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The Melbourne Phonecard Club Inc meets on the first Saturday of every month commencing at 1.00pm at the Community Centre, 64 Clyde Street, Thornbury (Melway map reference 30 J6). Visitors are most welcome. The next meeting will be held on **Saturday, 5th June 2010**.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK (postmaster@melbournephonecardclub.org.au)



Janet C Sayer (#1 – National General Manager)



Janet C Sayer (#2 – Managing Director)

Our February 2009 newsletter published research data regarding the Telstra magnetic “Business Cards”. At the time, we hypothesised that one of the missing links may have been more than one block of 1,000 cards printed for the same person. We can now reveal this to be true. Janet C Sayer had an additional 1,000 cards printed as “National General Manager” for batch 1276 with the 1,000 cards being numbered 127601000 to 127601999. The table appearing in the February 2009 newsletter has now been updated accordingly:

Batch 1276

| First Name | Surname | From | To |
|------------|------------|-------|-------|
| Peter | Shore | 00000 | 00999 |
| Janet C | Sayer (#1) | 01000 | 01999 |
| Grant | Burtenshaw | 02000 | 02999 |
| Dr Vladas | Leonas | 03000 | 03999 |
| Diane | Roberts | 04000 | 04999 |
| Mark | Howells | 05000 | 05999 |
| Tony | Anderson | 06000 | 06999 |
| Ciaran | McGowan | 07000 | 07999 |
| Peter | Gall | 08000 | 08999 |
| Mark | Ferguson | 09000 | 09999 |
| Grant | Cefai | 10000 | 10999 |
| Peter | Kelly | 11000 | 11999 |
| Vic | Carboon | 12000 | 12999 |
| Ross | Dolbel | 13000 | 13999 |
| Ted | Coomans | 14000 | 14999 |
| Paula | Hynes | 15000 | 15999 |
| Rick | Kamp | 16000 | 16999 |
| Winsome | Martin | 17000 | 17999 |
| Nelda | Slezak | 18000 | 18999 |

Batch 1391

| First Name | Surname | From | To |
|------------|------------|-------|-------|
| Roger | Bamber | 00000 | 00999 |
| Andrew M | Day | 01000 | 01999 |
| Nevash | Pillay | 02000 | 02999 |
| David | Hicks | 03000 | 03999 |
| Debbie | Howcroft | 04000 | 04999 |
| Sarah | Goodwin | 05000 | 05999 |
| Janet C | Sayer (#2) | 06000 | 06999 |
| UNKNOWN | | 07000 | 07999 |
| Steven J | Dixon | 08000 | 08999 |
| UNKNOWN | | 09000 | 09999 |
| Geoffrey | Pridgeon | 10000 | 10999 |

We now have 28 known “Business Cards” of different face designs. We can only hypothesise that the remaining two unknown blocks of 1,000 each may belong to “Steve Cherry” and “Steve Moffett”, which were rumoured to have been sold at an Edlins of Canberra auction in 1998.

FAREWELL

Members will be saddened by the news of the passing away of two of our members from South Australia. John Stevens and Coral Wilcox were both long time members who had been ill for some time.

John was a magnetic card collector from rural South Australia who in later years showed an interest in gift cards.

Coral had described herself as a "Phonecard fanatic". Coral's main interest was with shell based thematic cards. The picture of Coral was reproduced from the June 1997 "Australian Phonecard Bulletin" number 18 issued by Telstra.

On behalf of all members, I would like to extend our condolences to John and Coral's families. They will be missed by our club.



METCARDS & MYKI

There still remains little for collectors on this front with no new designs for 2010. The only metcards available are the blue generic design and it is anyone's guess as to when Myki short term ticket designs will be introduced to the Melbourne metropolitan area.

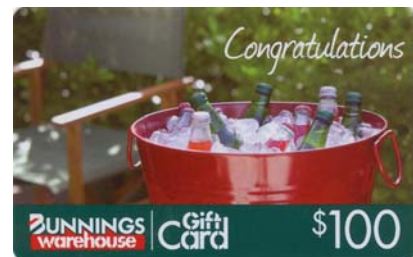
MEMERSHIP MATTERS

Member Gordon Shoebridge of Queensland has provided valuable information on the "TAI EPTL" cards featured in last month's newsletter. These cards were printed for intended use in LAOS and were subsequently issued in Cambodia. Gordon has referred to Glenn Bellamy's "Complete Guide Phonecards of Australia" published in 1995. This publication shows a printing of 15,000 for the \$50 card and 10,000 for the \$100 card. Gordon provided photocopies of cards with high numbering which verified the above print numbers.

GIFT CARDS



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