

# The Bulletin

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## A Common Stamp with a Collecting Twist

By Phil Visser



Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a very common Australian stamp. It is listed as Scott #319. A note in the catalogue says that there are two Dies of this stamp. Above the listings in Scott's Catalogue is a verbal explanation on how to distinguish Die 1 from Die 2.

Figures 2 and 3 show the visual differences. To search for which particular stamp is in a personal collection, the philatelist needs to use a magnifying glass of 10x power or greater. The differences lie inside the denomination of the 5 pence located in the upper left corner of the stamp.

In the curl of the number 5, the number of lines inside the curl is the distinguishing mark. There are four lines in the curl of the 5 in the Die 1 stamp. Naturally the Die 2 will be different, there are five lines present.



Fig 2 Die 1



Fig 3 Die 2

Not everyone is interested in being so accurate, but for those who seek to be thorough in their collection, this might be of interest. Yet, there is another "twist" to collecting this stamp. This stamp was printed in sheets and in booklets. On the sheet printing, Die 1 was Row A while Die 2 was Row B. This alternating pattern continued throughout the sheet, making it easy to collect since the Dies are equally printed.

The booklets were printed in three different offerings. They would be part of a booklet of four stamps or a booklet of six stamps. The title states that this is a common stamp. The Seven Sea "Australasian Stamp Catalogue, 2017" mentions that almost 1.7 billion stamps were printed on the sheet stamp format. No information is given about how many booklets were printed. The booklet issue provides the collecting Twist!

For many years collecting stamps with a straight edge was shunned as much as possible. Inspiration arrived and now I also collect the booklet stamps with the straight edges. To do so, the imperf edge can be on both the right and the left side of the stamp. Naturally an example is needed of each type. To complete the booklet offerings, there are also two stamps with two straight edges. The straight edges would be at the bottom of each stamp and also on the right side or left side.

Now try to get them nicely cancelled and well centered!

Happy collecting.

### Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club  
Tues Aug 5

Kincardine Stamp Club  
Wed Aug 6

Owen Sound Stamp Club  
Zoom Auction Wed Aug 6  
Zoom Mtg Thurs Aug 21  
Sat Aug 16

Guelph Stamp Club  
Wed Aug 6  
Wed Aug 20

KW Philatelic Society  
Thurs Aug 14

Oxford Zoom Auction  
Fri Aug 1  
Fri Aug 15

LASO Zoom Meeting  
Tues Aug 19

Check with the club  
before going to its  
meeting.

### ONE PAGE

### EXHIBITS

**THESE WILL CONTINUE  
AND BE VOTED ON**

**IT WILL BE A PAGE OF  
THE EXHIBITOR'S  
CHOICE OF TOPIC**

**THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO  
HONE YOUR SKILLS**

## ***Message from the President – Walt Berry***

Greetings,

Members of the Saugeen Stamp Club met the second Tuesday of July due to the July Canada holiday. This presents an opportunity to remind members on two important issues:

- 1/ ensure your contact information is current and up to date &
- 2/ Check your email / phone for messages confirming meetings.

An email was sent moving the meeting one week due to the holiday — with the request to notify other members without internet. Apparently there were members who did show up to the venue on the holiday.

The Church has been contacted and confirmed the hall has been booked for the 13th day of September from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. for the CIRCUIT BOOK SOCIAL. There will NOT BE AN AUCTION at this meeting. Please bring along your want list and spend time adding to your collecting interests. In addition to the circuit books, social time provides a chance to share your philatelic knowledge with members seeking to improve their collecting interests. Bring your questions and ask for answers from the vast knowledge of our members.

Speaking of the circuit books, the circuit manager raised the point that the books should be purged as some pages have been in the books for an extended period. Perhaps, members should revisit their pages and remove/review pages after a defined period (two or three years).

The Peoples Choice plaque is being updated and should be presented to member Starla at the August meeting – Congratulations Starla.

The North Toronto Stamp Club has taken the initiative to recognize the long time contribution of a dedicated philatelist / exhibitor Garfield Portch. He has served on the Board of the Vincent Graves Greene Foundation for many years. The initiative goal is to encourage exhibiting and friendly rivalry among the stamp clubs in Ontario - announcing the Garfield Portch Ontario Club Single Frame Competition. Any Ontario based club that is a member of the RPSC may compete by entering up to 3 single frame exhibits (16 single pages or equivalent). A great chance to hone your exhibiting skills on a major platform.

Time to get outside and finally enjoy the warm Canadian weather.

### ***On a Sad Note***

Peter Kritz has passed on the sad news that the late Lloyd Gerhardt's wife Joan passed away July 12, 2025 in Walkerton at the age of 90.

## The AZAD Hind Stamps

By Neil Elson

The Azad Hind stamps are a set of prepared but never issued stamps for the planned Provisional Government of Free India under Subhas Chandra Bose. All stamps were printed by photogravure in sheets of 100 at the Reichsdruckerei, the Government Printing Bureau in Berlin.

The "Provisional Government of Free India" was founded by Subhas Chandra Bose as a government in exile with the support of Japan during the Second World War. For this government, stamps were planned, which were manufactured in Nazi Germany. The stamps were commissioned by Bose himself during his stay in Berlin in early 1943.

The stamps were designed by the graphic artist couple Werner and Maria von Axster-Heudtlaß, who designed numerous stamps for the Reichspost and later for the Deutsche Post between 1925 and 1949. According to propaganda philately specialist Dave Ripley, the soldiers on the 1+2 rupees stamp represent three of India's best-known freedom fighters at the time. Sukhdev Thapar, Bhagat Singh as standard-bearer and Shivaram Rajguru. They were hanged by the British authorities on March 23, 1931.

1 million copies of each stamp were printed. Exceptions were those planned for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands without surcharge, which were only issued 500,000 times. A very small number were produced of the higher values 1+2 rupees, which exist in three different varieties. Due to the fact that this value was manufactured in a multicolour print, unfinished variants were discovered later. At the end the flag should be illustrated in orange, white and green colours. Unfinished prints in black and black/orange have been preserved. Of the black version the found quantity was 4500 pieces, of the black-orange 2000 pieces and of the final, finished version 7000 pieces. Except for the higher rupees values (only imperforated), all stamps exist both perforated and in practically the same number imperforated. The stamps planned for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands were perforated L 10½.

All other small nominal values were perforated differently, so there were issues with the following variants: L 9½:10½, 10½, 10½:9½ and 11:10½. There are often stamps with irregular perforations.



A selection of other AZAD Hind Issues



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Chapter 21, Grand River  
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### Available for Auction at SSC on Aug 5th



A Penny Black (Great Britain's #1) has  
been donated to the club and will be  
auctioned at the Aug 5<sup>th</sup> meeting for  
the good of the club. I have been  
informed that you should be aware  
that the stamp has a thin.

### Unitrade Press Release

Unitrade Associates, publisher of the most prominent  
Canadian stamp catalogue is pleased to announce that  
the **Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian  
Stamps** is currently at the printer. This 2025-2026 Edition  
will be available through your local or online stamp dealer  
in early September. **This edition is expected to sell-out  
quickly, so some dealers are already accepting Pre-  
Orders.**

Under the direction of the new Editor, Patrick Durbano,  
this year's catalogue will be printed and shrink-wrapped in  
two easy-to-handle volumes with a natural split between  
the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II issues. Along  
with the most up-to-date Canada Post stamps, there are  
also many new photos, new discoveries, new listings and  
well over 1,400 price changes throughout the over 800-  
page, 2-volume catalogue.

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