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# Obituary – John Hope

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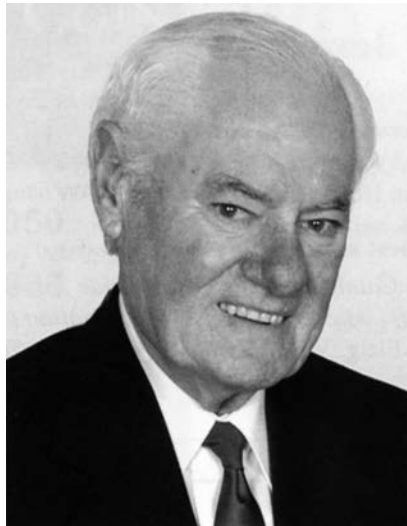


Photo of the late John Hope

John Hope joined the Numismatic Association of Victoria (NAV) as member number 749 on 4 June 1969. He served as a member of the NAV Council in 1998 and 1999, and was also an elected member of the Numismatic Association of Australia Inc (NAA) Council from 1997 to 2006. He was the Vice President of the NAA from 1999 to 2006, and Assistant Editor of the NAA Journal from 1998 to 2003.

During John's time as Vice President of the NAA, Museum Victoria moved to modernise its services to the public, but this included downgrading the Museum's numismatic collection and facilities. In response, the NAA formed a subcommittee with John as its Chairman. As a result of their meetings with the Museum executive, the Museum appointed a consultant numismatist and allowed some access to the collection. Peter Lane wrote at the time: 'all numismatists who in the future visit the Victorian museum numismatic collection can thank John Hope and his team for the effort they put in to facilitate access to the collection by collectors and researchers alike.'

In recognition of his efforts with Museum Victoria and other services to the NAA, John was awarded the Ray Jewell Silver Medal in 2003. This was only the second such award

(the first being posthumously to Ray Jewell). In 2006, the NAV presented John with its Award of Merit (for outstanding and loyal service) which included Honorary Life Membership.

John's numismatic collecting centred on Australiana. He was interested in the predecimal coinage (especially varieties in the bronze coinage), Australasian tradesmen's tokens, and historical medals.

His research on the Acclimatization Society Medals and Sir James Youl resulted in two awards from the NAV – the Max Stern Trophy (for the best talk by a member) in 2000, and the Stan Church Memorial Trophy (for original numismatic research) in 2004.

In 2012, John moved to Queensland and joined the Queensland Numismatic Society. He died on 31 July 2013 at the age of 89.