

Junction Park Stamp Club

March 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

New books this month:

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| 32 | thematics |
| 33 | PNG, world |
| 34 | minisheets |
| 35 | minisheets |
| 36 | Australia |
| 37 | UK, USA, Canada |
| 38 | mixed world |
| 39 | mixed world |
| 40 | Australia |
| 41 | mixed world |
| 42 | mixed world |
| 43 | mixed world |

Currently JPSC have 127 books in circulation, numbered 117–200 and 1–43, with **43** being the **newest**.

History of Junction Park Stamp Club

Junction Park Stamp Club was founded in 1974 by Cec and Dell Luxton and friends. Cec and Dell lived near Annerley's Junction Park State School and were members of the school's Parents and Citizens (P&C) Committee. For the first few years the Club met at the school.



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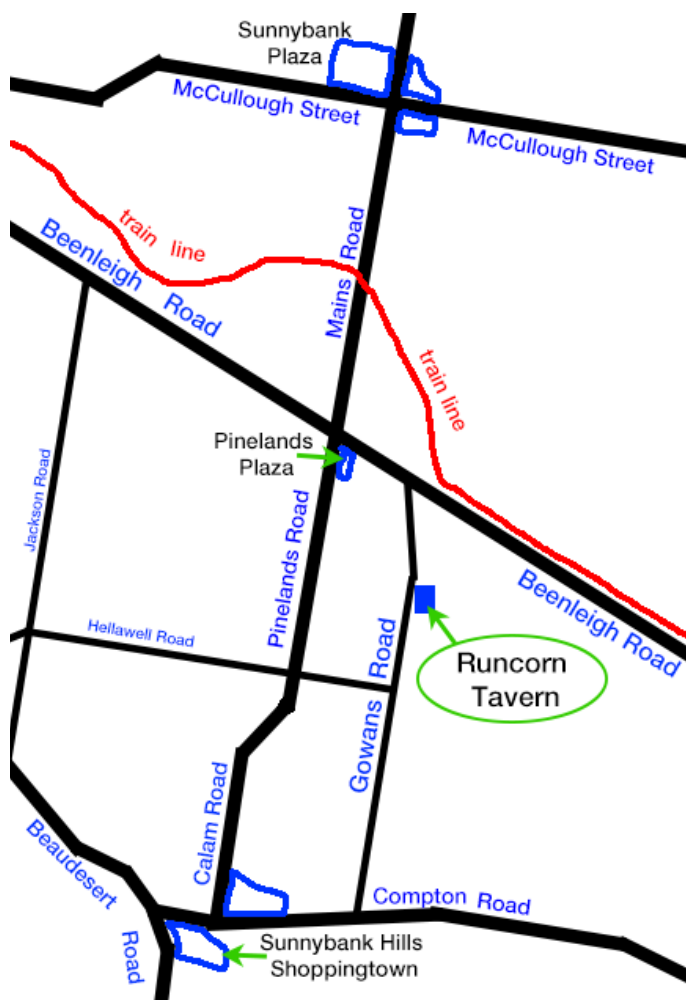
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May Day Stamp Fair

Monday 6 May is the date for the 2024 JPSC May Day Stamp Fair. This year we are holding the Fair at a new venue—Runcorn Tavern at 124 Gowan Rd, Runcorn. Their capacious Ballroom has street-level access, so no more lumping crates and boxes of precious stamps up and down stairs.

Sale by tender	on-site meals available
money tree raffle	lots of parking
several dealers	several clubs
bargain table	& lots more



Editorial: Possums

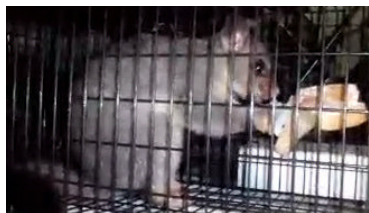
God cares about all his creatures, not just us humans, created in God's image, but also his animals, even the lowly ones. Not a single sparrow falls to the ground without God knowing (Matthew 10:29). What then about possums, that scourge of suburban gardens and poorly secured kitchens? Yes they are portrayed as cute and lovable in Australian postage stamps, but are they really?

Four brushtails made home in my friend Kev's garage, pooping and peeing copiously from high out-of-reach ceiling beams until everything inside reeked. Poor Kev endured years of smelly possum misery. But possums have a mortal weakness. They cannot resist the delicious yeasty aroma of freshly baked bread, their kryptonite. I trapped and deported all four furry kin for the cost of one slice each and Kev's shed is now a clean and happy place once more.

I myself have suffered anguish at the paws of possums. Sure it's nice having cute furry animals around for visiting nieces and nephews to ooh and aah over, but is it worth the cost? After years of ravished crops, noisy rooftop stompings and creepy gruntings, I finally could endure no more. The snapping point was seeing a photo my wife took long years ago of a huge bushel of juicy Kensington mangos all from our one tree. In stark contrast, recent years have seen few leaves and zero mangos on our skeletal possum-ravished tree. The ratbag bushtails that roost in the neighbour's Moreton Bay fig tree are addicted to my Kensington mango tree, and ate virtually every leaf and flower shoot off it, while ignoring the closer turpentine mango tree near the bikeway. Why not eat gum leaves instead like more self-respecting marsupials do! However, after trapping a possum a night for over a week the scourge has ended and our mango tree is now newly-resplendent in verdant fresh foliage.

It could have been worse I suppose. Of all the many possum breeds descended from the primordial pair on Noah's Ark there are bigger and scarier ones than mere brushtails. My Army Reserve unit was camped on a jungly Canungra mountainside. Dawn 'stand to' had just finished when a noisy commotion ensued. Something was crashing through the undergrowth right down the middle of our position. A huge black possum the size of a labrador erupted from the bushes near the command pit and bounded past, straight between my gun pit and the next, with an equally black baby possum clinging for dear life to its back. I say 'baby' but it was as big as an adult brushtail. The racket continued on down the slope, fading in the distance. ... I just hope they never make it as far as my mango tree.

Andrew Lamb
JPSC President



The condemned enjoying a last meal before deportation to a forest haven far far away.

Funnies

Hero bird saves guy from \$300 fine



Upcoming Events

Sunday 10 March 2024

8.30am – 3.00pm

Bundaberg Philatelic Society Stamp Fair
Bundaberg & District Family Centre
Kensington Street, Bundaberg

Sunday 10 March 2024

8.00am – 2.00pm

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

Saturday 23 March 2024 & Sunday 24 March 2024

9.00am – 4.00pm Saturday

9.00am – 3.00pm Sunday

Gladstone & District Phil. Soc. Stamp Fair
Yaralla Sports Club
corner of O'Connell & Bell Streets, Gladstone