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President's Report

Planning for our seventh biennial international numismatic conference, NAAC2017, is under way, with national organiser Walter Bloom and local organizing committee chair Darren Burgess. While the conference will be held 20th – 22nd October in Melbourne, the actual venue is still being negotiated.

The Royal Numismatic Society of New Zealand will be holding a numismatic conference in Auckland during the period of 14 – 17 July to celebrate 50 years of decimal currency in New Zealand. The conference will be held at the Quality Hotel, Parnell, an inner suburb of Auckland, with the actual conference held on 16 and 17 July, a commercial bourse on 15 July and some tours/closed conference bourse (as at NAAC2015 in Adelaide) on Friday 14 July.

This year Australian numismatics lost Terry Naughton, an avid collector of ancients, who participated in our early biennial conferences. We also saw the passing of Dion Skinner, who almost became a household name with the publication of his Australian Coin and Banknote Catalogue *Renniks* (Skinner spelt backwards) commencing in 1964 when the conversion to decimal currency was on the horizon.

We have still not found a replacement auditor, and our Treasurer, Gwent Khoo, has advised that she won't be renominating at our coming AGM due to the pressure of work and study. I am very sorry to be losing Gwent, who has done a wonderful job; she has *electronified* all the NAA accounting, making it relatively easy for her successor. Of course we still have Gwent until the AGM scheduled for Monday 27 March in Sydney, commencing 1.30pm. The venue is yet to be determined since our usual venue at Status International will not be available with the company moving to Glebe.

The NAA continues to enjoy sponsorship at a sustainable level, with Noble Numismatics (Gold), Downies (Silver), Coinworks, Drake Sterling, Sterling & Currency, The Purple Penny and Universal Coin Co (bronze) all contributing to ensure the Association's continued success.

I am appreciative of the support of Council and other NAA members throughout the year, and particularly our Secretary, Jonathan Cohen, and Treasurer, Gwent Khoo, who are pivotal in the running of the Association, and our Managing Editor, Gil Davis, for his work in producing this Volume 27 of JNAA.

Walter R Bloom

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