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PRESS RELEASE

Royal enjoys 'double bill'

The two displays given to the members of The Royal Philatelic Society London during April represented a 'first', in that both were given by Arthur W. Gray, and provided some 1,200 sheets covering the issues of the Australian Commonwealth from 1901 to 2000.

In the first section, the period covered was from 1901 to the end of the reign of King George V. Most notable were the King George V sideface definitive issues of 1913 to 1938, the stamp booklets from 1904 to 1935, and the commemorative and pictorial issues from 1927 to 1936. Throughout were shown superb items, including proofs, multiples and covers. Nor were the legendary 'Kangaroos' entirely neglected.

The second display covered the reigns of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II, up to the year 2000. Again the material was astounding, with proofs and essays, multiples and errors, much of it unique in private hands.

It is doubtful if there exists a more comprehensive collection of Australian issues – and only a part was on show.

Those wishing to visit The Royal Philatelic Society London at 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY, or be a guest at one of its meetings, are kindly asked to contact in advance the Administrative Office on 020 7486 1044.



Arthur W. Gray (left) with Brian Trotter, President of The Royal Philatelic Society London.

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