

## ABOUT PEEL REGION NUMISMATIC GROUP

Peel Region Numismatic Group ['PRNG'] is a small but enthusiastic group of collectors based in Mandurah, Western Australia.

Being a bit smaller than some clubs means that visitors and members do not get overlooked.

### MEETINGS

PRNG meets on the second Wednesday of each month, from February to December.

Doors open at 6:00 pm for a 6:15 pm start. Meetings generally finish around 8:30 to 9:00 pm.

Venue: Falcon Library  
Meeting Room 2

Falcon Library closes at 6:00 pm, but we have an after-hours pass. The pass only works on the rear doors, so drive around to the carpark at the back of the Library.

If the doors are locked, tap on the glass or give one of us a quick call to let you in.

## WHAT IS NUMISMATICS ?

Numismatics is the study or collection of coins, paper money, medals, tokens and the like.

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The information in this pamphlet was provided by the members of Peel Region Numismatic Group ['PRNG']. PRNG is based in Mandurah, Western Australia.

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### PRNG ENQUIRIES & CONTACT DETAILS

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## COLLECTING COINS & BANKNOTES WHERE DO I START ?

Coin and banknote collecting opens up a whole new world of interest.

Most Australian collectors start by collecting Australian coins and banknotes, because those items are generally readily available. Items might come from the collector's change, fairs or from dealers.

As their collection develops, a collector might look to broaden their interests and expand their collection to include other countries.

Often, a collecting interest can be sparked if the collector receives foreign coins or banknotes from friends or relatives returning from a trip overseas – or from their own overseas trip.

## WHAT TO COLLECT

One of the great things about being a collector is that YOU decide what you want to collect (and how much you are willing or able to spend) !

Whether your collecting focus is on Australian items or goes beyond our national border, the list of collecting areas is almost endless. Here are some ideas:-

- ❖ Collecting by theme.  
Such as coins or banknotes that have as part of their design a ship, bird, butterfly, animal, bridge or some other image.
- ❖ Decimal or pre-decimal coins and banknotes.
- ❖ A coin or banknote of each denomination for a particular monarch.
- ❖ A coin or banknote of each denomination for a particular country.
- ❖ A banknote of each signature combination for a particular country.
- ❖ First or last issue coins or banknotes.
- ❖ Special release coins or banknotes.
- ❖ A coin or banknote of one particular denomination from countries around the world.
- ❖ Coins of unusual shape (not all coins are round).

- ❖ Coins or banknotes from countries that have changed currency or country name.  
Such as:-  
Rhodesia – now known as Zimbabwe;  
East and West Germany;  
Former countries of the Soviet Union;
- ❖ PNCs – Philatelic Numismatic Covers.  
These are specially stamped envelopes with one or more coins in a window of the envelope.
- ❖ Error or variety coins or banknotes.
- ❖ A coin of each mint mark.  
A mint mark is usually a small letter, dot or some other symbol on one side of a coin. Note that most coins do NOT bear mint marks – usually just special releases.
- ❖ Counter-stamped coins. These are marks (often as embedded text) added to a coin to change its value, to make the coin valid for use in another country, or for advertising or political reasons.
- ❖ Military, civil or private issue money.
- ❖ Funny money.  
Usually as fake banknotes bearing a political message. (Look out for them in the lead up to an election).
- ❖ Tokens, medals, cheques, money orders, vouchers, coupons or postal notes.

## WHERE TO FROM HERE ?

If you decide that collecting coins or banknotes is for you, then you might want to:-

- ❖ Read up on your chosen area of interest via numismatic magazines or online research.  
Your local library might have some useful reference books.
- ❖ Join a local numismatic club:-
  - To see what others are collecting;
  - To gain knowledge from their wisdom and experience;
  - To buy, sell or swap items with other members.
- ❖ Attend fairs and auctions.

## STORING YOUR COLLECTION

There are many different ways to store your collection. Members of your local numismatic club can give you some helpful ideas on this.

As a general rule:-

- ❖ Keep banknotes flat and dry – and no rubber bands!
- ❖ Do NOT store coins in metal containers.
- ❖ Separate silver coins from other metals (silver coins are easily marked).
- ❖ Have clean, dry hands when handling your collection.