

Bernard Beston FAP, FRPSL.

Bernie is an Australian Philatelist resident in the Queensland City of Bundaberg. Bundaberg is famous for its World quality Rum.

He began collecting at the age of 14 and started with First day Cover of Norfolk Island, before moving on to Norfolk Island Postal History. This collection was sold many years later to fund his Honeymoon upon marriage.

Bernie has many philatelic collecting interests.

He is an avid Postal Stationery collector and Exhibitor, having Exhibits of Queensland, New South Wales and Australia; India, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Jordan, British Guiana, Guyana, Barbados and other Caribbean Islands.

He has also exhibited in the Aerophilately, Thematic, Maximaphily and Revenue classes.

In the Postal History field he has fielded exhibits in Queensland, Jordan, Norfolk Island and Australia.

He continues to exhibit annually.

Bernie is a qualified National, FIAP and FIP Juror. Internationally he is qualified to judge Postal Stationery, Revenues, Thematics and Maximaphily. He has also judged Traditional, Postal History, Aerophilately, Youth and Literature at FIP Exhibitions.

Bernie has judged at two SP Exhibitions. He has judged all classes at FIAP Exhibitions.

He is a former President, Secretary and International Officer of the Australian Philatelic Federation; former Vice-President of FIAP; and is currently a Vice President of the Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP). At the NY2016 World Exhibition, New York he was the FIP Exhibition consultant.

He is married with two grown daughters. Bernie is a retired Barrister and Solicitor, and was for many years a Philatelic Adviser to Postal Administrations, including the Universal Postal Union and Norfolk Island Post.

In recognition to Philately he was appointed as Fellow of Australian Philately; and has served on three occasions as Judge Assessor (Australia Judges are re assessed on a regular basis). In addition, Australian National Judges must continue to exhibit successfully at last every three years to retain their accreditation.

He was first elected to the FIP Board as a Director at the FIP Congress in Lisbon, Portugal in 2010.

He was re-elected as one of the Vice Presidents at the AFIP Congress in Jakarta, Indonesia in 2014.

He looks forwards to assisting the Commission and promoting postal history.