

The Stuart Rossiter Memorial Lecture 2015

The Stuart Rossiter Trust is pleased to announce that the 2015 memorial lecture will be held at 5.00pm on **Friday 6th November** at the Royal Philatelic Society London, 41 Devonshire Place, London, W1G 6JY, when

Ben Palmer FRPSL, FRSPC, APR

will give a talk entitled

“Theory v. Practice in Postal History”

An exploration and explanation of various techniques and methodology in postal history research, publication, exhibiting and judging. Pitfalls and problems are contrasted and the concepts are dovetailed in the ultimate quest for postal history knowledge.

Drawing on both personal experience and those of internationally renowned postal historians, he will examine what are the key factors in making a significant contribution to the postal history field. Juxtaposing both micro and macro perspectives, the speaker will attempt to address what might be missing in the study of postal history, evaluate prevailing attitudes and current trends and provide possible strategies for the development of postal history.

Ben is a professional philatelist based in London and a director of a major British auction house. He is a member of the Library Committee of The Royal Philatelic Society London and a member of the Organising Committee for London 2015 Europhilex.

Born in Sydney, he is the youngest Australian exhibitor to have achieved an International Gold Medal since Australia joined the FIP in 1981. He is a multi-disciplined exhibitor, competing in National and International shows, more than thirty times since 1995, and has served as a Judge and Team Leader in National Competition in Australia, United States and Great Britain.

He was the Honorary Librarian & Archivist of The Royal Sydney Philatelic Club 1993-2013 and has a special interest in the history, collecting and use of philatelic literature. He is the youngest to have joined the Executive of The Royal Sydney Philatelic Club since its formation in 1890. He was also Honorary Secretary of the Library of The Philatelic Association of New South Wales 2004-13 and the Honorary Secretary of The Australian States Study Circle of The Royal Sydney Philatelic Club 1995-2013. Both his books, *The Pre-UPU Destination Mail of Victoria* (2009) and *The Sydney Views: A Guide and Index to Covers* (2013), sold out shortly after publication and achieved a Gold or Large Gold Medal in National Competition.

Free admission is only by non-transferable ticket on application to the Corresponding Trustee:

Rex Dixon FRPSL at **rex Dixon@btinternet.com**.

Early application is advised.

The Stuart Rossiter Trust is a Charitable Trust (Registered Number 292076) which promotes research into the history of the postal services and to support publication in this area to a high academic standard.