

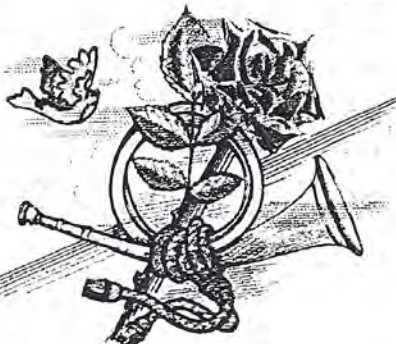

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The Postal Stationery Society of Australia has been established to encourage the collecting of postal stationery in Australia and to provide a forum for postal stationery collectors to maintain contact with other stationery collectors and to learn more about their hobby.

The Society is not based in any particular city or state and plans to hold meetings at national and state level exhibitions. Subscription rate for 1996 has been set at \$20. For further information please contact the Secretary or Treasurer or your state coordinator.

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EDITORIAL

In the last issue of the *Postal Stationery Collector* I raised the issue of the Society beginning work on a catalogue of the stationery of the Australian States as argued by Peter Steinkamp in his Letter to the Editor.

I have had some pleasing response from members in support of this proposal particularly from Derek Brennan, Malcolm Groom, Ed Druce and Dingle Smith.

Following discussions with these members I suggest that the Society begin this project along the lines suggested by Peter Steinkamp and that coordinators be appointed to look after each Australian Colony with other members assisting. Malcolm Groom has agreed to be the Tasmanian coordinator while Ed Druce and Dingle Smith will deal with New South Wales. If you are interested in helping with a particular state please contact Malcolm Groom.

Hopefully in about 12 months time we can begin to publish initial drafts of listings for each colony.

Society Sale By Tender

In the last issue I also raised the issue of the possibility that the Society conduct a postal stationery sale by tender. I have had no response, either in support (or against) this idea nor has anyone rushed to volunteer. Is anyone interested?

Contributions to the next issue of the Journal close with the editor on 31 July 1996.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!

WANTED

Post-war Belgium postal stationery: Please send list and price required to:
Ian McMahon PO Box 783 CIVIC SQUARE ACT 2608.

Romanian Pre-Stamped Envelopes 1966-95, mint or preferably postally used
Betty van Tenac 7 Main St LOCKLEYS SA 5032

Australia: Coronation and Victorian Scenes postcards, Registered Envelopes 1913-1952
(Postally used only)
Martin Frischauf Postfach 83 A-5202 Neumarkt a w Austria

Canada stationery, better items, essays and proofs. Please send list and price required to:
Ian McMahon PO Box 783 CIVIC SQUARE ACT 2608.

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FROM THE SECRETARY

Judy Kennett

Meeting at Canberra Stampshow '96

A small group of PSSA members met at *Canberra Stampshow '96*. This wasn't a business meeting, and members on the APF Executive weren't able to join us. However, we admired Darryl Fuller's fine Leeward Islands postal stationery, then talked amongst ourselves about mounting postal stationery and the idiosyncrasies and inconsistencies of postal stationery judges.

PSSA Awards at National Exhibitions

Our first meeting at Sydney Centrepoint agreed that the PSSA should sponsor an award for the best postal stationery exhibit at future National exhibitions. The first will be awarded at Melbourne '96 National Philatelic Exhibition.

Overseas Recognition

Early this year I had a letter from the Deputy Librarian, Periodicals of the Royal Philatelic Society of London asking if we would like to exchange '*Postal Stationery Collector*' for the *London Philatelist*. The idea was so breathtaking that Ian and I said 'Yes' at once! We have now received two issues of the *London Philatelist* and Nos 1-4 of the *Postal Stationery Collector* have been sent to London.

Few articles about postal stationery appear in the *London Philatelist* but I'll put a notice in the *Postal Stationery Collector* whenever one does. Members will be most welcome to write to me for copies if they are interested.

Historical Postal Stationery

Many of you probably know I collect postal stationery of Hungary and Romania until the end of the Second World War II. My interests are therefore historical, rather than modern, and cover what I call the Golden Age of Postal Stationery. The types of Postal Stationery produced by European countries in the first two decades of the twentieth century are many and varied, and the local post office was the place to obtain different categories of forms produced by the Government.

I have talked with Ian about contributions dealing with interesting items of postal stationery with historical interest. The first appears in this issue. I hope you enjoy them - they are designed to add variety to the Journal.

Member's Interests

Please send details of your interests to the Secretary PSSA, PO Box 260, Jamison ACT 2614 or by fax to (06) 251 1387.

Michael Blinman	New South Wales
Stephen Bradford	Norfolk Island
Dennis Byrne	Australia and Australian States
Mark Diserio	Australia: Commonwealth and states period PO and PTPO
Ed Druce	British Honduras, Pakistan, Aden, New South Wales
Martin Frischauf	Australian Commonwealth 1901-1952, postally used
Darryl Fuller	Leeward Islands and British Commonwealth formular aerogrammes
Imad Hert	Australia from the early Commonwealth period
Mark Jurisich	Polar Philately, USSR 1965-1990 with Antarctic theme
Judy Kennett	Hungary (1871-1946) and Romania (to 1946)
Ian McMahon	Canada, New Zealand, modern Australia, Queensland and Belgium
Michael Moore	Australia to 1970
Michael Organ	Australia Post Decimal Souvenir Covers
Derek Pocock	Nicaragua, Bangladesh, North Borneo, Nepal, Luxembourg
Dingle Smith	Jamaica
Peter Steinkamp	China (mint and used before 1970)
Betty van Tenac	Australian PSEs up to 1978-1980, Romanian envelopes 1966-95
Wayne Menuz	Worldwide
Thomas Herinckx	Australia George V issues
Anton Grzesiak	Australia, New Zealand
Margaret Hamilton	Western Australia, British North Borneo, Straits Settlements King Edward VII to 1939, Singapore

Correction: My apologies to Wayne Menuz from California for misspelling his name in the last issue.

SOCIETY TO MEET IN MELBOURNE

The Society will hold its third meeting in Melbourne at 11 am on Sunday 20 October 1996 at *Melbourne '96 National Philatelic Exhibition* in the Theatrette. *Melbourne '96* is a full national. All members are urged to attend the meeting and visitors are welcome. The meeting will feature a business session, a display (yet to be decided) and members are invited to bring along a few interesting items from their collections.

For further information (or to volunteer to give the display!) please contact Ian McMahon (Phone: 06 249 1042).

Noel Almeida asks if any member can supply mint/unused copies of the 33c Sooty Owl lettercard issued by Australia in 1985. He needs up to 100 for a publicity philatelic souvenir. He can pay \$1-\$1.25 for each. If you can help please contact: Noel Almeida PO Box 637 Dandenong Vic 3175.

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AUSTRALIAN RARITIES: COMMONWEALTH REISSUE OF DIVIDED 1908 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REPLY POSTCARDS

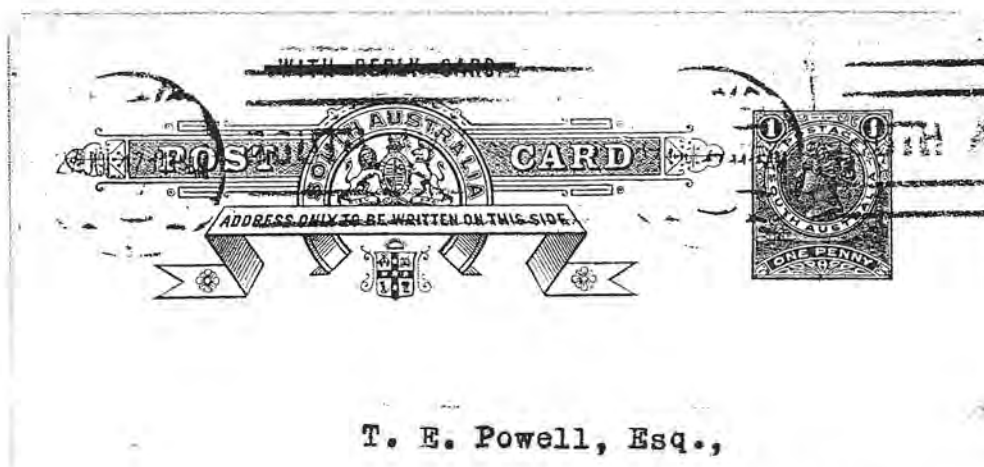
John Sinfield

Late in 1916, it became apparent that the Great War was prohibiting Australian import of board suitable for postal and letter card use. Supplies of both were low and as an interim emergency measure James Cooke recommended that stockpiled, superseded State and Commonwealth stationery be reissued to fill this gap. His suggestion was accepted by Treasury. As a result, unused stock on hand of 1901-1911 State and Commonwealth double reply postcards were extracted from storage in Melbourne (or sent to Melbourne from interstate) to be bisected into single cards with 'Reply' references obliterated.

State bisected reply postcard reissues of Victoria (H&G 22 and H&G 28, later separately listed as H&G 33 and H&G 34), Tasmania (H&G 10), Western Australia (H&G 7), Queensland (H&G 20) and the Commonwealth (H&G 2), had all been previously recorded. Mint and/or used examples are rare, as no individual card re-issue exceeded 3500 units (ie 1750 of either half). There is at present only one recorded copy of each of the Commonwealth and Queensland examples (both outer cards).

It had been previously assumed that both South Australia and New South Wales had fully depleted their reply cards, and no bisected 1917 reissue had occurred for either State. We now know better. In the past 18 months, two cards from Cooke's final South Australian reply printing (H&G 4) have now come to light - both from 'magpie hoards' which had been hidden away for many years.

Figure 1: Card used locally in Adelaide on 27 July 1917 with pre-printed reverse advising luncheon for Commonwealth Club of Adelaide. This appeared in R A Perry Auction dated 1/12/1995 and realised \$900 plus 10%.



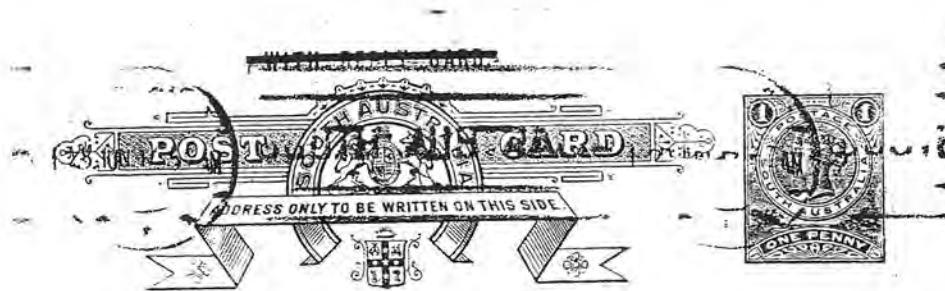
T. E. Powell, Esq.,

87 King William Street,
Adelaide.

Both examples were printed in scarlet by Cooke (in 1908, whilst still in Adelaide), and exhibit 33 mm red line obliteration of 'With Reply Card' (added by Cooke in Melbourne). Both cards were used in Adelaide during 1917, and were more than likely sold from the GPO Adelaide during March/April that year.

Other examples, including the reply portion headed 'Reply Card', may still exist - keep a watch out! Can any member report having seen an example of either SA half? New South Wales examples still elude modern collectors, and belief is still that they were never reissued. I would be delighted to be proved wrong.

Figure 2: This card was used to suburban Adelaide on 23 June 1917 and bears a preprinted meeting notice for SA Poetry Society. This copy has never been placed on the market and is currently in a Melbourne collection.



*This Fowler
Marlborough St.
College Park*

EXPRESS POST ENVELOPE ERROR


John Sinfield

In *Postal Stationery Collector* Issue 4 page 24, Ian McMahon reports the existence of express post envelopes with missing self adhesive bar code. Such an example is depicted below which was obtained from a pack of ten covers purchased late 1995 at the Bulleen (Melbourne) Post Office. Printing on both sides of this envelope is normal in all other respects. The missing adhesive portion has been erroneously affixed to an adjoining identical unprinted (both sides) envelope, and all other eight envelopes in the pack were normal with sequential CV code numbers. Can anyone throw some light on how this freak occurrence could happen?

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For Letters and Documents only
Max Weight 500g
Max Thickness 20mm

 Australia Post

Express Post

Guaranteed Next Day Delivery*



CVCI

POSTAGE CANCELLED

To: Company Name

For urgent Attention of

Telephone ()

PO Box Number† or Street Address

Suburb or Town

State

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*Over specified routes.

Conditions apply - see over for details

Postcode

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POSTAGE IS PREPAID ONLY WHEN
BARCODE STRIP IS INTACT

Figure 1: 6 filler Hungarian card uprated to the 20 filler international rate.



Figure 2: 6 filler Hungarian card uprated to the 20 filler international rate with the 4 filler adhesive added on a gummed slip.



LISTING OF AUSTRALIAN NON-DENOMINATED POSTAL STATIONERY (PART 4)

Ian McMahon

Postcards

4 January 1988	Bicentennial Exhibition	21 February 1990	Animals of the High Country
(80c)	International rate card	(-)	Greater Glider
Note: A 37c denominated card was also issued.		(-)	Spotted-tailed Quoll
		(-)	Mountain Pygmy- Possum
29 April 1988	Expo 88	(-)	Brush-tailed Rock- Wallaby
(80c)	Emu	(Set price: \$4.50)	
(80c)	Kangaroo	14 March 1990	Community Health
(80c)	Koala	(-)	Smoking
(80c)	Kookaburra	(-)	Alcohol
(80c)	Platypus	(-)	Nutrition
Note: A set of five 37c denominated cards depicting tropical fish was also issued.		(-)	Screening
17 January 1990	Australia Day	(Set price: \$3.50)	
(\$1)	Australia Day	12 April 1990	ANZAC Tradition
Note: From this issue non-denominated postal cards were issued in conjunction with most adhesive issues. These cards were also 'maximum' cards with an adhesive stamp attached to the reverse of the cards and cancelled on the first day of issue. Single cards were sold at face value plus 50c, rounded to the nearest 50c and with a minimum price of \$1. The cards for each issue were sold as a set at face value of the set plus 50c for each card and rounded to the nearest 50c.		(-)	At the Front
		(-)	They also Serve
		(-)	Lest We Forget
		(-)	Casualties
		(Set price: \$6)	
		19 April 1990	Birthday of Queen Elizabeth
		(\$1)	Queens Birthday
		1 May 1995	150th Anniversary Of First Adhesive Postage Stamp
17 January 1990	Australian Sports		New South Wales
(-)	Kayaking & Canoeing	(-)	Queensland
(-)	Sailboarding	(-)	Western Australia
(-)	Tennis	(-)	South Australia
(-)	Rockclimbing	(-)	Tasmania
(-)	Fun Run	(-)	Victoria
(Set price: \$4.50)		(-)	
7 February 1990	Thinking of You	(Set price: \$5.50)	
(\$1)	Thinking of You		
7 February 1990	Centenary of Women in Medical Practice		
(\$1)	Thinking of You		

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16 May 1990	Gold Fever	(-)	Nativity
(-)	Off to the Diggings	(-)	Possum
(-)	The Diggings	(Set price: \$3)	
(-)	Panning the Gold		
(-)	The Gold Escort	31 October 1990	150 years of Local Government
(Set price: \$4.50)		(\$1)	150 years of Local Government
13 June 1990	Scientific Cooperation in Antarctica Joint Issue	10 January 1991	Australia Day
(-)	Analysis of Ice Cores	(-)	National Flag
(-)	Marine Biology	(-)	White Ensign
(Set price: \$2.50)		(-)	Blue Ensign
		(-)	Red Ensign
22 June 1990	Melbourne Bid for the 1996 Olympics	(Set price: \$5.50)	
(-)	Melbourne Cricket Ground	14 February 1991	Birds
(-)	National Tennis Centre	(-)	Black necked stork
(-)	Royal Exhibition Building	(-)	Black Swan
		(-)	Cape Barren Goose
		(-)	Chestnut Teal
		(Set price: \$4.50)	
12 July 1990	Boomtime	14 February 1991	National Philatelic Centre 'Computer Generated Postcard'
(-)	Land boom		5/- Sydney Harbour Bridge Stamps
(-)	Building Boom	(\$1)	
(-)	Investment Boom		
(-)	Retail Boom		
(-)	Factory Boom		
(Set price: \$4.50)			
15 August 1990	Garden Painting		
(\$20.50)	John Glover Painting		
27 August 1990	Sports		
(-)	Skateboarding		
(-)	Hang-gliding		
(Set price: \$2.50)		14 March 1991	In Memory Of Those Who Served: 50th Anniversaries
3 September 1990	Paintings		Wartime women's services
(-)	Salmon Gums	(-)	Siege of Tobruk
(-)	The Blue Dress	(-)	Australian War Memorial
(Set price: \$1.50)		(-)	
3 September 1990	Thinking of You		
(\$1)	Thinking of You	(Set price: \$3.50)	
31 October 1990	Christmas		
(-)	Kookaburras		

Note: Available only from a machine at the National Philatelic Centre. Computer printed messages and address on front. Messages include: 'Greetings from the National Philatelic Centre' and 'Here I am at the National Philatelic in Melbourne. It's terrific! You must visit it!'

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Australia Day 1990
Golden Wattle: *Acacia Pycnantha*



POSTAGE PRE-PAID AUSTRALIA



FOR POSTING IN AUSTRALIA
AND DELIVERY WORLDWIDE

Four horizontal lines for an address.

Australia Post

Stamp design: Celia Rosser, Melbourne



POSTAGE PRE-PAID AUSTRALIA



FOR POSTING IN AUSTRALIA
AND DELIVERY WORLDWIDE
? FEB 1992

NATIONAL
PHILATELIC
CENTRE
MELBOURNE 3000

From: INGE

Here I am at the National
Philatelic Centre in Melbourne.
It's terrific! You must visit
it!

To: I MCMAHON
PO BOX783 CIVIC SQUARE
ACT 2608

Australia Post

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11 April 1991 (\$1)	Queen's birthday Queen's Birthday	(Set price: \$5.50)	
11 April 1991 (-) (-) (-) (-) (Set price: \$4.50)	Insects Cotton Harlequin Bug Hawk Moth Leichhardt's Grasshopper Jewel Beetle	25 September 1991 (\$1.50) 10 October 1991 (-) (-) (-) (-) (Set price: \$5.50)	Exploration Albany Exploration Albany Literary Legends Seven Little Australians On our Selection Clancy of the Overflow The Drover's Wife
13 May 1991 (-) (-) (-) (-) (Set price: \$5)	Anniversary of Australian Photograph Max Dupain Bondi Wolfgang Sievers Melbourne Harold Cazneau 'Youth' Olive Cotton Teacups	1 November 1991 (-) (-) (-) (Set price: \$3.50)	Christmas Shepard Infant Jesus One Wise Man
20 June 1991 (-) (-) (Set price: \$2.50)	Antarctica anniversaries Anniversary Antarctic Treaty Maiden Voyage Aurora Australia	2 January 1992 (\$1) 21 January 1992 (-) (-) (-) (-) (-) (-) (Set price: \$5.50)	Thinking of You Thinking of You Threatened Species Parma Wallaby Ghost Bat Dunnart Pygmy Possum Hopping Mouse Squirrel Glider
13 June 1991 (-) (-) (-) (-) (Set price: \$4.50)	Golden Days of Radio Talent Quests and Variety Shows Serials Quiz Shows Children's Shows	2 January 1992 (-) (-) (Set price: \$1.50)	Wetlands Noosa River Lake Eildon
25 July 1991 (-) (-) (-) (-) (Set price: \$4.50)	Australian Pets Puppy Kitten Pony Cockatoo	15 January 1992 (-) (-) (-) (-) (Set price: \$5)	Australia Day Young Endeavour Britannia Arkarana John Louis
22 August 1991 (-) (-) (-) (-)	Sport Netball Squash Diving Soccer		

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Cover illustration: "This is Carnival"
by Melbourne Artist - Charles Billich

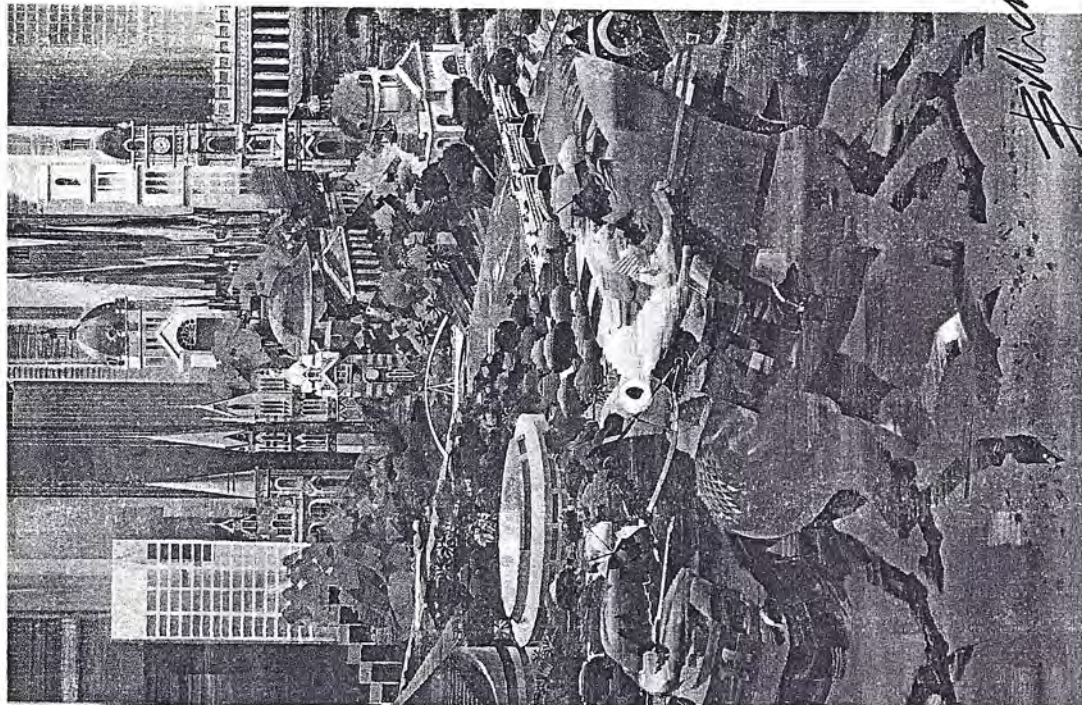


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 **Australia Post**
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19 February 1992	Australians under Fire	2 July 1992	Olympic and Paraolympic Games
(-)	Bombing of Darwin	(-)	Cycling
(-)	Battle of Milne Bay	(-)	High jumping
(-)	Battle for Kokoda Trail	(-)	Weightlifting
(-)	Battle of the Coral Sea	(Set price: \$4.50)	
(-)	Battle of El Alamein	13 August 1992	Australian Wildlife
(Set price: \$6.50)		(-)	Echidna
		(-)	Koala
		(-)	Brush-tail Possum
19 March 1992	International Space Year	(Set price: \$4.50)	
(-)	Helix Nebula	28 August 1992	Opening of Sydney Harbour Tunnel
(-)	The Pleiades	(-)	left harbour bridge
(-)	Spiral Galaxy NGC 2997	(-)	right harbour bridge
(Set price: \$4)		(Set price: \$1.50)	
9 April 1992	Queen's Birthday	17 September 1992	Desert Gold
(\$1)	Queen's Birthday	(-)	Warden's Courthouse
		(-)	Post Office
9 April 1992	Vineyard Regions	(-)	York hotel
(-)	Hunter Valley	(-)	Town Hall Kalgoorlie
(-)	North Eastern Victoria	(Set price: \$5)	
(-)	Barossa Valley	15 October 1992	Centenary of Shield Cricket
(-)	Coonawarra	(-)	batsman and wicketkeeper
(-)	Margaret River	(-)	bowler
(Set price: \$4.50)		(Set price: \$2.50)	
14 May 1992	Antarctic Regional Wildlife	30 October 1992	Christmas
(-)	Adelie Penguin	(-)	Children playing
(-)	Elephant Seal	(-)	Christmas morning
(-)	Northern Giant Petrel	(-)	Christmas carols
(-)	Weddell Seal	(Set price: \$3.50)	
(-)	Emperor Penguin		
(Set price: \$6.50)		14 January 1993	Australia Day
11 June 1992	Landcare	(-)	Ghost Gum
(-)	Salt Action	(-)	Mount Giles
(-)	Farm Planning	(Set price: \$2)	
(-)	Erosion Control	14 January 1993	Antarctic Wildlife
(-)	Tree Planting	(-)	Royal Penguin
(-)	Dune Control	(-)	Fur Seal
(Set price: \$4.50)		(-)	King Penguin
		(Set price: \$4.50)	

4 February 1992	Dreamings	1 July 1993	Aboriginal Paintings
(-)	Wild Onions	(-)	Black Cockatoo
(-)	Dreaming	(-)	Feather
(-)	Yam Plants	(-)	Ngarrgoorom Country
(-)	Goose Egg Hunt	(-)	Ngak Ngak
(-)	Kalumpiwarra- Ngulalintji	(-)	Untitled
(Set price: \$5)		(Set price: \$5.50)	
4 March 1993	World Heritage Sites	12 August 1993	Wildlife
(-)	Uluru	(-)	Platypus
(-)	Fraser Island	(-)	Kookaburra
(-)	Shark Bay	(-)	Eastern Grey
(-)	Kakadu	(-)	Kangaroo
(Set price: \$6)		(-)	Pink Cockatoo
		(Set price: \$5)	
7 May 1993	Working Life in the 1890s	2 September 1993	Parliamentary Issue
(-)	Baker, Bootmaker and Shearer	(-)	Inter-Parliamentary Conference
(-)	Clothing Trade and Stevedoring	(-)	Women in Parliament
(-)	Blacksmith and Telephonist	(Set price: \$2)	
(-)	Carpenter and Stone Mason	1 October 1993	Dinosaurs
(Set price: \$5)		(-)	Ornithochereirus
		(-)	Leaellynasaura
		(-)	Allosaurus
7 April 1993	Naval Ships	(-)	Timimus
(-)	Sydney II	(-)	Muttaborrasaurus
(-)	Bathurst	(-)	Minmi
(-)	Arunta	(Set price: \$6.50)	
(-)	Centaur		
(Set price: \$5.50)		9 October 1993	Spring Racing Carnival
7 April 1993	Queen Birthday	(\$1)	Vanity Fair
(\$1)	Queen Birthday	(\$1)	Victoria
		(\$1)	Melbourne
22 May 1993	Melbourne postcard	(\$1)	This is Carnival
(\$1)	Melbourne Skyline		Reverse of cards depict paintings by Charles Billich.
1 June 1993	Trains	1 November 1993	Christmas
(-)	Centenary Train	(-)	Goodwill
(-)	Spirit of Progress	(-)	Joy
(-)	Western Endeavour	(-)	Peace
(-)	Silver City Comet	(Set price: \$3.50)	
(-)	Kuranda Tourist Train		
(-)	The Ghan		
(Set price: \$5.50)			

BOOKS

Postal Stationery Of Pakistan 1947-1995 by F Aleem Sundal & Rafiq Kasbati.
Review by Edric Druce

I have to admit to starting the Great Australian Stationery Challenge (GASC) and also admit that I have enjoyed every minute of it. When I picked Pakistan I knew that there was no literature available except for Higgins & Gage (and thank God for H&G).

As I collected, I began to piece together the Pakistan Postal Stationery story and the more I found out the more I knew I didn't know! I wrote to several contacts in Pakistan seeking information and material, but particularly any published data. Lo and behold I got a reply from Rafiq Kasbati to say that if I was in Bandung at the World Youth exhibition he would give me a copy of his book on the subject published at the end of December 1995. Hot off the press, no less.

While I did not intend to go to Bandung, forces conspired to get me there and I duly met Rafiq and obtained a copy of his book. My first reaction was 'What a tremendous book'. All I had sort out and worked out was confirmed and even more exciting was the additional information that I had only guessed at (and not even guessed at sometimes).

Each class of Stationery is treated separately and in detail. Papers, shades, missing colours, double prints etc., all is there. The only thing missing is detail on Essays, Proofs and Specimens. However, they are so rare that most collectors can not aspire to owning them so why excite them only to disappoint them?

The book is in horizontal format which makes it easy to use but awful to try and put on a bookshelf. There are 148 pages plus the four cover pages. It is superbly illustrated and is extremely user friendly. My first thought that it was a tremendous book has only been confirmed by using it.

This book is recommended for all postal stationery collectors (not just Pakistan) because it is an excellent example of how to publish modern postal stationery catalogues. Price A\$30: send notes in black paper and thick envelopes (use a Australia Post computer disc envelope) to Rafiq Kasbati, 7-Cochinwala Market, Karachi-74000, Sindhi, Pakistan.

From Our Contemporaries

The April issue of the Stanley Gibbons Stamp Monthly begins its annual survey of postal stationery issues. The February 1996 issue of *PS*, Journal of the Postal Stationery Society (UK), includes articles on:

- *Tete Beche And Other Multiples Of Great Britain*
- *Free State Of Danzig 1920-1939*
- *Royal Visit To Windsor Canada*

Please send book reviews/information on new books about stationery to the Editor for inclusion in the Journal.

Grosser Ganzsachen-Katalog By Dr Ascher
Review by Derek Brennan

Grosser Ganzsachen-Katalog (Postal Stationery of the World) has long been one of the classics of postal stationery literature. This major catalogue compiled by Dr Ascher was a standard reference work until the late 1920s. A reprint of the 1928 edition has just been published, together with a complete updating of price values to 1996. The reprint will have 870 pages and retail for DM 135 plus postage.

Postal Stationery In Philatelic Literature

Derek Brennan

The following is a selection of works devoted to postal stationery, selected from both old and recent publications. In future issues of this journal I will list many other titles from the extensive range of literature relating to postal stationery. Over time these could form the basis of a bibliography. Only brief details are given here; but additional information can be included later. In about twelve months time, it should be possible to publish a cumulative listing. Contributions and suggestions are welcome. Enquiries should be addressed to the compiler, Derek Brennan, c/- the Editor, Postal Stationery Collector.

Europe

Greece Postal Stationery: Stratoudakis G, 1985, 160pp, pb. Text Greek & English.

Includes Crete foreign post offices, Ionian Is, Italian occupation of Dodecanese

Postal Stationery of Denmark, Selsvig, Danish West Indies: Ringstrom S, 1985.

Enteros Postales de Espana (1873-1973): Vaamonde F J, 1989

Near/Middle East

Cyprus Postal Stationery 1880-1992: Ionnides A C, 1993, pb

Ottoman Empire Postal Stationery: Birken A 1995, 80pp, pb. Text German & English.

Asia

Postal Stationery of China: Imperial and Republic to 1949: Alexander D R & Kadull P J, 1994, 176pp, hb. Includes tables of postal rates, cross-reference to Han catalogue.

Postal Stationery of Taiwan: Alexander D R. 1995, 371pp, hb

Hong Kong Postal Stationery: Schoenfeld H, 1991, 40pp, pb. All types from formular cards of 1879 to 1991; including Specimen items.

Guide to the Postal Stationery of India; Volume 4 Aerogrammes & Inland Letter Cards: Lang D & Saunders R, 1984, 72pp, pb. Final volume of this work.

India States Postal Stationery Listing: Dreschel E F, 1994, 323pp, hb. Massive compilation; invaluable for this field.

Indian Convention States Postal Stationery; Postcards & Envelopes: Meadows A J M, 1982, 16pp, pb.

Americas

Mexico Postal Stationery Catalog: EPS [Elmhurst Philatelic Society], 1962..70, 167pp.

United States Envelopes - J W Scott's Catalog: Nast F A.

COMMENTS ON EXPRESS POST ENVELOPES

Ian McMahon

The C5 express post envelopes issued with two self adhesive tabs in early 1993 differ from the first state specific issue in October 1992 with single self-adhesive tabs in a number of other respects. The later envelopes have the text on the reverse rearranged to move the bar-code on the reverse side of the envelope from the centre to the left of the envelope. In addition the NSW envelope has a much larger Sydney 2000 logo on the front. I have seen one copy of an envelope of the earlier issue (NSW) with a two-part self adhesive label. The listing given in the February 1996 issue of the *Postal Stationery Collector* should, therefore, read:

October 1992 Issue with state specific text on reverse and Olympic symbol removed, single self-adhesive tab.
 (\$2.80) C5 envelope
 (\$4.80) up to 500g satchel, plastic
 (\$6.80) up to 3 kg satchel, plastic

Notes: NSW envelopes have the *Sydney 2000* logo on the front while NSW satchels have the logo on the reverse. Code numbers include:

NSW CN, CR (two part self adhesive label) (C5), MN (500g satchel), SN (3kg satchel)

[Others as given in the February 1996 issue]

April 1993 As previous issue but with text on reverse rearranged to place the bar code on the left of the envelope, 2 self adhesive tabs
 (\$2.80) C5 envelope
 (\$3.80) B5 envelope
 (\$4.80) up to 500g satchel, plastic
 (\$6.80) up to 3 kg satchel, plastic

Notes: Most NSW envelopes and satchels in this issue have the *Sydney 2000* logo on the front (envelopes) or the reverse (satchels), as do some of the Queensland and Victorian 3kg satchels (SQ and SV). The Sydney 2000 logo on the C5 envelopes is smaller than the previous issue. [Code numbers as given in the February 1996 issue].



NEW ISSUES

AUSTRALIA

Pictorial Postcards

Thanks to Martin Walker for collecting cards used on the first day of issue in the various states. The recorded first day of issue of the cards were:

- Tasmania 19 December 1995
- Victoria 21 December 199
- NSW 19 December 1995
- Queensland 6 December 1995
- ACT (at Sydney South) 2 January 1996
- South Australia (at Torrensville Plaza) 19 December 1995

Martin also reports that some of the pictorial cards have been reprinted. In particular the Colonel Light card has been reprinted with corrected inscription.

Queensland Tourist Postcards

Craig Chappell advises that postcards from the Whales issue have been produced with a *Greetings from Hervey Bay* overprint. The first day of issue of the cards was 22 February 1996. Martin Walker reports that cards of the Underwater World series also exist with a Townsville Aquarium overprint.

Olympic Athletes Postcards

Two additional cards have been reported. One, reported by Derek Pocock, depicts Nicole Stevenson but has a different picture to that depicted on the card illustrated in the November 1995 issue of the Postal Stationery Collector. From the text on the front of the card it is clear that this is one of the earlier cards issued before the 1994 Commonwealth Games and is a companion card to the first Cathy Freeman card which depicts her running at the World Athletics Championship at Stuttgart in 1993. The other new card is a third Cathy Freeman card which depicts her running on the track but is a different photo to the earlier card. In all six cards are now known:

- Cards likely to have been issued before the 1994 Commonwealth Games; the text on the reverse makes no mention of the 1994 Commonwealth Games
 - Cathy Freeman on the track at the World Athletics Championship at Stuttgart in 1993
 - Nicole Stevenson in the pool at the 1992 Olympic Games
- Cards issued after the Commonwealth Games; the text on the reverse of the cards depicting individual athletes refers to medals won at the 1994 Commonwealth Games
 - Cathy Freeman at the 1994 Commonwealth Games



POSTAGE PRE-PAID AUSTRALIA

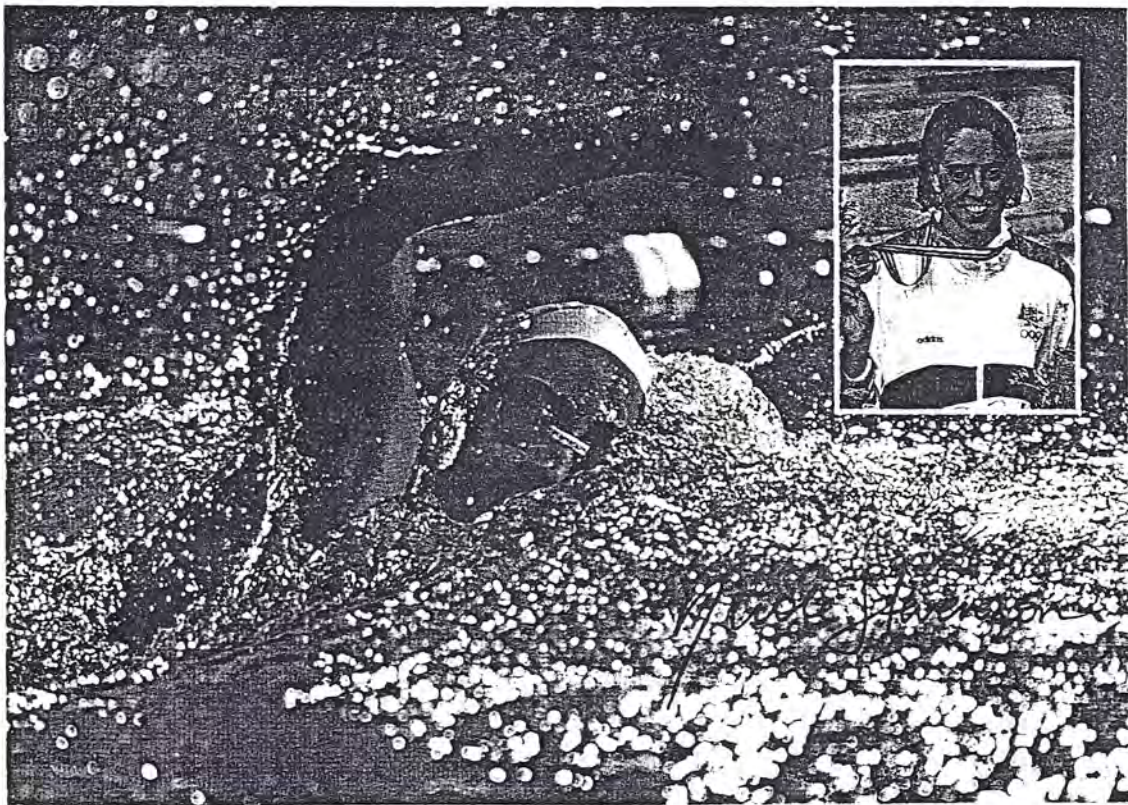


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Australia Post is proud to support Australia's Olympians. This card features Nicole Stevenson, our employee and champion swimmer who won a bronze medal at the 1992 Summer Olympic Games.

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- Nicole Stevenson at the 1994 Commonwealth Games
- Cathy Freeman on the track
- collage of Olympic athletes employed by Australia Post.

It seems likely that the second group of cards will be used by Australia Post as part of an Olympic promotion in conjunction with Atlanta '96.

Envelope News

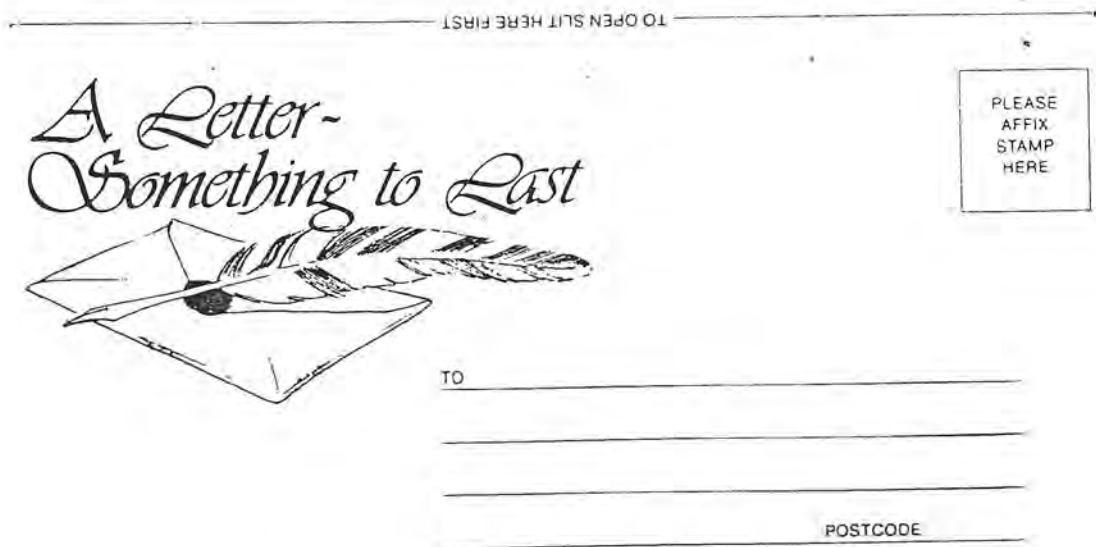
I have seen the fifth reprints of the City Scenes DL and DL window stamped envelopes and the third reprints of the C5 and C6 envelopes. Richard Peck has pointed out that in this issue the reprint numbers run both to the left and to the right ie '10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3' and '3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10' both occur.

A 45c stamped envelope commemorating the World Congress of Anaesthesiologists was issued on 11 April 1996. The Western Australian branch of Australia Post continues to issue officially overprinted envelopes. A recent example is the 100 years of Port Headland envelope illustrated.

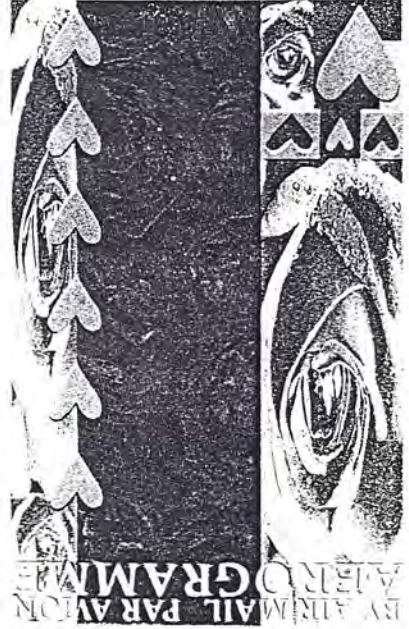
Other Australian Issues

A 'hearts and roses' aerogramme was issued on 30 January 1996. The aerogramme is non-denominated and sells for 70 cents. A maximum card (\$1) was also issued. Postal cards and maximum cards were both issued depicting world heritage issues on 14 March 1996. Both postal cards and 'maximum card' postal cards were issued for the AFL Centenary. I assume a total of 32 different cards were issued although only the Sydney Swans postal card and the set of maximum cards were available in Canberra.

Also illustrated is an Australia Post formular lettersheet issued sometime in 1985 as a trial through selected post offices and as part of a promotion through *Readers' Digest*.



COUNTRY _____



OTHER COUNTRIES

Ireland issued its annual St Patrick's Day stationery in early 1996. This included a set of St Patrick's Day cards and a pack of greeting cards with postal stationery envelopes included. As for last year's cards, the stamp on the postal cards is a green non-denominated stamp with a design that is a modification of the 1937 high value definitives featuring St Patrick. The reverse of the cards feature St Patrick's Day related designs and the inscription 'Happy St Patrick's Day' in either English or Gaelic.

Ireland has also issued a set of five aerogrammes depicting floral designs. The flowers depicted on the front panels of the aerogrammes include meadow flowers, yellow iris, poppies, and brilliance of spring yellows. The set is in the same vein as the recent British issue of birds aerogrammes. Not to be outdone the British have issued a set of six aerogrammes depicting British locomotives. Each aerogramme depict three locomotives one on each panel on the 'front' side of the form. The trains depicted on the front panel are the *Mallard*, *MR Compound No 1000*, *Iron Duke*, *Class 5 No 5305*, *Deltic* and *Cheltenham*.

From Germany, courtesy of Norbert Sehler, comes a card produced by the Berlin Postal Stationery Society for Tempelhof '96, from the USA a new postal card, and from Malaysia a new 50c aerogramme depicting a butterfly and a view of the Butterfly Park in Kuala Lumpur. Early in 1996 Canada issued a set of three new stationery items, #8 and #10 envelopes and an aerogramme, depicting Canadian birds including the harlequin duck and the puffin. Papua New Guinea issued a Christmas stamped envelope in December 1995. A provisional postal stationery envelope used from Grozny on 10 January 1995 is also illustrated.

BEANNACHTAÍ NA FÉILE PÁDRAIG
ST. PATRICK'S DAY GREETINGS
*Illustration of a gold dress fastener
dating from the 8th Century BC with a
bronze age settlement in the background*



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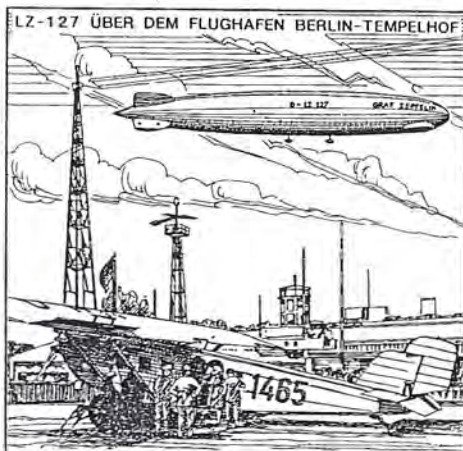
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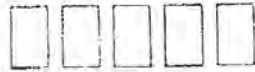
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