

**Minutes of a Meeting held in Dundee Art Society Gallery, Roseangle, Dundee  
on 24 April 2014**

## **Papua, New Guinea and Papua & New Guinea**

**Welcome:** The President welcomed members and guest visitor Dr Peter Taylor and the guest speaker – Jean Osborne.

The death of member Robin Turner was noted and a minute silence observed.

**Apologies for absence:** Ron Goodfellow and Sandy Sloss.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on the proposal by Robert Duguid and seconded by George Soutar.

**Display:** Members were given an interesting insight into the geography and history of the region where many communities developed in isolation and with different languages and customs. The first stamps used in 1897 were Germany overprints. After British capture there were British overprints on the German colonial Yacht key type. Australia took over the administration of the island using GRI overprinted 'Roo' stamps. In World War II Japanese forces were stopped just before they reached the capital. The Australian NW Pacific overprint, meant for the islands near Japan, were redundant after the Japanese take over and were sent to New Guinea rather than waste them. In 1946 Australia was again responsible for the administration until finally Independence was granted in 1975. Until the 1990s all definitive stamps featured aspects of the country and commemoratives were well produced and looked attractive. However later issues were of poorer quality with issues bearing no connection with the country. Post 2000 multiple sets were produced to increase revenue from collectors. Jean indicated that such events had resulted in her stopping collecting modern issues.

**Business:**

**Secretary:** A report was given on the (poorly attended -5) Secretaries Meeting at Congress – social events were to be encouraged; photocopies the syllabus would be adequate for the delegates; there was potential for working locally with any WWI displays to show a philatelic aspect.

Officers were reminded to e-mail reposts prior to the AGM or to bring 20 copies.

Society Dinner – names would be accepted until the 12 May but pre ordering was essential and choices should be sent to David Millar asap.

**Treasurer:** Payment (£25 per person) for the Dinner should be sent to the treasurer prior to the event.

**Packet Secretary:** The treasurer had received £50 from sales. Two new packets were in circulation.

**Librarian:** The library group had met recently and were now working on the final cupboard.

**Publicity:** Members who had manned the Society table at Congress were thanked. £58.10 from sales was handed to the treasure. The delay in receiving commemorative covers was explained – Tallents House was too busy with the Buckingham Palace issue. It could be 2 weeks before they are ready.

**Webmaster:** Web-site is up to date with new information added following Congress.

**AOCB:** Sandy Forbes was congratulated on his Gold award and an award for the 'Best Presentation' and Alan Roy and Harry Jackson for their Silver awards, for their entries at Congress.

Francis Podger was congratulated on being awarded the Tapling Medal by the RPSL for his paper that was published in the London Philatelist.

**Vote of Thanks:** The vote of thanks was proposed by Robert Duguid.

**Date of Next Meeting:** The next evening meeting will be the AGM at 7.30pm on 8 May.

The next morning meeting will be held in the Art Society Gallery on 1 May from 10am to noon.