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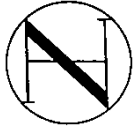
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President's Report

You are looking at Volume 32 of the *Journal of the Numismatic Association of Australia* (JNAA). It is a result of authors who have been sufficiently excited about a numismatic topic to carry out original research and put 'pen to paper', reviewers who have been willing to offer constructive criticisms to make the manuscripts the best they can be and the efforts of the editor who shepherds all the articles through the whole process and adds a 'final polish'. I acknowledge everyone involved, with special thanks to Managing Editor Gil Davis and Production Editor Barrie Newman for their continued efforts at maintaining a high-quality journal.

Much has happened since the last president's report published in Volume 31. The opening up of COVID-19 restrictions saw a welcome return to the NAA conference (NAAC2023), which was held in Adelaide at the Naval, Military & Air Force Club on the weekend of 19 – 20th October 2023, and hosted by the Numismatic Society of South Australia (NSSA). The conference was preceded by the 1000th meeting of the NSSA on the evening of Friday 18th October 2023. I would like to congratulate the NSSA for reaching this impressive milestone and for their major efforts in hosting the 9th NAA conference. The conference was an outstanding success, with attendees from every state of Australia and New Zealand. The conference program consisted of an opening talk by Ms Lainie Anderson (author of the *Long Flight Home*), two plenary lectures, 12 regular talks and a short talk. All talks were of a high standard and highlighted the diverse interests of the Australian and New Zealand numismatic community.

One of the highlights of the conference was the dinner, during which the Ray Jewell Silver Medal was awarded to the JNAA Managing Editor, Associate Professor Gillan Davis. This important award for 'outstanding contribution to Australian numismatics and the Numismatic Association of Australia' recognises Gil for his services to the NAA, and his numismatic research in Australia and overseas for which he is internationally renowned. Given that Gil is only the 8th recipient since the award was first presented in 1998, I have asked Walter Bloom to prepare a separate short report based on his presentation speech, which can be found in this volume.

The AGM, held at the conference, saw a ‘changing of the guard’, with Walter Bloom and Lyn Bloom handing over the reins as president and treasurer respectively. I personally want to thank Walter and Lyn for their tireless efforts in maintaining the local and international profile of the NAA over many years, including during the difficult COVID-19 period.

The following Office Bearers were elected at the 2023 AGM:

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I would like to thank our sponsors for their continued support of the NAA: Noble Numismatics (Gold), Coinworks, Downies (Silver), Drake Sterling, Mowbray Collectables and Sterling & Currency.

Finally, a valuable part of NAAC2023 was a round table discussion on the future of the Numismatic Association of Australia. Prior to the conference, clubs and societies were asked to send their feedback on the following:

- Any views of the Society/Club about the NAA, especially its activities and how these serve Australian numismatics.
- What would the Society/Club like to see from the NAA in the future?

The feedback received and the discussions had at the conference were valuable and the Council will work through the issues raised. The most important issue which was identified is one with which many societies are grappling: how to maintain an active membership that is willing and able to volunteer to help out with the various activities required to maintain the society. So, I would encourage all of you to think about how you might contribute to your local club or society and the NAA. We welcome your submissions to the JNAA and hope to see you at the NAAC2025 (details to appear in 2024)!

Professor Richard A. J. O’Hair

President, NAA

27 November 2023

Report on the Silver Ray Jewell Award to Associate Professor Gillan Davis

We acknowledge the important work that Associate Professor Gillan Davis, as Managing Editor of the *Journal of the Numismatic Association of Australia (JNAA)*, has undertaken for the NAA over the past 11 years. Gil has been Managing Editor of each of the Journals consecutively since 2011 – Volume 22 through to Volume 31 in 2023, and has almost completed finalising the articles for JNAA32, 2023. His contribution for all these Journals has been outstanding.

The Journal is now recognised internationally, and Gil has been instrumental in sourcing contributors and assessing their input. His attention to detail and editorial work is unsurpassed and we believe Gil should be recognised by the NAA for his support and services to the Association by being awarded the silver Ray Jewell Award.

Gil has included an Editor's Letter or Note in all the NAA Journals issued since the 2012 edition (No 23) in which he has highlighted the Journal as the showcase of the NAA, the peak body for numismatics in Australia.

He strongly promotes the NAA through each Journal and through his involvement with Macquarie University and its Australian Centre for Ancient Numismatic Studies (ACANS) and students.

Gil has sourced many of the unique articles from highly qualified Australian and international numismatic authors and supported Australian PhD students in their numismatic research in digs in Israel and the Middle East. He has ensured that there is a good mix of modern and ancients coverage throughout each Journal.

Gil was instrumental in introducing the Journal electronically in 2015 and it is now readily available to members and the public alike on our website. Through his efforts the Journal has now become a major teaching aid in subjects such as history and humanities, as he has highlighted in Journal No 30, 'teaching with numismatics – coins are useful teaching tools'.

Gil has truly supported the NAA in all his endeavours and is most deserving of the Ray Jewell silver award.

Gillan (Gil) Davis has given me (in my previous role as President) excellent advice on many issues arising in the NAA outside of his editorial expertise. I always value his input, and indeed continue to do so.

After Gil moved to the Australian Catholic University, where he is the Director of the Ancient Israel Program at the Australian Catholic University which offers a full major and minor in Archaeology to students in Arts, Education, Theology and the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation together with an annual dig in Israel and school outreach, he faced establishing a new degree programme, supervising students and liaising with ACANS, continuing with his Middle Eastern digs, and being an important member of the European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grant titled ‘Silver Isotopes and the Rise of Money’, based in Lyon, which is geolocating and isotopically identifying ancient silver ore sources and matching them with coins and silver artefacts.

Gil is a personal friend and we are in frequent contact, but still I continue to be impressed about how he has managed to fit in all of these activities after a change mid-life from Real Estate to academia.



Figure 1: Presentation of the silver Ray Jewell Award by Professor Walter Bloom to Associate Professor Gillan Davis at the dinner of the NAA Conference 2023 in Adelaide, 19th August 2023.

Professor Walter Bloom
12 December 2023

Editor's note

This is an eclectic volume covering a wide range of interesting topics. The concentration is on modern material while the 'ancients' deal with Roman coins and medals. Many of the papers were also given as presentations at the highly successful Numismatic Association of Australia conference held in Adelaide earlier in the year. As always, it is a pleasure to see domestic scholarship supplemented by overseas contributors from the United States, the UK, Italy and New Zealand.

Paul Holland gives us interesting information about that perennial Australian favourite – the 1930 penny, providing details of the mint records and earliest numismatic literature. Mint records are used in another way by Eric Frazer in his analysis of the patterns of coin circulation in Australia over the last two decades. He quantifies the decline in the number of coins in circulation per person speculating on the probable phasing out of 5 and 10 cents coins. Eric provides a second and complementary article analysing the circulation of foreign coins among Australian decimal coinage and their sources of origin; the list may surprise you.

A topic that intrigues ancient through to early modern numismatists is estimating the production rate of mints. This is essential for quantification studies and it is fair to state that opinions are greatly divided. So, it is with interest that we present a detailed study by Pierluigi Debernardi on the production of denarii of Crepusius, an otherwise unknown moneyer in the Roman Republic dated to 82 BCE. The software that he has developed provides a mintage model which successfully matches the coin evidence.

While in the Roman period, we have an article by Bruce Marshall on the so-called 'Restoration' coins of the CE first century emperors Vespasian and Titus which, he argues, by reviving Augustan types, served as propaganda to justify their seizure of power. Andrew Chugg takes us into the second century with a short note updating his earlier article (*JNAA* 31) on the authenticity of some of the specimens of the medallion struck by the emperor Hadrian to commemorate his lover and favourite, the youth Antinous, who drowned in the Nile in CE 130.

Vaughn Humberstone usefully provides a comprehensive and fully referenced listing of the 45 New Zealand trade tokens issued between 1857 and 1875 together with background on the circumstances which led to them being struck despite never being legal tender and interesting details on the merchants and the dies they employed. Across the ditch and almost exactly contemporaneously, NAA President Richard O'Hair has contributed a study of the gold medal for law awarded by Mr Billing at the University of Melbourne. The research was prompted by the discovery of one of the 15 medals awarded between 1858 and 1874.

Finally we have a pair of articles dealing with remembrance by two stalwarts of the NAA. Barrie Newman, our Production Editor, shares a lovely story of his proposal to sell commemorative ingots to the United Arab Emirates for his company, The Adelaide Mint. Sadly, it did not end well. Channelling Marcel Proust à la recherche du temps perdu, Walter Bloom, President of the NAA for many years, narrates the story of his numismatic life. It is like walking through a wonderful antiquarian bookshop with a friend. Along the way, he tells the story of numismatics and coin dealers and medallists in this country, as well as his personal, often quirky, research and collecting interests.

As always, I sincerely thank the many anonymous reviewers who have reviewed the papers with special thanks to Barrie Newman for his careful attention to the role of Production Editor and John Melville-Jones for proofreading many of the articles.

On a personal note, I thank the selection committee of the NAA for awarding me the Ray Jewell silver medal which I shall always treasure.

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Mr. Billing's Gold Medal for Law¹

Richard A.J. O'Hair

Abstract

The University of Melbourne, founded in 1855, has a long tradition in recognising the scholastic achievements of its students. Amongst the earliest medals awarded to students are the 'Mr Billing's Gold Medal' for law students, which was awarded on 15 occasions from 1858 to 1874. The Medal has been mentioned briefly in passing in histories of the University of Melbourne and in its Law Faculty, and in his 2009 PhD thesis, John Waugh noted that 'none of Billing's medals can now be traced'. The discovery of one of these gold medals, awarded to Edward Carlisle, has prompted this research article into this fascinating relic of early colonial legal education.

Keywords

[Medals awarded for scholastic achievement] [early colonial legal education in Victoria] [Richard Annesley Billing: teacher, barrister and judge] [University of Melbourne]

Introduction

The recognition of scholastic achievement through the award of medals has a rich history throughout the world, dating back to the 1550s gymnasiums (secondary schools) of Austria and Germany.² In Australia, some of the earliest scholastic medals are from the school originally referred to as 'Dr Halloran's Establishment'.³ Ex-convict Laurence Halloran was the founder and headmaster.⁴ The medals were made by another famous convict, the forger Samuel Clayton, who was the finest silversmith in the colony and also the engraver of Australia's first banknotes.⁵ Subsequently numerous other schools from all other states issued medals. In contrast, early medals from universities are rare, with the impressive University of Sydney inaugural gold medal awarded in 1853, being the first Australian University medal.⁶ The University of Melbourne, founded in 1855,⁷ has

1 Presented at the NAAC2017 in Melbourne.

2 H. J. Erlanger, *Origin and Development of the European Prize Medal to the End of the XVIIIth Century*, Haarlem: Schuyt. 1975.

3 For further details, see discussion in the Catalogue of the John Chapman Collection, Noble Auction 88B, 28 July 2008, Lot 705.

4 A. G. Austin, 'Halloran, Laurence Hynes (1765–1831)', *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, <https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/halloran-laurence-hynes-2149/text2741>, published first in hardcopy 1966, accessed online 24 August 2023.

5 J. M. Houstone, *Early Australian Silver*, Halstead Press, 2012, pp. 44-47.

6 John Chapman Collection, Noble Auction 88B, 28 July 2008, Lot 727.

7 R.J.W. Selleck, *The shop: the University of Melbourne 1850-1939*, Melbourne University Press, Carlton, Vic. 2003, p. 63.

a long tradition in recognising the scholastic achievements of its students. Amongst the earliest medals awarded to students are the 'Mr Billing's Gold Medal' for law students, which were awarded on 15 occasions from 1858 to 1874. The medal has been mentioned briefly in passing in histories of the University of Melbourne⁸ and in its Law Faculty,⁸ and in his 2009 PhD thesis John Waugh noted that '...none of Billing's medals can now be traced.'⁹ The discovery of one of these gold medals has prompted this article.

A brief background on Mr. Richard Annesley Billing's life

Although Richard Annesley Billing was actively involved in university life for the fledgling University of Melbourne, there is no substantial biography of him. However, contemporary newspaper articles, including his obituaries, provide key details of his life.¹⁰ Billing is also mentioned in later historical work, including two books on early law in Victoria, a short history of the Faculty of Law at the University of Melbourne and a book on the history of St Kilda, which was his place of residence.¹¹

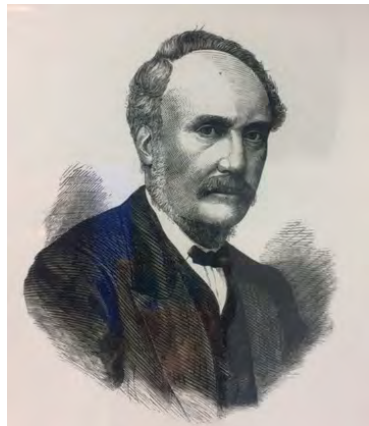


Figure 1: Portrait of Billing currently displayed in the County Court of Victoria (Melbourne) and which was also published in the *Leader* obituary.¹⁰

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- 8 R. Campbell, *A history of the Melbourne Law School, 1857 to 1973*, Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne, Parkville, Vic. 1977, p. 7. J. Waugh, *First principles: the Melbourne Law School 1857-2007*, Melbourne University Press, Carlton, Vic. 2007, pp. 28, 29.
- 9 J. Waugh, *Diploma Privilege: Legal Education at the University of Melbourne 1857-1956*, PhD Thesis, The University of Melbourne 2009, p. 145.
- 10 There are at least four obituaries: *The Argus*, 22 June 1882; *Australasian*, 24 June 1882, *The Mercury*, 26 June 1882; *Leader*, 1 July 1882.
- 11 J. L. Forde, *The Story Of The Bar Of Victoria, From Its Foundation To The Amalgamation Of The Two Branches Of The Legal Profession. 1839-1891. Historical. Personal. Humorous, Whitcombe & Tombs*, Melbourne, 1913. pp. 231-232; A. Dean, *A Multitude of Counsellors: A History of the Bar of Victoria*. Cheshire for the Bar Council of Victoria, Melbourne, 1968; E. E. Hewitt, *Judges through the years, Being a chronology of the Judges of the County Court of Victoria from its inception* (1852). Written for the sesquicentenary of the foundation of Victoria (Port Phillip, Hyland House, Melbourne, 1984, p. 27; *The University of Melbourne Faculty of Law Handbook of 1969*. Chapter 1, p. 10; J. B. Cooper, *The History of St. Kilda: From its First Settlement to a City and after 1840 to 1930*. Printers Propriety Limited, Melbourne, 1931, Vol. I., p. 308.

Richard Annesley Billing (1814-1882), second son of Captain Billing of the 1st Royals, was born in 1816.¹² He completed a BA at Trinity College, Dublin in 1836, was called to the Irish bar, Middle Temple in 1839 and thereafter practiced in Dublin for some years. Due to ill health, he left Ireland in 1856 for Victoria. In October of that year, he was admitted as a member of the Victorian bar. From Forde we learn that ‘Billing was an able all-round lawyer, and almost immediately stepped into a large practice’.¹¹ He was engaged in some celebrated cases heard in the early sixties, amongst them the trials arising out of the failure of the Provident Institute, the first financial institution in the colony of any importance, that ‘went under’.¹¹ He was appointed Queen’s Counsel in July of 1878, and County Court Judge on 18 April 1882.¹¹

Billing was appointed one of the lecturers in law at Melbourne University in 1858. His exact title of ‘Reader in Law in the University’ was clarified in an exchange of correspondence with the Chancellor, Sir Redmond Barry.⁹ Billing and one other Reader, Dr Dobson, carried the entire burden of lectures in Law until the Faculty of Law was established in 1873. The early lecturers were each paid from student fees and since the university could not afford proper salaries, it is not surprising that Billing maintained an active law practice. Indeed, his practice was so successful that it allowed him to build the mansion originally called ‘Sylliott Hill’, now known as ‘Labassa’ in East Caulfield.¹³ He died 21 June 1882 of ‘apoplexy while at dinner’,⁹ and was buried in St Kilda cemetery, where a graceful monument marks his grave.

What was Billing like?

As a man: From Forde we learn that ‘A courteous and pleasant man, and not without a certain dash. He was of refined literary tastes, fond of good music, and never happier than when entertaining persons who excelled in the operatic or dramatic art’.¹¹

As a teacher: Several obituaries note that Billing’s classes at the university were always well attended, and that he had an aptitude for imparting information to his students.¹⁰ He seems to have cared for his students, generously giving a gold medal to the value of £20 to encourage excellence. From Campbell we learn that ‘He confided in his class that he possessed diamond buckles worth over £200’.⁸ The students in turn reciprocated, giving Billing a gift of a Silver Mounted Emu egg, now located in the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, which has the inscription: ‘Presented to R.A. Billing Esq. M.A. by the members of the second year Law Class, University of Melbourne 1859’.¹⁴

12 There seems to be some confusion as to his exact birth year. His death notice lists him as aged 66: Weekly Times, 24 June 1882.

13 V. Hammond, Labassa: a grand Victorian mansion. East Melbourne: National Trust of Australia, Victoria, 2004.

14 The silver mounted emu egg is illustrated in J. B. Hawkins, *19th Century Australian Silver, Antique Collectors’ Club*, Woodbridge, Suffolk, 1990, vol 1, p 229.

As a lawyer: 'As a barrister he showed that he could easily master the details of complicated transactions although he was not one of those who could make an impassioned appeal to a jury'.¹¹

As a judge: From his obituary we learn that 'During his short career on the bench Mr. Billing displayed a courteous demeanor to the practitioners and suitors who frequented his court and paid the greatest attention to every case that came before him'.

Discovery of the First Example of Mr. Billing's Medal for Edward Carlisle

In 2010 the first example of a Billings medal came to light (Figure 2).¹⁵ It appears to be housed in its original box, which bears the label of Walsh Brothers of Collins Street Melbourne.¹⁶ Although I have not been able to confirm from contemporary newspaper reports that Walsh Brothers were the manufacturers, they are known to have manufactured other presentation medals from this period.¹⁷ This gold medal is hand-made from five pieces, has dimensions of 46x55mm and weighs 29.2 grams. The engraving on the medal (see detail in Figure 2) reads:

15 The medal appeared on the market in 2010: see *Downies Australian Coin Auctions*, Catalogue for Auction 304, lot 763.

16 Walsh Brothers operated as jewellers from 1863 – 1881: (a) A. Schofield, K. Fahy, *Australian Jewellery: 19th and Early 20th Century*, David Ell Press, Balmain, New South Wales, 1990, p. 249; (b) K. Cavill, G. Cocks, J. Grace, *Australian Jewellers, Gold and Silversmiths, Makers and Marks*, CGC Gold, Roseville, New South Wales, 1992.

17 For example: (i) Five silver medals to the winners of the Intercolonial four-oared gig race in the contest between Victoria and New South Wales, which took place on the Parramatta River in 1863. The Sydney Morning Herald, Mon 1 Apr 1867, Page 5; (ii) A gold medal for the M.U.I.O. of Oddfellows. The Argus, Mon 28 Feb 1870 Page 4.



Figure 2: Mr Billing’s Gold Medal Awarded Edward Carlisle: (a) obverse; (b) reverse. Photographs courtesy of Downies Coin Auctions.

The Latin legend ‘Vanas leges sine moribus’ is from Horace and translates as ‘Laws without morals are useless’.

Brief background on Sir Edward Carlile’s life

Since Carlile has been the subject of an entry in the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*,¹⁸ only brief details are given here. Sir Edward Carlile (1845-1917) was born on 26 April 1845 in London, son of John Carlile, merchant of Houston, Scotland, and his wife Anne, née Williams. The family arrived in Victoria in 1854, and Edward attended Dr T. P. Fenner’s collegiate school, Prahran. In 1861 he became a Clerk at the Census Office, the first of several positions as a public servant. He studied law at the University of Melbourne before being admitted to the Bar in 1871. In 1873 he became a parliamentary and professional assistant to law officers of the Crown, and later was appointed as the first parliamentary draftsman. He retired in 1910, was knighted for his services to law in 1913 and died in 1917. He is best known for his survey of the constitution and forms of government of the various Australasian colonies.

18 R. Gibbs, ‘Carlile, Sir Edward (1845–1917)’, *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, <https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/carlile-sir-edward-5504/text9365>, published first in hardcopy 1979, accessed online 10 July 2023.

List of all Billing medals awarded

Using the University of Melbourne handbooks and newspaper reports, I have been able to establish that a total of 15 gold medals were awarded. As an aid to future researchers, Table 1 lists the years of the award, the awardee, and some comments on the awardee and lead references.

Table 1: List of all awardees of Mr Billing's Medal.

Year	Awardee	Comments
1858	'Thomas' Percy Henderson	Solicitor, died 1881. ¹⁹
1859/60	Henry Grave	Solicitor, suspended, died 1913. ²⁰
1860/1	Edward Greene Snowden	Examiner of Titles, died 1911. ²¹
1861/2	Samuel Gillott *	Lawyer and Lord Mayor, died 1913. ²²
1862/3	Walter Munro Wilson	Solicitor, drowned at Tapu, NZ 1868. ²³
1864/5	John Madden, B.A. *	Chancellor, Chief Justice, died 1918. ²⁴
1865/6	James Galt Andrews Morrison	Solicitor, died 1876. ²⁵
1866/7	Thomas Mann, B.A.	Appears to have been the Ballarat Solicitor, died 1940 (94 yrs). ²⁶
1867/8	Charles Henry Herbert Cook, B.A.*	Professor of Mathematics, died 1918. ²⁷
1868/9	Frederick Henry McCoy, LL.B.	Barrister in NZ, died 1887. ²⁸
1869/70	Edward Carlile *	Parliamentary draftsman, died 1917. ²³
1870/1	James Leman Robinson	Passed the Civil service examinations in 1865. ²⁹
1871/2	Charles Tynan, B.A.	Civil Servant (Schools), died 1896. ³⁰
1872/3	Frederick Henry Ritchie	Public servant, died 1909. ³¹
1873/4	William Henry Croker	Partner of Gillott, died 1922. ³²

¹⁹ The Argus, 30 September 1881.

²⁰ The Age 5 October 1892; The Argus, 17 December 1913; Geelong Advertiser, 17 December 1913.

²¹ The Ballarat Star, 31 January 1911; The Age, 31 January 1911; Geelong Advertiser, 31 January 1911.

²² David Dunstan, 'Gillott, Sir Samuel (1838–1913)', *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/gillott-sir-samuel-6390/text10921>, published first in hardcopy 1983, accessed online 10 July 2023.

²³ The Argus, Monday 3 August 1868.

²⁴ Ruth Campbell, 'Madden, Sir John (1844–1918)', *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, <https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/madden-sir-john-7453/text12981>, published first in hardcopy 1986, accessed online 10 July 2023.

²⁵ The Argus, 18 February 1876.

²⁶ The Age, 17 January 1936; The Age, 12 November 1940.

²⁷ W. J. Gardner. 'Cook, Charles Henry Herbert', *Dictionary of New Zealand Biography*, first published in 1993. *Te Ara - the Encyclopedia of New Zealand*, <https://teara.govt.nz/en/biographies/2c30/cook-charles-henry-herbert> (accessed 10 July 2023).

²⁸ The Argus, 19 October 1887.

²⁹ The Herald, 20 January 1866.

³⁰ Illawarra Mercury, 25 August 1896.

³¹ Argus, 1 November 1909.

³² Argus 2 December 1922; The Catholic Press, 7 December 1922; Weekly Times, 9 December 1922.

Conclusions

Richard Billing played an important role at the University of Melbourne and as part of the early group of lawyers who helped build the Victorian legal system. His self-funded gold medals were awarded to 15 of the brightest students. Many of these students went onto distinguished careers in legal and related professions.

There are four remaining questions, to which I propose speculative answers: (1) In 1863 Billing offered a silver medal for non-matriculated students – was it ever awarded? It seems unlikely that it was formally awarded since Campbell notes that this would have been contrary to university policy.⁹ (2) Why did the Billing’s gold medal for Law cease to be awarded? The last gold medal to be awarded was in 1873, long before Billing stopped teaching at the University. Perhaps this coincided with the inevitable changes that occur when a new Faculty is established. (3) What happened to the other 14 gold medals? The medals were of substantial value, with a significant gold content. Given that the families of the awardees would have had to survive the harsh economic downturns of the economic depressions of the 1890s and 1930s, maybe they ended up in the melting pot. (4) Who made the medals? It seems plausible that the ‘Carlile’ medal (Figure 2) was manufactured by Walsh Brothers of Collins Street Melbourne. While they may have made some of the others, given that Walsh Brothers only operated as jewellers from 1863 – 1881, the earliest medals must have been manufactured by some other, unknown jeweller.

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