

Junction Park Stamp Club

July 2024 *Delivery*

Monthly Meetings

When: 7–9 pm on the first Tuesday of each month except January
Where: Annerley Baptist Church hall
Parking: Church carpark, via Lambton St.

JPSC Circuit Books

There are 14 new books this month:

74	mixed world
75	Sports, New Zealand, Australian states, Papua New Guinea, Germany
76	mixed world
77	mixed world
78	sheetlets
79	Christmas Island, Cook Island, Papua New Guinea, Thematics
80	mixed world
81	mixed world
82	thematics
83	mixed world
84	mixed world
85	mixed world
86	mixed world
87	New Zealand

Currently JPSC have around 150 books in circulation, with **87 being the newest**.

Post Office Box relinquished

We have relinquished our Post Office Box, which was costing around \$200 per year, working out at around \$10 per item of mail received.



Contact JPSC

Address for JPSC invitations:

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Young Brazilian philatelist

We received the following email:

From: Anselmo Oliveira <anselmoinet@yahoo.com.br>

To: JunctionParkSC@proton.me

Date: Wednesday, June 26th, 2024 at 12:18 PM

Subject: Young philatelist

Hello, my name is Anselmo, and I am a young Brazilian philatelist. I started collecting stamps as a school activity, and after that, I fell in love with the fascinating world of philately. I found your contact on the website of your country's club association.

My favorite themes are: Automobiles, Airplanes, Boats, Ships, Sports, Football, Olympic Games, Animals, Dogs, Cats, Birds, Fish, Christmas, Personalities, Popes, Military Uniforms, and Traditional Costumes.

I am reaching out through this message to request, if possible, the donation of some used stamps on these themes. In my country, access to philately is very difficult due to the lack of incentives and financial conditions. If you could help me, I would be very grateful. Below is my address for correspondence.

Anselmo Oliveira
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Editorial: Robots

AI (Artificial Intelligence) is here, and humanoid robots are coming soon. Decades ago computer scientist Alan Turing proposed an intelligence test for machines. If a human can communicate via an interface with both the machine and a real human and cannot tell which one is the computer, then the machine has passed the 'Turing Test'. With the advent of modern 'AI's we have reached that point. AIs are computers that communicate in flawless English and have instant access to prodigious databanks of facts and knowledge.

One of the first AIs released was ChatGPT in November 2022. Anyone with an internet connection can go to <https://openai.com> and 'chat' with it. Several other such 'chatbots' are now freely available to the public, including Microsoft CoPilot, and Google Gemini.



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There are also free AIs for producing artwork e.g. Leonardo (<https://leonardo.ai>) and for other tasks.

There are already factories combining robotics with AI to produce androids. At one such factory in China, "engineers are working on enhancing humanoid robots, focussing particularly on facial expressions and emotional reactions. ... The workshop is scattered with silicone face masks, hands and feet while humanoid torsos stand at various stages of assembly."

(Quotes from [youtube.com/watch?v=jdnST1aIUUg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdnST1aIUUg).) Creepy stuff! Revelation 13:15 springs to mind: "The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed." That day is surely fast approaching.

But could a robot love you? Of course not. Human made machines cannot love or hate, even if they can be programmed to exhibit lovelike and hatelike behaviours. Many people blame God for the suffering and evil in the world, and wonder why God doesn't stop it all. But without the freedom to love and hate and to do good or do evil, we would be just robots, unable to truly love. God did not want robots. He wanted people that could truly love him, and for that he had to give us the capacity to love and obey him, or to disobey and hate him.

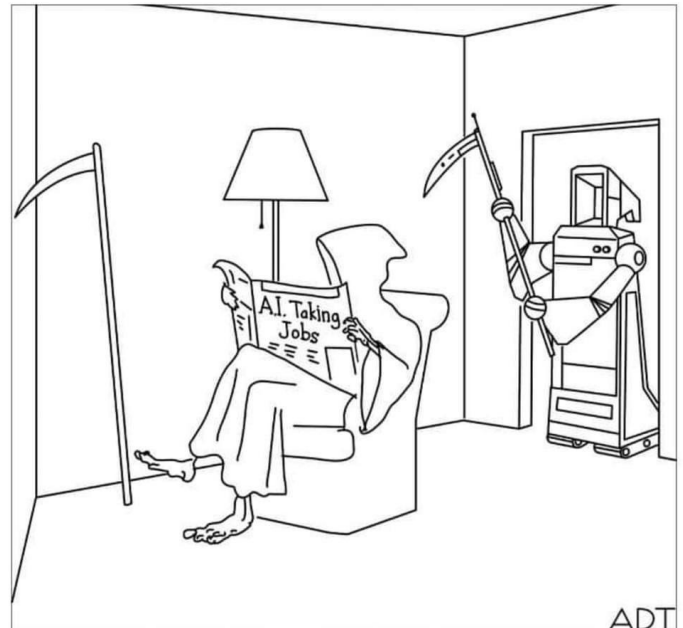
Andrew Lamb

JPSC President



youtube.com/watch?v=jdnST1aIUUg

Funnies



Upcoming Events

Sunday 17 July 2024

8.00am – 2.00pm

Collectors Club Queensland Monthly Stamp Meet
Belmont Services Bowls Club
20 Narracott Street, Carina

Saturday 20 July 2024

9.00am – 4.00pm

Ipswich Stamp Club Annual Stamp Fair
Ipswich Showgrounds, Showplace reception centre
81 Warwick Road, Ipswich

Sunday 28 July 2024

9.00am – 3.00pm

Sherwood Afternoon Stamp Society Annual Stamp Fair
Sherwood State School
464 Oxley Road, Sherwood