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## EDITORS COLUMN

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Hello everyone, Welcome to the September Newsletter. A few interesting articles I hope you will agree. From one member who wrote to tell me the Newsletter was basically not offering him anything to getting a [Certificate at the APS Stamp Show](#), where we entered the 2011 Newsletter issues in the Literature section, leaves me feeling down and up. It is hard to please everyone I know, but believe me I do try. The negative feedback was very useful and I am trying to take into account the very good points that were made. So thanks for that feedback. As I always say, if you don't like something, please tell me so I can improve the content.

We had the AGM last month, as many of you know because you submitted proxies or attended. All motions were passed and we again have a clear direction going forward, an enthusiastic, very knowledgeable and dedicated committee, and some very good support from members. So thanks to everyone on that front.

One highlight of the AGM was to pass a motion for our Chairman Alan Devine to become a life-time member of the IPDA. This was passed unanimously. We can use this as a way to say thanks to Alan for everything he has contributed to the IPDA since its inception. Sterling work Alan; thanks from me and I am sure all members.

Highlights of the past month from me; well, I have sold a few lots on eBay, read some interesting dialogue on various boards about Delcampe and their new fee structure, and Bidstart and their features and what they offer and, a minor point of a personal nature, I have moved back to Sydney, Australia, much to my chagrin I might add, but family pressures became a burden. Fortunately I still get to visit Hong Kong and in fact was there a few weeks ago, and also in Tokyo for work, and am back in Hong Kong in a few weeks. Must make time for some stamp dealers on next visit, if only to stock up on quality and cheap envelopes and stock cards. Biggest challenge for me adjusting is the cost of postage Australia v Hong Kong. Oh well such is life.

And finally I had my run in eventually with Australia Post. I mailed parcels back to Sydney; postage is so cheap from Hong Kong. Used some lovely stamps, some for me and some to sell on eBay to help defray the costs.



### Stamp of the Month

Look what Australia Postage did to one lovely miniature sheet. Deliberate you cannot deny. But generally I got most boxes / read stamps in pretty good condition, thus selling a few high value stamps and sheets on ebay.



One of the beautiful China stamps used on my China Southern A380 inaugural a380 FFC.

Best Wishes .**Michael** [michaelatipda@gmail.com](mailto:michaelatipda@gmail.com)

## AUCTION QUALITY

I am showing this because it is why we should encourage buyers to buy from IPDA members, or sellers accredited from some professional organisation. It was listed on eBay as Fine Used. Errgghh Thankfully no one bid. I polled the IPDA Directors for their views; should I show to you all and say hey people lets start promoting our quality and the fact we are IPDA members. Please always promote that you are an IPDA member and abide by our rules for fair and honest trading. The seller of this stamp had 100% rating. Why they think this as Fine Used is beyond me.





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### SEPTMEBER BOARD MEETING UPDATE

Just a short piece to let you all know we had a Board Meeting on 4th September and we covered all the admin matters with no issues. Some debate on getting a new Director for Europe. Roger West volunteered to do some promo work in the absence of us having a Director in that part of the world, notwithstanding we have Roy our webmaster in Spain. We discussed Facebook and how can we use that social media channel to further improve communications and offerings to members. Anyone have any thoughts please? A site would be a private group and would in my view be worth exploring. We have the chatroom now but that is just basic chat dialogue. We can do far more you, our members, if we have a Private Facebook group. Let's embrace social media, it is the way today. Views?

One nice item is to advise that our website one a Silver Medal in the APS Chapter and Affiliates awards. Congratulations to Roy our webmaster. Do have a look at the website Home page, it is very sharp [www.ipdaonline.org](http://www.ipdaonline.org)

### ACE STAMPS - PERTH STAMP SHOW OCTOBER 6TH & 7TH.

Ian Boulton, of Ace Stamp Auctions, has recently sponsored this gorgeous Western ringtail possum rescued by the Great Southern Care Wildlife in Albany. By donating funds to aid this chap in his recovery and ultimate release, he has been named Ace and a certificate bears witness to the fact he will be looked after with care and affection by an army of volunteers. They care for sick injured or orphaned native Australian animals and rehabilitate them with a main goal of release. These include animals whose mother has died, bushfire victims, those that have been kept as pets needing rehabilitation and many other ways in which they are received by this worthwhile charity. Once they are rehabilitated they are returned to the wild where ever possible.

They are always looking for contributions to assist in their valuable work and in the process of donating you receive a photo of your animal, his or her personal history, and a fact sheet on the species adopted.

All collectors are encouraged to visit the website at [www.kangaroorescue.com](http://www.kangaroorescue.com) and contribute if they can. This would be a great gift idea for those overseas collectors who may be struggling for gift ideas for friends and family. In the meantime Ace is chilling in the Southwest of WA awaiting his release back into the bush.



And on a philatelic related theme, any members passing through Perth around the 6th & 7th of October and maybe any local collectors who receive your emails please let them know of the Perth Stamp & Coin show. This 2 day show will bring together not only Interstate and local stamp, coin, banknote & collectable dealers but also an upstairs room of local collectors with their own single tables selling their excess or unwanted material, very similar to the European "Flea Market" style stamp shows. This will be a drawcard for all collectors as it means there is something for everybody's budget. And do say hello to Ian if you are there.

### DELCAMPE CHANGES FEES FOR SOLD ITEMS

Delcampe announce they aim to improve the global quality of the items put up for sale on the website by charging a fee per sale. This will give them the financial means to continue to provide sellers with a quality service.

New measures are: As of September 1st 2012, but it will only apply to items put up for sale starting from this date. (We are talking about putting up for sale, not renewing already existing sales)

All of the items which are currently on the website and the items which are put on the website before September 1st will not be subject to the fixed price charge per item sold.

Starting from January 1st 2013 all of the items present on the website will be subject to the fixed price charge.

Hope I got this right, from their press release. Lots of chat about this but (editors view) given the volume of absolute crap that is listed I don't blame them!!! **Best Wishes Michael [michaelatipda@gmail.com](mailto:michaelatipda@gmail.com)**