

COUNTRY CORNER

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I would like to start by making you familiar with the Philatelic Development Council and its Personnel.

The structure of the philatelic world is made up like most organisations on a hierarchical level.

At the base of the structure is the local philatelic society.

In NSW the society is affiliated (in most cases) with the Philatelic Association of NSW Inc (PHILAS).

Philas performs several different functions.

- To maintain and support Philas House - it does this principally through conducting 3 auctions per annum. Any member of the public may use this facility to buy or sell their stamps to like-minded collectors. For country clubs a Club Pack has been established consisting of small parcels of stamp material suitable for resale at the club level.
- To maintain the philatelic library - a separately incorporated body for tax exempt purposes. Any member of an affiliated society may borrow books free of charge from the library. This saves having to outlay vast amounts of funds yourself on rarely referred to books.
- To promote Philately - it does this principally but not solely through the Philatelic Development Council (PDC) arm.

The PDC in turn is represented at the Federal level by the Australian Philatelic Federation (APF).

The APF has representatives on the Asian Council – The Federation of Inter Asian Philately (FIAP).

FIAP in turn is represented at world level by Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP).

So you see it is all a bit like the Olympic committees except that no one gets paid for doing the job!

The members of the PDC are elected or re-elected on an annual basis. The current members of the PDC are shown on the *About* page. To access this page, [click here](#).

Any society affiliated with Philas has the right to nominate their representative for an executive position. Meetings are held monthly at Philas house, currently the fourth Saturday of the month.

Over the next few months I will endeavour to provide you with some personal details on each of the PDC members.

The aim here is to make you feel comfortable and part of the ‘family’.

By the time I have finished detailing the current crop we will have had a new year and there may well be some changes.

We will start this month with the current Chair, **David Collyer**. (This summary is included on the *About* page, under *Members Pen Pictures*. To access these Pen Pictures, [click here](#))

Exhibitions.

The Orange Coin and Stamp Club is holding a two-day exhibition on April 22-23 in the Kenna Hall 90 Hill Street Orange. Entry is by a \$2.00 donation with children free. Dealers and club members will provide valuations, advice and general consultation. There are lucky door prizes and some promotional give-a-ways.

Phone Derek Dolstra 636 14 872 or Norm Binns 6362 3754 for more details.

Opening hours Saturday 22nd APRIL 9-5, Sunday 23rd April 10-4pm.

Wagga has notified us that they will hold a Stamp and Coin Fair on May 20-21 2006 For information contact Peter Simpfnedorfer on 02 6922 3393 or email simpy@dragnet.com.au

Schoalhaven Philatelic Society is holding a stamp day on July 15th at North Nowra.

Contact Anne Hvam at 04 4492 9114 or email ahvam@bigpond.net.au

The Northern Beaches Stamp Expo 2006 to be held on Sept 9-10 2006 will feature a Country Inter Society One Frame Competition. Bathurst, Toronto, Smithfield and Castle Hill have put their hand up so far. For info email eswolf@optusnet.com.au

Come on country cousins where is your competitive spirit? Have a go!!