



Western Australian Philatelic Council Inc.

G.P.O. Box 9800, Perth, Western Australia 6001

Swan River Stamp Show

9 -12 SEPTEMBER 2004

Fremantle Passenger Terminal, Victoria Quay, Fremantle. Western Australia.

The Western Australian Philatelic Council (WAPC) is honoured to be conducting Australia's only National Stamp Exhibition in 2004. It will be held under the auspices of the Australian Philatelic Federation ("APF")

YOUR INVITATION

2004 marks the 150th anniversary of Western Australia's first postage stamps and the 175th anniversary of the settlement of the Swan River Colony. The organising committee will build on this relevance by inviting philatelic, historical, genealogical and similar societies to attend and contribute to its success, with a particular focus on the importance of the Swan River.

National stamp exhibitions are an ideal opportunity for national and overseas societies to plan meetings and displays, as well as informal get-togethers at breakfasts, lunches or cocktails. Please take this bulletin as an invitation to arrange your society's meeting during the four days of the exhibition. Meeting rooms at the venue can be arranged in one or two-hour blocks. However, space is limited and bookings will need to be arranged early, so as not to disappoint.

Should your society wish to organise a breakfast, luncheon or dinner gathering, this can be arranged for you at one of the many venues in Fremantle at a price to suit your budget.

VENUE

The Fremantle Passenger Terminal at the mouth of the Swan River has been chosen as the venue for the Swan River Stamp Show for its significance as the disembarkation point for many migrants in past years. An area for 650 frames of stamp, postcard and postal history exhibits has been assigned, as well as for 24 Australian and overseas dealers. Adjacent to the terminal is Western Australia's new and innovative Maritime Museum, and close-by are historical buildings relating to the early colony.

EXHIBITING

Participation in the Exhibition is open to all exhibitors whether they are members of affiliated organisations or not. Exhibition regulations are based on the APF Regulations for Australian Philatelic Exhibitions.

COURT OF HONOUR

Invited exhibits will have the colonial theme and negotiations are underway to obtain the world's premier exhibit of Western Australia which displays unique rarities, and has won many grand prix.

FUNCTIONS AND ACCOMMODATION

Various functions are being arranged including a welcome cocktail party, a formal dinner and presentation awards. Accommodation can be arranged for you. Why not take the opportunity to extend your holiday to Western Australia and take advantage of the Wild Flower season? Fremantle and Perth have a range of accommodation available, and arrangements can be made to suit all pockets.

SOUVENIRS AND SUPPORTERS

A range of souvenirs will be available. In the past five years WAPC exhibition souvenirs have been unusual and unique, with integrity enforced. The Swan River Stamp Show's souvenirs will retain that reputation.

There will be a Supporters' Club, with membership limited to 100 and issued on a strictly first come first served basis. The Supporters' Club pack will be available for \$100 and will include benefits, discounts and souvenirs not available elsewhere.

All exhibitions need supporters, sponsors and advertisers. Perhaps your organisation would consider contributing a prize in one of the display categories, be associated with naming rights to one of the functions during the exhibition, or consider advertising for new membership in the catalogue or Awards List.

There is a range of promotional, advertising, and sponsorship opportunities available, details of which can be obtained from:

The Secretary, Swan River Stamp Show,
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Perth, Western Australia, 6001.

For a more immediate response and up-to-date information visit the official website

www.swanriverstampshow.com