

Quarterly Newsletter Report June 2023

I am continuing to enjoy preparing the newsletter each month and continued thanks go to all the those who provide items every month.

Financials

Since the last report commencing with 65, I have used 53 stamps - 17 for April, 19 for May and 17 for June newsletters. I will need to purchase more stamps for the July newsletter.

I have a balance of 12 stamps.

Other

When sending out the newsletter email each month, I often have a few bouncebacks but can generally get these through after a couple of tries. However, sending out June's newsletter was a nightmare to say the least. I had 52 bouncebacks. I tried sending them all separately from the Newcastle Family History Society newsletter email and from my personal email. However, they would not go through. I spoke with Clive and while on the phone with him we noticed that all the bouncebacks were from Bigpond email addresses.

On 30 May I did some research online and found that Bigpond has updated their security and that it was therefore picking up the newsletter as spam. The fix is for all Bigpond members to change their security settings to include the newsletter email in their safe settings list. I then tried sending a message with instructions to each individual. This also bounced back. I then sent individual emails to all these members from my personal email and that went through.

At this stage I have had responses from 23 members, 21 have changed their settings and 2 provided a gmail address. I have successfully sent the newsletter to them.

I have sent another email on 12 June to the remaining 29 asking them to please attend to this so they can receive their newsletters.

Thanking you.

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