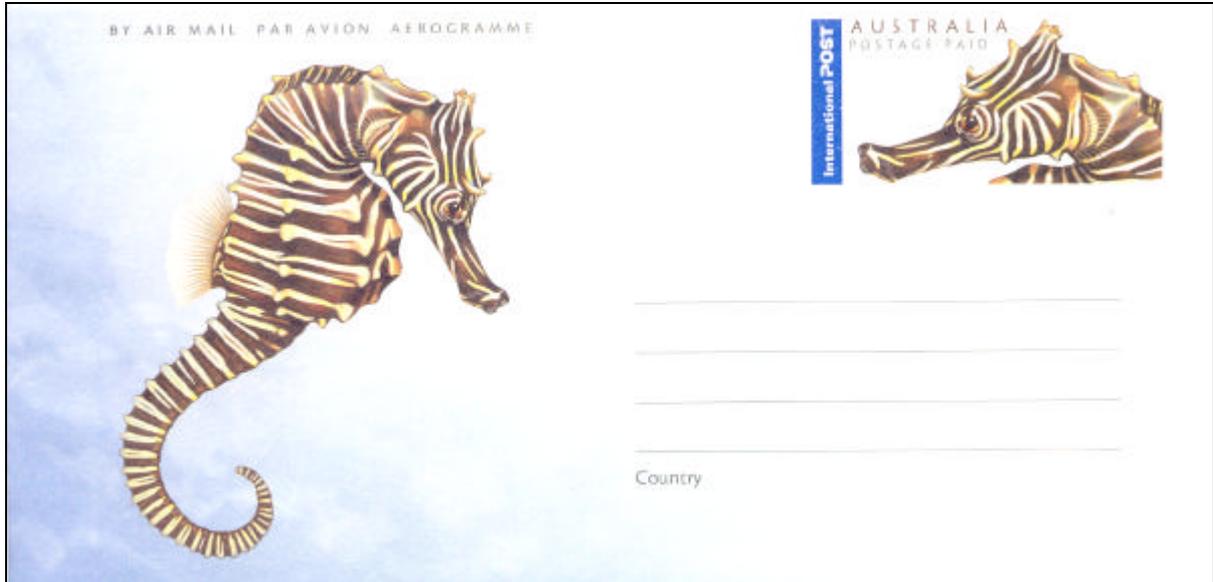


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**Pacific Explorer 2005**

Pacific Explorer 2005 was held from 21-24 April 2005 at Sydney's premier exhibition venue in Darling Harbour. Philatelically, the exhibition was an outstanding success with a good range of excellent exhibits, highlights of the Tapling Collection and a good range of dealers and postal administrations.

The Exhibition attracted collectors from across Australia, as well as from the UK, USA, Canada and many other countries including overseas members of the PSSA. Australia Post was well represented. Besides their philatelic sales booth, Australia Post continued their reputation for innovation offering personalised booklets and MMS postcards as well as a range of interesting displays on the design and printing of stamps. The range of new stationery produced for PE05 is covered elsewhere in this issue.

The Postal Stationery class was strong including many exhibits of countries rarely shown in Australia:

German Baschwitz Gómez	Enteros Postales del Perú	Large Vermeil [88] SP
Stephen T Y Chan	Pre-War Macau Postal Cards	Large Silver [77]
Douglas and Nancy Clark	The U.S. 1903 Hartford Postal Stationery	Large Vermeil [85]
Ivan Edmondson	Gibraltar Postal Stationery : Queen Victoria Issues 1886-1903	Vermeil [83]
Darryl Fuller	Leeward Islands Postal Stationery	Gold [92]
John Albert Gonzalez	Gibraltar Postal Stationery 1886-1988	Vermeil [80]
Alan K Huggins	Great Britain - Pre-Stamped Foreign Rate Postcards	Large Gold [96]
Koes Karnadi	Netherland Indies Postal Cards 1874-1932	Large Vermeil [88]
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Baishun Qu	China Stamped Envelope (1956-1973)	Large Vermeil [87]
José Manuel Rodriguez Gutiérrez	Las tarjetas postales de Alfonso XII para el interior de la nacion	Large Vermeil [85]
José Manuel Santos Pereira	King Manuel II Postal Stationery Specialized Collection	Large Vermeil [88]
Stephen D Schumann	New Zealand Postal Stationery, 1876-1936	Gold [94] SP
Rishi Kumar Tulsyan	Postal Stationery of Nepal (1887-1959)	Large Vermeil [85]
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The PSSA prize, a Cobb & Co Clock, was awarded to Alan Huggins from the United Kingdom for his exhibit Great Britain – Pre-Stamped Foreign Rate Postcards.

### ***LETTERS TO THE EDITOR***

#### ***Frederick Cantor Aerogrammes***

On February 24<sup>th</sup> Nutmeg Mail Auctions in the U.S. held one of their frequent Mail Auctions (Sale 95), one which contained a most remarkable collection of Aerogrammes of the world.

In this sale there were 718 lots covering approx. 30+ pages of the catalogue plus one page of lots in full colour. Almost all lots are illustrated (albeit reduced) usually on the same page as the lot description. These sale items themselves almost comprise a catalogue of world aerogrammes (i.e. mini-Kessler). (There are 20 lots of Australian aerogrammes).

The “introduction” to these 718 lots says that the material is from the collection of Dr. Frederick R. Cantor. When it was acquired, the collection was housed in 100 boxes containing more than 50,000 items. References are given to the Kessler catalogues as well as to Wiegand and Michel Ganzsachen Europe catalogues.

Owen White

[Editor Note: Part 2 of the Dr. Frederick R. Cantor aerogramme collection appeared in Nutmeg’s Sale No 98, 31 May 2005 see [http://www.nutmegstamp.com/Sale\\_98/TOC.html](http://www.nutmegstamp.com/Sale_98/TOC.html)].

#### ***USSR Postcards with inscriptions in Non-Russian Languages***

A member of your Society and a colleague of mine recently gave me a copy of your Journal (Volume 9. No.4: Issue No.36. February 2004) to read.

It was refreshing to see an article on one of my collecting interests. The article, *USSR Postcards with inscriptions in Non-Russian Languages*, by Robert Gregson was a welcome sight.

However, the few errors that have crept in need correction. The 1928 postcards depicting Bauer, for example; the stamp does not depict a person named Bauer, but is a picture of a bauer (in German) or krestiyani (in Russian) meaning a farmer or peasant, depending on the translation you prefer. The description of the top card on page 111 should read *Russian/Georgian/Esperanto* while the description of the second card on page 111 should read *French/BeLorussian/Esperanto*.

Thank you for publishing such articles.

John Bodnar

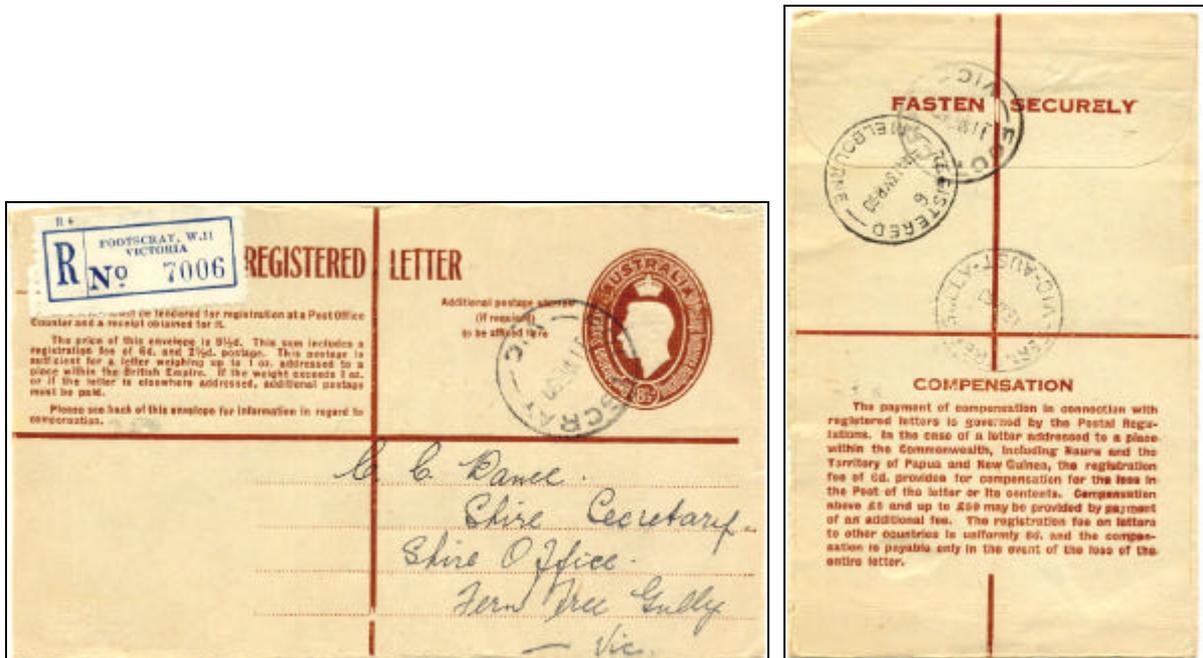


Sometime back I bought a bundle of GVI registered envelopes of all denominations, some of which were in very poor condition and fronts only. Not being 'into' these at the time I filed them away after extracting the fronts for a bargain box at a club auction. To cut a long story short I also have an 8½ d. opened on the right.



Addressed to the Sydney County Council and posted on the 6 September 1950.

Another 8½ d. from Footscray V to the Shire Office, Fern Tree Gully V. is a very dark print and the stamp impression appears to be worn, smudging the area between the sixpence and Australia with the first A and last A being filled. The back has evidence of both light and heavy inking varieties.

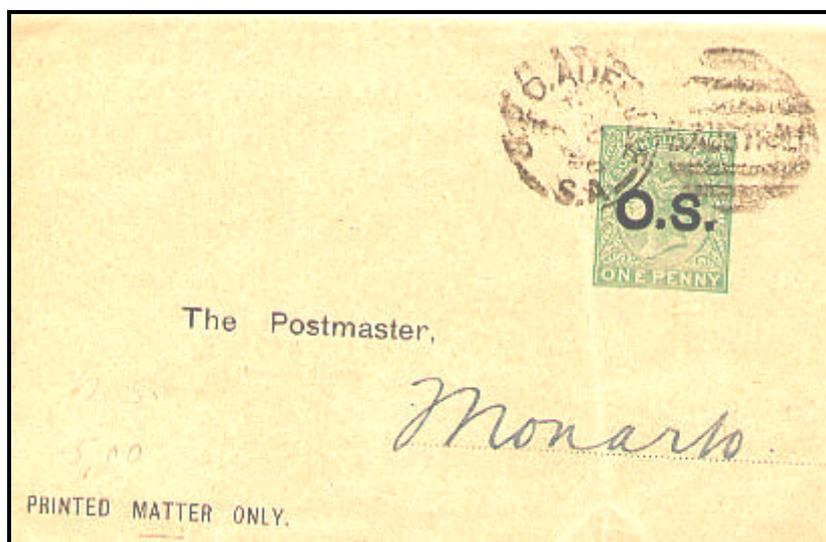


**GEMS AMONG COLONIAL NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS**

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The purpose of the paper is to identify some “gems” of Australian postal stationery that have been offered for sale on the Internet site eBay within the past 18 months. The seven postally used examples shown are not exhaustive of the Colonial wrapper gems that can be found on the Internet. Despite the advantages and misgivings of Internet trading, the fact remains that eBay and other Internet sites continue to gain widespread popularity thereby adding greater depth to supply and demand. One favourable aspect of eBay is that it attracts items for auction that are conveniently accessible to an international philatelic community. The diligent monitoring of these items can serve as a first approximation of relative scarcity. The comments below are made with regard to a scan library of about 3200 worldwide newspaper wrappers collected from eBay listings over the past 24 months.

A sale in March 2005 saw a South Australian Queen Victoria 1d green overprinted OS newspaper wrapper sell for USD157.50, a twelve fold increase over the initial listing price. There were only two bidders. There are purportedly only four recorded copies of the wrapper in question, which is shown as Figure 1. A recent dealer’s catalogue description of this wrapper reads: “*Wrapper official 1d green overprinted “O.S.” front only to Malakhoff. Only four examples are known all posted at Adelaide on the same day*”. This dealer’s asking price was AUD750. The date in question appears to be 7 May 1895. The claim that there are only four examples known is arguable given that the front offered by the dealer and this intact copy would comprise half of those recorded. Notwithstanding, they are scarce.



*Figure 1 South Australia QV 1d green overprinted O.S.*

Within the last year another South Australia wrapper was sold for USD560 after a spirited bidding war between two collectors. (This wrapper has the dubious distinction of attracting the highest sale price recorded for any Australian colony wrapper transaction on eBay over the 24 month period, a fact attributable perhaps more to the determination of the bidders). The wrapper’s unique distinction is that it includes a 2c US postage due tied to the wrapper together with a straight-line handstamp in black “U.S. Currency // 2”. This marking has not previously been recorded on a South Australian wrapper and is likely to be unique. The ½d 1884 wrapper was uprated with a ½d brown bantam to pay the 1d overseas UPU rate. The enclosure must have weighed more than the first scale (it may have contained more than one newspaper) and should have been sent at the 2d rate. Being underpaid

by 1d, the double deficiency was charged at the point of destination (1c x 2 = 2c) and thereby attracted the 2c postage due adhesive and obliterator. This wrapper is shown as Figure 2 and is postmarked Jamestown SA 24 September 1884. Postage due markings are not common on wrappers, and to have a tied 2c US postage due adhesive makes this wrapper almost certainly unique.



Figure 2 South Australia Postage Due 1882 QV uprated

Towards the end of 2003 a third example of a Colonial gem was sold for USD120 to the winning bidder of the wrapper shown above. This is a Tasmanian 1897 QV 1/2d orange serrated oval indicium with two double red border lines either side and cancelled with Hobart 6-bar obliterator. There is a manuscript "Newspaper only" shown and the name of the sender. It was uprated 1/2d and sent at the correct 1d overseas rate. This Tasmanian wrapper addressed to London is shown as Figure 3. A similar wrapper illustrated in Tinsley (1986) is dated 10 November 1899.



Figure 3 Tasmania QV Stamped-to-Order circa 1897

A fourth gem was sold for USD82. This is a South Australian wrapper inscribed Commonwealth of Australia and is W7 issued in 1908. This Commonwealth issue with right facing lion is uprated to 1d

to pay the overseas rate to Germany. It is cancelled with a double ring ADELAIDE. The addressee is an advertising agency in Berlin, responsible for selling newspaper advertising space to local clients in Berlin; the advertisements to appear in country newspapers in the Australian colonies (see Courtis 2004, 2003 for a comprehensive discussion about the relationship between wrappers and advertising).



Figure 4 South Australia Commonwealth of Australia

A fifth gem sold within the last six months was the 1895 1d QV Victorian stamped-to-order “*Australian Stamp Collector and Philatelic Adviser*”. This wrapper, although showing signs of foxing, still attracted vigorous bidding and was sold to a well-known American collector (price not recorded by the author). The date cancel is April 11 1896, Melbourne and the 1d rate is correct to Argentina. This wrapper is shown as Figure 5. This and other stamped-to-order wrappers are scarce.

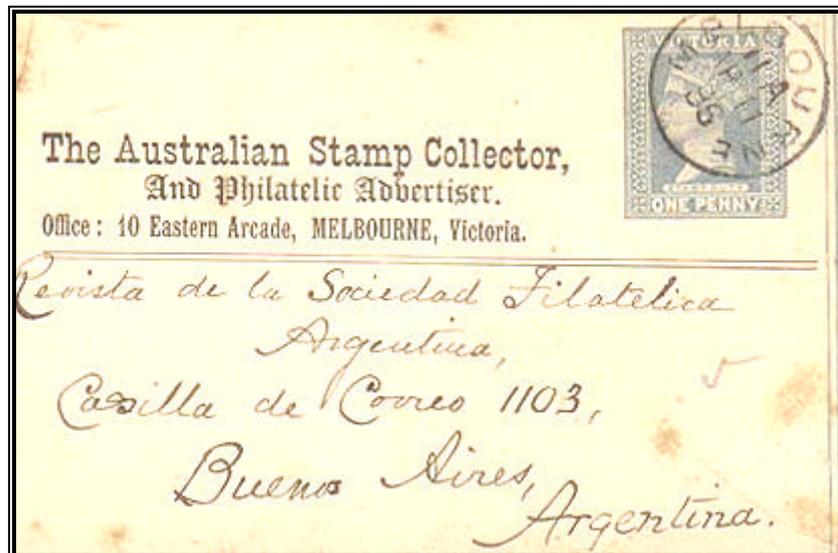


Figure 5 Victoria “*Australian Stamp Collector*” Stamped-to-Order

Another Victorian stamped-to-order gem was sold for USD72. Competition was keen with several bidders in the market, eventually selling to a different American collector. It is printed “*St. Arnaud Mercury, Published every Wednesday and Saturday*” and is cancelled with a duplex single circle ST. ARNAUD SE 9 93 and numeral 94 within four bars. This is E16 issued 8 Feb. 1887. Again, this wrapper is scarce, although two copies have been offered within the past year.

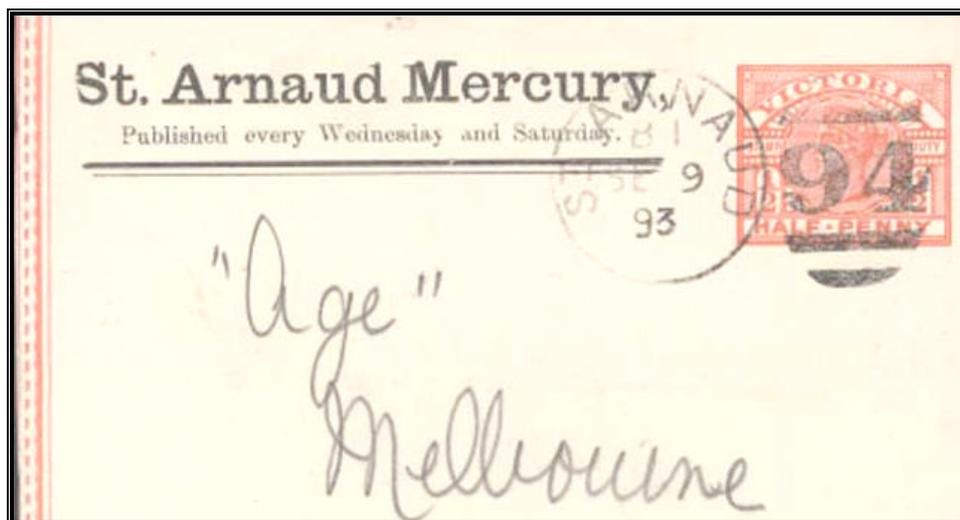


Figure 6 Victoria "St. Arnaud Mercury" Stamped-to-Order

While more gems have appeared on the internet market, suffice it to conclude this sampling with a March sale. This is a South Australia uprated QV ½d purple addressed to Bohemia, Austria and was sold for USD135. The packet likely contained more than one newspaper thereby infringing the weight scale and incurring a tax marking 2 K in blue crayon (double deficiency 1d underpaid). Although the vendor advertised this wrapper as bearing Austrian postage dues, the adhesives added to pay the tax are referred to in Gibbons (1994) as Imperial Journal (J76) issued 1 June 1890. They are not Austrian postage due stamps which did not come into being until 1 April 1894, but are a type of newspaper stamp. The clue to tracking down these adhesives lies in the exotic address: Netolic Bohemia. In the period 1868 to 1918 the Empire of Austria included Bohemia and Moravia (which now forms part of Czechoslovakia). These stamps inscribed "Kais Konigl Zeitungs Stempel" are illustrated as type J21 (p.5) Arms of Austria. The buyer was possibly a collector of Austria with knowledge of these esoteric adhesives used as forerunner postage dues.



Figure 7 South Australia with Austrian Postage Dues

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**MESSRS. KIDERLEN & BICKEL - FRIENDS OR FOE**

Bernie Beston F.R.P.S.L., FAP.

There are very few collectors of postal stationery who have not at one time or another seen postal stationery and other covers addressed to either Paul Kiderlen or Otto Bickel. Most of us have purchased an item addressed to either one or both of these gentlemen during our collecting years. So just who were they and why is there so much of this material on the market? A diminishing amount I might add, although I have managed to pick up a number of cards and covers over the last three months to illustrate this article - both from Ebay and dealers at Pacific Explorer 05 and the ANDA Show in Brisbane in May 2005. But for the exhibitor, the 64 Million Dollar question is "should such items be included in my postal stationery exhibit?"

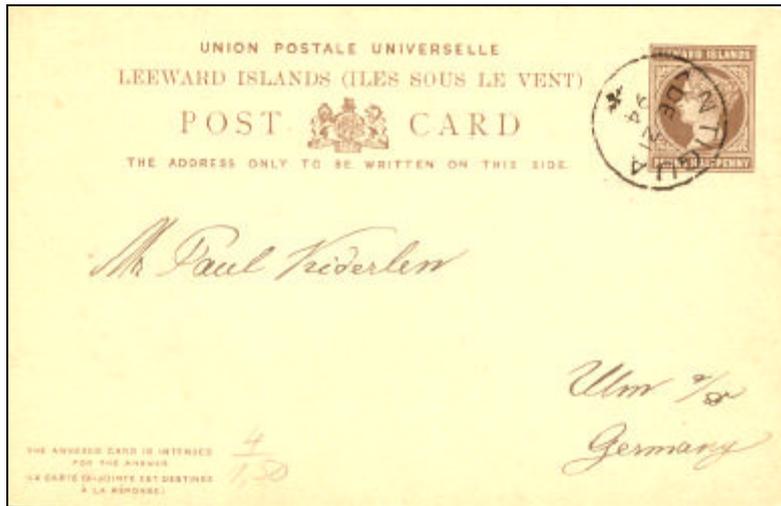


Figure 1 Hand addressed card to Kiderlen sent from Antigua in 1894



Figure 2 Front and reverse of a WA registered envelope used to Kiderlen

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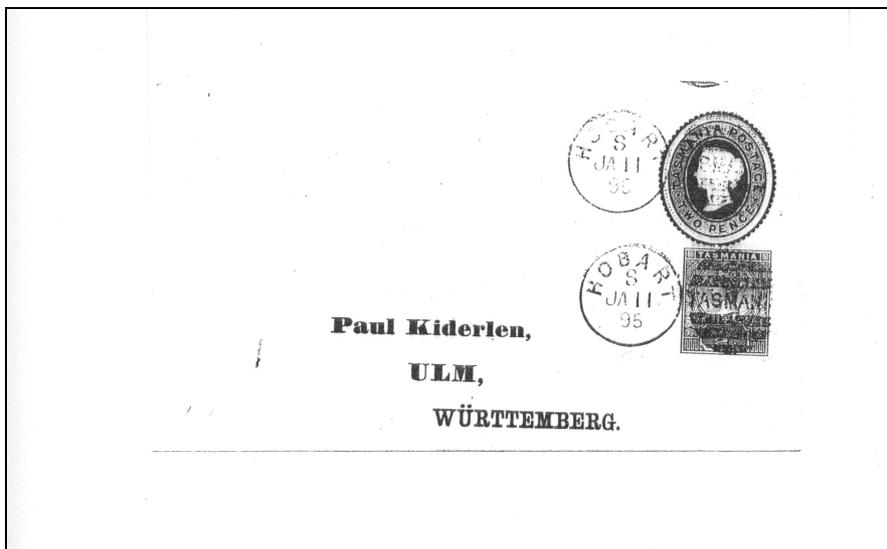
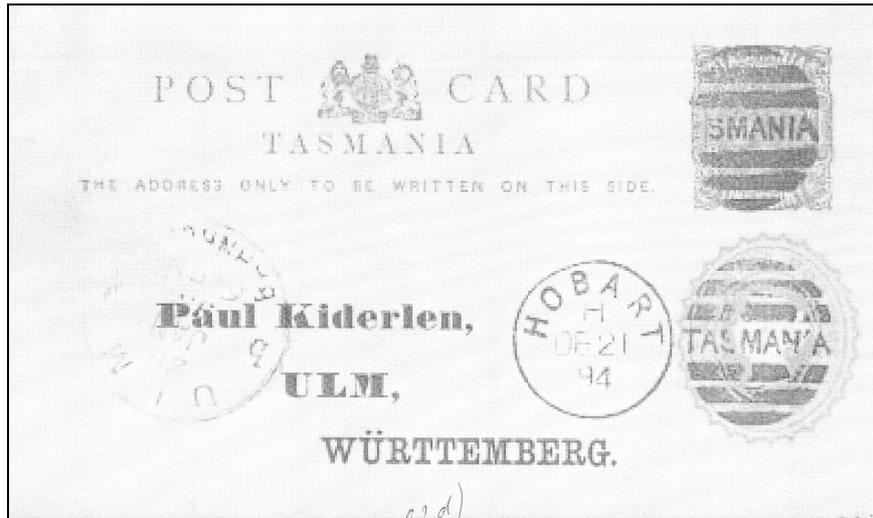


Figure 3 Tasmanian stationery addressed to Kiderlen





Figure 4 Two St Pierre et Miquelon items hand-addressed to Kiderlen

### Paul Kiderlen

Paul Kiderlen was a German stamp dealer who dealt from Ulm, Wurtemberg, Germany from about 1890 to 1910. He dealt extensively, although not exclusively, in the postal stationery of British Colonies (Figure 1). Cards or envelopes addressed to him are known from all the Australian States (Figures 2 and 3); the British Caribbean Islands; the Atlantic British Colonies; and some French and Belgian Colonies as well, e.g. St. Pierre & Miquelon (Figure 4); and Belgian Congo. I have not seen any cards from India or Indian states; nor are they known on New Zealand cards, according to Steve Schumann.

Between 1890 and 1910 there were five stamp magazines circulating in Germany. One of these was the House Journal of the Senf Brothers "Illustrierten Briefmarken Journal" which was published from 1890 to 1912. Gebruder Senf published the excellent Senf Postal Stationery Catalogues. However there is no record of Kiderlen advertising his stock in any of these stamp magazines.

He did however advertise on the reverse side of postal cards (Figure 5). Dr. John Higgins published details of two 1897 Sarawak Postal Cards [H & G 2a & 3a] in the Philatelic Society of Kuching [Feb.1999] Journal "The Sarawak Philatelist" which advertised his services thus:

*PAUL KIDERLEN, Postage stamp dealer, Ulm*

*Sends approval selections to Clubs, Collectors and Dealers in Stamps of all countries at cheapest prices*

*Speciality: New issues*

*Wholesale price list and rules for New issues/Exchange Club are sent post free. Collection will be bought.*

#### *To Note*

*When buying Borneo and Labuan stamps, that all items which are postally used are cancelled with a round name stamp; the bar cancel which is found on many pieces was never postally used, and such pieces are worth little.*

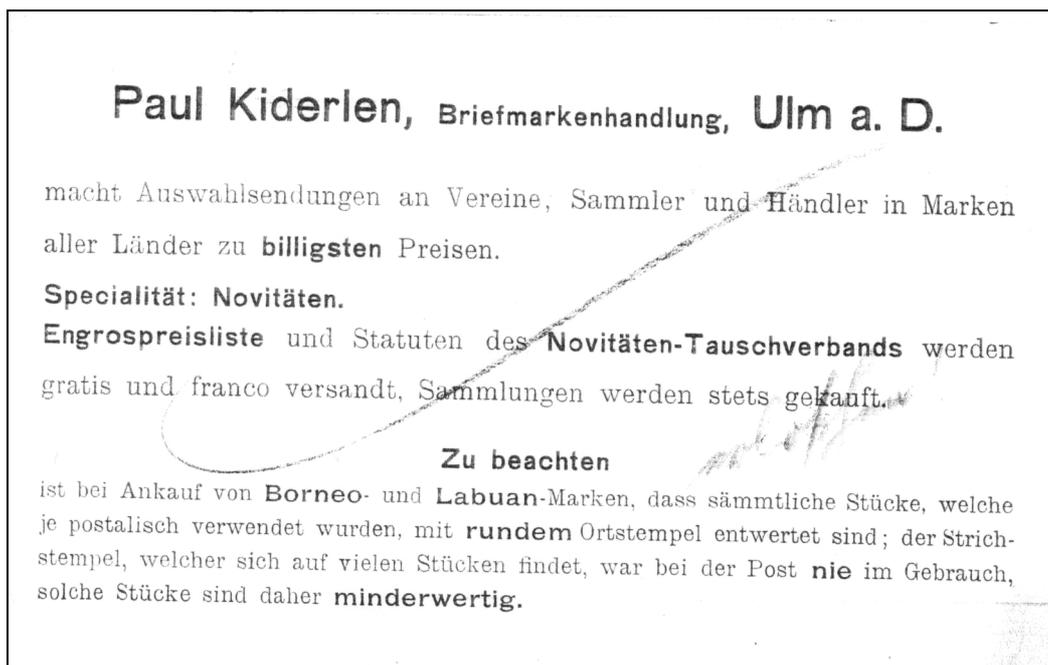


Figure 5 Kiderlen advertisement on reverse of o postal card.

It is also interesting that by the time of the second card Kiderlen had deleted the line about wholesale prices lists and rules for exchange packets. I obtained another translation of the same card which reads as follows:

*Paul Kiderlen, Stamp Shop/Dealer, Ulm a. D.*

*Makes samples/selection offers to clubs, collectors, and dealers of stamps of all countries for the cheapest price.*

*Specialty: New products/publications*

*Bulk/wholesale price list and bylaws/articles of the New-Products Exchange Association will be sent free and postage-paid, collections will always/constantly be sold.*

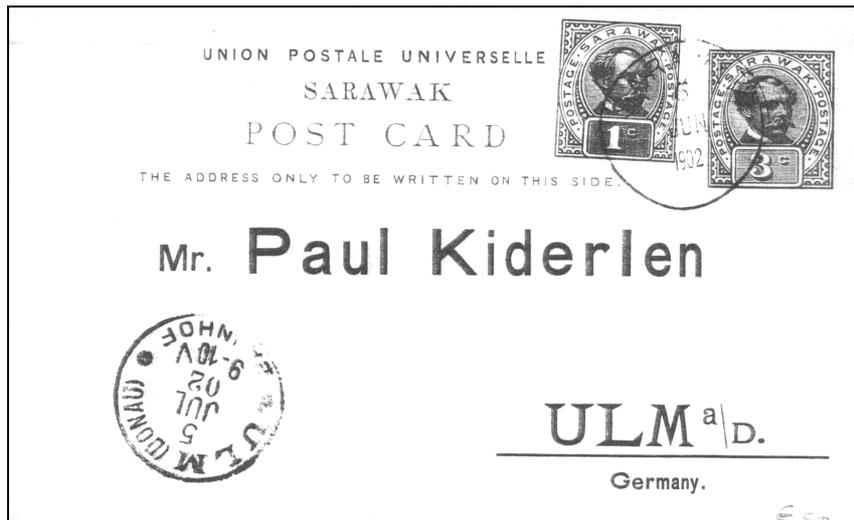
*To Keep in Mind*

*is that with the purchase of Borneo and Labuan stamps, that all of the pieces ever used postally were canceled with round location stamp; the bar stamp, which is found on many pieces, was never in use by the Post, such pieces are therefore inferior.*

Higgins advises that whilst the first card addressed to Herr Rauch, Zittau, Germany was correctly uprated to the new 4 cent rate, the other card addressed to Kiderlen in Ulm had been incorrectly uprated to 5 cents. He also states that the second card omitted the line regarding wholesale prices lists and rules for exchange packets.

The contents of the advertisement indicate that Kiderlen may have been much more of a genuine collector, than a stamp dealer, however much we decry the improvised nature and extent of his activities. In reality, was his activity any different to the preparation of First Day Covers by the Post or the Postmark service provided by the Postal History Society of New Zealand (and no doubt other Societies) for many years?

Whilst in Sydney for Pacific Explorer 05 World Stamp Expo I obtained one such Sarawak Postal Card dated 5 July 1902 addressed to Paul Kiderlen (Figure 6). It is Sarawak [H & G 1], 3 cents Viner Brooke issue of 1897. The 3 cent card was surcharged "4 cents" in 1899 to pay for the increased post card rate. So there was no necessity in 1902 to use this 3 cent card and uprate it to 4 cents by the affixing of a 1 cent stamp, as the 4 cent card was on sale, and was the valid rate, although the volume of usage of 3 cent cards would have been considerably less without the intervention of Kiderlen.



*Figure 6 Uprated Sarawak post card addressed to Paul Kiderlen dated 1902*

Kiderlen purchased unused postal stationery from mostly British Colonial postal administrations [or from the Colonial office in London?], and then addressed them to himself and posted them to the Colonial Post Offices for dispatch back to him. There are many instances in which today's collectors would not have used copies of such items without the existence of such cards and envelopes.

Often, these have added stamps to uprate a town or inland card or envelope [letter] rate for foreign usage. Be careful, as the rates used by Kiderlen (and Bickel also) are not always correct. Kiderlen generally traded in postal cards, but his name also appears on registered envelopes, letter cards and wrappers. As many of Kiderlen items have printed addresses, this tends to indicate that minimum quantities at least of 500 per card may have seen service. Plus, whilst more than one type of printed address exists, handwritten addresses are more common. In almost all instances these, Bickel and other cards prepared by stamp dealers have no communication on the reverse.

What we do not know is whether the cards were returned under outer cover, or individually in the post. Given the pristine nature of so much of Kiderlen material, I suspect that most if not all such items were returned under cover, all cancelled per favour. Then, Kiderlen presumably arranged for this friendly Ulm postal clerk or Post Master to cancel them on the face. Such arrival marks are not always the case however, but are more common than those addressed to Bickel.

My quest for more information on these dealers arose from asking the question of "how does a judge assess a postal stationery Exhibit which includes more than two such items addressed to Kiderlen or Bickel, or other known dealers. Should they score less than an exhibit of postal cards and envelopes which have seen real commercial and unquestionable postal usage? The assessment goes to the root of philatelic knowledge and rarity. My view is that where such items are known commercially used, they should take precedence over items prepared by Kiderlen, Bickel or other such dealers as Beckhaus, Herman Mayer, Salzman, Piquet, Clerk or Wilson.

Not all collectors will agree with me and I would welcome any debate. The knowledge of the exhibitor and the juror is of course all important in any such assessment. One of my pet complaints is the pricing of Kiderlen items at the same rate as those items which have seen true postal communication service. It is remarkable that I have not seen any correspondence to or from postal administrations by either dealer. He was neither a prominent philatelist nor dealer of fame or note, and does not appear to have mixed in general collecting circles. Hence I have been unable to find out any personal or the data about him.

**Otto Bickel**

Herr Bickel is a different story. Often, he is erroneously referred to as “Bichel”, the anglicised version of Bickel. He was born in Effingen, Baden on 4 November 1862. In 1892 following his marriage he moved to San Marino where he commenced to deal in postage stamps. It is probable that he had been a stamp dealer in Baden also. He issued press releases to collectors around the world and franked his mail with the stamps of San Marino.



Figure 7

He commenced a philatelic journal immediately upon his arrival in San Marino titled “The San Marino Philatelist” which sold for Fr2. for 12 issues (Figure 7). It ran only 4 pages and consisted mostly of advertisements for Bickel and other stamp dealers. Bickel advertised from both his San Marino address and his Montenegrin address.

There were three Volumes of the Journal, with Number 1 beginning in January 1892. It was printed on very poor quality paper in French, English and German. The known surviving copies are literally falling apart. No wonder it was promoted as “The cheapest newspaper in the world”. It changed its name to the "San Marino Postal" in 1894, and it is probable that it is in this year that Bickel moved to Montenegro, not 1893 that is the year recorded in published German magazines. His advertisements continued even after his removal to Cetinje Montenegro. He was later to advertise in the German Stamp Magazine “Der Briefmarkenhandler” in 1902 and 1903. This Journal had only commenced in 1898, and survived through to 1933.

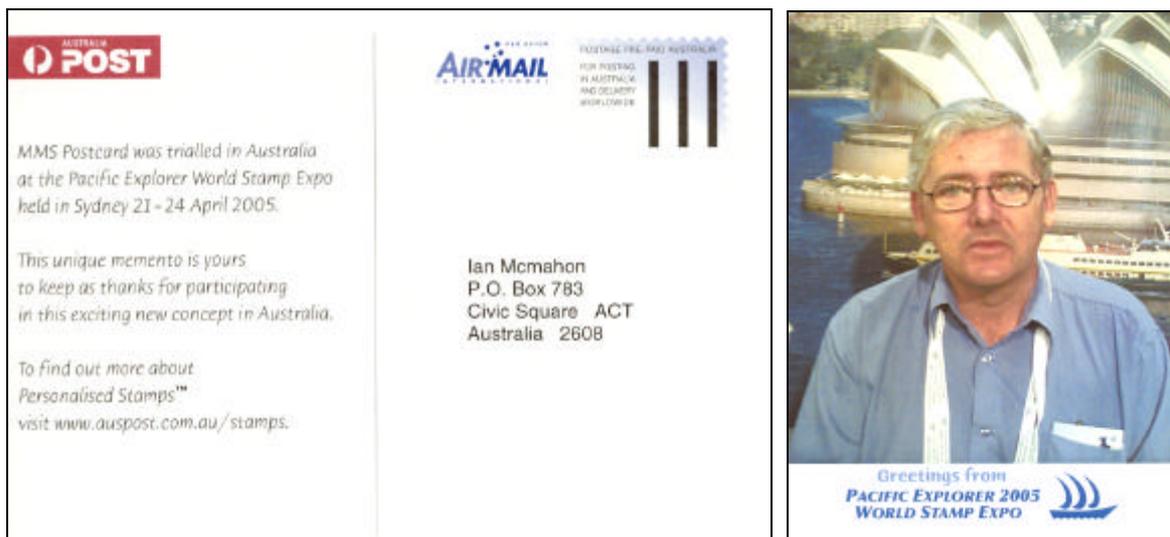
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**PACIFIC EXPLORER 2005 STATIONERY**

Australia Post issued a set of four prepaid postcards at Pacific Explorer 2005, one for each day of the Exhibition: International Day, Family Day, Pacific Day and Heritage Day.



Australia post trialed two new services at Pacific Explorer 2005. One was a personalized booklet. This booklet included two unstamped postcards.



The other was the 'MMS postcard' service. This service will enable customers to email a picture (MMS) from their mobile phone to Australia Post with the accompanying text and the address of the

recipient. Australia Post would then print a full color postcard and send it to the intended recipient via 'normal' mail.

At Pacific Explorer 2005, visitors could have had their picture taken by Australia Post who then produced and mailed them a postcard. An example (complete with a terrible photo of your editor) is shown above. The postcards had the standard 'Postage Prepaid' indicia.

### PSSA FORUM

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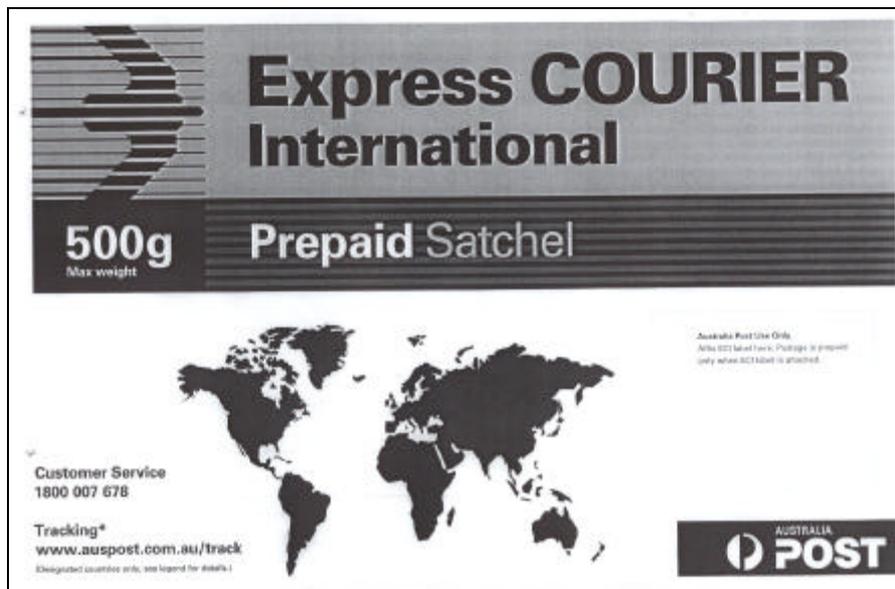
#### Field of Women Postcard

Martin Walker has provided an example of a prepaid postcard for the 'Field of Women', a fund raising event organized by Breast Cancer Network Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on 6 May 2005. Australia Post was a sponsor to the event and appears to have provided the postcard for use by Breast Cancer Network Australia to thank participants.



#### Express Courier International

The prepaid EMS stationery issues have been replaced by a range of Express Courier International envelopes, satchels and boxes. The service offers delivery of documents and goods to over 190 countries and territories within 2 to 4 business days between metropolitan areas of major cities. The new range of stationery is billed by Australia Post as being 'prepaid'. However, the stationery items themselves do not pay postage as they require the addition of a post office counter label before they can be used. Australia Post has presumably adopted this approach as the postage rates vary depending on the country of destination. As a result they are not strictly speaking postal stationery.



*Postal Stationery Collector*

Express Courier International Prepaid Products									
Size (mm)	Maximum Weight	Zone A NZ		Zone B Asia/Pacific		Zone C USA/Canada/ Middle East		Zone D Rest of the World	
		Single	Per item per pack of 5	Single	Per item per pack of 5	Single	Per item per pack of 5	Single	Per item per pack of 5
<b>DOCUMENTS</b>									
<b>Envelopes</b>									
Small – 390 x 290	Up to 500g	\$30.00	\$27.00	\$32.50	\$29.25	\$36.00	\$32.40	\$38.00	\$34.20
Large – 367 x 260 x 26	Up to 1kg	\$34.50	\$31.05	\$39.00	\$35.10	\$44.50	\$40.05	\$47.50	\$42.75
<b>MERCHANDISE</b>									
<b>Satchels</b>									
Small – 255 x 235	Up to 500g	\$37.00	\$33.30	\$39.50	\$35.55	\$43.00	\$38.70	\$45.00	\$40.50
Medium – 390 x 285	Up to 1kg	\$41.50	\$37.35	\$46.00	\$41.40	\$51.50	\$46.35	\$54.50	\$49.05
Large – 405 x 340	Up to 2kg	\$49.00	\$44.10	\$55.00	\$49.50	\$62.00	\$55.80	\$69.00	\$62.10
Ex.Large – 490 x 380	Up to 3kg	\$56.50	\$50.85	\$67.00	\$60.30	\$78.50	\$70.65	\$86.00	\$77.40
<b>Boxes</b>									
Small – 440 x 145 x 310	Up to 5kg	\$72.00	\$64.80	\$87.50	\$78.75	\$103.50	\$93.15	\$120.00	\$108.00
Medium – 410 x 265 x 300	Up to 10kg	\$112.50	\$101.25	\$142.50	\$128.25	\$173.50	\$156.15	\$205.00	\$184.50
Large – 500 x 350 x 440	Up to 20kg	\$192.50	\$173.25	\$252.50	\$227.25	\$323.00	\$290.70	\$375.00	\$337.50

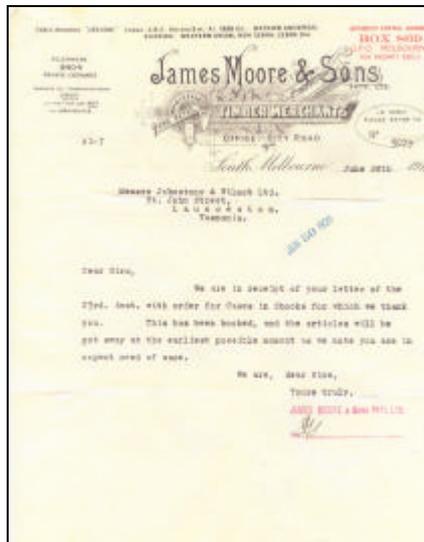
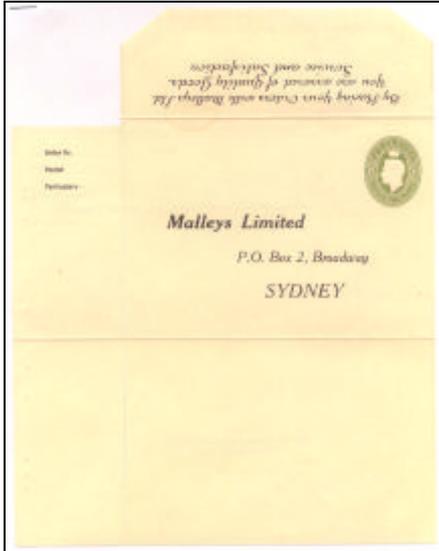
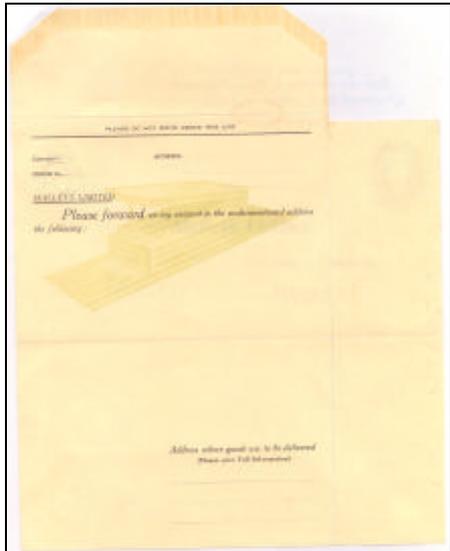
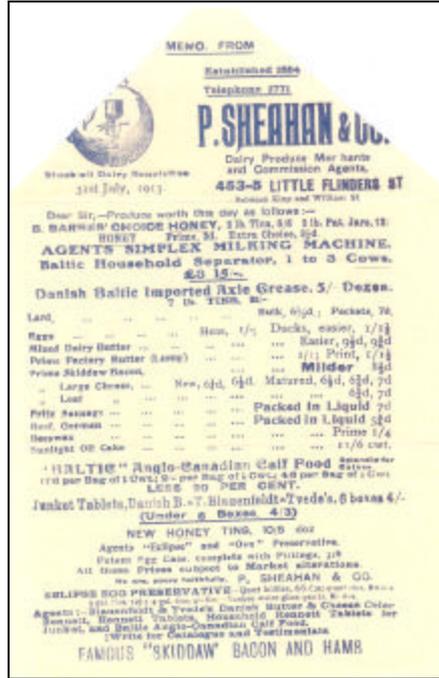
**LISTING OF AUSTRALIAN NON-DENOMINATED POSTAL STATIONERY**

Ian McMahon

**Postcards**

21 April 2005 World Heritage		21-24 April 2005 Pacific Explorer 2005
Maximum cards		(\$1.20) International Day
(-) Blue Mountains		(\$1.20) Family Day
(-) Blenheim Palace		(\$1.20) Heritage Day
(-) Queensland Wet Tropics		(\$1.20) Pacific
(-) Stonehenge		(-) MMS postcard
(-) Pumululu National Park		Note: The MMS postcard was available as part of a trial of the MMS service at Pacific Explorer 05.
(-) Neolithic Orkney		
(-) Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park		10 May 2005 Queen's Birthday
(-) Hadrian's Wall		Maximum card
(Set price: \$13.60)		(\$1.25) Queen Elizabeth II
		May 2005 Field of Women
		(-) Field of Women
21 April 2005 Creatures of the Slime		7 June 2005 Bush Wildlife
Maximum cards		
(-) Tribrachidium		(\$1.20) Kookaburra
(-) Dickinsonia		(\$1.20) Lyrebird
(-) Spriggina		(\$1.20) Red Kangaroo
(-) Kimberella		(\$1.20) Koala
(-) Inaria		Maximum cards
(-) Charnodiscus		(-) Kookaburra
(Set price: \$8)		(-) Lyrebird
		(-) Red Kangaroo
21 April 2005 Centenary of Rotary International		(-) Koala
Maximum card		(Set price: \$8.10)
(\$1.25) Rotary		
21 April 2005 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1 <sup>st</sup> Sydney Sovereign		5 July 2005 Wildflowers
Maximum cards		Maximum cards
(-) Obverse		(-) Sturt's Desert Pea
(-) Reverse		(-) Coarse-leaved Mallee
(Set price: \$4.45)		(-) Common Fringe Lily
		(-) Swamp Daisy
		(Set price: \$5)





**LITERATURE**

**Judy Kennett and Ian McMahon**

**From Our Contemporaries**

**The Postal Stationery Society Journal Vol 13 No 2 May 2005**

- Meeting held on Saturday 26 March 2005
- A trial 'Swift air plus recorded' prepaid envelope?
- KG V Armed Forces postal stationery cards – 1914 the first 'Field Service Cards'
- Great Britain – the Imperial Penny Postcard rate
- The luck of the philatelist (he found an early tear-off reply paid business card)
- Aerogrammes and folded letters sheets from the Holy Land: Part 2 Palestine 1941-48

**L'Entier Postal No 70 Mars 2005**

- A superb modern TSC envelope
- An envelope used to send out invitations by the Philatelic Service of La Poste
- Newspaper wrappers (extract from the next Catalogue de France by ACEP)
- Another discovery – 1940-41 postal cards from Martinique
- Envelopes for the Champagne district

**L'Intero Postale No 91 Primavera 2005**

- Editorial - from the President
- Union – always makes strength
- Is it postal stationery, or not?
- When half is better than complete (half letter cards used as postal cards or as return receipts)
- Uses and abuses (usage illustrated by a selection of stationery)
- Notes from the market – collectors, good guys (about collectors who do not buy lots then pay the same or higher amounts for single items contained in the earlier lots)

**Ganzsachensammler No 80 April 2005**

- New first recorded dates for Swiss Postcards
- Statistics for PTPPO stationery
- Auction News

**Postal Stationery March-April 2005**

- U.S. Postal Card S46-2b - The UPSS Catalog Note
- U.S. Postal Cards - Those Pesky Press Printed Surcharges of 1920
- Individuals Making Contributions to the UPSS During the 2004 Calendar Year
- Is 'Extra Fine' in the Mind of the Beholder?
- Cuba's Aerogrammes
- Bands and Notes from Black Jack Envelopes and Wrappers
- U.S. Scott UC-1 with Defective Watermark
- Boyd's Locals in Scott's
- Comments on the UPSS 20th Century Catalog
- A Survey of a Danish Stationery Collection
- Literature Reviews (Chinese Imperial Third-Issue Postal Cards; Las Tarjetas Postales de C. Galli)

Fanco y Cia. Montevideo (1898-1906); Michel Ganzsachen-Katalog Europa West 2003/04; Michel Ganzsachen-Katalog Europa Ost 2004/05; Ganzsachen-Katalog der deutschen Privatpost 1873 bis 1914, Teil: Magdeburg bis Zwickau; Katalog der Aerogramme von Australien und Ozeanien; Die Ganzsachen der Schwiz)

### **Postal Stationery May-June 2005**

- Can You Tell the Difference Between Gloucester, Mass. and Monument Valley
- Chilean Parcel Cards of 1920-1931
- Die 12 Counterfeit Entire #2
- Great Britain's North Eastern Railway Stamped Envelopes
- Back Door Means of Winning the Game in 1909
- Essay Origins of UX17: The Full Face McKinley U.S.
- War Department Stamps on UO14 Official Envelope - A New Discovery
- Shoebox and Stationery Forum (Correction in Article from Issue #340; Danish Stationery Article in #341)
- Discovery of Unissued British Bechuanaland Wrapper
- Queensland Registration Envelopes
- Literature Reviews (Die Postkartenheftchen der Schweizer Post 1912-1992; Die Bildpostkarten P132 und ihre Klischeeunterschiede; Les Entiers Postaux de France et de Monaco 2005 7th Edition; Catalogul Intregurilor Postale Romanesti; Weihnachts Ganzsachen Katalog, 12 Lieferung (2003); Cartoline e Biglietti Postali Militari in Franchigia, Edizioni di Stato e Private, Catalogo Specializzato 2000; Specialized Catalog of Postage Stamps and Postal Stationery of Latvia, 10th Edition, 2004; Specializovaný Katalog 2001 Slovensko, 1939-1945 a 1993-2000, Postove znamky a celiny; Katalog Slovensko 1993-2002, postovych znamak, celin a filatelisticky materialov; Catalogue, Advertising and Agitational Postcards and Envelopes, One-Sided Postcards USSR 1924-1980; Dutch Postcards During King Willem III; Irish Aerogrammes and Airgraphs)

### **Gibbons Stamp Monthly May-July 2005**

- Foreign Postal Stationery 2003-2004

### **Postal Stationery Notes May 2005**

- Meteorological official labels
- new postcard factory postcards
- 1905 memo proposing the discontinuation of the issuing of postal stationery
- 1871 postcard regulations

### **Bulletin of the Australian Commonwealth Collector's Club of NSW June 2005**

- JB Cooke's Letter Book 1916-1918 (eg 3/9/1917 Papua registered envelopes and postal notes, 15/10/17 Lettercards printed sheets of 24, 4 for each of the 6 states. NSW views to be replaced by one of Burrinjuck Dam)

### **Some Recent Reviews**

#### ***The London Philatelist* Vol 114 No 1324 April 2005**

'The aerogrammes of the Union of South Africa' by Eddie Bridges published 2004 by the South African Collectors' Society, price 25 pounds post paid [in UK?], no ISBN. Is available from the author, The Laurels, 2 Short Lane, Thorpe Malsor, Northants NN14 1JT UK. Described as 'a reference book for all South African airmail collectors and collectors of air letters in general'.

***The London Philatelist*** Vol 114 No 1326 June 2005

'Les entiers de France and de Monaco 2005' [Postal stationery of France and Monaco] by Jean Storch, Robert Francon and Bernard Sinais, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, published 2004. No ISBN, price 60 euros + 8 euros p&p. Available from Bernard Sinais, 7 Rue de Chateaudun, F-75009 Paris, France. The publication of this catalogue was advertised in an earlier issue of *PSC*. It is fully illustrated in colour, and prices given are based on actual realisations, all of which have been revised for both mint and used items.

***Historia do Servico Postal Militar*** [History of Portuguese Military Postal Service] and ***Aerogramas Militares Catalogo – Guerra Colonial 1961-1974*** by Eduardo and Luis Barreiros, published 2004 by the authors. ISBN 972 9119 65 1, price from the authors at Av. Cidade de Lourenco Marques Lote 533 4 Esq, 1800-093 Lisbon, Portugal. The second section comprises a profusely illustrated study of the aerogrammes produced for use to and from the forces engaged in the colonial wars. These were exempt from postage.

***Katalog der Privatganzsachen Deutschland bis 1945*** [Catalogue of German private order Postal Stationery to 1945] by Joachim Strahlendorff and Peter Mette

This Catalogue covers private order postal stationery of the German states, Germany, German Colonies and occupied areas up to 1945 with values in euros. It is A5, softbound, 480 pages, with over 1500 illustrations and includes an appendix with an alphabetical locality and theme listing. Catalogue listings are ordered by stamp type and provides details of the private user. The Catalogue complements the post-1950 private order stationery catalogue compiled by Karl-Heinz G6pfert.

The catalog costs 45 euros (excl postage) and is available from Norbert Sehler, Kreuznacher STR 20 14197 Berlin Germany eMail: [bgsv1901@aol.com](mailto:bgsv1901@aol.com).

***Columbian Exposition Handbook*** by Kenneth C. Wukasc

The UPSS has published a handbook on the postal cards of the 1893 Columbian Exposition, the first true world's fair in the United States. Kenneth C. Wukasch's study, Handbook of the Postal Cards of the World's Columbian Exposition, describes thirteen series of postal cards prepared prior to and during the exposition by different publishers. Approximately 27.5 million people, including fourteen million foreigners, attended the 633-acre showcase along Chicago's Lake Michigan.

These cards were the United States' first true souvenir postal cards. Although some of the exposition card publishers are not known, the most famous groups were those distributed by Charles W. Goldsmith, accounting for six sets released over the six-month run of the Chicago fair. Other known publishers included Joseph Koehler and the firm of Keppler and Schwarzman (producer of the "Puck" cards), both New York City-based. The 190-page Handbook also details the history of the souvenir card, the development of the new "C" size used for this series of postal cards and the operations of the station post office at the exposition. Values are given for unused cards and for domestic or foreign usages having regular or Exposition station cancels.

The Columbian publication is available in hardcover from the UPSS Central Office, P.O. Box 3982, Chester, VA 23831, USA e-mail [UPSS@comcast.net](mailto:UPSS@comcast.net). for \$US50.00 (\$US40.00 if UPSS member) plus postage.

***Dr. Ascher Groser Ganzsachenkatalog 1925-1928***. Reprint Berlin 2004 LXIX + 1360 pages. With prices (1988), 16 x 21 cm, US\$95 plus postage US\$17, available from Winfried Bogon Jaegerstr. 63 C - D-10117 Berlin Germany, <http://www.bogon.de/cdintro.html>. A classic postal stationery catalogue also available on CD.

**FROM THE SECRETARY**

**New members**

We welcome as new members Peter Young (NSW) who is interested in Australian postal stationery, and Keith Griffiths (New Zealand) who is interested in New Zealand and Dependencies air mail letter cards and aerogrammes.

**Meeting at Pacific Explorer 2005**

We had a lively meeting on Saturday 23 April, with 15 members and visitors attending. Reports from both the Secretary and the Treasurer were presented, and they are printed in this issue. A report on the meeting also appears.

**Contemporary Postal Stationery Competition**

Members are reminded that the Competition will be offered at all National Exhibitions in Australia until 2008. It will next be offered at Stampex 2006 in Adelaide on 4-6 August 2006. For further information about the Competition, please contact the Convenor, David Collyer, PO Box 201 Gladesville NSW 1675. The guidelines for the Competition were published in *Postal Stationery Collector*, Issue No 36 February 2004.

**Cooperation with UFI Italia**

The Secretary has advised Vittorio Coscia, our liaison officer with Unione Filatelisti Interofili (UFI) about the new postal stationery issues advertised in the *Stamp Bulletin* No 280 June – August 2005. Thank you to Vittorio for his assistance with translating the titles of some of the articles in the most recent issue of the UFI journal.

**Article about postal stationery**

An article currently available on the Prestige Philately website, is 'Delighting in postal stationery', by our member Gary Watson. He discusses some recent sales of postal stationery collections, particularly that of Australian postal stationery envelopes formed by John Sinfield. This auction took place in Melbourne on 20 November 2004, and resulted in a number of world record prices for Australian envelopes. Gary's conclusion is that 'it seems inevitable that the only way for postal stationery to go is up'.

**MEETING AT PACIFIC EXPLORER 2005  
23 APRIL 2005 1-2.30PM**

**Present**

Ian McMahon was in the chair, with 14 members and visitors. These included Stephen Schumann (USA) and Mohammed Moniruz Islam.

**Apologies**

Martin Walker, John Crowsley, John Wilkins, Norman Banfield, Gary Brown, Malcolm Groom, Steve Zirinsky, David Wood, Gary Watson, Bernie Doherty.

**Secretary's report**

This was circulated. A copy appears elsewhere in this journal. Ian drew the attention of members to the Contemporary Postal Stationery Competition, which is being sponsored by the PSSA and the Australian Philatelic Federation (APF).

**Treasurer's report**

It was circulated. A copy appears elsewhere in this journal.

**Australian Colonies / States Postal Stationery Catalogue**

Bernie Beston reported on his progress with the Queensland catalogue. He has completed the text, and

is now occupied with scanning the illustrations. He hopes to have a draft ready shortly.

Re Tasmanian catalogue – Ian will discuss the status with Malcolm Groom after Pacific Explorer 2005. There is a possibility that both Tasmania and Queensland might be published later in 2005.

New South Wales catalogue – this will probably be a cooperative effort, using collections and expertise of collectors such as John Bell and others. Ian indicated that he would be looking for a volunteer editor to coordinate the compilation.

Bernie Beston reported that the postal stationery collections of New South Wales, Western Australia and Pakistan, belonging to the late Dr Ed Druce, would be auctioned by Charles Leski during 2005.

### **Other business**

PSSA website

Efforts to get a website started were discussed at some length. Bernie Beston moved that we find and pay a senior student or some knowledgeable person to set up a page that has what we want on it. He suggested \$1000 be offered. Then we should arrange to have it maintained by a philatelist – someone who knows the subject.

### **Rates for use of Australian States newspaper wrappers**

New member Sybrand Bakker (Netherlands) is interested in the rates for Australian States wrappers, and asked where he might find the information. Bernie Beston has the rates for Queensland wrappers, and will help there. It was suggested that the rates should be available from the postal histories of the different States, eg John White's New South Wales postal history.

The Munich Philatelic Library has a collection of important Australian philatelic texts, and it was suggested that Sybrand should contact the head of the library, Robert Binner to see what is held in that collection.

### **Display**

Because of a previous engagement, Stephen Schumann did not arrive until 1.50pm. He then showed some colour photocopies of interesting Australian Printed-to-Private-Order envelopes. These included wool sample envelopes, and different examples from retail stores.

Steve answered questions from the meeting, and Ian then thanked him for bringing the material along. The meeting closed at 2.30pm.

Judy Kennett  
Secretary

## ***POSTAL STATIONERY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA***

Secretary's Report 2004 – March 2005

### **Meetings**

The Society last met at Swan River Stampshow on 10 September 2004.

### **Membership**

This currently stands at 91 financial members in Australia, New Zealand, USA, and a number of overseas countries, chiefly in Europe. We have gained a few new members, and lost a few. Our membership situation seems to mirror that of many other societies across the world. Falling memberships are a source of concern everywhere.

### **Contemporary Postal Stationery Competition**

The PSSA and the Australian Philatelic Federation (APF) are sponsoring this competition to promote the exhibiting and collecting of post-1970 postal stationery. It is being offered at all National

exhibitions in Australia during 2004-2008. It was first offered at Swan River Stampshow 9-12 September 2004. Joan Orr's entry at this show 'Papua New Guinea, the stationery 1975-1995' was the first entry in the competition, and was awarded a Large Silver medal. Congratulations to Joan from Society members. The competition will next be offered in 2006.

### **Postal Stationery Collector**

The journal continues to flourish, through the efforts of Editor Ian McMahon and his band of contributors. We always need more material – short pieces, long articles, notes, letters and updates are all most acceptable. Newer members should not be diffident about sending in a contribution. We strive for variety of content always, so it's not necessary to feel that contributions must be about classic Australian States or Commonwealth of Australian postal stationery to be welcome. The time to record modern postal stationery is now, while it's still plentiful and relatively inexpensive.

### **Journal – Award**

The journal was awarded a Silver medal at the Singapore World Stamp Championship 2004 in September last year.

### **Journal – Exchanges and Deposit**

We continue to exchange copies with eight Australian and overseas journals, chiefly those published by postal stationery collectors' groups. Copies of the journal are also supplied to the National Library of Australia, in accordance with deposit provisions, and to the American Philatelic Research Library and the Australian Philatelic Federation.

### **Australian Colonies / States Postal Stationery Catalogue Project**

Only one volume has been published so far – the postal stationery of Western Australia. All copies have now been sold.

### **Society publications**

The Society has now published two issues of the *Listing of Australian Non-denominated and Flat Rate Postal Stationery* in December 2002 and December 2003. They have sold to both members and non-members, with interest from overseas countries, probably as a result of the reviews that have appeared in journals in both Australia and other countries. The latest review was in the journal of the United Postal Stationery Society (USA).

### **Publicity for the Society**

The Secretary has revised and updated the information about the Society sheet, which is sent out to prospective members. It was published in *Australasian Stamp News* in 2004. We need the assistance of a member who will continue and extend the work of making the Society better known to collectors both here and overseas. A dedicated website would be the ideal vehicle for this. Is there a willing member who could set up and maintain a website? All offers of help will be much appreciated. Please contact either the Coordinator Ian McMahon or the Secretary Judy Kennett.

### **Communication in the Society**

Many of our members now have access to email, and this has speeded up getting out news and notices. Please ensure that the Secretary is informed of any changes in email and postal addresses.

Judy Kennett  
Secretary  
March 2005

August 2005

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Income/Expense Report**  
1/01/04 Through 31/12/04 (in Aus. Dollars)

Category Description	1/01/04- 31/12/04
<b>INCOME</b>	
2004 Memberships	1,792.91
2005 Memberships	820.00
Bank Interest	411.30
Other Income	183.30
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,207.51</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Uncategorised	0.00
Bank charges	9.00
Entry fees	127.00
Govt. Tax	9.30
Other Expenses	28.95
Postage	32.30
Postage-Mailout	722.35
Print Journal	1,447.60
Printing	28.40
Prize	150.00
Service Charge	119.70
Taxes	197.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,871.60</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>335.91</b>

**Net Worth Report**

As of 31/12/04 (in Aus. Dollars)

Account	31/12/04 Balance
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
PSSA	2,600.40
Term Deposit 1	8,110.58
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>10,710.98</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>10,710.98</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>10,710.98</b>

**NEW ISSUES**

**Cityscape Pre-paid envelopes**

Australia issued a new series of PPEs depicting Australia's major cities on 21 June 2005:

DL – features an image of the Melbourne skyline

DL windowed – features an image of the Sydney monorail

C6 – features an image of Flinders Street station in Melbourne

C6 windowed – features an image of the Sydney twilight skyline

C5 – features an image of the Sydney skyline

C4 – features an image of Perth railway station

B4 – features a night-time image of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House

The envelopes were designed by Symone Lambert and printed by Penfold Buscombe, Tasmania.



**Sea Horses aerogrammes and airmail envelopes**

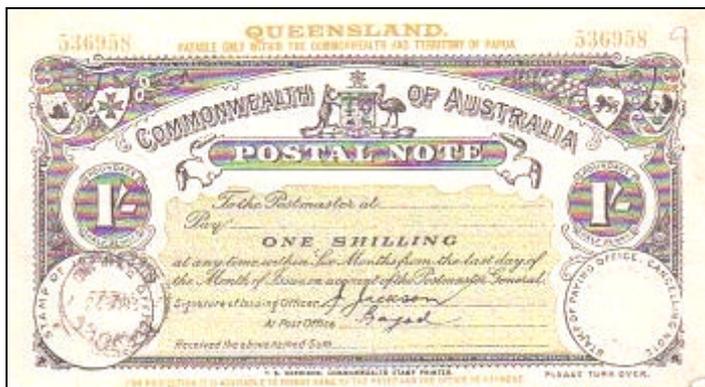
A set of 5 aerogrammes and three airmail envelopes depicting seahorses was issued on 7 June 2005. Designed by Ego Guiotto, they were printed by Penfold Buscombe, Tasmania.





### Queensland Items

Two interesting items offered on Ebay in recent times. The first is a 1/- Commonwealth postal note and the second a cutout from a Queensland wrapper used at Brisbane in 1892 to which an advertising collar has been added.



### Belgium

Illustrated below is one of a set of 5 Maison Cauchie postcards and a postcard for Belgica 06 World Youth Exhibition.

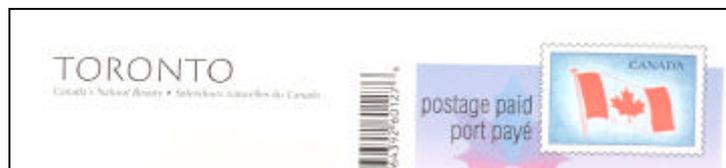
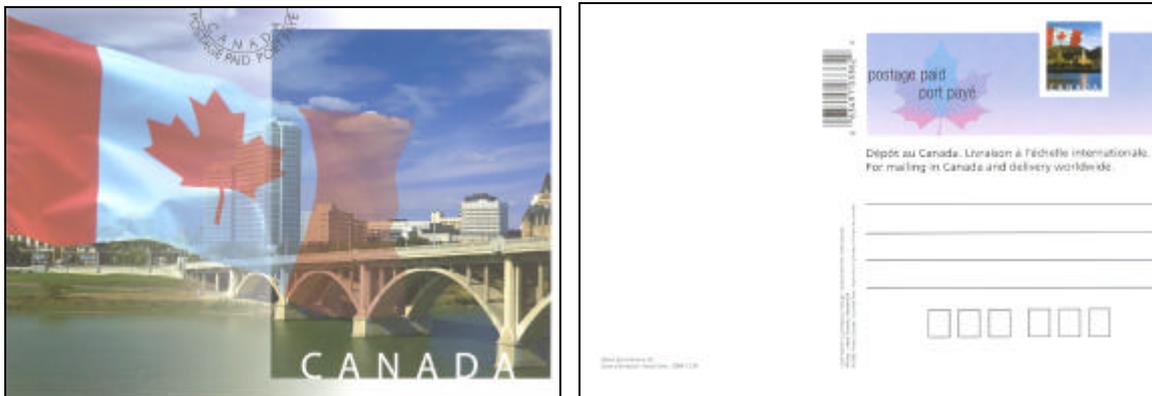


## Canada

Canada has issued a set of five 'flag' postcards:

- Saskatoon
- Mount Saint-Hilaire Quebec
- Durell NL
- Toronto
- Below Shannon Falls BC

In addition a number of postcard factory postcards have been released with a flag stamp design reminiscent of the 1970s.



## New Zealand

New Zealand has issued a \$2 stamped envelope to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the world's first stamp vending machine which was trialed in June 1905 in Wellington, New Zealand. The machine dispensed 3,901 stamps during the initial fortnight's test. The machine was invented by R J Dickie and constructed with the assistance of J H Brown, a Wellington photographer, and W Andrews, an engineer (all of whom are depicted on the front of the envelope). Stamp rolls for use in the machine were made from sheets of one-penny 'Universal' stamps.

Jenny Banfield has supplied examples of four \$1.50 postcards issued by New Zealand in conjunction with the Lions Rugby Union tour of New Zealand.



Pete's Post has issued a range of prepaid postcards (which are also maximum cards):

- Rhodos @ Pukeiti Series 1
- Rhodos @ Pukeiti Series 2
- Steam Trains
- Hot Air Ballooning
- Images of Taranaki
- NZ Birdlife Postcards
- Summer Blooms Postcards

### Portugal

An example of a current Portuguese envelope is illustrated below.



## Vanuatu Volcano Mail

Following the success of Underwater Mail, Vanuatu has introduced Volcano Mail:

*Mount Yasur on Tanna island is one of the planet's most accessible, active and dangerous volcanoes. It is here that the World's first and only Volcano Post can be found. Set near the crater, Vanuatu Post has established a unique posting box, which enables visitors to send letters and special signed volcano postcards from the rim of a live volcano. The posting box is cleared daily.*

*Yasur stands 360 metres above sea level and is surrounded by an ash plain, lake and terrain that resemble a lunar landscape. Constantly rumbling and causing the ground to shake, Yasur is very active with explosions throwing lava from its three vents hundreds of feet in the air. Its cauldron of molten lava is an awesome sight and at night this "sound and light" spectacular display attracts many tourists.*

The four postcards issued for the service are shown below and are available from Vanuatu Post for \$US3 each.





