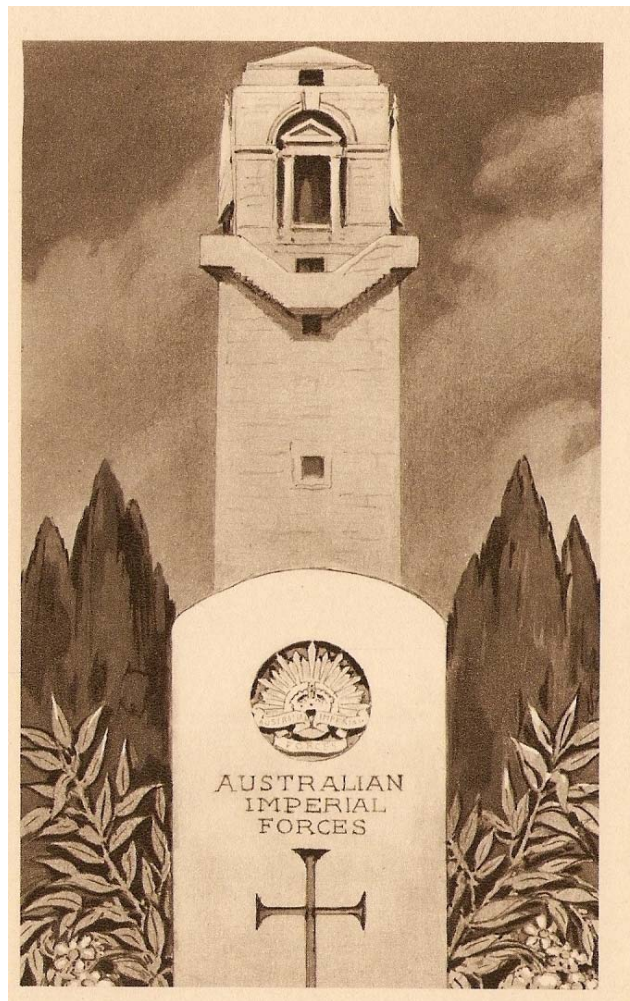


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**FROM THE EDITOR**

**EFIRO 08** was a FIP World Exhibition held in Bucharest in June. The Exhibition had a very strong Postal Stationery class of some 39 exhibits in addition to a number of one-frame stationery exhibits. Gold medal exhibits included Alan Huggins' *Great Britain Postal Stationery Stamped to Order Issues 1855 – 1901*, Brian Trotter's *The King's Head Postal Stationery of South Africa to 1920*, *The Development and Usage of the Mulready Envelope and Letter Sheet*, Ross Towle's *Chile: Postal Cards and Envelopes 1872-1929*, B Sohrne's *Persia* and Martin de Nicolas' *Postal Cards of Spain*.

Australian and New Zealand Members results were:

Ian McMahon	New Zealand Postal Stationery QV - KGV	Large Vermeil [86]
John Sinfield	Republic of Panama Postal Stationery	Gold [92]
Barry Scott	World War I Military Envelopes of Australia (One-frame)	Vermeil

**Israel 2008:** Members received the following results at the World Stamp Championship Israel 2008

Phillip Levine	Gold Coast Postal Stationery	Large Vermeil +SP
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**FIP Postal Stationery Commission Meeting**

The FIP's Postal Stationery Commission met at EFORO 08. The Commission is the body that regulates the FIP Postal Stationery exhibiting guidelines. President of the Commission is PSSA member Steve Schumann from the USA. The meeting included election of Office Bearers, talks on Costa Rican post cards, Australian non-denominated stationery and ABN Co archive, and a practice judging session. The Commission's excellent website is at <http://www.postalstationery.org/>.



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## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

### **Frank Stamps**

Mr. Allan P. Berry's letter in the last issue promoted the idea that the frank stamps (of Victoria and elsewhere) are postal stationery, and promoted the idea that the FIP should change its definition so that they may be included. The main point Alan made was that the frank stamps were supposed to be cancelled. I would like to offer a contrary view. First, there is no question that frank stamp stationery are postal, and they are stationery. So are the thousands of different envelopes and cards given or sold to soldiers entitled to free mail privileges, all of which are also normally cancelled. So are the thousands of types of stationery used by governmental bodies entitled to free mail that do not employ a stamp-like design at upper right. And, actually, so are the many, many types of stationery printed for and used by governmental bodies that were not postage free, such as the many formular (stampless) OHMS cards and envelopes, telegraph forms, airgraphs, telegraph delivery envelopes, and the like. The same is true for the endless variety of stationery material sold or given away by post offices around the world. These days, post offices routinely sell or give away stationery paper and envelopes and cards and forms and boxes and wrapping paper and, well just about anything a commercial stationery store sells. All this material fits the definition of "stationery". And, it is all "postal" in the sense it is associated either in origin or in use with the post office. It is because the frank stamps of the Australian states resemble stamp imprints that makes their collecting compelling, and once collected, there needs to be a philatelic "home" for them. But, to include them in the postal stationery class would mean that all the aforementioned items should also be included, as there is no logical difference in their form, function and use.

The analogous situation occurs with adhesive stamps. For example, the interpostal seals of Egypt resemble postage stamps, are widely collected, but since they are government free franks, they are not listed with postage stamps in catalogues. The problem here is the English language. For adhesive stamps, their free frank counterparts are called "seals", and so there is a home for them. There is no existing word in English equivalent to "seals" for postal stationery. But, to propose that these free frank stationery seals (to make up a phrase) should be combined with the class of postal stationery would be equivalent to adding adhesive seals to the class of adhesive postage stamps, and I am not aware of any movement by the philatelic community in that direction.

The classes of postal adhesive stamps and postal stationery should remain devoted to items that are issued with a stated or implied postal denomination, and that retain their monetary value until cancelled. (The "cancellation" on free frank stationery is not to cancel any monetary value, but a datestamp to show the origin and date.) I leave it to the collectors of free frank and similar material to devise a moniker that fits, and make the necessary proposals to the FIP to add it to the ranks. Maximum Card collectors did just that with Maximaphily, as these items are stationery (post cards) and are postal, but everyone knew they really did not belong in the "postal stationery" class.

Wayne Menuz

### **New Zealand Postal Notes**

Since my return from New Zealand at the end of March, I've been hard at work on my catalogue of New Zealand Postal Notes. I'd like to ask that any member who owns one or more New Zealand Postal Notes please contact me with details. A scan or photocopy would be preferable. Contact can be made via email at [jharwood2@comcast.net](mailto:jharwood2@comcast.net) or to my snail mail address: Jack Harwood, 3241 Ringwood Mdws., Sarasota FL 34235-7005, USA. Even the most unassuming item can provide valuable information, so I request contact even if the member doubts that his or her holding is useful. I'll also be happy to reimburse postage and copying costs, if any.)

Jack Harwood

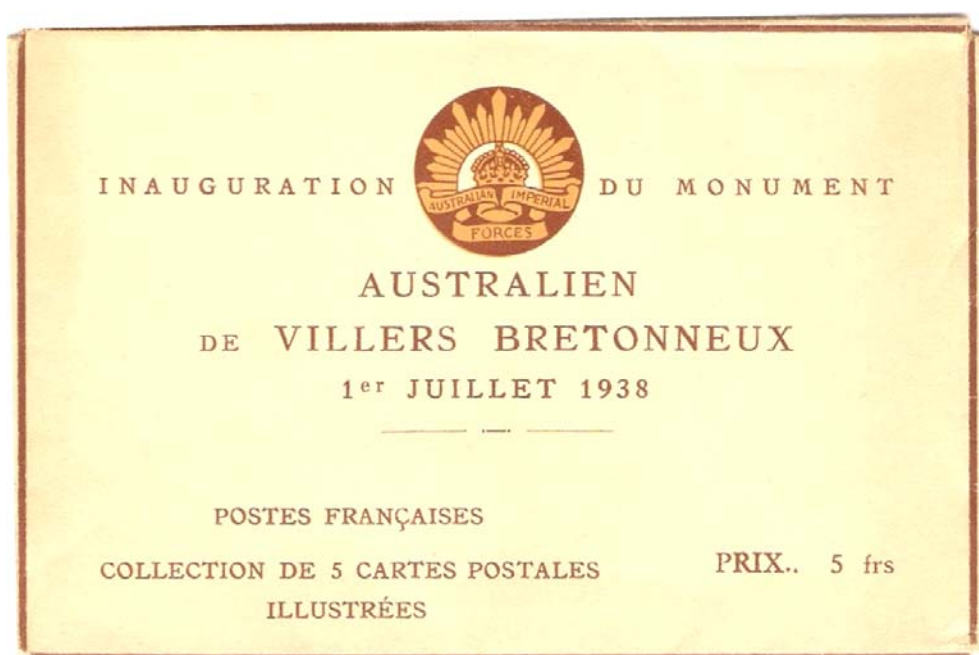
**AN AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL SHOWN ON FRENCH POSTAL STATIONERY IN 1938**

Judy Kennett

**Introduction**

Discussion of these commemorative postal cards begins with the date 24 April 2008, which marked the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux, one of the last great battles of World War 1. Following the defeat of German forces in northern France by British troops, an Australian Division, chiefly made up of men from Victoria, was sent on 24 April 1918 to clear German troops from the town of Villers-Bretonneux. They succeeded, to the joy of the townsfolk, and this event became the basis of the gratitude felt by French people towards the soldiers of Australia.

It was to express this gratitude that the French nation built the Australian War Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux. It was officially opened on 22 July 1938 by King George VI of Great Britain and Ireland, and the heads of government of Australia and France. A set of five pre-stamped postal cards was issued by the French Post Office to mark the opening. They were sold in the special commemorative envelope shown below.



*Figure 1: Envelope in which cards were sold*

This memorial is described as 'a tribute to all Australian soldiers who gave their lives during the Great War 1914-18 on French soil'.

**The Commemorative cards**

The cards were issued in two denominations - four at 1 Franc, and one at 55 centimes. The stamp design is common to both and is also that of the stamp issued in 1938 to commemorate the State Visit to France

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by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (Yvert & Tellier No 400 and SG 615). The cards were issued on 22 July 1938, and the stamp designs are shown in the Yvert & Tellier specialized catalogue as 'postal stationery with subjects like the stamps' Nos 39 and 40. This catalogue also notes that there are five cards with different designs'. (1)

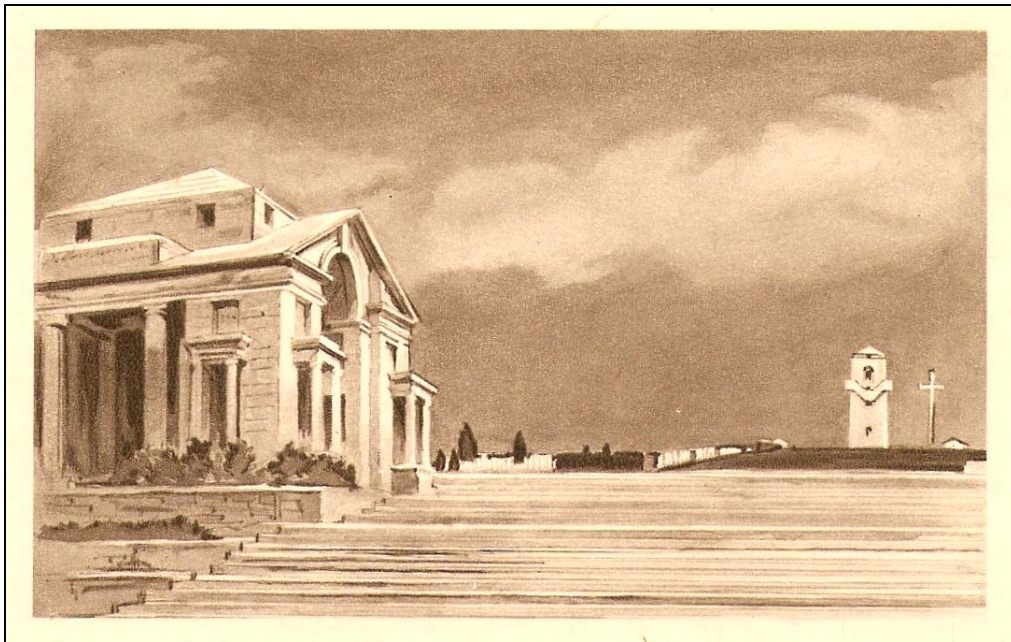


Figure 2: Reverse of 1 Franc card showing the stamp design

The cards were sold cancelled with a special circular date stamp 'VILLERSBRETxFRANCE / AUSTRALIAN MEMORIAL 22 - 7 38'.

The cards show the Memorial from different view points. They are all sepia-coloured, four are in horizontal format, one is vertical. It would help with identifying features of the Memorial if the cards had captions; it's a pity that they do not.





*Figure 3: Three different views of the memorial*

The horizontal designs focus strongly on the dominant feature of the Memorial, the central tower with wings on either side. In one card, with a view from further away, the long rows of headstones in front of the Memorial are shown, also the memorial cross.

The fifth card, shown below, has the most striking design. In vertical format, it features the tower alone, with ornamental 'plantings' at the sides and in front, a reproduction of one of the headstones used on the graves of Australian soldiers in World War 1 cemeteries in France and Belgium.



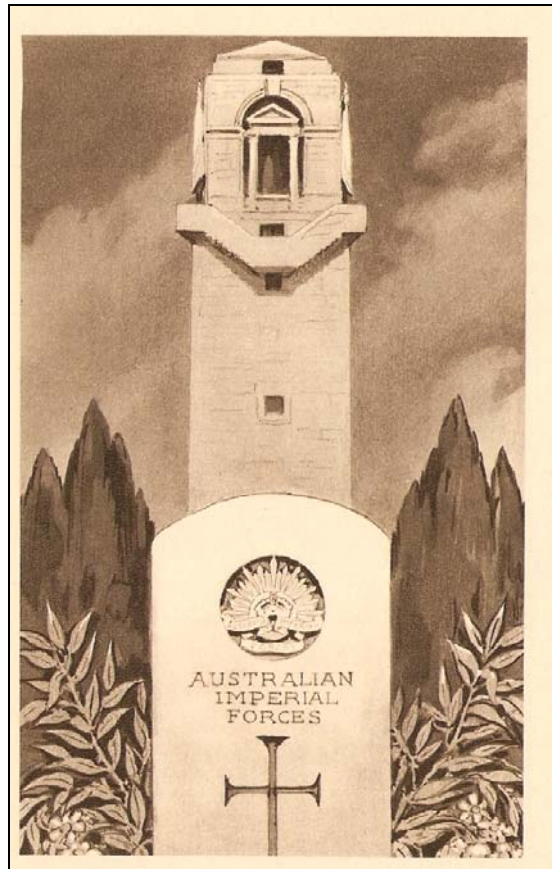


Figure 4: The headstone shows the 1<sup>st</sup> AIF rising sun badge and the inscription 'Australian Imperial Forces'

### Literature about the cards

It seems that the existence of this set of commemorative cards is not widely known in Australia, except perhaps to historians of the Australian war effort in World War 1. At the time, this conflict was called 'the Great War', because nothing on this scale had been experienced before. The first mention that I found was an article in *L'Entier Postal* No 69 Decembre 2004 (2), the journal of our French colleagues in L'Association des Collectionneurs d'Entiers Postaux (ACEP).

This article discussed a document prepared for the Minister of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones, which was a proposal for the issue of the special stamp and the illustrated cards. Part 1 of the document dealt with the stamp, to the value of 1.75F, the overseas postal rate of the time. A deluxe proof of the stamp on thick cream paper without gum on a sheet 125 x 94mm was included.

The second part of the document included deluxe proofs of the 1 Franc carmine and 55 centimes green stationery stamp designs, and five proofs in black of the adopted card designs, all on thick cream paper. The *L'Entier Postal* article illustrated the proofs of the sides of the cards with the 55 centimes and 1F carmine stamp designs. This interesting article was mentioned in a note in *Postal Stationery Collector* No 40 February 2005. (3)

Late in 2007 I acquired a set of the cards in their special envelope, and put them on sheets to display at the Postal Stationery Society of Australia meeting at Canberra Stampshow 2008. Now, in honour of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle, they are shown in this issue of *Postal Stationery Collector*.

These cards seem to me to be a sincere tribute to the Australian soldiers who perished in World War 1 battles on French soil. Reports of the special Anzac Day Dawn Service held at the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial indicate that the memory of our soldiers lives on in this little town in the north of France.

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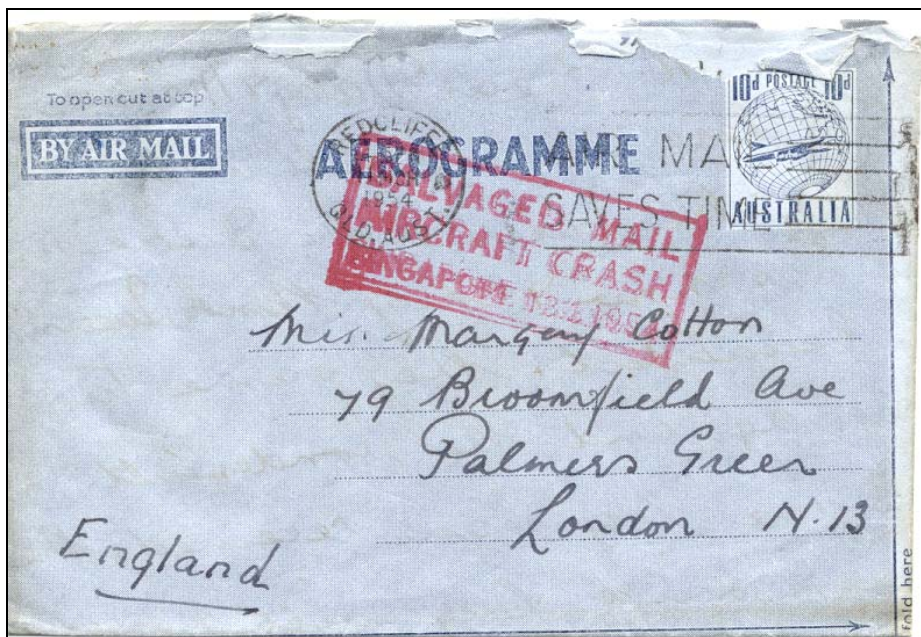
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***AEROGRAMME: CRASH MAIL***

Ian McMahon

The aerogramme illustrated below, has been handstamped 'SALVAGED MAIL AIRCRAFT CRASH SINGAPORE 13 3 1954' was most likely salvaged from The crash of a British Airways Lockheed Constellation at Singapore on 13 March 1954 while on a flight from Australia to London. 33 of the 40 people on board died.

The plane is reported to have crashed short of the runway, hit a wall, overturned and caught fire. The crash was said to have been due to 'Improper procedures used in landing. Pilot fatigue.'



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## **AUCTION STUDY OF BUYERS OF AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS**

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No-one has actually documented the demand and supply characteristics of the market for used newspaper wrappers or attempted to gauge the depth of this market. A total of 1,016 used wrapper sale transactions that took place on eBay were collected between June 2005 and October 2006.

This paper discusses a subset of these sales, namely the 89 transactions that dealt with the Australian Colonies and Commonwealth periods. Full details of these 89 sales can be seen in the accompanying Appendix. All of this information appeared in the public domain, even if only briefly.

### **Basic Demand & Supply**

The eBay auction market is well-known and continues to grow in size. There are other Internet markets that sell used newspaper wrappers and there are traditional auction houses and dealers that generally cater for the more elusive and expensive material. The eBay auction market is but one within a set of markets that can be accessed by interested participants. However, it is not always convenient to gather data from auction markets over a sustained period for research purposes except from eBay.

The 89 Australian-oriented sales represent 8.7% of the sampled sales. It is a small sample and thereby is limited with respect to generalising findings to a worldwide market for wrappers. Of the 89 transactions, there were 41 different winners, with three consistent winners accounting for 32 (or 36%) of the total. There were another 38 different bidders (but non-winners) participating in these sales. The total buyer market can therefore be seen as 79 different individuals. These individuals comprise country collectors seeking to fill gaps in their postal stationery, postal history and postmark collections. Collectors do not identify which group they fall within when bidding (and winning). Nonetheless, the author's detailed study of eBay scans and bidders suggests that the number of dedicated wrapper collectors is probably no more than ten within the eBay context.

While there were a few sellers that appeared regularly, no one seller could be seen to dominate the supply side of this market, with 50 different sellers. At first this seems like a surprisingly large number, but when one realises that sellers face a very limited regional or national market in which to find customers, it seems sensible to list on eBay in order to gain exposure to the widest possible international market. Three sellers account for 17 transactions, while 47 sellers account for the remaining 72. Sellers are geographically located in 13 countries: USA (34), Australia (21), Germany (9), UK (6), Malaysia (6), Netherlands (3), Norway (3), Canada (2), and UAE, Italy, Ireland, Thailand and Argentina one each. Sellers are mostly part or full time philatelic dealers, although there are a few postal stationery collectors who rely on the drawing power and convenience of eBay to sell superfluous material.

To recapitulate: based on the sample of 89 transactions, the basic demand and supply for used Australian type wrappers is 79 buyers (i.e., different bidders) and 50 sellers. How these supply and demand figures can be applied to the wider auction and other markets is not yet known. The collection period was about 14 months after allowing for business and vacation days when eBay access was not available. The sample translates to about one wrapper sale every five days on average. The total amount spent on these 89 transactions was approximately \$1,650. By any reasoning, the market for used newspaper wrappers of the Australian Colonies and Commonwealth period is modest. However, all appear to be sold except for some "common" Victorian and South Australian wrappers that appear frequently (see Curtis 2005).

## **Bidding Behaviour**

While recording the registered eBay identities of winners and non-successful bidders six basic styles of bidding behaviour were identified. These have been given the evocative titles: trampling elephants, sneaky burglar, deep pockets, knowledge boffin, the mop and the ramper, and each style is briefly discussed below.

### *Trampling Elephants*

A few years ago eBay listed a “rare” beer can, supposedly the only one known of its kind. While there had been many different bidders during the listing period, in the last twelve hours of the auction two determined bidders (quite possibly increasingly inebriated) competed against one another in bidding the final price to USD36,000. Whether the vendor actually received this payment one can only wonder. However, the story illustrates the behaviour of seemingly determined buyers bidding against one another throughout the listing period of the auction, back and forth. The competitive bidding keeps going until one or both drop out.

### *Sneaky Burglar*

Known as snipers, collectors with a professional flair and a serious determination to win use eBay or other sniping software to place bids about ten seconds before the auction closes. The listing period itself may be five to seven days and there may or may not be any bidding interest in the item during that period. Only in the last few seconds does the sniper make a surreptitious appearance. This technique makes it physically impossible for another bidder to react and place a higher bid in the seconds remaining. One major wrapper collector who is the anthesis of the sneaky burglar gives the impression of trying to “corner the market” for printed-to-private-order wrappers by sniping with six seconds remaining. His success rate of number of wins to number of bids on a worldwide basis is 57%. When more than one sniper snipes in the last ten seconds, it can be quite an adrenalin rush to see who is the ultimate winner.

### *Deep Pockets*

I remember Stephen Holder of HH Sales telling me this story. One philatelic book collector placed a bid of GBP999 on every item in which he had an interest in order to ensure he was had the highest bid and thereby won the Lot at the reserve price or one tick above the under-bidder. In one auction, however, because open bids were allowed, another collector’s open bid was defined as ten times the estimate. The book’s hammer price was an absurd GBP500 or so because of the first bidder’s GBP999. Stephen judiciously and honestly allowed the two bidders to sort out a fair arrangement. Only one such extreme pricing has been noted with wrappers; one collector with very deep pockets did make a big impact on the sale of a South Australia wrapper bearing a US postage due adhesive. This sold for USD500+ because the deep pocket collector placed a huge proxy bid at the outset and thereby allowed others to push a \$30 wrapper to its dizzy heights. His success rate of number of wins to number of bids is 79%, the highest of all those that have been analysed. He and another collector (with a success rate of 75%), whenever they bid, place their bids early in the auction (usually only once), and almost always ward off other bidders and win the auction. These collectors are either clueless or believe they are gentlemen playing a fair game of cricket.

### *Knowledge Boffin*

Philatelic knowledge is power! Research gives some collectors a definite advantage in spotting new items or varieties when they appear on the eBay market. My good friend once picked up what appeared to be a normal-looking Victorian wrapper, except that it did not have the border lines, thereby making it an elusive printed-to-private-order variety. In other cases, where text boxes vary in line length or in juxtaposition with the indicium, or private printing appear or colour variation occurs, it is prior philatelic research that gives the edge in knowing on what to bid and what is a fair realisation price.

### *The Mop*

From time-to-time there is a “new kid on the block” who appears as a buyer of wrappers at the very cheap end. Usually this buyer does extremely well in mopping up the sales of wrappers with ask prices in the \$1-2 range. No-one else shows any interest because to an experienced wrapper collector these items appear on eBay on a routine basis and could be considered “common” to all but the late coming mop. Buying at the low end is a short-term strategy, however, for sooner or later, either this type of collector runs out of money or interest, or the availability of cheaper material dries up.

### *The Ramper*

A particularly annoying class of bidder is one who bids against another’s bid but normally in the lowest possible increments and without much commitment to win. For example, if bidder Bob is showing the highest bid on a wrapper at \$1 and nuisance Frank wants to bid, Frank will bid \$1.25, and then when that is not successful because of Bob’s higher proxy bid, Frank places a second bid of \$1.75. When this is not successful again because of Bob’s proxy bid, Frank places a bid of \$2.25, the procedure continuing until Frank gives up and leaves, but having first ramped up the price to the detriment of Bob.

### **The Exotics**

As shown in the Appendix, the realised prices of a few wrappers stand out in particular: Australia printed-to-private order Tasmanian Mail (USD214.66) and Catholic Truth (USD66), Australia E6 with only known slogan on wrapper, New South Wales printed-to-private order Sydney Morning Herald (USD87) and South Australia E6 (USD59.75). These are illustrated below.

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I thank Allan Gory and Dr Maurice Mishkel for reading and commenting on an earlier draft.



*South Australia E6 South above and Australia below indicium, sold for USD59.75*

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Australia E6 only known wrapper with slogan postmark "Finish the Job// Buy Peace Bonds" sold for USD79.88.



Australia PTPO Tasmanian Mail sold for USD214.66



New South Wales E1 PTPO The Sydney Morning Herald sold for USD87, piece only



Australia E1 PTPO The Australian Catholic Truth Society sold for USD66, front only

<b>Appendix A: Details of 89 sampled sales transactions on eBay between June 2005 and October 2006</b>					
<b>Commonwealth &amp; State Colony</b>	<b>Opening Bid</b>	<b>Realized</b>	<b># of bidders</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Seller &amp; geographic location</b>
Australia E1	GBP 2.00	6.53	3	welsbach1	tphilatelis; UK
Australia E1	USD 4.99	28.03	4	timewarphubby	sugarmomma; USA
Australia E1 STO Catholic Truth	USD 3.50	66	4	ckxtom	sugarmomma; USA
Australia E3	USD 1.50	12.5	3	koala-austria	lgt70; Australia
Australia E3	USD 0.99	10.5	6	southern_scarfie	lloydwill; USA
Australia E6 slogan pmk	USD 40.00	79.88	2	timewarphubby	royaldrummer; USA
Australia E6 red	USD 0.99	18.72	6	armpress	lloydwill; USA
Australia E8	USD 9.99	24.38	5	koala-austria	sugarmomma; USA
Australia E10	USD 0.99	15.5	5	ckxtom	lloydwill; USA
Australia E15	AUD 15.00	21.5	2	ckxtom	elephantstamps Australia
Australia E15	AUD 5.00	11.53	4	armpress	leonath; Australia
Australia E16	USD 3.50	7.5	3	white-columns	sugarmomma; USA
Australia E18	USD 7.95	8.5	2	koala-austria	apsguy88; USA
Australia E18	USD 6.00	6	1	knollfour	nolimitsstamps; USA
Australia E18	USD 0.99	5.5	3	ckxtom	lloydwill; USA
Australia E18 uprated	USD 2.00	2	1	cemilb	coverkid; USA
Australia E21	AUD 0.99	8.49	3	timewarphubby	chodster; UK
Australia E22	USD 0.99	2.25	3	ckxtom	lloydwill; USA
Australia E23	AUD 0.99	2.3	2	knollfour	8479smacma; Australia
Australia E23	USD 2.00	2	1	guyhenry88	virjinauctions; Australia
Australia E23 fdi	USD 0.99	6.53	4	armpress	intertas; Australia
Australia E28	AUD 4.99	4.99	1	deltic55	sydney_stamps_and_postcards: Australia
Australia KE STO combo	USD 0.99	11.7	5	ckxtom	lloydwill; USA
Australia 2d STO Tas'n Mail	USD 15.00	214.66	4	pieman90	dragongee; USA
Australia STO KGVI	USD 4.00	4	1	armpress	slambstamps; USA
Australia STO Stock Exch	USD 4.95	4.95	1	platyroo15	apsguy88, San Francisco
New South Wales E1 STO Syd M Herald	USD 0.99	87	3	timewarphubby	dbenson; Australia
New South Wales E4	USD 1.00	9.75	3	timewarphubby	pre-vutter; Netherlands
New South Wales E6	USD 6.00	6	1	sutija	thekeltanese; Malaysia
New South Wales E6	Euro 4.99	6.49	2	janava1963	guenter7372; Germany
New South Wales E10	USD 19.00	19	1	timewarphubby	rubystamps; USA
New South Wales E12	USD 19.00	19	1	timewarphubby	rubystamps; USA
Queensland E1	USD 0.99	11.5	4	knollfour	unistamp; Norway
Queensland E1	USD 6.99	6.99	1	stampmad	Grumpsto8kids; USA
Queensland E1	GBP 1.00	1	1	white-columns	whalja; Netherlands
Queensland E1	AUD 5.00	5.76	2	stampmad	elfin179; Australia
Queensland E1	USD 2.50	2.75	4	ianaus	lottsastuff.com; USA
Queensland E1	USD 3.99	3.99	1	dwh4ael	coversnadpostcards; USA
Queensland E1	USD 3.50	4.75	2	sutija	thekelantanese; Malaysia
Queensland E2	USD 5.00	11.5	2	ag1428	covercrazy; USA
Queensland E3	USD 0.99	2.36	4	ianaus	unistamp; Norway
Queensland E3	GBP 8.00	9	2	dhowtful	newby101; UK
Queensland E3	USA 2.95	2.95	1	spud-w	apsguy88; USA

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Queensland E3	USD 3.00	3	1	timewarphubby	lottsastuff.com; USA
Queensland E3 perfect cds	USD 5.00	9.27	4	stampmad	berundo; Germany
Queensland E5	USD 8.00	8	1	white-columns	kenfmoore; Australia
Queensland E8	USD 1.50	23.95	3	swheatlady	lgt70; Australia
Queensland E8 variety	USD 0.99	2.35	3	ag1428	unistamp; Norway
Queensland E9	USD 2.50	5.85	2	timwuk	lottsastuff.com; USA
South Australia E2 (two)	USD 9.00	12.5	2	pmi	17juni; Germany
South Australia E3	USD 12.50	12.5	1	stamps-2000	itin; Italy
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South Australia E3B OS	USD 0.99	8.05	3	armpress	pk_stamps; Ireland
South Australia E4	USD 6.00	7.52	2	ckxtom	kenfmore; Australia
South Australia E4	USD 1.66	5.09	4	timewarphubby	aftama; Germany
South Australia E4 indicium left	USD 6.00	9.45	2	white-columns	kenfmore; Australia
South Australia E4a	USD 7.00	7	1	saphilatelit	kenfmore; Australia
South Australia E5	USD 2.50	8.5	3	windy01	lottsastuff.com; USA
South Australia E6	USD 9.90	59.75	3	timewarphubby	bbfial; Netherlands
South Australia E8	USD 1.00	23	3	timewarphubby	lgt70; Australia
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Victoria E11	USD 4.99	11.53	4	aj-gory	ddanapel; Germany
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Victoria E15 no borders	USD 3.00	13.15	3	aj-gory	thekelantanese; Malaysia
Victoria E15 with extra cutout	USD 4.99	4.99	1	teaticketaction	arabische; UAE
Victoria E17	USD 0.99	4.37	2	intertas	iborbely; Germany
Victoria E17	USD 3.83	3.83	1	ckxtom	intertas; Australia
Victoria E17	USD 7.00	7	1	dolomites	rlingen; Canada
Victoria E17	USD 1.95	1.95	1	ignoro	worldcovers1; USA
Victoria E17	USD 2.99	3.25	2	dhb55	celerettcertus; UK
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Victoria E17	USD 9.60	9.6	1	rkt2	southcollector; Argentina
Victoria E17 Mt Wycheproof	USD 9.99	66	4	flotsum2001	17juni; Germany
Victoria E18	USD 9.00	13.2	2	austcovers	17juni; Germany
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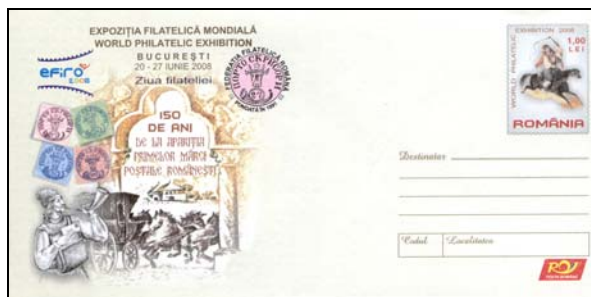


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### EFIRO 08

### Exhibition Envelopes

The Romanian Post Office issued nine envelopes to mark Efiro 08, one for each day of the exhibition.

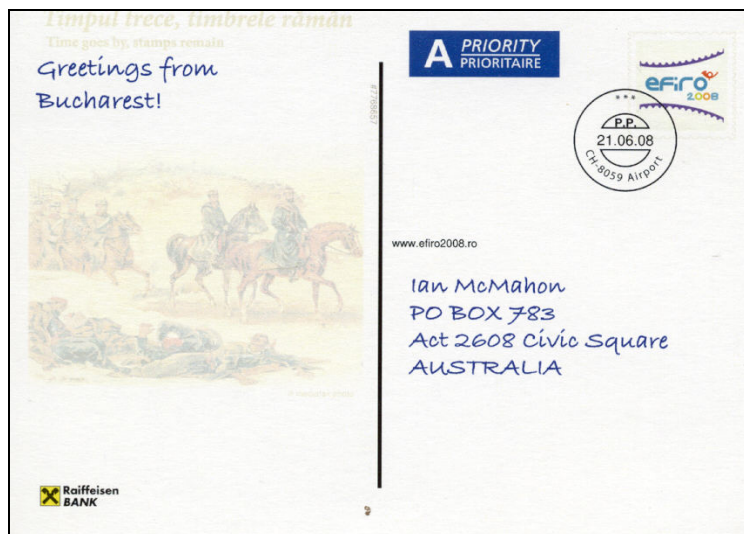


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**Personalised Postcards**

The Romanian Post Office provided a personalized postcard service at the Exhibition. Purchasers of the postcards could have their photo taken and printed on the picture side of the cards which were then posted to the address that they had specified. Four different designs were available depicting Romanian landmarks. The technology used was developed by Swiss Post International with the postcards also being delivered by Swiss Post.



## PAPUA NEW GUINEA PRE-STAMPED ENVELOPES

Ian McMahon

Following the lead of the Australian Post Office, Papua New Guinea began issuing colourful 'pre-stamped envelopes' or PSEs in 1984. [The envelopes issued prior to this time are outside the scope of this article.] The first 'pre-stamped envelope' was issued on 7 May 1984 to commemorate the visit of Pope John Paul to Papua New Guinea. The 10t envelope was designed by Richard Bates and printed by Cambec Press. This envelope was followed by a 10t envelope to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Papua New Guinea Rugby Football League. Figure 1 shows an example of this envelope used domestically from Goroka while Figure 2 shows the envelope used to pay the registered airmail rate from Gusap to Germany in 1984. The third envelope issued was a 20t envelope commemorating Ausipex 84 which was issued on 21 September 1984.

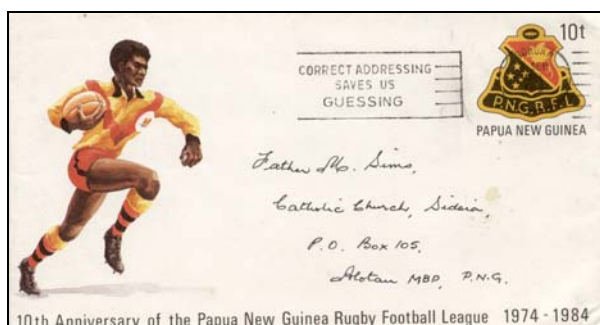


Figure 1



Figure 2

The July 1985 Papua New Guinea Philatelic News reported:

*The first pre-stamped envelope in a 16 part series has just been released. The series will feature each of Papua New Guinea's provinces with illustrations of the province on the envelope and the badge of the province in the position of the stamp. Starting the series is the National Capital District - Port Moresby. The drawings show the busy port and high rise buildings of Moresby in the background of a stilt village.*

Figure 3 shows the 12t envelope for the National Capital District registered and used from Alexishafen to Germany in June 1986. While many of the Provinces have been represented on Papua New Guinea PSEs, the promise of a series of sixteen envelopes has not materialised. From this point on most (but not all) of the envelopes have been numbered on the reverse, with this envelope being numbered 'P.S.E No 4'.



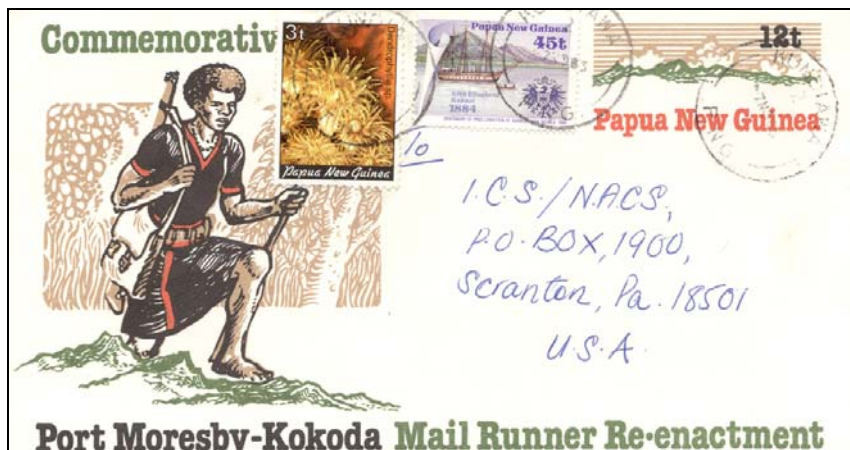
Figure 3

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A 12t envelope was issued on 26 August 1985 for the Kokoda Trail Mail Re-enactment (PSE 5). To mark the Postal Centenary Celebrations a party traced the path of the police runners who carried mail on the Kokoda Trail for almost 50 years. Figure 4 shows this envelope used from Kondiawa to the USA.

A 12t envelope (PSE 6) was issued on 13 November 1985 for Christmas 1985. Figure 5 shows an example of this envelope used from Australia with the addition of Australian adhesives while Figure 6 shows an example used to Australia.

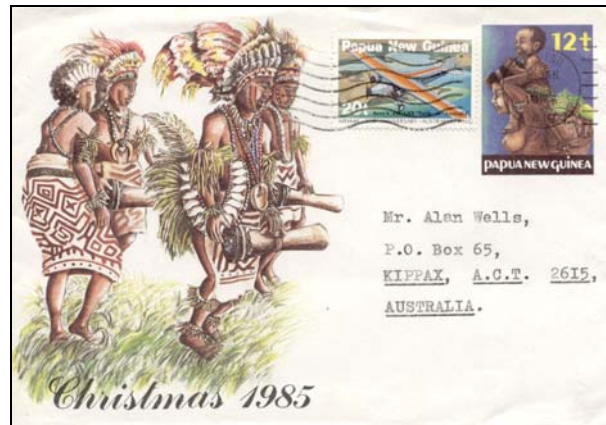
The 1985 Christmas envelope was designed by John Baida (panel) and Bexy Moti (stamp), graphic design students from the PNG National Art School, and printed by Mercury Walch in Hobart.



*Figure 4*



*Figure 5*



*Figure 6*

Due to an increase in postal rates, the National Capital District envelope was reissued with a 15t denomination and in a slightly redesigned form (PSE 7) on 3 July 1986. Figure 7 shows this envelope used from Goroko to the USA.

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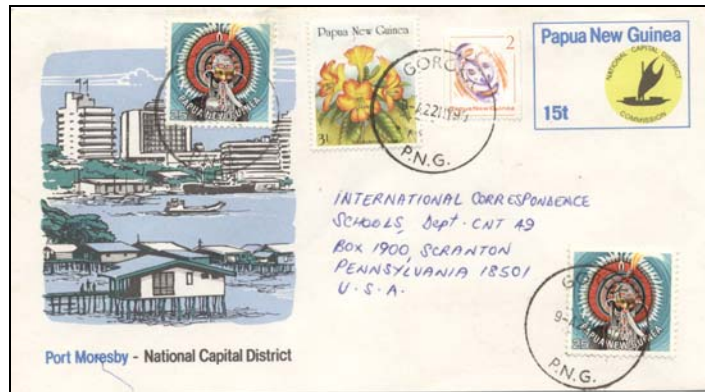


Figure 7

Other 1986 envelopes included an envelope for Stampex 86 (issued 4 August 1986) and a Christmas envelope (issued 12 November). The Christmas envelope depicts the Legend of the Hibiscus: *A Brother and a sister lived on an island west of Kerema. They were the last of the Mei people. One day the brother decided to swim to the place where he saw smoke and imagined a beautiful girl lived. Some say he turned into a fish. Much time passed but he never found a girl. Eventually, he returned to die in grief on the beach. That night his sister found him and lay down and died beside him. From the spot sprung the beautiful Hibiscus tree. Even today boys and girls who seek a mate wear the Hibiscus flower as a charm.* Four 15t envelopes were issued in 1987; Apex (PSE 10, issued 19 August, Figure 8, used to USA) Eastern Highlands Province (30 September), Order of St John (11 November, Figure 9 shows an example of the envelope used to the USA from Port Moresby) and Christmas (11 November).



Figure 8



Figure 9

1988 saw three 17t envelopes issued: 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Papua New Guinea Electricity Commission issued 15 June 1988, 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Papua New Guinea National Library issued 28 September and 17t Christmas issued 16 November (Figure 10 shows this envelope used to the UK).



Figure 10

Two envelopes were issued in 1989: 20t East New Britain Province issued 12 July (Figure 11 shows this envelope used domestically) and 20t Christmas issued 8 November. Only one envelope was issued in 1990, the 20t Christmas envelope on 26 September (Figure 12).

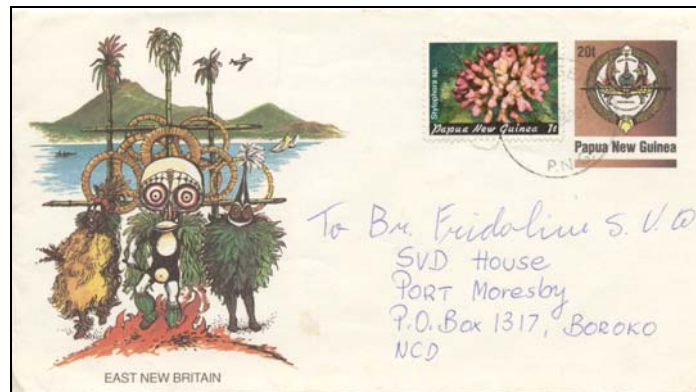


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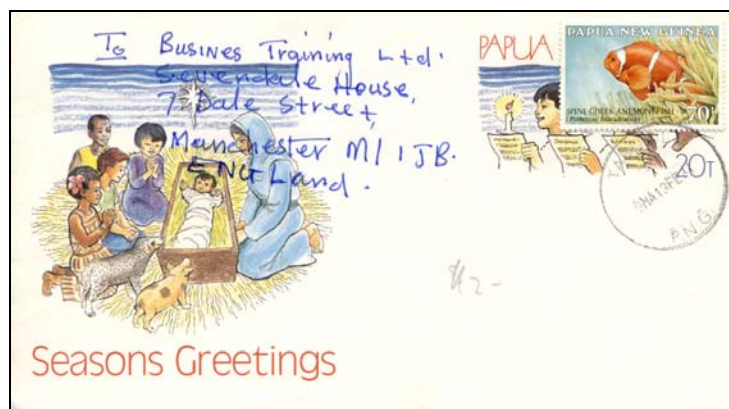


Figure 12

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Four envelopes were issued in 1991: 20t East Sepik (issued 8 February), 21t East Sepik (same design as the 20t, issued on 6 March due to an increase in the postage rate, Figure 13, used to the USA), 21 t 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the University of PNG (issued 1 May) and 1991 Christmas (issued 16 October, Figure 14, used to the UK).



Figure 13

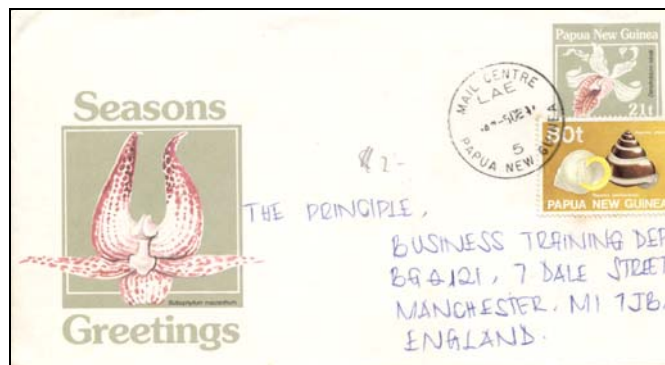


Figure 14

The 1992 issues included envelopes for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary US Peace Corps in Papua New Guinea (issued 3 June, Figure 15, not numbered) and 1992 Christmas (issued 28 October).

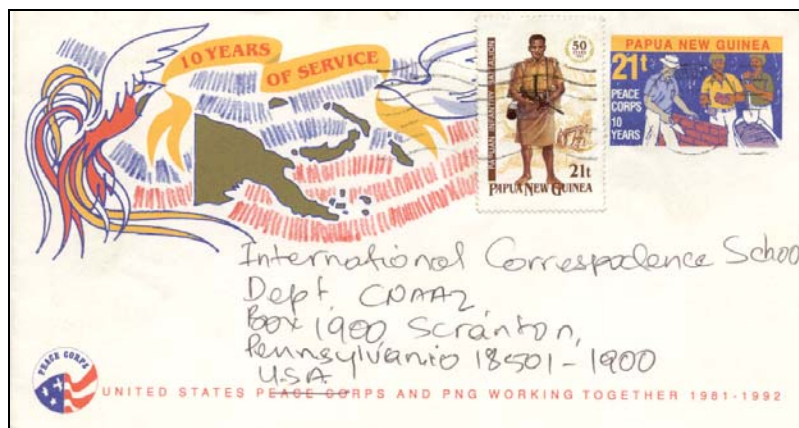
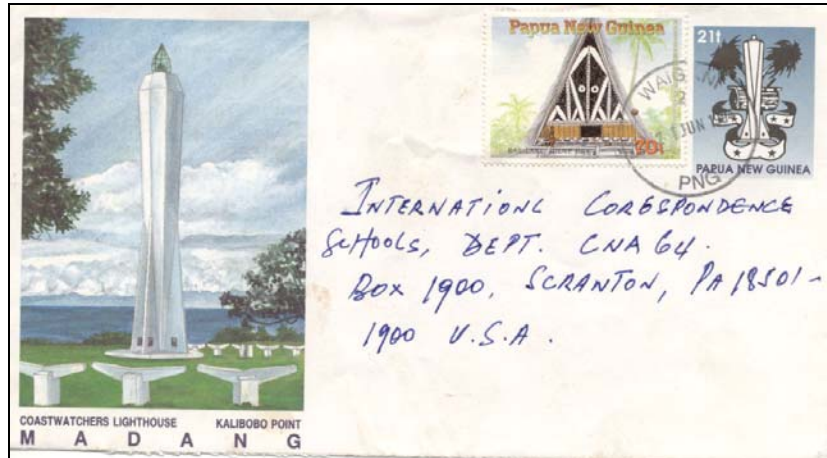


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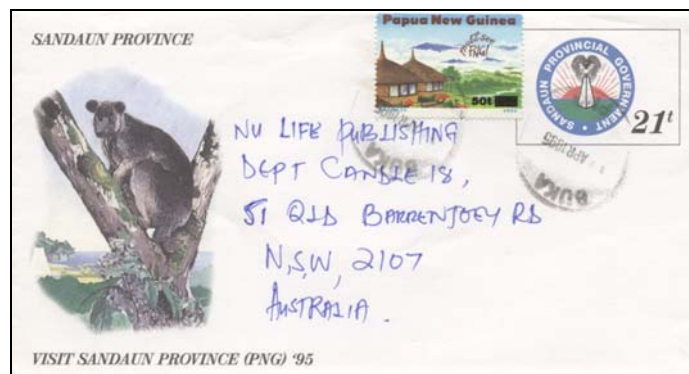
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A 21t envelope was issued on 20 January 1993 for Madang Province (Figure 16, PSE 25) with the annual Christmas envelope being issued on 27 October 1993. Milne Bay province was featured on an envelope issued on 19 January 1994 with the 1994 Christmas envelope being issued on 26 October.



*Figure 16*

A 21t envelope was issued for Sandaun Province in May 1995 (Figure 17, PSE 28) with the 25t 1995 Christmas envelope being issued on 25 October (Figure 18 PSE 29).



*Figure 17*



*Figure 18*



The 1996 Year of Children's Rights was commemorated in an envelope issued on 22 April 1996 (Figure 19 shows an example used domestically while Figure 20 shows an example used to the USA, PSE 30) while the 1996 Christmas issue appeared on 16 October.

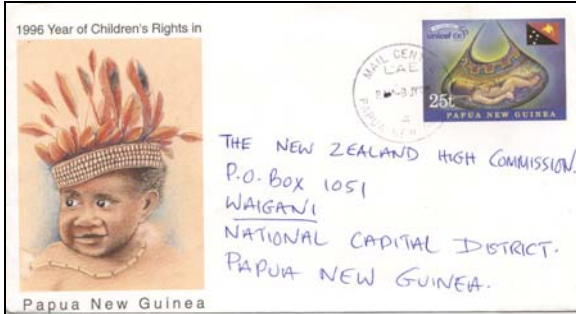


Figure 19



Figure 20

In 1997 envelopes were issued for the South Pacific Games, Sandaun Province (25t) and 1997 Christmas, while in 1998 envelopes were issued for the South Pacific Commission, 1998 Christmas as well as an envelope depicting the tree kangaroo. In 1999 only one envelope was issued for the Milne Bay Province while in 2000 a single envelope was issued for the National Census (Figure 21). A number of other envelopes have been issued intermittently since including a K1.50 envelope depicting orchids (Figure 22) and a K2 envelope for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence (featuring the slogan 'PUT PNG FIRST'), Figure 23.

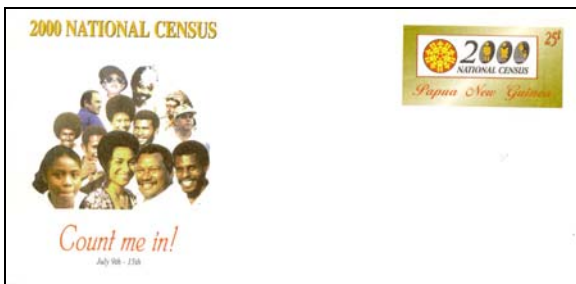


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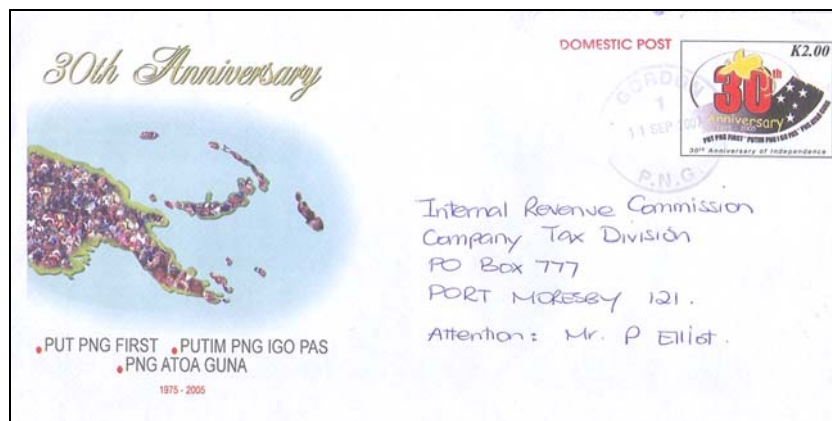
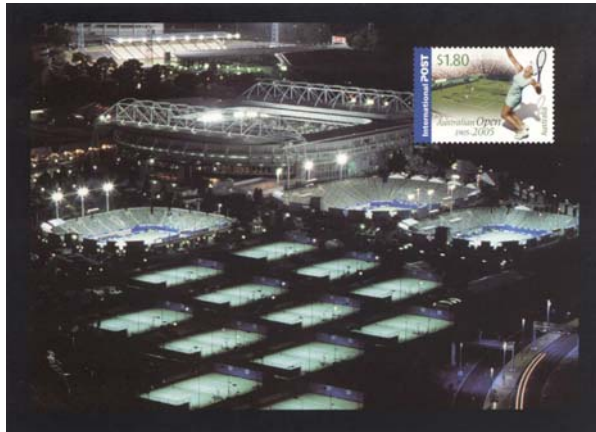


Figure 23

PSSA FORUM

Sydney and Melbourne Pictorial Postcards

As mentioned in the May 2008 issue of PSC, five new pictorial cards were reported in the Philatelic Bulletin as being issued in December 2007. These five cards are illustrated below:



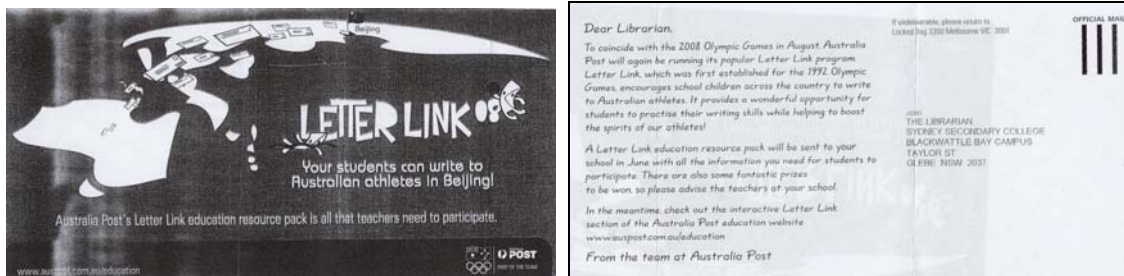
### Mobile Phone Recycling Envelope

Australia Post has made the illustrated pre-paid envelope available to enable customers to recycle their old mobile phones and batteries.



### Beijing Olympic Games Letterlink

Continuing its close support for Australian Athletes at the Olympic Games, Australia Post has instituted a 'letterlink' campaign to encourage children to write to Australian Olympic athletes. Illustrated below courtesy, of David Collyer, is a promotional postcard sent to Schools. The link for modern stationery collectors is that in the many children writing in to support the Olympic athletes have in the past received a pre-paid postcard depicting one of the athletes in response. Also illustrated is one of the envelopes available for children to use when sending their letters.



**Play-On: 150 Years of Australian Football**

Australia Post has issued two postcards for the exhibition, Play-On: 150 Years of Australian Football Exhibition, at the Postmaster’s Gallery – one used as an invitation to the opening and the other for general publicity.



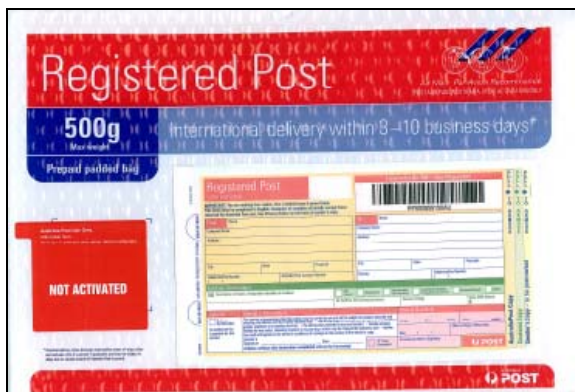
**Registered Post Padded Bags**

On about 1 June 2008, Australia Post issued two padded bags for international registered post. The two satchels are described as ‘post-paid’ but are in fact ‘formular’ items. Postage is paid at the counter at a rate which is determined by the country of destination and a label added to indicate payment of postage with the bags being intended to be mailed over the counter. The bags themselves do not pre-pay postage.

The service offers “an added security service for merchandise items, proof of posting, and a signature on delivery, for only \$5 more than Air Mail. It is available for items weighing between 500g to 2kg with a value less than \$500. It offers reliable delivery to 159 countries within 3 to 10 business days. ....

Registered Post International prepaid and non-prepaid items must be lodged over the counter in a postal outlet. They can not be posted in gold or street posting boxes otherwise they will be subjected to security delays and may not be delivered.” The bags come in two sizes:

Small	34 x 24cm	500g
Medium	38 x 26.5cm	1kg



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## Beijing Olympic Games Aerogramme

Australia Post issued an aerogramme commemorating the Beijing Olympic Games on 24 June 2008.



Acknowledgements: My thanks to David Collyer, Judy Kennett, Gary Brown, Martin Walker and Richard Peck for their contributions to this month's column.

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

Ian McMahon

#### Postcards

Corrigenda: The issue date of the Anzac Day issue was 16 April 2008.

6 May 2008 Up, Up and Away (Balloons)

Maximum cards

- (-) Balloons over Sydney
- (-) Balloons over Mt Feathertop
- (-) Balloons over Canberra
- (-) Balloons over the Western MacDonnell Ranges

(Set price: \$5.00)

24 June 2008 Beijing 2008 Olympic Games

Maximum cards

(\$1.25) Dragon

June 2008 Play-On: 150 Years of Australian Football

(-) Invitation  
(-) publicity card

10 June 2008 Working Dogs

Maximum cards

- (-) German Sheppard
- (-) Australian Cattle Dog
- (-) Beagle
- (-) Border Collie
- (-) Labrador

(Set price: \$6.25)

#### Aerogrammes

24 June 2008 Beijing 2008 Olympic Games

(\$1.10) Dragon

***FROM THE SECRETARY***

**New Members**

We welcome two new members this time. They are Glen Stafford (WA) who collects the stationery of Nicaragua, Central America and Singapore, and Jorge Nieto (Spain) who collects mint worldwide postal cards before 1940 and mint worldwide air letters after 1941. He also looks for used registered covers, and used postal stationery of German and British colonies.

**Resignation**

Bob Shoemaker (USA) has sent his resignation from the Society.

**Next Meeting of the PSSA**

Sunstamp 2008, a half-National exhibition, will be held at the RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane from 22-24 August 2008. The Postal Stationery class will be at National level, and the Postal Stationery Prize will be awarded. The Society will be meeting at the exhibition on Saturday 23 August from 10 am to 11.30 am. For further information about Sunstamp 2008, please see the Queensland Philatelic Society website at [www.qpc.asn.au](http://www.qpc.asn.au) or the Australian Philatelic Federation website at [www.apf.org.au](http://www.apf.org.au) .

**Gift from ACEP (France)**

We have received a gift from our colleagues of L'Association des Collectionneurs d'Entiers Postaux (ACEP). They have sent a batch of unused French postal cards of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. These cards will be sent out to members in a future issue of *Postal Stationery Collector*. We send our thanks to the members of ACEP.

**LITERATURE**

Judy Kennett and Ian McMahon

***From our contemporaries***

***The Postal Stationery Society journal [UK] Vol 16 NO 2 May 2008***

- Report of the meeting Spring 2008
- Evolution of early German view cards
- GB Postal Stationery News - unrecorded items reported
- Book review: Neuer Ganzsachen-Katalog Africa 2007, compiled by Norbert Sehler. This catalogue was reviewed in *Postal Stationery Collector* Issue No 52 February 2008.
- Houses of Parliament official postal stationery - an amazing discovery

In *Postal Stationery Collector* issue No 52 there is a review of the new 'Collect British Postal Stationery: a simplified listing of British Postal Stationery 1840 to 2007'. In this issue of the Postal Stationery Society Journal, it has been announced that additions and revisions notified so far to the authors will be put on the Society's web site for anyone to download. Please see [www.postalstationery.org.uk](http://www.postalstationery.org.uk) if you have bought a copy of the book.

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***L'Intero Postale No 101 Inverno 2008***

- If there's not enough space (a study of the 1874 postal card)
- Window on the world of postal stationery (three societies from the English-speaking world and their journals - includes PSSA)

***L'Intero Postale No 102 Printemps 2008***

- Perforations of Italy (studied on a range of Italian postal cards)
- Distinctive features of the 10 + 10c reply card (Leoni design)
- Postal stationery with musical references (cards, a telegram from different countries)
- Postage paid (remarks on the different terminologies, Italian, French and others)

***The Informer Vol 72 No 2 Whole No 660 April 2008***

- A Danish wrapper to Launceston with postage due in 1889
- Melbourne to Fanning Island wrapper in 1941

***Philately From Australia June 2008***

- Victorian Newspaper Wrappers [some additions to Carl Stieg's Book]

***Sydney Views May 2008***

- NSW Newspaper Wrappers – Papers, Designs Numbers Printed.
- The Design of the First Postcard of NSW – an update
- NSW – the Second (de la Rue) Postcard, Date of First Issue

***Captain Coqk July 2008***

- Imperial and Commonwealth Reply Coupons in New Zealand

***New Zealand Stamp Collector March 2008***

- T H Hall [PTPO] Envelopes

***Fakes Forgeries Experts No 11 April 2008***

- A Reappraisal of the status and usage of the surcharged Queen Victoria Postal Stationery of Ceylon  
Part 1: The 1879 Provisional Postcards

***Postal Stationery Notes May 2008***

- Envelope changes
- New postcards
- Sioux Narrows Bridge PCF Card
- Centennial Revalue Election Envelope
- Unusual Postal Stationery Usages
- Cinderella Items

***Postal Stationery, March-April 2008***

- US 19th Century Column
- US 20th/21st Century Column
- US Postal Stationery New Issues
- British Artillery Company Envelopes
- Pseudo Pseudo Stationery
- 1997 Love Swans Postal Card Errors Surface
- The Danish Letter Cards of 1964-1965

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- Hindsight is 20-20, The 2-Cent Postal Card Rate
- Many Faces of the Die 10 Forgeries
- South African "Easy Letter"
- British Aerogram Essay
- A Really, Really Short Communication
- Officially Imprinted Advertising on Swiss Postal Envelopes
- Shoebox and Stationery Forum (Pseudo Stationery 1; Pseudo Stationery 2; Parcel Cards; Where to List What; Does U.S. S59-1a Exist?; New UX24 Card Variety; Local Troy-Bilt Surcharge on UX153; Local Harris 1-Cent Surcharge on UX153; New Multiple Ad, U.S. Postal Card; O6/UZ6 Used Card; Double Envelope Die Error; Slime Spots; Indian Overprint Error)

### ***Gibbons Stamp Monthly June 2008***

- Foreign Stationery Review (Part 1)
- Postal Stationery Matters: North American watch cards, a fourth Australian user of food parcel labels, the dearth of Welsh aerogrammes and Canada's Chinese New Year card series.

### ***Gibbons Stamp Monthly July 2008***

- Foreign Stationery Review (Part 2)

### ***Recent reviews from journals***

#### ***The London Philatelist Vol 117 NO 1356 June 2008***

Kelly, Raymond J, *Victoria: The 1895 Havelock-Foster's postcard*, Brusden-White Publishing, Ultimo NSW 2007, ISBN 9780977591817, available from the publishers. Described as a 'delightful monograph', with congratulations to both the author and the publishers from the reviewer.

This publication was reviewed in *Postal Stationery Collector* Issue No 53 May 2008.

### ***Books***

The EFIRO 08 Literature Class included the following postal stationery-related items:

*Bulgaria Postal Stationeries Catalogue, Part 1, Postal Cards* by Dimiter Monev  
Covers the postcards of Bulgaria from 1879-2007. 44 pages softbound, Illustrated in Colour.

*Specialized Catalogue of Postage Stamps and Postal Stationery of Latvia* by Egils Plume

*Specialized Catalogue of Postal Stationery of Spain and Colonies (Ed. 2006)* By Castro Ángel Laiz

This comprehensive catalogue of Spanish stationery is in three volumes covering official post office issues as well as private order stationery. Hardbound, illustrated in colour and priced.

*Postal Stationery Anthology 2006 - 2007* Ed Alexander Ilyushin.

This Postal Stationery Journal comprises three issues of some 250 pages in Russian.



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**MISSENT FRENCH ENVELOPE**

Judy Kennett

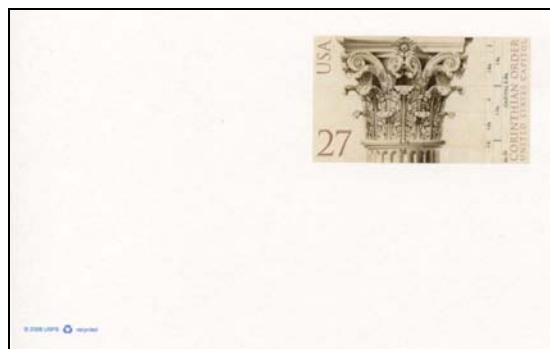
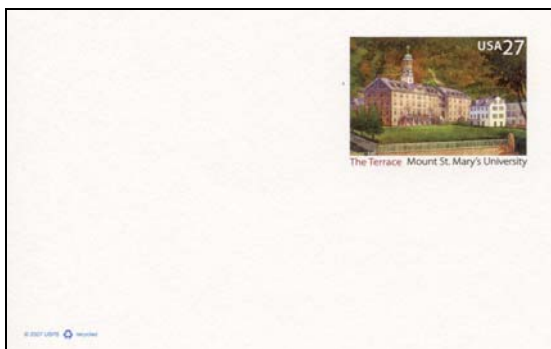
Illustrated below is a Spanish stamped envelope used to Australia which has acquired a nice 'MISSENT TO OSAKA INT.' handstamp.



**NEW ISSUES**

**USA**

Recent issues from the USA include 27c postcards commemorating Mount St Mary's University and the Corinthian Order and a range of 42c envelopes for the new postal rate.

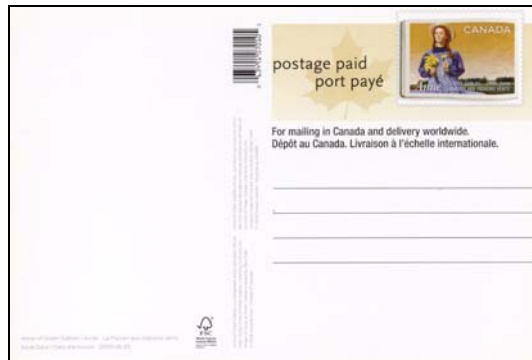


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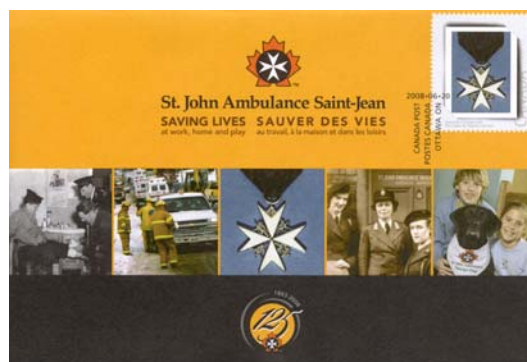
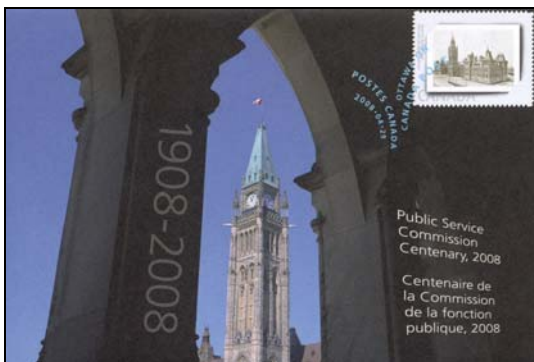


**Canada**

Canada has issued new postcards commemorating the photographer Karsh and Anne of Green Gables.



Canada also continues to issue 'pseudo-stationery' billed as commemorative envelopes. Although the envelopes have a 'stamp' printed on the envelope, they are not available mint. Examples are shown for the St John Ambulance and Public Service Commission.



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283 x 230mm plain/off white	500g	Per 50	\$14.00		
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