

SWANPEX 2022 – Final Report

Venue / Concept

Following last year's successful trial in running SWANPEX in conjunction with the Perth Stamp & Coin Show at South Perth we continued this year in the same manner with the event being held over the 30th September to 2nd October weekend.

Committee

Committee and Key Personnel

Chairman	Mike Kouwen
Floor Manager	Mike Kouwen
Treasurer	Gavin Woodward
Frames Officer	Keith Michaelson
Youth Officer	Andrew Martin
Front of House	Keith Michaelson
Publicity Officers	Dianne Saunders Keith Michaelson
Prospectus	Johanna Stafford
Jury Forms & Results	Johanna Stafford
Certificates & Ribbons	Johanna Stafford
Hasluck Liaison	John DiBiase
Jury Chairman	John DiBiase
Jurors	Rod Kantor
	Andrew Watson

I take this opportunity to thank all the Committee for their efforts in making this a successful show. Of course, many other volunteers were involved, and I thank them one and all. I feel that I must acknowledge Ross Edwards for his consistent presence at our information tables and Jeannine Millsted for maintaining front of house for long periods in the Exhibition Room.

Set Up etc

As for last year, Council and Ian Boulton combined to use just the one truck to transport the Frames (and tables) to South Perth. Costs were shared. Pick up was on the Thursday evening with set up first thing Friday with mounting etc completed in good time. Dismounting etc was completed very efficiently on late Sunday afternoon with everything back in the containers at Baldvis a little after sundown. Liaison between the two parties was considerably improved compared to last year.

No. of Exhibits / Frames

A disappointing number of entries with 9 Exhibits (plus 1 Club Class entry) with a total of 26 Frames

Judging and Results

Judging was completed on the weekend, two weeks prior to the event. The exhibits were of a good standard with 5 Gold, 1 Large Vermeil, 2 Large Silver and 1 Silver medal awarded. Congratulations to Bruce Haynes being awarded Best in Show for his exhibit 'Ceylon Pence 1857-1871'. See attached and/or the WAPC website for full details.

Prize Donations

Donations for exhibition prizes in various categories were received from the WA Study Group, WA Card Collectors Society, Mandurah Philatelic Society, Philatelic Society of Western Australia, Stirling Philatelic Society and Busselton Stamp Club with Council donating the prize for Best in Show.

Hasluck Medal

The Hasluck Medal was presented on the Sunday morning to Kevin Kealley. The citation is attached and may also be viewed on the WAPC website.

Youth

Andrew Martin had a separate youth promotion area in the Main (Dealer's) Hall. This was a good move in that it resulted in increased interest and involvement of young collectors.

Souvenirs

Unfortunately, there were no souvenirs this year as Glen Stafford was overcommitted in other areas.

Financials

Overall, Council recorded a loss of \$1174.63 for the Exhibition. This included a payment of \$400 for a stand used by council for Youth promotion and information dissemination as well as Exhibition activities. See separately for the Treasurer's detailed report.

Other / Conclusion

Overall, the feeling was that running SWANPEX as part of the Perth Stamp & Coin Show was again a successful exercise and it is recommended that SWANPEX be run in this format in future. Having said that, SWANPEX next year will be run as a one off as part of the 2 day show being conducted by the Philatelic Society of Western Australia at Gloucester Park.

The Perth Stamp & Coin Show is not being run in October 2023 to avoid clashing with Perth 2023.

The financial loss (cost) of running the exhibition in this format was considered acceptable. Finding a replacement for Glen Stafford to take on souvenirs and thus generate additional income in future is a priority.

As for last year, as the room holding the exhibition is set aside from the main hall, effort needs to be maintained in signposting and directing people to view the exhibits. I believe a reasonable number of people attended. A side benefit of the location alongside the foyer entrance was that several library users attended the Exhibition on the Saturday.

With youth promotion, we should endeavour to have space in the main hall if possible. Otherwise, it is probably not worth having a full set up in the foyer although 'Show Bags' should be made available.

Mike Kouwen

Chair, SWANPEX 2022