

Junction Park Stamp Club

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Website

Photos of the lots offered for sale by tender at our last three meetings (Oct 23, Dec 23 and Jan 24) are available on our website, along with the prices they sold for. Hopefully this will attract both sellers and buyers to our monthly club meetings. JPSC's web address is **<https://junctionpark.au>**. If you cannot browse the internet at home or on your phone, try a public library—most now offer free internet access.

Club Circuit Books

Currently JPSC have 132 books in circulation, numbered 98–200 and 1–31, with **31 being the newest**. Old and depleted books are culled and new ones added regularly. When we reach book number 200 we start numbering from 1 again. There is a printed index to help you find books containing stamps on the countries or themes that interest you.



May Day Stamp Fair

Runcorn Tavern ballroom is the venue for JPSC's 2024 May Day Stamp Fair, at 124 Gowan Rd, Runcorn. It has easy same-level access—you can stop right outside the main door for loading and unloading—so there is no need to lug boxes up and down stairs. It has good lighting to aid inspection of stamps, and it has a good sound system, with regularly spaced ceiling speakers, including in the bathrooms, so that you won't miss crucial bids on desirable sale-by-tender lots.



Richard & Pauline run JPSC's circuit books.

Editorial

The parable of the rich fool

Jesus told memorable parables, including one about a rich man who plans to build more and bigger storehouses for all his goods. But God says, 'you fool, this very night your soul is required of you!' (Luke 12:16–21) When I read these words, pangs of guilty apprehension hit me regarding my ever-accumulating stamp collection. No, I haven't gotten to the stage of building new sheds to house my philatelic hordes, but I do have a cupboard full, several shelves and many boxes full, and am always on the lookout for new storage containers. But as Jesus said of the rich fool facing imminent death, 'who will get all your things now?' Or to paraphrase King Solomon 'naked we enter the world and naked we leave; we can't take our riches with us' (Ecclesiastes 5:15).

A work colleague died earlier this year, Russell Grigg, at age 96, peacefully in his sleep. He worked until two days prior. He was a devout Christian, and led a frugal but eventful and fulfilling life. Many years ago he had me help him sell off his stamp collection. He had several albums inherited from antecedents, plus stamps he collected himself in his youth. I remember in particular in the back of one album a page stuck full of old New Zealand stamps, including several different colour Chelon heads. We divided it all into seven or so lots, and they sold for a total of \$300 at the JPSC annual Stamp Fair which that year was held at 'Merrimack', the Mary MacKillop Centre hall at Annerley.

Another time, a colleague, visiting from our US office told me his Uncle had the largest stamp collection in his state (Georgia?) When I confided my Luke 12 forebodings about my own ominously-growing collection, he made a click-shh! motion with his fingers, mimicking flicking on a gas cigarette lighter. Yes, he was suggesting I burn my collection. There is a biblical precedent for such drastic action (Acts 19:19) but in that case it was occult books, intrinsically bad things from a biblical perspective, whereas stamps are not intrinsically evil or sinful, so no burning needed. Still, despite years planning great culls, my collection has gotten only *bigger*, not smaller. So, now I make the same new-year's resolution I make every year (but *this* year I'll keep it!)—to sort through and sell off some of those stamps.

Andrew Lamb

JPSC President

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Upcoming Events

Saturday 10 February 2024

9.00am – 3.00pm

Logan City Philatelic Society Open Day

Tudor Park Community Centre

71-78 Clarks Road Loganholme

Sunday 11 February 2024

8.00am – 2.00pm

Collectors Club Queensland Stamp Meet

Belmont Services Bowls Club

20 Narracott Street, Carina

Sunday 25 February 2024

8.30am – 3.00pm

QPC Bazaar Day

QPC House, 18 Coolcrest Street Wynnum