



A golden gift for Sammy Stamp

In December 2025 Sammy Stamp's fortunes tore down the home straight to a thrilling finish. They saddled up again and bolted out of the starting gate in 2026.



by Allan
J Clark

Why was this? Well, you may remember it being reported in the previous issue of *Net Work* that our total had reached about \$35,470 at 12/12/2025. But due to a generous donation of coins, the total sales by the end of 2025 reached \$46,648! (2024's total was \$35,583).

The coins came from a gentleman, aged 95, who has no close relatives and attended St Stephen's Uniting Church, Williamstown. He rang me a few months ago offering some of his coin collection to Sammy Stamp.

One of our volunteers went to his residence in the Williamstown area and spent a couple of hours there and returned with eight gold and a collection of other coins. He commented that the donor had obviously been a serious collector as he had apparently sold some of his collection through Sotheby's Auction House. We have been keeping our donor informed as the coins find new homes.

This sales success has continued into 2026 bringing in \$7,291 for January (same period last year, \$1,338.) In addition, so far in February (up to the 6th), we have raised a further \$2,690! We have not as yet received any grant applications this year.

Thank you all for your generous donations of philatelic items, coins, medals, badges and so on, it is much appreciated. Please keep it up. Finally, if there are any wonderful people reading this who would like to spend a few hours each week in Brighton volunteering for Sammy Stamp, please contact Allan Clark on (03) 9557 1008. Our motto: "Come when you can, go when you must."

Sammy Stamp
volunteer, Richard
Hicks shared some
photos of the recent
donation, *pictured
right*.

He says: "Some
are of the lovely
lot given by the donor in
December 2025.
Notably eight 22ct gold (each
weighing 10gms), boxed,
\$200 gold coins issued by
Perth Mint from 1980 to
1985.

"We have sold seven already
at an average of \$2,000
each. Along with very old
silver coins from the 1800s to
1945, and pre-decimal bank
notes from 10/- to £5.00.

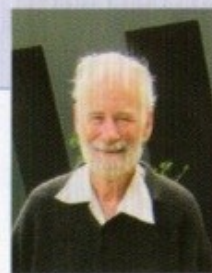
The collection alone
has raised over
\$16,000.00 so far.



"There were also
medallions and
trading tokens
from the 1850s
and other world coins."



Rare coin discovery creates a buzz at Sammy Stamp



by Allan
Clark



A large number of donations of stamps now come from down-sizers, estates and the like. Recently a fellow forwarded some philatelic items together with some coins and other ephemera.

On examining the coins, it was discovered that a token, issued by a Sydney business in 1855 to celebrate the opening of the first steam railway in NSW was found, *pictured above*.

I contacted the donor asking if he wanted it back. On receiving a negative reply, contact was made with the Australian Railway Historical Society (NSW) Archives to ascertain if they wanted the coin/token. Yes please, was the answer, so we are making plans to donate it to them, letting them know we would appreciate a donation of a few used stamps in return.

Oh in case anyone is interested, sales have reached as of 30/6/2025 about \$15,656 (same date last year, \$13,180). A grant of \$5,000 has been approved for the Mission Liaison Group (MLG) to assist in transporting charitable items to Pacific Ocean Island neighbours.

Calling all Crafty Knitters!

The Social Justice group discussed homelessness and rough sleeping at our meeting on Sunday. Barbara Shying and Joan Lum suggested that we form a group of crafty people to knit or crochet scarves for these people. We are also asking for donations of wool/yarn.

Those who are willing should speak to Barbara 0407 277 020 or Joan 0437 397 066



Bible Readings June 2026 *(the readings used in our service may differ slightly)*

June 7th	Pentecost 2	Genesis 12:1-9, Hosea 5:15-6:6	Psalm 33:1-12 Psalm 50:7-15	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
June 14th	Pentecost 3	Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) Exodus 19:2-8a	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Psalm 100	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
June 21st	Pentecost 4	Genesis 21:8-21, Jerimiah 20: 7-13	Psalm 86: 1-10,16-17 Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18	Romans 6:1b-11	Mathew 10:24-39
June 28th	Pentecost 5	Genesis 22:1-14 Jerimiah 28:5-9	Psalm 13 Psalm 89:1-4,15-18	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42

We pray for all in need especially -

Prayers of the People



Emily's family & friends
Katherine's cousin David & Family
Joan Wright on the loss of her brother
Tina, friend of Joan Wood
Phillip (Barbara's nephew)
Barry
Adrian
Anne-Maree, Andrew and their daughter, Rachel
Maria
Helen Cole

Gloria, Samson & Family
Jenny and Janine Bartholomeusz
Anita and Kingsley
Joyce Curnow
Stuart - addiction struggles
Helen & Earle Hosking
Grace & Van Rensberg
Joan's friends Robyn & Jemma
Kath Tondorf
Susan Hoskin
Karen

Mark
Mary
Margaret Walker
Joyce Carpenter
Andrew
Bronwyn
Teresa
Sybil Bond
June and Grace Fairbank

We give thanks for those whose prayers have been answered..

Thanks for your BayCISS Collection Contributions

From Joan & Chris Wood . Many thanks to those who continue to support BayCISS with donations. Goods especially non perishable food may be left at 66 Bernard St. Cheltenham, or call them on 9555 0462 for details

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Thanks to everyone who have continued to make their weekly offering.

Direct Debit: Cheltenham / Mentone members note that direct payments can now be made to our Westpac account at Southland, **BSB number is 033 358, Account Number is 664 881** Payee "UCA Cheltenham Mentone Parish"

Although we are now the Charman Uniting Church, we expect banking arrangements to remain the same as before, for the rest of the year.

SOCIAL COLLECTION DEPARTMENT:

BayCISS - collection of goods by Graeme & Joan Wood has recommenced. Leave goods with them at 66 Bernard St. Cheltenham, or call them on 9555 0462

Emerge - Financial help is the best way to help - Cheques to - GPO Box 420 Melbourne VIC 3001 or donate via the website www.emergesupport.org.au
Emerge welcomes vouchers for supermarkets or art materials which children could use at home - materials, pencils, colouring books etc. Margaret Bode is happy to collect items if you leave them at her home, 16 Monaco Street Parkdale. **Donations in an envelope marked EMERGE may be left in the collection plate.**



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*This week's video –
"Do not fear" Rev Greg Fry 21st
June 2026*

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Then click on this link below or the "Sunday Church" image to join our Service

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82004410836?pwd=cU9RWlhVMm8wOUw0TStLV1EvNFdYdz09>

Meeting ID: 820 0441 0836 Passcode: 665 784

You can also join us on your phone by dialling **03 7018 2005** and entering the above meeting details.

**Sunday Church
on Zoom**



‘Lexophilia is the love of words and a fascination with playing with language, including puns, wordplay, and witty expressions’ *thanks to Sally Hobbs*

Interesting

LEXOPHILIA - WHO ON EARTH DREAMS THESE UP?

- How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.
- Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
- A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.
- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met a herbivore.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- Broken pencils are pointless.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
- All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.
- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Velcro - what a rip off!
- Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last.

I don't know much about birds but I can easily identify the husband in this picture