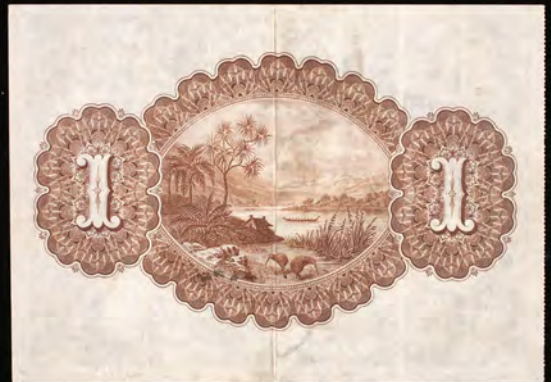


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President's Report

Our eighth biennial international numismatic conference (NAAC2019) was held at the State Library of New South Wales. National Organiser Walter Bloom and the local Organising Committee of Ken Sheedy and Gil Davis put together an interesting program, the fruits of which can be seen in this current volume of the Journal. Highlights included keynote speakers, Ross MacDiarmid, RAM Director (*The future of collecting and the role of the Royal Australian Mint*) and Claire Rowson, Perth Mint (*Mint Condition: New directions for numismatic conservation in Australia*). We were pleased to see a strong New Zealand contingent in Sydney and for the first time in some years the conference ran at a (slight) profit.

I am delighted to advise the winning of the 2019 Paul Simon Memorial Award by Graeme Petterwood. Graeme has been very active on the Tasmania numismatic scene, even when the Tasmanian Numismatic Society had spent a significant time in hibernation. Over this crucial period he kept the Society on the numismatic map with his publishing of the bi-monthly newsletter *Tasmanian Numismatist*. Graeme's contribution to the Society has been recognised with the McDonald Encouragement Award, 1994; R V McNeice Literary Award 1995, 1996; Lockwood Medal 1998; Tasmanian Numismatic Society Bronze Medallion 1996, 2000, 2003; TNS President's Award 2000; TNS Distinguished Service Medal 2013; and TNS Life Membership 2014. Graeme also won the André Fecteau Prize (Association des Numismates Francophones du Canada; <http://anfc.info/>) literary award. Congratulations Graeme from the Australian numismatic community.

The NAA website has experienced some serious issues, well beyond my expertise as Website Manager. After many unsuccessful attempts at fixing the problems, both through the hosting company and the website developer, the Association is looking to pay an expert to get the website back on-line.

We continue to enjoy sponsorship at a sustainable level, with Noble Numismatics (Gold), Coinworks, Downies (Silver), Drake Sterling, Mowbray Collectables, Sterling & Currency and Vintage Coins & Banknotes (Bronze) all contributing to ensure the Association's continued success. However expenses are rising and receipts are falling, even with the steady level of membership. On the positive side, many continue to take out ten-year memberships which is certainly good for the short to medium term.

I am appreciative of the support of Council and other NAA members throughout the year, and particularly our Secretary, Jonathan Cohen, and Treasurer, Lyn Bloom, who are pivotal in the running of the Association, and our Managing Editor, Gil Davis, for his ongoing work with the journal. The Association is looking to hold its 2020 AGM in Perth with those members in the Eastern States invited to skype into the meeting. With 15 NAA members in WA including three Office Bearers, we should have no difficulty making a physical quorum.

Finally, I was sorry to miss this year in Sydney (due to illness), my first missed conference since their inception in 2005, and also my first missed AGM since I took up the Presidency in 2006.

Professor Walter R. Bloom

President, NAA

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Editor's Note

This journal is the showcase of the Numismatic Association of Australia (NAA), the peak body for numismatics in the country. It provides a venue for excellent scholarship with a requirement that all articles either offer new material or fresh interpretations. All submissions are required to undergo a rigorous, double-blind peer review. The 29th volume is the largest we have produced and comes as a result of a decision to combine 2018 and 2019 into one volume, with many of the articles generated from the biennial NAA conference held on 6-7 April 2019. Once again, there is a good balance of modern and ancient interests reflected in a remarkably diverse range of topics. It is pleasing to see the contributions made on New Zealand numismatics.

We have a strong international editorial board who contribute their wisdom, experience and help. I thank them and mourn the premature loss of one of our number, the late Professor Matthew Trundle whose obituary appears at the end of the volume. I thank Professor John Melville-Jones and Mr John O'Connor for their skill and application in proof-reading the articles and Mr Barrie Newman for his dedication in producing the volume. As always, I thank Professor Walter Bloom, President of the NAA, for his personal support and encouragement in dealing with the myriad of matters that editing a journal entails.

This volume has some changes from its predecessors. At the conference we ran a session in which a number of speakers gave a short presentation on a 'Numismatic Gem'. This was highly successful and amusing. Two of the presentations have been turned into brief articles including the winning entry by Darren Burgess on a 'humble' token from the English Civil War, and a charming story by Barrie Newman on his first coin, which led him to a lifelong interest in collecting. We have also included a review by David Rampling of the important book by Peter Lane on the South Australian 'Coin Cabinet'.

There are five articles on modern topics. The first two are about New Zealand with Andrew Clifford and Robert Tonner presenting a history of New Zealand banknotes, superbly illustrated from Robert's own collection, and David Galt following up with medals issued for the New Zealand Wars. Richard and Carmel S. O'Hair take us into the world of early Australian medals issued by a Geelong Highland society, while Darren Burgess provides a full listing and discussion of the Centenary of Sydney and Melbourne Commemorative medals. Yuri Rapoport suggests, perhaps controversially, that there is a fifth variety of the 1931 penny.

There are also five large articles on topics spanning a thousand years of ancient history. Lloyd Taylor provides an exemplary study of the Alexander tetradrachms that he attributes to the Phoenician port city of Karne. From there, we segue into the vexed question of the so-called Porus medallions of Alexander, explored in detail by Michael Habicht and his colleagues. Staying in the ancient East, Rachel Mansfield reattributes a previously incorrectly identified coin type minted in the Levantine port city of Jaffa under the Severan emperors. Bruce Marshall discusses the introduction of slogans to Roman republican denarii. Finally, Christian Cuello discusses the extent to which imperial authority was conveyed in the 'imitation' coinage of 'barbarian' rulers in late antiquity.

All the articles contain significant research providing the volume with enduring value. They are well written and informative. I hope you enjoy reading them.

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Obituary

Matthew Freeman Trundle

Lee L. Brice¹ and Jeremy Armstrong²

Matthew Freeman Trundle (1965 - 2019) died peacefully on Friday, 12 July, 2019 in Wellington, New Zealand, after a long battle with leukemia. He was Professor and Chair of Classics and Ancient History at the University of Auckland.

Matthew received a BA with joint honours in Classics and History at the University of Nottingham in 1987 before moving to McMaster University in Ontario, Canada, where he completed an MA in Roman History in 1990 and a PhD in Greek History in 1997, supervised by Professor Daniel Geagan.

He taught at Glendon College, York University, in Toronto from 1994 to 1996 and was a researcher with the University of Chicago's excavations at Corinth and Isthmia in Greece, for which he worked for two years, in 1997 and 1998. This was central to his work on the completion and publication of the inscriptions from the Roman period after the death of Daniel Geagan in 2009. He came to New Zealand in 1999 as Lecturer in Classics at Victoria University of Wellington, becoming Senior Lecturer (2005) and Associate Professor (2011) before moving to the University of Auckland to become Chair and Professor of Classics and Ancient History in 2012.

His interests in ancient Greek history were diverse, as reflected in his publications and classes, but tended to be within the intersections of social, economic, and military history. His PhD thesis was the impetus for his first book, *Greek Mercenaries from the Late Archaic Period to Alexander* (London 2004). After that he maintained an impressive and steady publication record, even after becoming Department Chair in 2012. His work was notable for the high quality of his analysis and discussion and his ability to bring complex approaches (e.g., numismatics and military history) together in a manner that was clear, sensible, and useful to a wide range of readers. In addition to his first book, Matthew was an editor and contributor to several volumes including, *New Perspectives on Ancient Warfare* (Leiden, 2010) and *Beyond the Gates of Fire: New Perspectives on the Battle of Thermopylae* (Bradford, 2013). He was also author of numerous articles, chapters, and encyclopaedia entries on a range of topics including Mercenaries, Athletes and Warfare, Sparta, Coinage and Empire, Coinage and Democracy, Warfare and Coinage, Violence in Athens, Greek Warfare, Historiography, Fourth century battles and campaigns, and Epigraphy. At the time of his death he was one of the editors, and

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a contributor, to two volumes in Brill's Companions to Classical Studies: Warfare in the Ancient Mediterranean and to the Cambridge Companion to Violence. This was in addition to work on the inscriptions of Isthmia and a monograph on the impact of coinage on classical Athens.

In addition to his publications, Matthew was a committed and popular teacher. He taught a wide range of courses. These included Latin and especially the full range of ancient Greek at Auckland. He also taught on Greek warfare, economics, and culture, among other topics over the course of his career in addition to supervising select theses on a wide range of ancient topics. In addition to his teaching and supervision, he was extremely active professionally, attending numerous international conferences on a wide variety of topics related to his research interests and maintaining membership in a variety of international and regional professional organizations. Despite his administrative duties, he remained an active professional historian and classicist esteemed by his peers.

Matthew was a good friend to many of us. He was a generous, tolerant spirit, who would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He was very social, had a good sense of humour, and enjoyed a drink – he was pleasant to be with and lit up any room he walked into. We miss him. We will drain a pint for him at our next opportunity.

Matthew is survived by his wife Catherine and his son Christian, as well as his brother and sister. A memorial service was held on 23 July, 2019.

Godspeed Matthew dear friend, you are not forgotten.



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