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FROM THE EDITOR

Kiwipex 2006

Norman Banfield comments: Re KIWIPEX results on pp 97 + 98 [February 2007 issue of PSC] you show Large Gold for both Steve Schumann and Ross Towle. But what was most probably unprecedented was that both the Grand Award [Ross Towle] and the Runner Up to the Grand Award [Steve Schumann] both went to Postal Stationery exhibits!!

NORTHLAND 2007

Northland 2007 was a New Zealand National Exhibition held in Whangarei from 30 March to 1 April 2007 at Forum North organised by the Whangarei Philatelic Society. The classes at the exhibition were traditional, postal stationery, open and national 1-frame.

The Postal Stationery class comprised six exhibits:

Gerard Carlin NZ Wrappers 1878-1980 Large Vermeil F

Paul Yap Ceylon – Victorian Postal Stationery Gold

Ross DuberalFiji to 1954Large VermeilBernie BestonEcuadorVermeilBernie BestonGuyanaLarge SilverRon and Shirley HebberdUSASilver

Paul Yap also won the prize as Runner-up to the Grand Award.

In addition the one-frame class contained a number of stationery exhibits:

Dingle SmithJamaica – The First Postcards and the NZ CollectionRubyRoss WoodTurks and Caicos Postal StationeryEmeraldDerek PocockThe First Nicaraguan PostcardSapphirePaul YapCeylon Edwardian Postal StationeryRuby





Norman Banfield at the PSSA meeting at Northland 2007 Paul Yap receiving his prize for his exhibit of Ceylon

FOURNIER AGAIN

Judy Kennett

In *Postal Stationery Collector* Issue No 37 May 2004 (1) I wrote about a page from an album of the work of Francois Fournier that demonstrated how the forger made fake examples of the 3-kr green and 10-kr blue Hungarian stamps from the lithographed issue of 1871.

Using a perforating punch (that did not match the perforations of the original issue), the fakes were made from the indicia of the 3-kr and 10-kr values of the 1871 series of Hungarian postal stationery envelopes. There were plenty of these envelopes available at the time that Fournier was working in Geneva (1904-1917).

Later, in *Postal Stationery Collector* Issue No 44 (2) there was a postscript to the first article. *The News of Hungarian Philately* (3) reported that an example of the 'lithographed' 3-kr green was being offered for sale on eBay. In the next issue it was reported that after some prodding, the offending item had been withdrawn.

In February 2007 literature dealer James Bendon offered for sale on his web page a large number of sheets from different countries that had come from Fournier albums. Bendon provides an informative introduction explaining how the material left in Fournier's studio after the death of his assistant in 1927, was purchased by the L'Union Philatelique de Geneve, and made up into albums, arranged in country order, for sale to interested individuals and organizations. You can see Bendon's offerings at www.jamesbendon.com by clicking on the 'Fournier' link.

Bendon makes the interesting point that at the time Fournier was working it was considered legitimate business to 'create' inexpensive copies of stamps for clients who wanted to fill spaces in their albums. Fournier did not seek to defraud, indeed he claimed to be helping to educate collectors!

After the death of his assistant, it was to disseminate knowledge of this body of work that L'Union Philatelique de Geneve had these albums produced. In 1928, 480 were compiled, and any left over stock was destroyed. Over the years, many albums have been broken up and individual country pages offered for sale. My sheet was one of these.

These 3-kr and 10-kr Hungarian stamps made from 1871 postal stationery envelopes are described in a number of old-time treatises on forgeries, fakes and other doubtful issues, such as *The Serrane Guide* (4). I believe there are other references to them, but I've not been able to make further checks.

Finally, I viewed a number different country pages in the Fournier offerings, but could not find any other where postal stationery had been involved. We can only conclude that the Hungarian envelopes were chosen for two reasons (a) because they were plentiful and cheap, and (b) because it took little effort to punch saleable, good looking fakes from them.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

When reading your article on pages 110-113, February 2007 *PSC*, my memory went back 50 years to my regular correspondence and subsequent meetings with David Taylor and Don Storms.

Donald D Storms (USA) and David R Taylor (UK)

Don Storms was a member of the Papuan Philatelic Society, while David Taylor was a member of the Australian Commonwealth Specialists Society of Great Britain and a member of the Papuan Philatelic Society. {They were probably also members of other Clubs unknown to me].

In the mid 1950's, while living in Port Moresby, I was Secretary of the Papuan Philatelic Society and Editor of the Club Journal and had considerable correspondence, both on Club business and personal, with both of these gentlemen, so much so, that when my wife and I were in England in 1958-59, we stayed with the Taylor family in their attractive Seven Oaks, (Kent) cottage on a couple of occasions, and then in June 1959, we were guests of Don Storms who was kind enough to drive us to Key West and visit the Florida Everglades during a four-day tour of southern Florida.

Don lived in the Trailer Park at Dania just a few miles NW of Miami.

Don in conjunction with Bob Richardson of New York, compiled an extensive plating study of the 4d and 7d surcharges of Papua New Guinea in 1957, which I published as a Journal supplement in 1957.

In the handbook *Postmarks of the Australian Forces from all Fronts 1939 to 1953* by Stephenson Stobbs, on page 5 he gives a fine credit to D D Storms for the work that he (Storms) had done on the extensive compilation of the Australian Military Cancellations - a subject which I had always thought was the major interest in Don Storms philatelic involvement.

From memory, I think Don worked with many world wide collectors ex ACSS of GB and SAS/Oceania as the collating source base for many aspects of philately which were not really popular at that time, and that in fact he did not really have a large personal collection base for study or reference.

Don was a long time friend and correspondent of Davis Taylor, the latter himself being a regular author in Australiana related journals. I recall that when I posted Airletters/Aerogrammes to Don from PNG and later Australia, I had to make sure they were carefully folded along the dotted lined printed for this purpose - Don was a very fussy Aerogramme collector!

I lost contact with both these men during my farming years in the mid 1960's and I do not have any further information regarding them. I note another person listed in the credits by Stobbs for his work on *Australian Naval Mail Markings* is a Norman Hill - this may be your 'NH' This work was done during 1954, the same time as your ASM' references. I have enjoyed writing these few words, which have reminded me of PNG, and my visits with these men in both UK and USA nearly 50 years ago.

Ray Kelly

POSTMARKS OF THE AUSTRALIAN FORCES From all Fronts, 1939 to 1953

Compiled by STEPHENSON STOBBS

Foreword to the Original Edition, 1954

It is now over ten years since I started amassing my collection of Forces covers and from then right up to the present time I have steadily and consistently added thereto. From the very beginning, however, it became apparent that it was going to be extremely difficult to ascertain how many different marks were used; by whom they were used, etc.

Little or no information was forthcoming from official sources. During the time the war was being fought this was quite understandable, but since it is now some considerable time since hostilities ceased it is felt that the 'veil' might now be lifted — provided, of course, an official record was kept as to whom each particular mark was allocated, (which is very much doubted!!).

The writer has, over the years, kept a careful record of all the information which has come his way and in this connection he is particularly indebted to two philatelic pals 'Down Under', namely, Jack Leek and Tom Scott, and to certain members of the Australian Commonwealth Specialists' Society of Great Britain, namely, I. Ash, H.G. Lacey, H.S. Hughes, H.V. Sixsmith, and last but by no means least, D.D. Storms, who have duly reported to him every new mark which they acquired or encountered; and to all of whom he tenders his most grateful thanks.

Even with all this help, it is still realised that there is much information which is required before even a rough 'picture' can be obtained. If, however, a start — be it lacking in very many details — is not made then the object will never be attained, and it is said "that fools rush in where angels fear to tread" so this "fool" has, after much 'prodding', endeavoured to compile a CHECK LIST of all the marks which are known to him or which have been reported to him from one source or another. Whilst there have appeared in the philatelic press articles on certain marks used by the Australian Forces in the various Campaigns, it is thought that no complete listing has ever been attempted — probably because all sensible students of this branch of philately realised that it was nearly an impossible task! Among the chief articles to which attention may be drawn are —

"Australian Imperial Forces in Malaya; Postal History"

by Harry S. Porter, F.R.P.S.L.

"Forces Postmarks of Malaya"

by Harry S. Porter, F.R.P.S.L.

"Forces Postmarks of Malaya"

by E. Jagger

"Postal History of 2nd. A.I.F."

by Harry S. Porter, F.R.P.S.L.

"Australian Imperial Forces in New Guinea"

by Evan Gill.

"British Army Field Post Offices 1939-47"

by Col. G.R. Crouch and Norman Hill.

"Middle East Postal & Censor Markings 1939-45"

by Major T.L.C. Tomkins.

"Middle East Censor Markings on British Field Post Office Covers 1940-45"

by J.A. Firebrace.

NAMED SHIPS ON AUSTRALIAN COLONIES NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS

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A search of 463 wrappers of the Australian Colonies revealed only four examples where the sender had written a specific ship name. This quantity is less than 1% and wrappers bearing ship names must be considered scarce. The four named ships are *S.S. Ballaarat, S.S. Oceana, S.S. Arcadia* and *R.M.S. Oroya*. The first three were screw steamers of the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company (P&O), while the Oroya was operated by the rival trans-oceanic Orient Steam Navigation Co. Both lines served the London-Sydney run.

P&O's mail contract was first awarded by the Admiralty and commenced from Australia on 10 December 1852 with the *Chusan*. P&O has maintained an unbroken record of commitment to Australia since 1859. From Jan. 1879 the Orient Line provided a monthly service from Sydney-England via Suez with the mails via Naples.

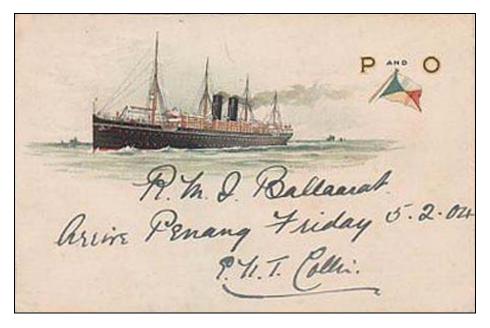
Ballaarat

"Per Ballaarat S.S." is written along the left side of a 1d green Victoria wrapper issued 1 January 1885. Steig (2001) notes that 30,000 copies of this E8 wrapper were issued. The duplex canceller is MELBOURNE 5 F JA 27 85 and VICTORIA within 6-bars. This duplex is not listed in Davies and Lindfield (1980) under Melbourne cancels number 5 for the period 1885. It is most similar to their eighth classification with the M and E of Melbourne below the date, but the period of use of this 8th canceller was from 15 May 1887, more than two years after the date shown on this wrapper. A receiving circular cancel (not illustrated) shows NEW FLETTON A MR 10 85. New Fletton is a suburb of Peterborough, the address on the wrapper.



The *Ballaarat* commenced its voyage from Sydney, and followed the route of Melbourne- Adelaide-King George Sound-Colombo-Bombay. According to Kirk (1989), Australian mails were transhipped at Bombay to another steamer for conveyance through the Suez Canal for delivery at Brindsi. The cancellation date ties in perfectly with the sailing of the *Ballaarat* from Sydney, namely, 27 January 1885. Allowing two days for the Sydney-Melbourne leg, the wrapper would have been loaded on board on 29 January, the route being Adelaide-Albany-Colombo-Suez Canal-Brindisi, arriving 7 March 1885, a transit time of 37 days. From Brindisi it was sent by rail to Calais-Dover-London-Peterborough arriving New Fletton on 10 March. The total transit time from mailing to delivery was 43 days, or a little over six weeks.

The *Ballaarat* was a Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company screw steamer built by Caird & Company, Greenock and launched 31 August 1882. She was built as a passenger liner to work between the UK and Australia. Capable of 14 knots, her tonnage was 4764 gross, with a length of 420 feet, a breadth of 43 feet and a draught of 25 feet. Her maiden sailing on 9 September 1882 followed the route London-Colombo-Melbourne-Sydney. In 1897 she undertook her last Australian sailing before moving to the Far East route; in 1900 she was employed as a troopship during the Boxer Rebellion. After her last voyage from London to Bombay she was sold in November 1904, renamed *Larrat* and delivered to Genoa for breaking up in December 1904.

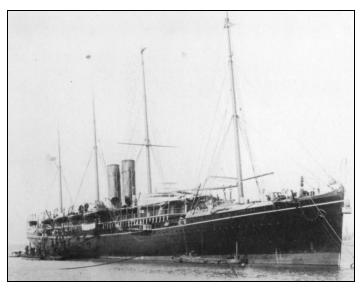


S.S. Oceana

Three Melbourne circular date cancels 70 MY 4 96 are struck on a Victorian E18 wrapper issued 19 September 1894, uprated with ½d and 1d adhesives, the 2d paying the 4oz weight scale to Germany. The O identifier of number 7 canceller is not recorded in Davies & Linfield (refer p. 44). This cancel date ties in perfectly too with the Sydney sailing of the *Oceana*, also on 4 May 1896. Given two days sailing time to Melbourne, it was the next available ship from Melbourne to be making the Sydney-London run. This wrapper would have been loaded on 6 May and arrived in Brindisi 4 June 1896, a 30 day transit time. From Brindisi the wrapper travelled by rail to Gleiwitz Ober/Schlesien, Germany.



The *Oceana* was one of four new P&O Line ships that began service in 1888 and named in celebration of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The *Oceana* commenced its maiden voyage 19 March 1888, its route being London-Colombo-Melbourne-Sydney until May 1905. It was then switched to the London-Bombay route until March 1912 when it was sunk in the English Channel near Beechy Head after being rammed by the German steel barque *Pisagua*. Built by Harland & Wolff in Belfast, Ireland, this screw steamer was 6610 tons, with a length of 468 feet and a speed of 15 knots. It was designed as a passenger ship to carry 240 first class and 150 second class passengers.

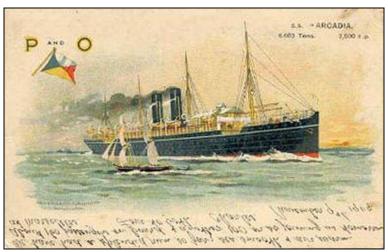


S.S. Arcadia

Manuscript and underlined "by S/S Arcadia" appears at the top on a ½d carmine E16 wrapper issued on 8 February 1887. This was a very "common" wrapper with 20 million issued over five years. The barred numeral "1" was issued to the Melbourne GPO. Type A1c-g is shown with 3-bars both above and below and two side bars (Freeman & White, p.68). This Type was used from 1871 until 1915 on selected articles, namely, periodicals and newspapers.



Arcadia was another of the new P&O Line ships that began service in 1888. It too was named in celebration of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. She was a 6603 ton screw steamer built in Belfast, Ireland and continued in service until scrapped in Bombay in 1915. Unfortunately Kirk gives no details of sailings from Melbourne of the Arcadia, but it would be fair to assume this wrapper refers to late 1880s. Kirk does mention that the outward Australian packet Arcadia arrived at Aden on her maiden voyage on 18th June 1888 bearing the mails that left London. White (1988) lists Arcadia's first sailing from Sydney as 9 August 1888, with other sailings that might qualify for this wrapper as: 8 March, 25 July and 14 November 1889, and 3 April, 18 August 1890. Other P&O vessels (Britannia and Ancona) that sailed from Melbourne about that time followed the route Melbourne-Adelaide-Albany-Colombo-Aden-Suez-Port Said-Brindisi. This newspaper to Bremen, Germany was off-loaded at Brindisi and travelled thereon by rail.



M.S. Oroya

The manuscript "per R.M.S. Oroya" appears beneath the text on a South Australian wrapper E3 issued in 1885. Uprated with ½d bantam to pay the 1d overseas rate to Hanover, Germany, there are a pair of undated circular cancels ADELAIDE SA GPO. Undated cancels were normal for this period on S.A. newspaper wrappers. The sender's details are printed on the wrapper: L. C. Noessell, Adelaide. The probable sailing date occurred between March 1887 and sometime in 1889 when the South Australian 1d green wrapper was issued for overseas use. Kirk gives no details of *Oroya* sailings, but White (1988) includes a Table of Orient sailings. Given the window when this wrapper is most likely to have left Adelaide, there are eight eligible sailings from Sydney-Melbourne-Adelaide-Albany-Colombo-Suez-Naples: in 1887 – 29 April and 16 Sept.; in 1888 – 20 Jan., 25 May and 29 Sept.; in 1889 – 31 Jan., 6 June and 10 October. The wrapper was offloaded at Naples and sent by rail to Hanover, Germany.



Launched by the Barrow Shipbuilding Co. at Barrow on 31 August 1886, the Royal Mail Steamer *Oroya* started her maiden voyage on 17 February 1887 between London-Suez-Melbourne-Sydney for the Pacific Steam Navigation Company. This single screw steamer was capable of 12 knots. On 4th March 1895 she went aground in the Bay of Naples and was repaired after experiencing severe damage. In February 1906 she was sold to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. *Oroya* continued on the Australian service until her last voyage 16 April 1909. She was then scrapped at Genoa.



Conclusion

Australian Colonies' wrappers bearing named vessels are elusive and scarce. Less than 1% of (scans of) wrappers examined displayed a specific named ship. Moreover, the period common to the four wrappers is 1885-1896. This is a small window of the total time when wrappers were issued, namely, the 43 year period 1869-1911. This scarcity of named ships is surprising in light of the many thousands of newspaper wrappers sent to family, friends and business addresses in England and Germany. Also inexplicably there are no wrappers from New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania or Western Australia. Finally, there are no wrappers identifying other ships engaged in the Sydney-London run: *Parramatta*, *Victoria*, *Himalaya*, *Peninsular*, *India*, *Rome*, *Valetta*, *Lusitania*, *Orient*, *Austral*, *Liguria*, *Orizaba*, to name but some.

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Sincere thanks to Allan Gory for reading an earlier draft and for reminding me about the list of sailings in White (1998). After completing the paper Dr Maurice Mishkel sent me a scan of a Victoria E16 wrapper with S.S. Melbourne written in manuscript – this awaits future attention.

QUEENSLAND PTPO AND POST OFFICE OFFICIAL ENVELOPES

Peter Guerin

I would like to show some items of Queensland stationery not previously seen by me.

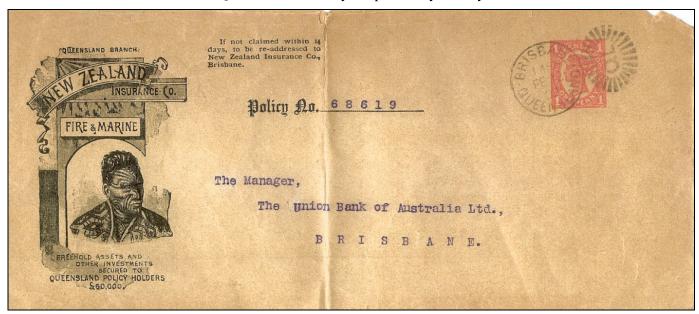


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a 1d red stamp with figures in four corners imprinted on a cover for NZ Insurance Co depicting a Maori at left on a long format envelope 240 x 108 mm, postmarked Brisbane FE 12 02. I have both 1d and 2d normal size envelopes like this, but have never seen another long format envelope.

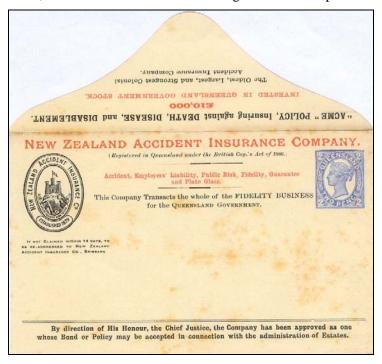


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a 2d envelope for NZ Accident Insurance Co and I also have a similar envelope with a 1d stamp, both unused but unfortunately rather toned. Figure 3 shows the same user on a large 280 x 118 mm envelope postmarked Brisbane MR 12 03.



Figure 3

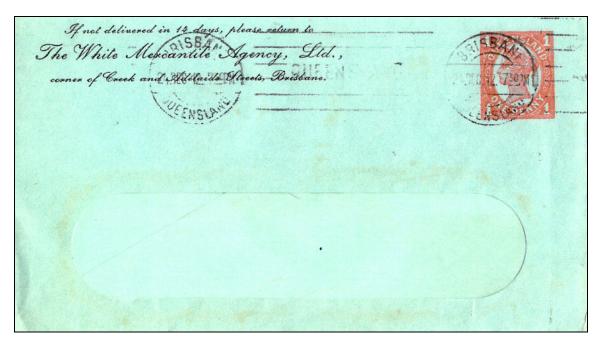


Figure 4

Figure 4 is a 1d red with figures in four corners imprinted on a blue-green window envelope for the White Mercantile Agency Ltd, postmarked Brisbane 24 Dec 12, size 152 x 86 mm.

Next in response to Bernie Beston's article in the November 1999 issue of *PSC*, I will discuss the various Mt Morgan Gold Mining Company envelopes I have or have seen.





Figure 5 Figure 6

Figures 5 and 6 show the two different flap logos found on these envelopes with either 'Limited' or "Rockhampton' in the centre of the logo. Referring to Bernie's article on the Printed Matter Only envelopes, he illustrated one 280 x 121 mm stamped 1d with figures in two corners. I have a similar envelope to Amsterdam postmarked JY6 1897 but with the 'Limited' flap (Figure 5) logo not 'Rockhampton' (Figure 6) as Bernie's had. Of the envelopes impressed with stamps with no corner figures, I have or have recorded one in salmon-red 288 x 120 mm and 3 in orange in sizes 288 x 120 mm, 192 x 124 mm and 194 x 125 mm postmarked Dec 95 to July 96, all with 'Limited' flaps.

There are ten envelopes stamped with the 1d stamp figures in four corners, postmarked Dec 97 to Dec 01 in sizes 192 x 127 mm, 194 x 121 mm, 228 x 122 mm, 287 x 120 mm with various different flap shapes, 3 with the 'Rockhampton' and 7 with the 'Limited' logo. [I think some of the sizes given by Bernie may be in error as his pictures would seem to indicate the 143 x 129 mm should be 193 x 129 mm and his Figure 9 should be of the 280 x 122 mm type. I also note that the stamp imprint is anywhere from 9 to 39 mm from the edge and from 9 to 24 mm from the top, only two the same and none at the distances noted by Bernie.]





Figure 7 Figure 8

Now to the 2d blue types. Figures 7 and 8 show the two different dies found. Figures 7 and 8 show the two different dies found, Figure 7 with short top bar on the second 'E' of Queensland, the most obvious difference with many other minor differences, Figure 8 long top bar. These are both on Mt Morgan envelopes with 'Limited' flaps. Of maybe 40 2d envelopes seen only four had the short E type, all for Mt Morgan, postmarked July to November 1898, while the other type seen were postmarked March 1886 to Fe 1905. The 1886 date I assume to be an error of postmark with two seen with this identical postmark, should be 1896?. These dates indicate that both dies were in use at the same time.

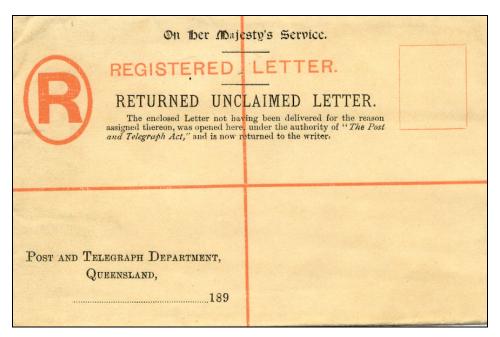


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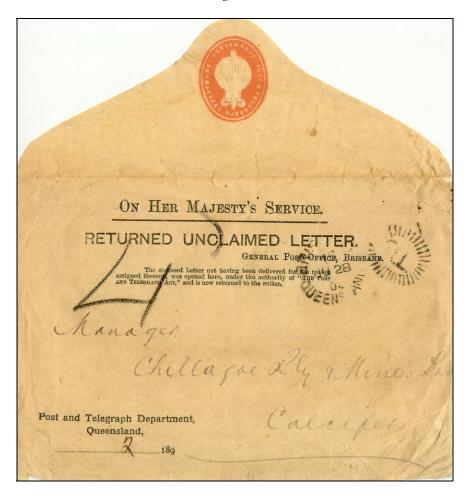


Figure 10

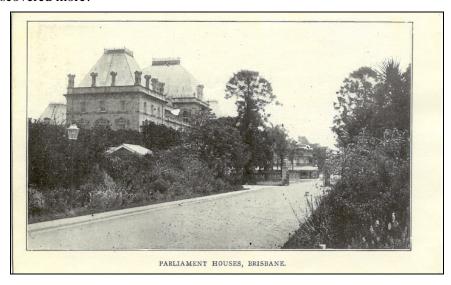
Moving on to other forms of stationery, Figure 9 shows a lovely unused linen lined OHMS formular registered envelope from the 1890s inscribed 'Returned Unclaimed Letter'. Figure 10 is an envelope for a similar, but unregistered use, with Brisbane postmark JU 28 1900.

ANOTHER QUEENSLAND 1910 POSTCARD VIEW!

Peter Guerin

As I noted at the PSSA meeting at Pacific Explorer in April 2005, I have another Queensland 1910 view card not previously seen . It is titled "Parliament Houses, Brisbane".

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on Bernie Beston's article in the November 2003 issue of PSC showing four new views. He did not allocate a number to the Custom's House view – it would be No 37. He has also omitted the new view I illustrated in the November 2000 issue of PSC titled "Horseshow Bend Gympie, North Coast Railway, South Queensland". Thus with my latest find, the total is now actually 39, although I am sure Bernie has discovered more!



Parliament Houses, Brisbane



Horseshow Bend Gympie, North Coast Railway, South Queensland.

Ed's note: the list of these cards is now:

1.	A Dairy Herd, West Moreton, South Queensland
2.	A Duck Pond, Botanic Gardens, Brisbane (*)
3.	Alice Street, Brisbane, Southern Australia (sic)
4.	At Cleveland, a favourite watering place, South Queensland
5.	Botanic Gardens, Brisbane, from Parliament House
6.	Brisbane River, showing shipping at South Brisbane wharves
7.	Bundaberg from the water tower, South Queensland (*)
8.	Bush House, Botanic Gardens, Rockhampton, Central Queensland
9.	Country Road, North Queensland
10.	Hauling Timber, Neurum Creek, South Queensland (*)
11.	Interior of North Queensland Caves (*)
12.	Irvine Bank: a thriving mining centre, North Queensland (Oxley Library)
13.	Isis Sugar Mills, near Childers, South Queensland
14.	Kamerunga State Nursery, near Cairns, North Queensland (*)
15.	Main Avenue, Queensland University, Brisbane (*)
16.	Mary River at Maryborough, North Coast Railway, South Queensland (*)
17.	Neil Street, Toowoomba, Darling Downs, South Queensland
18.	On a Queensland Sheep Station (*)
19.	Scene on the Maroochy River, South Queensland (*)(#)
20.	Scene on the Upper Johnstone River, North Queensland
21.	Stoney Creek Falls, Cairns Railway, half flood
22.	Sugar-cane, near Bundaberg, South Queensland (*)
23.	Surf Bathing, Emu Park, Central Queensland
24.	View of Gympie, North Coast Railway, South Queensland
25.	View on the Maroochy River, Southern Queensland (#)
26.	Views of Cairns, North Queensland
27.	Views of Maryborough, South Queensland (*)
28.	Views of Townsville, North Queensland (*)
29.	Whitsunday Passage
30.	The Barron Falls in flood (660 ft high)
31.	IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS, BRISBANE.
32.	Mount Morgan, Revenue for the last year £901,838; Expenditure £673,622.
33.	Barron Falls -Half Flood. Total height, 800ft.
34.	View from Cairns Range, Barron River in Foreground
35.	Hauling Cedar, Atherton-Cairns Railway
36.	Neurum Creek near Woodford, Caboulture-Woodford Railway
37.	Parliament Houses, Brisbane
38.	Horseshow Bend Gympie, North Coast Railway, South Queensland

*reported by Collas

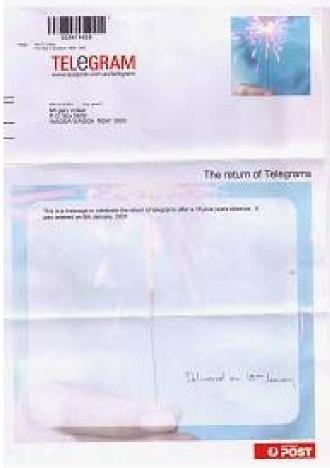
#similar captions but different views

In addition there are two colour views (proofs?):

- No caption view as number 36 but reversed
- Rockhampton Customs House

TELEGRAMS ARE BACK!

Gary Croker



The category of philately which covers telegrams has always been somewhat of an enigma to me, but the issue may recently become even more clouded. With almost no publicity and certainly no reference in the Bulletin, Australia Post has created a "new" telegram service for its clients. Since about November 2006 people can have a telegram sent within Australia for \$4.50 (ordinary mail) or \$8.50 express post.

The idea is that you go on-line, pick your form design from about five options, then compose your message. The available space seems adequate for reasonably long messages. You then pick how you want it sent, ordinary mail, or express. You pay by credit card, and within days your message will be delivered. The message form is then carried in a window envelope specially printed for this service and comes to your mailing address via the normal mail system. Below are examples of the ordinary envelope and form for this service showing a contrived message sent by me to test the system. I have ordered a few now and the delivery time varies from 2 days to 5 days in rural NSW. I could find no information as to where the messages are posted from.

The forms are 210 mm by 295 mm and are multicoloured. The envelopes which are non-denominational, are 102mm by 234 mm for both ordinary and express delivery. Postage is prepaid, but again I could find no information on what rate of postage is applied. It will be interesting to see if the idea catches on. When many people send "instant" messages by phone, e-mail or text messaging, the idea of reverting to 'snail-mail' and paying a hefty premium for that speed, seems an odd idea. The old telegram service petered out around 1988, but there have been a few souvenir forms used by not-for-profit groups since that date (eg The Morsecodians).

Given that these items are official, use standard stationery, have Australia post logos and are delivered through the normal postal system, are they Australian Postal Stationery?

To see what is on offer with new telegrams, go to the Australia Post web-site then click on TELeGRAM icon.



PSSA FORUM

Australian International Airshow, Avalon Postcards

Martin Walker provided advice on a set of four new postcards issued in conjunction with the Australian International Airshow at Avalon in March. The captions are as follows -

9312650348588 - Breaking the Barriers, Airshow 2007.

9312650348595 - F-111, Military Aircraft.

9312650348601 - F16 Fighting Falcon, Military Aircraft. Photographer: John Lane

9312650348618 - C17 Globemaster III, Military Aircraft. Photographer: John Lane

Martin comments: According to Frank Pauer's source at the postmarking section the FDI has been determined as March 1. I bought mine on March 7 - the day Torrensville Plaza got their stock.









Island Jewels Postcards

Martin Walker advised that there were six postcards issued on March 5 in conjunction with the new International Post Stamps issued the same day. (The stamps were issued as a result of increases in international postal rates and were not announced in the Philatelic Bulletin until well after they had been issued.)

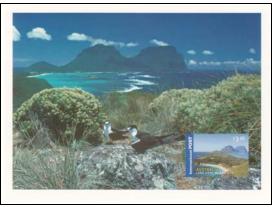












Their captions are (followed by denomination of stamp illustrated on the picture side):

9312650349615 - Maria Island, Tasmania. (10¢)

9312650349622 - Rottnest Island, Western Australia. (30¢)

9312650349639 - Green Island, Queensland. (\$1.30)

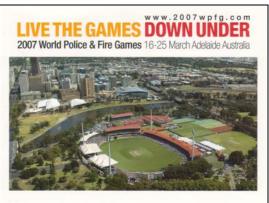
9312650349646 - Fraser Island, Queensland. (\$1.95)

9312650349653 - Kangaroo Island, South Australia (\$2.60)

9312650349660 - Lord Howe Island, New South Wales. (\$3.85)

World Police and Fire Games Formular Postcard





Martin Walker has brought to our attention a formular postcard produced by Australia Post (SA/NT) as part of their sponsorship of the World Police and Fire Games held 16-25 March 2007. He comments:

These will be difficult to get as AP Adelaide donated the entire printing to the games organisers - forgetting to hold some back for collectors like us. They are distributed with special backpacks containing games and tourism information. These are given only to registered competitors. So to get one my tip is to do as I did and "sweet-talk a copper!"

Although the games don't start until the 16th there is a special exhibition and conference underway at the Adelaide Convention Centre 13-16 March and this is where AP have a temporary post office (souvenir stand). The PO will continue to operate until the 22nd as it is situated in the foyer of the centre - along with other games' and sponsors' booths.

The cards should also be of interest to cricket fans as there is obviously a game going on at the Adelaide Oval.

Increased Prices for International Stationery

Australia Post increased the cost of all international postal stationery on 5 March 2007. The new prices are listed below.

Air Mail Prepaid Envelopes

Size	Weight	Single	pack (10)	5+ packs
DL (220 x 110mm)	50g	\$2.20	\$19.80	\$18.70
C5 (229 x 162mm)	125g	\$4.15	\$37.35	\$35.30
C4 (324 x 229mm)	250g	\$6.45	\$58.05	\$54.85

Postcards \$1.20

Aerogrammes To any destination \$1.05 each or \$9.95 per pack of 10

Registered Post International

Letters and documents only up to 500g. Compensation up to \$100.

Size	Single	pack (10)	10+ packs
DL envelope	\$10.85	\$97.65	\$92.25
B4 envelope	\$17.50	\$157.50	\$148.75

Express Post International Prepaid Envelopes

Documents and correspondence only up to 500g. Air despatch by next business day is guaranteed from capital cities and certain other areas to more than 50 countries.

Size	Single	1-9 packs (10)	10+ packs
C5 (162 x 229mm	\$11.50	\$109.25	\$103.50
B4 (353 x 250mm	\$17.00	\$161.45	\$153.00

Prepaid Air Parcelpak

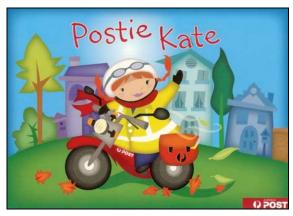
Size Max Asia/Pacific (AP) Worldwide

Size	Weight	Asia Pacific Per item Per pack of 5	Worldwide Per 1	Per pack of 5
210 x 270mm	500g	\$10.30 \$46.35	\$14.45	\$65.05

Postie Kate Formular Postcard

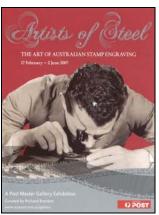
Fran Pauer reports a formular postcard depicting Postie Kate which he obtained "from my daughter, who got it with her reading material today".





Artists Of Steel

Shown below is a pre-paid postcard issued to publicise the exhibition Artists of Steel: The Art of Australian Stamp Engraving held from 17 February to 2 June 2007 at the Postmaster's Gallery.





Australia Post Publicity Posters

A number of Australia Post publicity posters for postal stationery have appeared on the market in the last couple of months. They have space for an actual example to be attached as shown below in the poster for the Kestrel lettercard.



LISTING OF AUSTRALIAN NON-DENOMINATED POSTAL STATIONERY

	Ian McMahon			
		5 March 2007 Island Jewels		
Postcards		(\$1.20)	Lord Howe Island	
24 January 2007 Aus	tralian Legends	(\$1.20)	Maria Island	
Maximum cards	tranan Legends	(\$1.20)	Rottnest Island	
(-)	Scobie Breasley	(\$1.20)	Green Island	
(-)	Bart Cummings	(\$1.20)	Fraser Island	
(-) (-)	Roy Higgins	(\$1.20)	Kangaroo Island	
(-) (-)	Bob Ingham	Maximum cards		
(-) (-)	John Tapp	(-)	Lord Howe Island	
(-)	George Moore	(-)	Maria Island	
(Set price: \$10.50)	George Woore	(-)	Rottnest Island	
(Set price. \$10.50)		(-)	Green Island	
16 January 2007 Aug	tralia Wins the Ashes	(-)	Fraser Island	
2006-07	trana wins the Asiles	(-)	Kangaroo Island	
Maximum cards		(Set price: \$14.60)		
	The Last Wicket Falls			
(-)	Australia Celebrates the	6 March 2007 Year o	of the Surf Lifesaver	
(-)	Ashes' Return	Maximum cards		
(Sat price: \$2.95)	Asiles Retuili	(-)	Kirra Reel &Rescue Team	
(Set price: \$3.85)		(-)	Port Noarlunga Reel and	
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February 2007 Artists	Artists of Steel	(-)	North Narrabeen Boat	
(-)	Artists of Steel		Crew	
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13 February 2007 Au Maximum cards	stranan whohowers		Lifesavers	
	Tasmanian Christmas Bell	(-)	Inflatable Rescue Boat	
(-)			Crew	
(-)	Green Spider Flower Sturt's Desert Rose	(Set price: \$10.50)		
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(Set price: \$5.00)		Maximum cards		
20 February 20	07 12 th FINA World	(-)	Aries	
•	07 12 FINA WORLD	(-)	Taurus	
Championships 2007 Maximum cards		(-)	Gemini	
	Melbourne 2007	(-)	Cancer	
(\$1.20)	Melbourne 2007	(-)	Leo	
1 March 2007 Austra	lian International Airshow	(-)	Virgo	
Avalon	man international Anshow	(-)	Libra	
(\$1.20)	C17 Globemaster III	(-)	Scorpio	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		(-)	Sagittarius	
(\$1.20)	Breaking the Barriers, Airshow 2007	(-)	Capricorn	
(\$1.20)	F-111	(-)	Aquarius	
(\$1.20) (\$1.20)	F16 Fighting Falcon	(-)	Pisces	
(\$1.20)	1 10 Fighting Faicon	(Set price: \$15.00)		

10 April 2007 Nostalgic Tourism

Maximum card

(-) At the Beach

(-) Fishing

(-) Riding in the Country(-) Winter Sport

(-) (Set price: \$9.95)

18 April 2007 Queen's Birthday Maximum cards

(\$1.20) Queen Elizabeth

Express Post

February 2007 Reprints with yellow box to indicate label placement.

(\$4.20) small envelope (\$5.20) large envelope

(\$7.20) 500g satchel envelope

(\$10.10) 3kg satchel Note: Codes seen: BN, CN, SN

Express

Bush Description

Satchel: Max Weight 500g

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QUEENSLAND PTPO ENVELOPE FOR CUMMINS AND CAMPBELL, TOWNSVILLE

Ian McMahon





The March Christoph Gärtner auction included a PTPO envelope for Cummins and Campbell: 7.1.1913, 1d QV PTPO window envelope used from Townsville to Netherlands (arrival cds on reverse) with '30 ctms'-TAX-marking, minor toned The envelope sold for 105 euros.

Cummins and Campbell was a Townsville general merchandising company from 1889 until the 1970s. For many years it produced a trade magazine which is full of local North Queensland history. One of my grandfathers spent most of his working life working for the company.

LITERATURE

Judy Kennett and Ian McMahon

From our contemporaries

The Postal Stationery Society Journal [UK] Vol 15 No 1 February 2007

- Perfins through postal stationery items: Postcards Part 2
- The 1922 postal rebate
- A listing of revalued postal stationery following the reduction in postal rates on 29 May 1922 and 14 May 1923
- Readers' views on John Courtis's article 'Estimating survival rates of used GB newspaper wrappers' (published in the previous issue)

L'Entier Postal No 76 Fevrier 2007

- How to tell a prêt-a-poster (ready to post, prepaid) stationery item
- Histories of printed on order business stationery
- Pleasing cancels on postal stationery
- The arrival of POSTREPONSE (envelopes used by charitable organizations)

Australian Journal of Philately No 98 December 2006

• Correspondence cards of Belgium, 1871-1876

The Informer Vol 71 No 1 January 2007

- Note on article by Wayne Menuz on the 1976 issue of Australian pictorial postcards
- Tasmanian registered envelope H&G C5: a correction, estimate of numbers, and a new earliest recorded date of use

Fil-ITALIA Vol XXXIII No 1 Winter 2006/7

• Postal stationery with advertisements 1919-1925 (funds, after costs were paid to the Post Office, went to the Italian Red Cross)

Sydney Views February 2007

• NSW – The Types and Plates of the One Penny 'Shield' Post Cards 1897 to 1913

Gibbons Stamp Monthly April 2007

Commonwealth Postal Stationery 2005–2006

Philately From Australia

• On Collecting Incoming Newspaper Wrappers to Australia

Postal Stationery, January-February 2007

- Southern Florida Wetland Postal Cards
- 2006 U.S. Postal Card Issues
- The 1889 Swedish Reply Postal Card
- Zanzibar Overprint Variety
- Essays for 1888 British Bechuanaland Newspaper Wrappers
- U.S. 20/21st Century Column
- U.S. Postal Stationery New Issues
- UPSS 20th Century Envelopes, etc. New Issue Catalog Numbers
- Official Use of Non-Official Postal Cards
- Shoebox and Stationery Forum (U.S. Double Stamp Impressions; Higgins & Gage bought by Christoph Gaertner; 39-Cent Franklin Envelope Flaw; U.S. Multiple Ad & Discount Card Handbook; U.S. Reply Card UPSS #MR23-1b).
- Ceylon Airgraphs
- Literature Reviews (Specialized Catalog of the Postal Stationery of Spain, Colonies and Dependencies; An Illustrated Trial Listing of Imperial Reply Coupons & Commonwealth Reply Coupons; Gibralter Postal Stationery; The West Berlin Postal Stationery Card of Berlin's Tempelhof Airport)

Postal Stationery, March-April 2007

- Never Issued U.S. Special Delivery
- Switzerland's Postal Wrapper Bands 1871-1902
- U.S. 19th Century Column
- U.S. 20/21st Century Column
- New Chile Surcharge Discovery
- The Serial Numbers on Bechuanaland Air Letter Sheets
- EXPONET Virtual Philatelic Exhibition
- Shoebox and Stationery Forum (New ERP for S99?; U.S. Card Surcharged on Reverse; New U.S. Postal Cards; Sale of Classic Philatelics; Ceylon 50-Cent Airgraph; Lewandowski 2006 Awards; U.S. International Rate Cards; Epirus Post Cards; Albania Post Card; USPS Philatelic Orders; U.S. 2-Cent Sesquicentennial Envelope Printing Flaw)...
- Pseudo Stationery

Postal Stationery Notes, January 2007

- Cameo special order envelopes
- Year of the Pig, lilac postcards, santa cards, attractions stamped envelopes
- Canadian Philatelist Early Canadian UPU Postcards Mar/Apr 2007

Recent Reviews from journals

The Postal Stationery Society Journal Vol 15 No 1February 2007

Gibraltar – The postal history and postage stamps: Vol 4 Postal stationery 2nd edition. Published by the Gibraltar Study Circle, September 2006.

This completely updated and re-written edition has 130 plus pages and is well illustrated, mostly in colour. It contains a complete listing of all known GB 'used in Gibraltar' postal stationery. Available from E D Holmes at ericholmes@talktalk.net.

New Books

Postage Stamps of New Zealand - Volume IX - Postal Stationery

Robert Samuel's handbook on New Zealand postal stationery was published in March and is available from:

The Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand Inc, PO Box 1269, Wellington 6140, New Zealand Email: rpsnz@orcon.net.nz. Price: Members NZ\$140, Non-Members NZ\$160. Postage + Packing in NZ\$ New Zealand \$5.00, Australia \$ 15.00, North America \$ 34.00, Europe \$ 38.00 and Rest of World \$ 40.00.

Hopefully there will be a review in the next issue of the *PSC*.

PS On the Web

Aerogramme Society Website

Jerry Kasper advises that the Aerogramme Society website (http://www.aerogramme.com/index.html) has been updated and now includes the following exhibits:

Single-Frame Exhibits

- Australia's Official Aerogrammes.
- Early Aerograms of Finland (1949-1962).
- The Elizabethan Coronation Airletters.
- The "Houses of Parliament" Airletters.
- New Zealand POW Aerogrammes.
- •Norway, The Aerogram Issues, 1948-1988.
- POW Aerogrammes of Australia.
- SCADTA Postal Stationery.
- Southern Rhodesia Military Airletters.

Multi-Frame Exhibits

- Aerogrammes of Iceland.
- Hungary: Aerogrammes 1950-1984.
- Illustrated World War II British Military Air Letters.
- Military Aerogrammes of the World.
- Air Letter Sheets (Aerogrammes) of Trinidad & Tobago 1942-1988.

Thomas A. Matthews Aerogrammes

• The Mounted Aerogramme Collection of Thomas A. Matthews.

Web-Only Exhibits

• World War II Airgraphs.

FROM THE SECRETARY

New member

We welcome as a new member Michael Ho of Taiwan, Republic of China.

Meeting at Northland 2007, New Zealand

The Society will be meeting at Northland 2007 National Stamp Exhibition on Saturday 31 March 2007. This will be our first gathering outside Australia. A report will appear in a future issue of *Postal Stationery Collector*.

Future meeting at Sydney Stamp Expo 2007 15-17 June 2007

The Society will be meeting at the Stamp Expo at Royal Randwick Racecourse. Our slot is from 1pm – 2.30pm on Saturday 16 June 2007. This is a full National exhibition, and the Postal Stationery Prize will be awarded to the best exhibit in the Postal Stationery class. An email reminder will be sent out to Australian and New Zealand members closer to the event.

For further information about Sydney Stamp Expo 2007, please visit the website at www.sydney2007.stamparena.com

Contemporary Postal Stationery Competition

This Competition is being offered at all National and part-National exhibitions in Australia until 2008, and eligible exhibits will be welcome at Sydney 2007. For further information about the Competition please contact the Convenor, David Collyer, by post at PO Box 201, Gladesville NSW 1675 or by email at dcollyer30@hotmail.com. The Guidelines for the competition were published in *Postal Stationery Collector*, Issue No 36, February 2004. They are also available from the Convenor, or the Secretary.

NEW ISSUES

Canada

New Canadian stationery includes:

- 2 prepaid postcards depicting Lilacs
- 2 prepaid postcards for the Year of the Pig
- ten stamped envelopes showing Canadian attractions
- four stamped envelopes depicting orchids.



Other countries

Illustrated below is a range of stationery – Hong Kong Year of the Pig postcards, a prepaid South African envelope, a new Hong Kong aerogramme issued in conjunction with their new bird definitive series, a new stamped envelope from New Caledonia for the Year of the Submarine, a French dinosaur pre-stamped envelope and a postcard from Croatia for Espana 06 (from Norman Banfield).

Canada















Japanese EXPACK 500

Illustrated below is a Japanese prepaid express envelope. The 500 Yen prepaid envelope pays for overnight delivery anywhere within Japan.





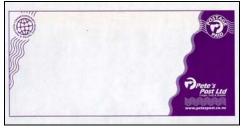
New Zealand

Pete's Post has wound up part of their business. New Zealand Document Exchange has purchased the Pete's Post franchised business model and rights known as the Pete's Post Green self delivery business.

The franchised areas of New Plymouth, Taranaki, Wanganui, Manawatu, Hawke's Bay and Tauranga will remain locally owned and operated but will be rebadged as NZ Document Exchange. The 'Green' Pete's Post products including the stamped envelopes are no longer valid for postage.

Pete's Post's re-seller business where Pete's Post market and sell their branded products which enter the New Zealand Post network for deliver will continue using the gold stamped envelopes.

Any one interested in purchasing Pete's Post products should visit <u>www.petespost.com</u>. The 'Green' Pete's Post products will remain on sale for a period to allow collectors to make a last minute purchase.





US Star Wars Pre-Paid Express Mail Envelopes



Darryl Fuller has drawn my attention to three Express Mail envelopes to be issued by the US on 6 May depcting Star Wars characters selling for \$16.25 each.

Express Courier International - Non-prepaid range

Australia Post has a range of non 'prepaid' Express Courier International products but they are only available to business customers. These include envelopes :39 cm x 29 cm, 36.8 cm x 25.8 cm x 3.8 cm; satchels 35.5 cm x 23.5 cm, 39 cm x 28.5 cm, 40.5 cm x 34 cm, :49 cm x 38 cm; and boxes 44 cm x 14.5 cm x 31cm, 41 cm x 26.5 cm x 30cm, 50 cm x 35 cm x 44cm.







AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIC FEDERATION LTD EXHIBITION PRODUCTS

Product	Wt		Price	Qty	\$
Stampsafe box	200g	Each	\$11.80		
Display pages 148g - low acid bleached 283 x 216mm plain/white 283 x 216mm plain/off white 283 x 216mm feint grille/white 283 x 230mm plain/white 283 x 230mm plain/off white 283 x 230mm feint grille/white	450g 450g 450g 500g 500g 500g	Per 50 Per 50 Per 50 Per 50 Per 50 Per 50	\$11.00 \$11.00 \$14.00 \$14.00 \$14.00 \$14.00		
Sheet protectors — polypropylene- 60 micron clear 285mm x 225mm — top open 285mm x 240mm — top open	330g 350g	Per 50 Per 50	\$22.00 \$22.00		
Sheet protectors – Mylar 285mm x 225mm – top open 285mm x 240mm – top open	190g 200g	Each Each	\$1.90 \$1.90		
Photo Corners - acid free Polypropylene - 16mm across, box of 250 Polypropylene - 22mm across, box of 250 Mylar - 16mm across, box of 240 Mylar - 35mm across, box of 240		Each Each Each Each	\$4.40 \$14.30 \$17.10 \$33.00		
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