 days, especially the Saturday, with the Royal Mint attracting a huge line of visitors, which didn't dwindle during that day.

Sadly we lost Bob, during last year. Bob was a dedicated member of the Melbourne Numismatic Society Inc. for nearly three decades. He was a very keen collector, with some new acquisition to show at nearly every meeting. Not only was he a keen collector, but he made many display cases for the members of our club to use at the Coin Shows. Bob was also a member of the Council for well over 20 years and we certainly enjoyed his hospitality at our Council meetings, at his unit in Box Hill.

Early in 2018, Bob needed urgent surgery and could not return to his unit. However his accommodation at a facility nearby, enabled him to still attend many of the MNS general meetings. Vale Bob. His cheery presence will certainly be missed. Stan has been very ill for some months, so Jan and Monica have taken over the supper duties from Stan and Joan. We do hope that Stan will recover quickly and completely.

During the year we had an average of 12 members attending per meeting. Out of a total of 15 members, this was a very good average, as there were many absences due to illness of members or their spouses. Thanks to all our members who have entertained us throughout the year with singular finds, short talks and syllabus talks. Bill has taken over from Frank as editor of the Victorian Numismatic Journal, which now comes out three times per annum. It is still a quality numismatic journal and many of the members of all the clubs have contributed a variety of interesting and informative articles.

Secretary, March 2020

Morwell Numismatic Society

Sadly, I have no better news for members this month. On review of the tightening up of restrictions in Victoria, discussions by committee members on the current rules say that a meeting should not be held.

I am sure everyone is keen to get back to normal, and given no recent cases in our area that we can move on and do things again, though it is better to on the safe side with our older club members. I do hope everyone's managing in the current climate.

See you all soon.

Regards Tilo Junge