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ENDANGERED SPECIES



Thick-billed parrot – *Rhynchopsitta pachyrhyncha*
When flying, the thick-billed parrot displays conspicuous yellow stripes on its underwings. It can reach 16 inches in length, including its long tail. It nests in tree cavities and feeds on conifer cones, acorns, and juniper berries. Primarily a resident of Mexico, a few reintroduced parrots are struggling to survive in southeast Arizona and southwest New Mexico.

THE POSTAL STATIONERY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

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 Convenor, Secretary or your state coordinator. Membership enquires should be addressed to the Secretary.

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REPORTS FROM OFFICE BEARERS 1996

The following reports were presented at Melbourne '96.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1996

1996 marks the first full year of the Society. The Society now has some 66 members, most from Australia but with a significant percentage from overseas. The Society met at the *Sydney Centrepoint* Exhibition in October 1995 and again at *Canberra Stampshow 96* in March 1996.

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Seven issues have now been produced. As editor I make the timeless plea for more articles for the *PSC*. While the articles for the first seven issues seemed at times to have materialised from nowhere, every editor is happier with a backlog of articles. Remember that short contributions are welcome including half a page on your favourite stationery item, a report on an auction, details of your favourite new book on stationery, and new issues from the country you collect. My thanks to all those who have written articles or otherwise contributed to the *Postal Stationery Collector*.

Australian States Catalogue

Malcolm Groom has taken on the role as coordinator of the project and, hopefully progress will be made in the coming year. His address is PO Box 76 Rosny Park TAS 7018.

Sale by Tender

No volunteer has stepped forward to take on the job of organising a sale by tender, however I still believe this idea to be worth pursuing.

Donation of Prize

The Society donated a prize to Melbourne '96 for the best postal stationery exhibit.

My thanks go to the Secretary, State Coordinators and Treasurer for their work during the year.

Ian McMahon

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1996

The Society has met twice in the last twelve months. Our first business meeting was at Sydney Centrepoint 1995, where twenty-four members and visitors assembled, and our first election of officers took place. The following were confirmed - President - Ian McMahon, Secretary - Judy Kennett and Treasurer - John Crowsley. Ian McMahon was confirmed as Editor of the *Postal Stationery Collector*. This was followed by discussion of some projects that the Society might undertake. Members felt that the *Postal Stationery Collector*, as a means of keeping, in touch, was most important. The Editor appealed for contributions from as many members as possible. It was decided that the Society would donate a prize for the best exhibit in National Postal Stationery classes, commencing with Melbourne '96. The meeting concluded with sheets brought by several members being passed around. It was pleasing that the Society attracted some new members as a result of the meeting at Sydney Centrepoint 95.

The second meeting was at Canberra Stampshow 96, and was an informal gathering. Seven members attended. Following a viewing of sections of Darryl Fuller's Leeward Islands postal stationery exhibit (which later won a Large Vermeil award at Helsinki), the group discussed topics relating to the collecting and exhibiting of postal stationery.

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Membership of the Society continues to increase, and had reached sixty-seven at the last count. In addition to the copies of the *Postal Stationery Collector* distributed to members, we send a copy to the National Library of Australia on deposit, and another to the American Philatelic Research Library. In addition, we have an exchange arrangement with the Royal Philatelic Society, London by which we receive copies of *The London Philatelist* for the *Postal Stationery Collector*, and a copy goes to Dr Tony Orchard for inclusion in his review of current journals in *Stamp News*.

We now propose compiling a directory of members, containing details of address, telephone and facsimile numbers, email addresses (where possible), and information about postal stationery collecting interests. This would be distributed only to financial members of the Society. We are seeking feedback from members about the proposal. Any member who does not want personal details included is asked to contact the Secretary as soon as possible.

It is a pleasure to present this first secretarial report of the Postal Stationery Society of Australia to this meeting.

J M Kennett
14 October 1996

TREASURER'S REPORT: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1/1/96 - 30/9/96

	Category Description	\$	
INCOME/EXPENSE			
INCOME			
	1996 Membership	1,204.95	
	Account Transfer	433.49	
	Bank Interest	16.31	
	Donation	10.00	
	Mail payment	0.75	
TOTAL INCOME			1,665.50
EXPENSES			
	Entry fee Melbourne '96	20.00	
	Govt. Tax	1.45	
	Postage-Mailout	303.60	
	Prize (Melbourne '96)	70.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES			395.05
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE			1,270.45
BALANCE FORWARD			
	PSSA	540.00	
TOTAL BALANCE FORWARD			540.00
OVERALL TOTAL			1,810.45

SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE!

Subscriptions are now due. This is likely to be the last issue of *PSC* you receive unless your dues are paid. Dues are \$20 pa (Australia), \$30 (New Zealand) and \$40 (other countries). Please send subscriptions to the Treasurer, Postal Stationery Society of Australia, PO Box 2124, Ascot QLD 4007.

POSTAL STATIONERY AT MELBOURNE '96

There were seven exhibits of postal stationery at Melbourne '96. The first PSSA prize was awarded to Mark Diserio for *King George V and VI 'Oval' Embossings of Australia* which won Large Vermeil with felicitations while Nelson Eustis received a Large Gold and the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria special prize for *South Australia*. Other awards were:

Raymond Todd	<i>Sweden</i>	Vermeil
Edric Druce	<i>Basutoland</i>	Large Silver
John Trowbridge	<i>Zanzibar</i>	Large Silver
Barry Scott	<i>Australian Envelopes of the George V and VI Period 1913-1953</i>	Vermeil
Ross Duberal	<i>Honduras 1882-1899</i>	Large Silver

The *Postal Stationery Collector* was awarded a Silver medal.



PSSA Melbourne '96 special prize.

At a meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria shortly before the exhibition, Ajeet Singhee of India who was judging at Melbourne '96 displayed part of his international large gold collection of Indian Native States. This display included a fine array of scarce and unique items.

Contributions to the next issue of the Journal close with the editor on 30 April 1997.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!

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EASTERN COMMAND POSTCARD

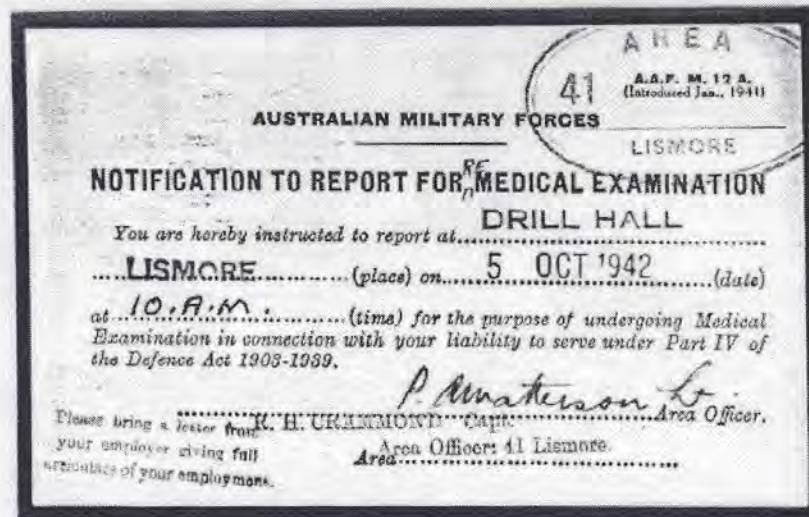
Marc Jennison

At the risk of starting something that may snowball, I can report additional items to that noted by Ken Humphreys on page 30 of the August issue of PSC.

Illustrated is an Australian Military Forces-Eastern Command Post Card, Pro Form U 24, uncancelled and therefore undated by the PO, but obviously posted around 29 November 1943. The Post Card is acknowledging a change of address by a Mr Duncan who is 'still upon the records of this Area', that being Area 41 Lismore, NSW.

The image shows the back of the postcard, which is a receipt form. It is titled 'Pro Form U 24' in the top right corner. The text reads: 'Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated _____ notifying:— *Enlistment, *A.I.F., *R.A.A.F. *Change of address. *Change of occupation. *Change of place of employment. *That you are now married. *You are still upon the records of this Area. *You are being transferred to Area _____, at _____ where you should report at once. Date: 29 NOV 1943 _____ Captain. *Cross out where not applicable. Area Officer: _____ Officer, Area 41'.

The other item I have that goes with this Post Card is an earlier (1942) AMF notice to Mr Duncan. This card is not designated as a postcard by the AMF. As the illustration shows the card is designated A.A.F. M. 12 A. and is a notice to attend for a medical. Note the hand written 'RE', erroneously inserted before the word medical instead of examination. The indistinct double cancels from Lismore are dated 1 OCT 1942.



The interesting, but non-philatelic, story that goes with these items concerns the means by which I came to acquire them. Some years ago one of the Horticulturists in this area of Macadamia plantations took me on a tour of one of the orchards he was working at. In a back corner of the property in a spot that would only support lantana and other weeds, there was a dilapidated one room wooden shack with a very rusted, but still whole, corrugated iron roof. I was informed that the occupier had died some years before, and the shed was now used to store chemicals at that end of the farm. The former occupant, I was told, had been the local postie and in this area that meant the mail contractor delivering from Lismore PO to Dunoon PO, and to road side mail boxes both between those places and beyond Dunoon.

The word 'postie' immediately made me sit up and take notice, like it would for any other dedicated philatelic scrounger. I spent half an hour looking around in the shed and turned up a dozen or so envelopes (none of which contained personal letters)/post cards/newspaper wrappers, dating mostly from the 1940's, 50's and through to early decimal days. The items are not anything rare or noteworthy, but do allow the movements of Mr Duncan to be tracked during the 30 or so years the postal items cover. The two AMF cards could be the most interesting items from the shed!

THE NAURU FORMULA REGISTRATION ENVELOPE OF 1925

Geoff Kellow

The catalogues indicate that Nauru postal stationery began in 1970 with the issue of a 10c aerogramme. In fact, Richard Peck in his *Australian Stamp Archives* published in 1986 listed a registration envelope as being put into stock in 1925, without giving any further details.

In the course of research on various Australian Commonwealth subjects in the Note Printing Branch archives at the Reserve Bank, Sydney, this lead was followed up, and it is now possible to give a much fuller story, based on the short correspondence file on the subject.

The order, dated 5 February 1925, came from the New Guinea Trade Agency in Sydney, and was addressed to the Government Printer, Melbourne. This caused some delay, since the order was transmitted to the Victorian Government Printer instead of to the Australian Note and Stamp Printer. The order, No. 665, was for:

1000 Registered Envelopes, Buff, linen, lined with red crossed lines, and printed - 'REGISTERED' on front cover, exactly as for sale at Post Offices throughout Australia but without any postage printed thereon, in lieu of postage stamps.

It was eventually received by the Stamp Printer, T.S. Harrison, on 13 March. Harrison wrote to the Treasury regarding the order, but that letter is not on the file. On 3 April the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury replied to Harrison:

With reference to your letter of the 27th March, I have to inform you that the enclosed order from the New Guinea Trade Agent may be executed.

2. The sample envelopes were submitted to the Postmaster-General's Department, and the opinion expressed that there would be no objection to the envelopes being printed as amended. It is requested that a sample envelope be forwarded to the New Guinea Trade Agent for approval, before the order is completed.

3. Any similar orders, however, should be submitted to this office for approval.

Attached to the file are two duplicate registration envelopes. The first (Figure 1) is an Australian pattern envelope without the embossed stamp showing the necessary alterations in the text added in manuscript. The second envelope (Figure 2) is a proof of the Nauru envelope showing those changes, endorsed "Proof 18.4.25".

On 17 April Harrison wrote to the New Guinea Trade Agent as follows:

With reference to your letters addressed to the Government Printer, Melbourne, reference No. 5536, requesting that the Administrator Nauru be supplied with 1,000 Registered Envelopes to sample submitted, I have now to confirm my telegram of even date, reading:-

Your letter fifty five thirty six registered envelopes being despatched direct Administrator Nauru Tuesday next.

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2. You will note that considerable delay has arisen in connection with this matter as this was the first occasion on which Registered Envelopes were asked to be supplied to the Administrator Nauru, and Treasury approval had first to be obtained. Will you please note that all future communications on such matters should be addressed to the Australian Note and Stamp Printer, Department of the Treasury, Victoria Parade Fitzroy, Melbourne, and not to the Government Printer Melbourne, which is a State Department.

A further memorandum indicates that the envelopes were forwarded to the Administrator Nauru per Ooma on 21 April 1925.

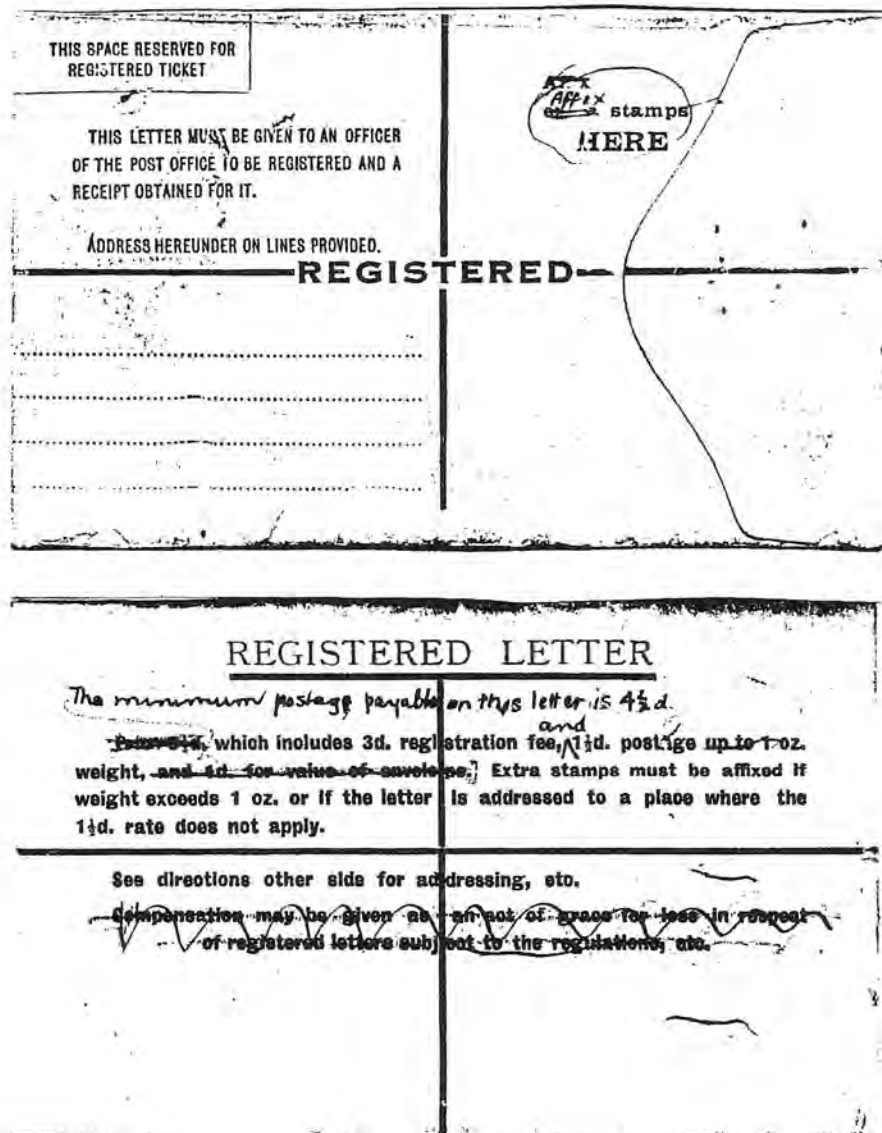


Figure 1

Available archival records do not include the requisitions for production of the electros to print the front and back text of the Nauru envelopes, and the official instruments numbers for these plates are not known. Destruction records are available, but are ambiguous, and in the

absence of the official instrument numbers the date of destruction of the plates cannot be given.

There is no evidence that there was more than the single initial printing of these envelopes. Although the printing records, as such do not exist, these can be deduced from other sources. NP-S-11 is the Finished Stock Record, covering the period (for Nauru) from 1923 to 1928. On 21 April 1925 1,000 registration envelopes, size 6 x 3³/₄" were placed into stock, and on the same day this quantity was issued from stock for dispatch to Nauru. The Spoiled Stamps register (NP-S-5) shows that 25 Nauru registration envelopes were entered on 21 April 1925; these were destroyed on 22 June 1925. The total printing was thus 1,025 envelopes. The envelopes presumably lasted for some years, and perhaps were still in stock at the time of Japanese occupation in 1942. After the war it would seem that no effort was made to provide a new registration envelope.

As far as I know, no example of this Nauru formula registration envelope has ever been reported, but one would expect that from a printing of 1,000 one or two remain to be found. I have, of course, no proof that the envelopes were issued, but presumably they were. Can any member produce an example?

REGISTERED LETTER	
<p>The minimum postage payable on registration fee, and 1½d. postage up to 1 oz. or where the 1½d. rate does not apply.</p>	<p>this letter is 4½d., which includes 3d. to 1 oz. weight. Extra stamps must be affixed if the letter is addressed to a place where the 1½d. rate does not apply.</p>
<p>See directions other side for addressing, etc.</p>	
<p>THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR REGISTERED TICKET</p> <p>THIS LETTER MUST BE GIVEN TO AN OFFICER OF THE POST OFFICE TO BE REGISTERED AND A RECEIPT OBTAINED FOR IT.</p> <p>ADDRESS HEREUNDER ON LINES PROVIDED.</p>	<p>Affix stamps HERE</p> <p><i>Proof 15-4-25 sub</i></p>
REGISTERED	

Figure 2

AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL POST OFFICE STATIONERY

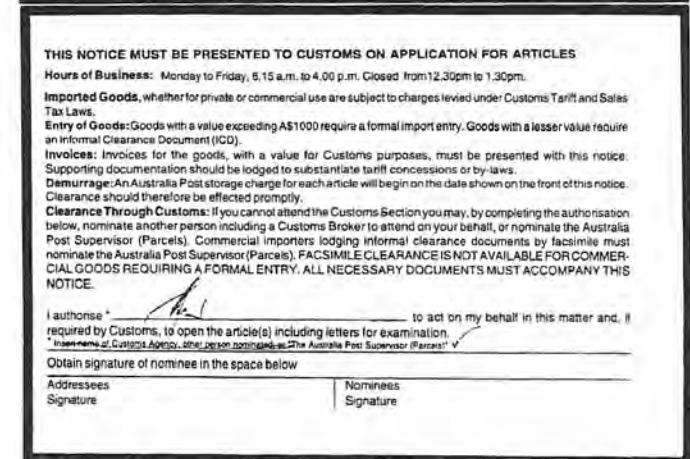
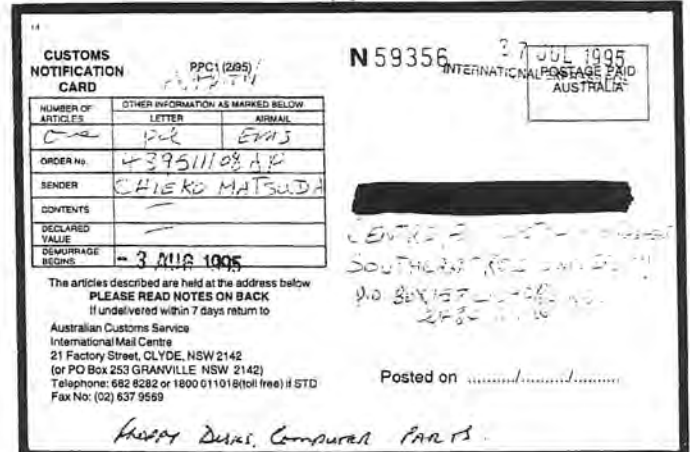
Marc Jennison

I noted Ian McMahon's piece on the International Express Post envelope on page 28 of the August PSC. The wording 'official international express post (EMS) envelope' could imply the stationery is used internationally by AP for contact with overseas administrations/users of EMS.

However, the sample 1 possess still has its original contents which is a Customs Notification Card PPC1 (2/95) used to advise the Australian addressee that their EMS item is being held by AP at the EMS/IEP Facility because 'charges levied under Customs Tariff and Sales Tax Laws' are payable - see illustration.



The envelope in which the Customs notification comes is double window faced as illustrated. The IEP barcode on the front of the envelope is a peel-&-stick type and my example has a number 293 earlier and in the same EE XAU series as Ian's. This indicates that AP adds these IEP labels on posting out the Customs notices and the number probably bears no relationship to the original EE label placed on the dutiable EMS item by the administration in the country of posting. Note also that the return address on the envelope is Mascot but contents specify an address at Clyde.



Editor's note: Derek Brennan has found a similar envelope but with a different Mascot address (see below).



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ATLANTA OLYMPIC POST CARD

Marc Jennison

Australia Post issued a post card for use by the members of the Atlanta Olympic team to send thanks/greetings to supporters at home. The card is not the usual postage pre-paid type that we have been dealing with so far. Because it was designed to be used from USA to Australia it had a rectangle indicating the spot to stick a USA stamp and the air mail vignette was not pre-printed but the words AIR MAIL appeared in bold, dark blue type. The Australian flag and Olympic rings (both in colour) are included and the AP logo and Australia Post is followed by the 'Part of the Team' message. The obverse needs no description and both sides are illustrated.



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AUSTRALIAN RARITIES: PERMIT RATE ENVELOPES

John Sinfield

From 1 October 1932 a new "permit service" mail was introduced to provide sealed carriage of printed matter circulars at the second class unsealed printed matter rate plus ½d per article i.e. 1d per 4oz plus ½d. Under this system, users required an annual permit from the Post Office and details of this had to be printed on the envelope. During its 27 year duration no more than five hundred permits were issued, and even then very few users submitted their envelopes for private order embossing. Stationery examples are thus scarce. Although not exclusive to any one type of business house, the permit service proved extremely popular with bookmakers for mailing pre-printed starting price betting details to their clients.

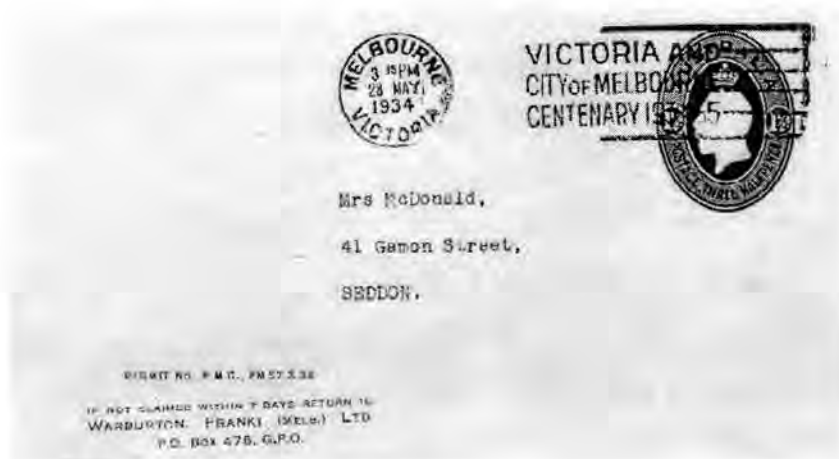


Figure 1

The envelope shown in Figure 1 was mailed on 28 May 1934 by the Melbourne company, Warburton Franki and has been printed with their permit number 57. This permit number was issued to the company in March 1934. This is only one of three recorded surviving covers bearing the King George V 1½d brown embossing. From 1938, the King George VI 1½d permit rate was also printed in brown, and despite 21,943 such 1½d covers being embossed during 1938-39 (thanks to Mark Diserio for this information), none have been contemporaneously sighted.

Following the December 1941 war levy, the permit rate increased to 1d per 4 oz plus ½d war tax plus ½d permit fee (normally equating to 2d). The King George VI 2d embossing was then printed in violet, but shade variations exist from lilac to deep purple. This embossing is known on at least two different permit rate envelopes - permit nos. 340 (Melbourne GPO Box 2668X) and 354 (Melbourne GPO Box 120A). The latter shows a scarce envelope variety in that following the war's cessation, surplus unused Australian Comforts Fund envelopes were acquired by Melbourne bookmaker, Roy Robbins, and overprinted with his permit no. 354. Figure 2 shows this Australian Comforts Fund obliteration and overprint, with King George VI 2d violet embossing used on 7 July 1947. Another Australian Comforts Fund recycled envelope permit overprint by Roy Robbins is shown in Figure 3. This bears King George VI 2½d red plus 2½d red double embossing. At this time the 5d rate was obscure, and served the 2d 4oz permit service plus 3d per ½ oz airmail. This 9 February 1948 airmail usage to New

Guinea is the sole recorded surviving envelope example of this doubleton, and no doubt its survival stems from being unclaimed. A cutout of this rare envelope (as opposed to newspaper wrapper) doubleton is illustrated on page 75 of the *Australian Philatelist 1991 Yearbook*, but do any readers have knowledge of other surviving examples?

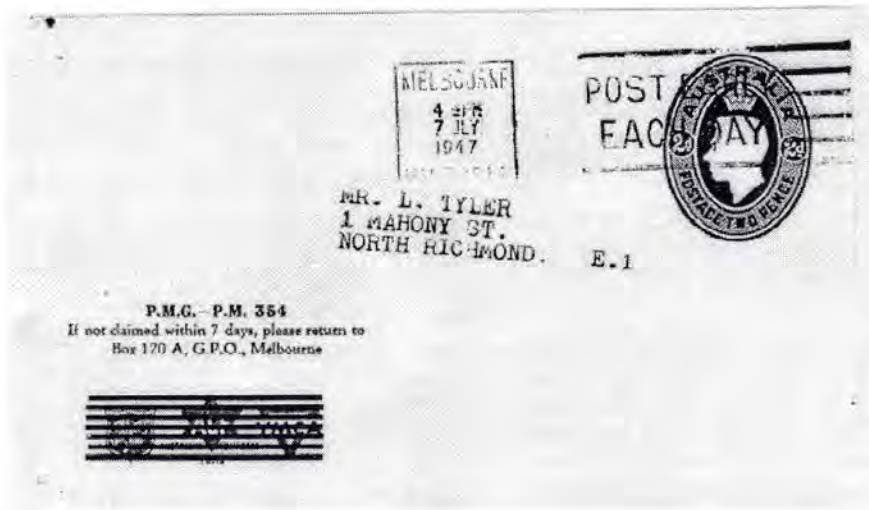


Figure 2 KGVI 2d violet on recycled ACF surplus envelope



Figure 3 KGVI 2½d red plus 2½d red double embossing

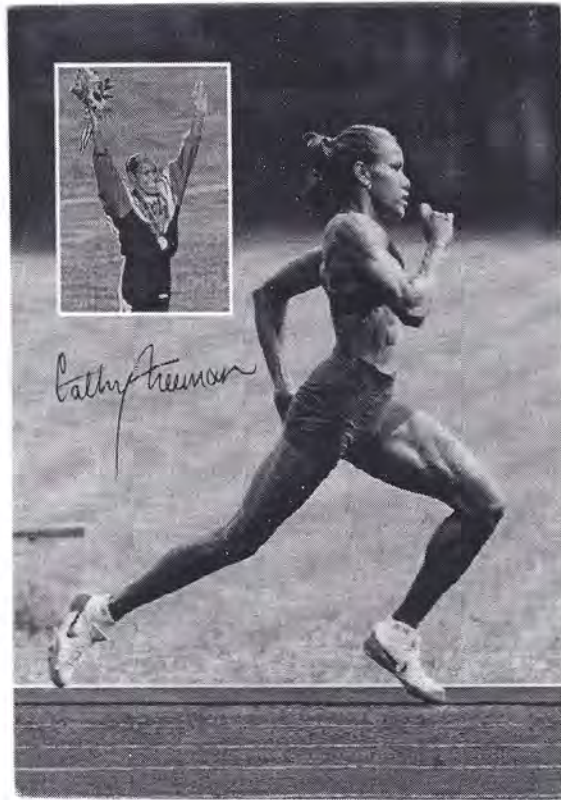
I was delighted to receive a letter from our German member, Dr Peter Steinkamp in response to this equivalent column in issue 6 (August 1996) of the *Postal Stationery Collector*. Peter advises that he possesses a copy of the 1923 "THREE HALFPENCE" devaluation on 2d orange lettercards, both on grey and white stock. Each, he states, bears the same view of "Irrigating Onions..." Thank you for your response Peter, which is invaluable in compiling records as to just which Australian stationery has successfully survived. Members may have also noted that in their 7th October 1996 auction, Australian Stamp & Coin Company offered a copy of the "THREE HALFPENCE" devaluation on 2d orange "POSTAGE" envelope. This is now a second surviving example of this rarity, and was sold for \$1,700 to a non-Australian collector.

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YET ANOTHER CATHY FREEMAN CARD

Ian McMahon


A fourth Cathy Freeman card has appeared, issued following the Atlanta Olympics. This card has been used to reply to one of the many letters sent to Australia's Olympic athletes through a special address organised by Australia Post.



POSTAGE PRE-PAID AUSTRALIA



FOR POSTING IN AUSTRALIA AND DELIVERY WORLDWIDE

Thanks heaps for your support. It's really important to know people are with me as I chase my dreams. I hope you're also chasing your dreams.
 ♥ C. Freeman 

Australia Post is proud to be a foundation member of the Olympic Job Opportunities Program (OJOP).

This card features Cathy Freeman, OJOP employee and champion sprinter. Cathy won two Gold medals and a Silver medal at the 1994 Commonwealth Games. She won a silver medal in the 400m at the 1996 Atlanta Games.

Photos supplied by Wayne Luthy.

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LITERATURE

Ian McMahon

Michel Ganzsachen-Katalog Europa West 1996-97

It has been five years since the last edition of this catalogue which covers the postal stationery of Western Europe. All countries of Western Europe are covered including Turkey, Cyprus and Yugoslavia. The issues of the former Yugoslav republics of Slovenia and Croatia are included as are post offices in foreign countries. Colonial issues, other than French Colonies general issues, are not included.

The Catalogue covers all types of postal stationery (including non-denominated stationery), organised by stamp type. This style of listing results in a listing that is not chronological and which does not separate each type of stationery. The organisation is confusing if you are interested in only one class of stationery (such as postcards, aerogrammes etc). The numbering of each class of stationery with different prefixes adds to the confusion. A key to issues based on the stamp design is provided at the back of the catalogue.

The Catalogue is in German and it helps to learn the German translation of some basic philatelic terms. The companion for English-speaking users of the Michel adhesive stamp catalogues is useful in this regard.

The catalogue has 779 pages, is soft bound and is available from Vera Trinder for £53 plus postage.

Die Ganzsache

Die Ganzsache is the Journal of Berliner Ganzsachen-Sammler-Vereins, Münchner Ganzsachensammler-Vereins and Arbeitsgememeinschaft Ganzsachen.

The Journal is well produced in soft cover and includes a detailed new issue guide (unfortunately without illustrations) and literature reviews. Articles included in issues numbers 2/1996 and 3-4/1996 include:

- *DDR-Ganzsachen und Währungsunion*
- *Notganzsachen von 1889 aus Samoa*
- *Ägyptens Sonderumschlag zur Cairo 1991*
- *Wissenswertes und noch unbeantwortete Fragen zu den amtlichen deutschen Ganzsachenkarten aus Anlaß von Hitlers 50.*

The editor is Dr Jens-Uwe Rixen (Lantziusstrabe 16, 24114 Kiel, Germany).

Katalog Prangko Indonesia 1997 (Specialised Catalogue of Indonesian Postage Stamps 1945-1996) by Saros Kaprindo.

This general one country catalogue focuses primarily on the adhesive stamps. It does however include a detailed listing of stationery at the end of the catalogue. The listing covers 14 pages and includes stationery issued by Indonesia since independence including overprints on Japanese occupation issues and UNTEA postal stationery. Postcards and aerogrammes are included. The listing is priced (in thousands of rupiah) and is well illustrated in colour.

FROM OUR CONTEMPORIES

The September 1996 issue of the *New Zealand Stamp Collector* (The Journal of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand) contains an article by Robert Samuel on *New Zealand Prisoner of War Aerogrammes*.

Issue number 8 of *PS* (the Journal of the [United Kingdom] Postal Stationery Society) includes articles on *Zululand Postal Stationery*, *The Birth of the Aerogramme* (arguing that the first aerogrammes were lettersheets produced for the Paris balloon mail of 1870-71) and *Free State of Danzig: Postal Stationery 1920-1939*.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA PRINTED TO PRIVATE ORDER STATIONERY

Ian McMahon

From Joan Orr, Martin Walker, Margaret Horton, Thomas Herincky, Malcolm Lacey and Martin Frischauf come the following additions to the list published as a supplement to the August 1996 issue of the *Postal Stationery Collector*.

KANGAROO

½d green

Vacuum Oil Co

1d red

Civil Service Co-op Soc of NSW
The Scrutineers

KING GEORGE V SIDEFACE

½d green sideface

Shire of Colac

1d red

Fisken Read & Co
GPO Box 248, Melbourne
GPO Box 774, Melbourne

KGV OCTAGONAL 'WITHOUT POSTAGE'

1d red

Sargood Bros Melbourne
A G Webster and Sons Hobart
Whybrow & Co, Abbotsford

2d orange

James Moore & Sons Pty Ltd, Melbourne

GEORGE V OCTAGONAL WITH 'POSTAGE'

1d green

Barnet Glass and Tyres

1½d brown

Perdriau Rubber Co. Ltd., 270 George Street,
Sydney
Shire of Minhamite

1½d red

Box 1, Q.V. buildings, Sydney
C M Brooke
James Campbell & Sons Brisbane
International Harvester Company of Australia
Melbourne
Alexander Mair & Co, Melbourne
A W Sandford & Co, Adelaide

Wischer & Co

1½d green

Alexander Mair & Co Melbourne
Fassett & Johnson Ltd

2d red

Civil Service Stores, Sydney
Perdriau Rubber Co, Melbourne

2d red-brown

G A Drake Melbourne

2d orange

Clutterbuck Bros, Adelaide
Percy A Lawrence, Adelaide

GEORGE V OVAL

1d green

William Adams
James Alston, South Melbourne
Box 3891TT GPO Sydney
Castrol, Melbourne
City of Sandringham
Commonwealth Dental Supply, Melbourne
S Cooke Pty Ltd
Alexander Fergusson, Melbourne
Z Horikoski & Co, Melbourne
Ipswich Electric Supply Co Ltd, Ipswich
James Moore & Sons, Melbourne
Kitchen's Sand Soap, Melbourne
Penfolds Wines Ltd, Magill SA
Silbert, Sharp & Bishop Ltd, Adelaide
Texas Company, Brisbane
H H Webb & Co Pty Ltd, Melbourne

1½d red

Onkaparinga Woollen Co Ltd, Adelaide
Small & Shattell, Melbourne

1d green + 1d green

Goodyear Tyre and Rubber

1d green + 1d green George VI Oval

Box 181C GPO Hobart
J M Fenton, Hobart

2d red

Education Department, Melbourne
F.T.S.O'Donnell Griffin & Co Ltd, Sydney

KING GEORGE VI OVAL

1d green

City Electric Light Co Ltd, Brisbane
H W Dickie, Yarraville
Softgoods (Doery & Tilley) Pty Ltd Melbourne
Messrs M Donaghy & Sons Pty Ltd, Melbourne
Flack and Flack, Melbourne
H G Foletta, Melbourne
Industrial Acceptance Corporation Ltd, Sydney
The Old Melburnians
Vacuum Oil Co Pty Ltd

1½d green

Burns Philip and Co Ltd, Brisbane
City Electric Light Co Ltd (Brisbane)
Commonwealth Steel Co Ltd Waratah
Dalgety and Co Ltd, Adelaide
GPO Box 1556V, Brisbane
Fassett & Johnson, Sydney
H J Heinz Co Pty Ltd (Brisbane)
Myer
Vacuum Oil Co

2d red

Australian Glass Manufacturers Co Ltd Waterloo
Henry Berry and Co Pty Ltd Melbourne
Commonwealth SubTreasury Melbourne
S Cooke Pty Ltd Melbourne
Drysdale & Ridgeway, Valley, Brisbane
Shire of Cranbourne
Vacuum Oil Co

2d green

Mackay 'Silentruba' Products Pty Ltd
Queensland Pastoral Supplies Pty Ltd, Brisbane
Roberts & Co, Hobart

2½d red

James Campbell & Sons, Brisbane
A G Healing Ltd (Brisbane)
H J Heinz (Brisbane)
David Lynn Pty Ltd, Edgecliff
Queensland Pastoral Supplies, Brisbane

3d red

H J Heinz (Brisbane)
The Shell Co of Australia (Sydney)

KING GEORGE VI ROUND DIE

3d green

Australian Wholesale Grocery Pty Ltd, Fitzroy
Box 771L, Brisbane

Burns Philip and CO Ltd (Brisbane)
City Electric Light Co (Brisbane)
H J Heinz (Brisbane)
Alfred Lawrence and Co (Brisbane)
The Myer Emporium, Melbourne
North Australian Rubber Mills (Brisbane)
Persil Melbourne
Sidney Cooke, Melbourne
T F Stewart & Co Pty Ltd, Sydney
The Old Melburnians, Melbourne

3½d red

Le Pine & Sons Ltd

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

QEII 3d green (large)

Business Equipment Pty Ltd
H B Dickie Ltd (Yarraville)
Farmer and Co Ltd Sydney
Glover and Goode Pty Ltd Melbourne
Greer and Ashburton Melbourne
A G Healing Ltd Brisbane
H J Heinz Co Pty Ltd
Queensland Pastoral Supplies (Brisbane)
Shire of Fern Tree Gully
The Committee of Direction of Fruit Marketing,
Northgate
The Myer Emporium Ltd (Brisbane and
Melbourne)

3½d red (large)

Box 771L GPO Brisbane
Box 1516 GPO Sydney
Box 531 E Melbourne
City of Box Hill
Commonwealth Steel Co Ltd Waratah
MVRC Melbourne
Queensland Pastoral Supplies Pty Ltd
Shire of Buln Buln, Drouin

3½d orange (Large)

Box 156 PO Newcastle
Ford Sherington Sydney
SKF Melbourne
The Myer Emporium

4d plum QEII (large)

Box 1459T Brisbane
Box 771L GPO Brisbane
GPO Box 238D Brisbane
The Shell Co of Australia, GPO Box 2694C,
Sydney

3½ orange (small)

Alfred Lawrence and Co Brisbane
Burns Philip and Co Ltd
Box 1 PO Waterloo

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Box 1516 GPO Sydney
Box 771L GPO Brisbane
David Jones Ltd, Sydney
Lehroc Ltd, Adelaide
Mercury Transport Pty Ltd, Richmond.
PO Box 22 Redfern
Price Waterhouse and Co

4d plum QEII (small)

Box 771L GPO Brisbane
Mackay Silentruba Products Pty Ltd
Queensland Pastoral Supplies
Rocla Pipes Ltd
The Shell Company of Australia Sydney
The Surf Life Saving Association of Australia,
Brisbane

5d Dark Blue

Box 771L GPO Brisbane
Cyclone Double Grip Scaffolding Kilkenny
Mackay Richmond

5d light blue

Peter Simon Hatchery Ltd, Salisbury
P G Lasky and Co Sydney

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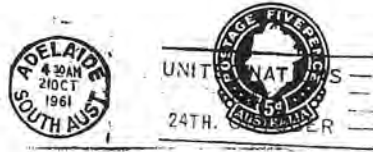
GV Sideface

2d brown
Illustrated Tasmanian Mail

OFFICIAL ENVELOPES

GV Oval Die

2d red
Commonwealth Sub-Treasury, Sydney
State Superannuation Board



USA ENDANGERED SPECIES POST CARD BOOKS

Ian McMahon

I think most members will have seen the books of postcards sold in some retail outlets such as the postcard book of old post office scenes produced by Australia Post in late 1995. The USPS has produced a similar book based on the designs of the 1996 endangered species miniature sheet. The cards in this book are, however, 20c internal rate postal stationery cards. The book contains 15 postcards in five strips of three with rouletting between the cards and the binding of the book. The printed stamp and the design on the reverse of the stamp are similar to the adhesive stamp design and depict endangered species such as the thick-billed parrot on the card illustrated.

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PHILATELIC EXHIBITIONS - MEMBERS' POSTAL STATIONERY RESULTS

John Sinfield

During the past few months, there have been three Philatelic Exhibitions of varying standards in which members have exhibited some of their postal stationery collections. A brief summary of their achievements is outlined below:

ISTANBUL '96

FIP World Exhibition held 27th September to 6th October 1996 at the Istanbul Military Museum Cultural Centre and surrounding locations. There were 26 Postal Stationery entries exhibited. The medal breakdown was:

Gold :	7	Large Silver:	5
Large Vermeil :	8	Silver:	1
Vermeil :	5		

Members results:

Large Vermeil: John Sinfield *Australian Postal Cards to 1959 (8 frames)*

Large Silver: Ray Todd *Postal Cards of Austria 1869 - 1900 (5 frames)*

MELBOURNE '96

Australian National Exhibition held 17th to 20th October 1996 at Caulfield Arts Complex, Melbourne. Seven Postal Stationery entries, with medal awards levelled 5 points lower than FIP and/or FIAP competition:

Large Gold:	1	Vermeil :	2
Large Vermeil:	1	Large Silver:	3

Members exhibiting included Mark Diserio, John Trowbridge, Barry Scott and Ross Duberal, Edric Druce and Ray Todd (results are given on page 4).

TAIPEI '96

FIAP 10th Asian Regional International Exhibition held 21st to 27th October 1996 at Taipei World Trade Centre Exhibition Hall. Seventeen Postal Stationery entries.

Large Vermeil :	1	Large Silver:	3
Vermeil :	7	Silver :	6

Members results:

Large Vermeil (plus special prize): Dingle Smith *Jamaica Postal Stationery 1877 - 1968 (5 frames)*

Vermeil: John Trowbridge *Zanzibar Postal Stationery (5 frames)*

Other members also entered non Stationery exhibits, but awards in only this discipline are given. Congratulations to all participating members, their diverse entries showing the wide range of stationery interests being collected.

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FROM THE SECRETARY

Judy Kennett

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.

Bernie Doherty	South African Pictorial Postcards, Australian Pictorial Postcards, Senegal
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Meeting at Melbourne 96

The meeting of the Society at Melbourne 96 was attended by fifteen members, with apologies from four others. The election resulted in the existing Committee members - Ian McMahon, Judy Kennett and John Crowsley being returned unopposed. Ian McMahon was confirmed as Editor of the *Postal Stationery Collector*. The meeting also accepted the Treasurer's recommendation that subscriptions for 1996 remain at the same level as 1995.

The winner of the PSSA prize for best Postal Stationery exhibit at Melbourne 96 was announced. It is Mark Diserio of Melbourne. He was at the meeting, and was congratulated by all present.

Malcolm Groom has recently taken on the role of Coordinator of the Australian States Postal Stationery project. He circulated a copy of a draft, using the format of the Australian Commonwealth Postal Stationery catalogue being produced by Brusden-White. He has sent copies of the draft to some well-known collectors of Australian States stationery both in Australia and overseas. Discussion followed about the structure of the catalogue, how drafts should be circulated for comment, on the virtues of format - hardbound versus loose leaf, and whether we should produce a priced catalogue.

The Secretary asked for comments about the proposed directory of members' names, addresses and postal stationery collecting interests. No one seemed to have any problems with the proposal, but it was suggested that some might prefer not to receive letters from people wanting valuations or free information. This could be overcome by putting a caveat against a member's name.

The President asked if anyone was interested in running a sale by tender in the Society. No one responded, but Derek Brennan said he would be happy to produce some guidelines. Members asked how viewing of items could be organised, and whether the sales should be restricted to members only. It was pointed out that when you send to non-members you need to think of tax implications, but you do gain new members! The idea will be raised again at a future meeting.

The meeting concluded with displays of material provided by John Sinfield and Dingle Smith. John's material, from his collection of Commonwealth of Australia envelopes, was much appreciated. Dingle provided a pleasing selection of the specimen postal stationery of New South Wales.

Directory of PSSA members

I have received comments from a few members, who expressed enthusiastic support, and kindly provided updated information on their interests, telephone and fax numbers, and email addresses. If you have any comments, wish to provide updated information, or wish to have certain information suppressed, please write or fax me as soon as possible.

Address: PO Box 260, Jamison ACT 2614 AUSTRALIA
Fax number: (06) 251 1387 (24 hours)

Welcome to new members

The Society welcomes Hans Dahl (ACT) and Geoff Kellow (Victoria) as members. In the last issue of the journal I promised to supply a breakdown of our present membership by country, for interest. Here it is.

Austria	1	Australia	53	Belgium	1
Germany	2	NZ	3	UK	2
USA	5				

Correspondence

Firstly, a note of thanks from Mark Diserio, the winner of the inaugural PSSA postal stationery prize, expressing his thanks for the award, saying 'I greatly appreciate the acknowledgment from my peers'. Thank you, Mark, for your note on an Australia Post postal stationery card from the Pets series!

Secondly, a letter from Bill Lyons, the author of the article on 'Postal Stationery Wrappers' that appeared in Issue No 7 of the *Postal Stationery Collector*. I had written to him remarking that he had not mentioned postal stationery wrappers used in multiples, having had the pleasure of seeing some Romanian examples belonging to a Sydney collector. He had specimens of H&G E4 (1894) used in units of two and three. Bill has used multiples of five of both H&G E8 and E9, plus a complete sheet of fifteen of H&G E1a, which he has framed and hung on the wall of his stamp/computer room. Does any one else have any large used multiples, from any country, that they'd like to write about in the *Postal Stationery Collector*?

Renewals for 1997

Renewals for 1997 will be going out shortly to those who are financial until the end of 1996. If you don't receive a notice, it will be because (a) you have already paid for 1997, or (b) you have joined the PSSA since the October 1996 meeting.

FROM THE LITERATURE

Judy Kennett

Two interesting advertisements appeared in the Classifieds in the November 1996 issue of *Australasian Stamps*. One referred to 'Press Stamped Envelopes' - I wonder just what the advertiser will receive? The other advertised the *Australasian Aerogram Society Newsletter*. Has anyone seen this before? Is the Editor a member of the PSSA?

There are two interesting articles, one long and one short, in the October issue of *The American Philatelist* that deal with early US postal stationery envelopes. Both demonstrate the value of knowing your subject and the research literature available on your collecting area. The longer article, by Ken Lawrence, deals chiefly with earliest documented usages of some US stamps, but two pieces of postal stationery, that were recently offered in the auction of a prominent collection of classic first day covers and earliest known usages, are discussed at some length. The first was a 5-cent Columbian embossed stamped envelope of March 1893, which research indicated had a genuine error dated cancel and backstamp.

The second was a revalued 2-cent on 3-cent circular die stamped envelope issued on 29 January 1920, which had the year slug in the duplex marking inverted, and was shown to be a genuine first day cover for the issue. The second article by Charles A Fricke was a one page description of an elusive postal card, a local usage of the first issue postal card, by members of the Mercantile Library Association in New York. It has a 10-cent yellow delivery stamp imprinted on the message side of the postal card, which paid for special delivery service of books ordered from the library and of forms provided to subscribers. Only a few unused copies are known. Apparently the postally used copies were discarded by the Association after the transaction was complete. That is why it's called 'an elusive postal card'.

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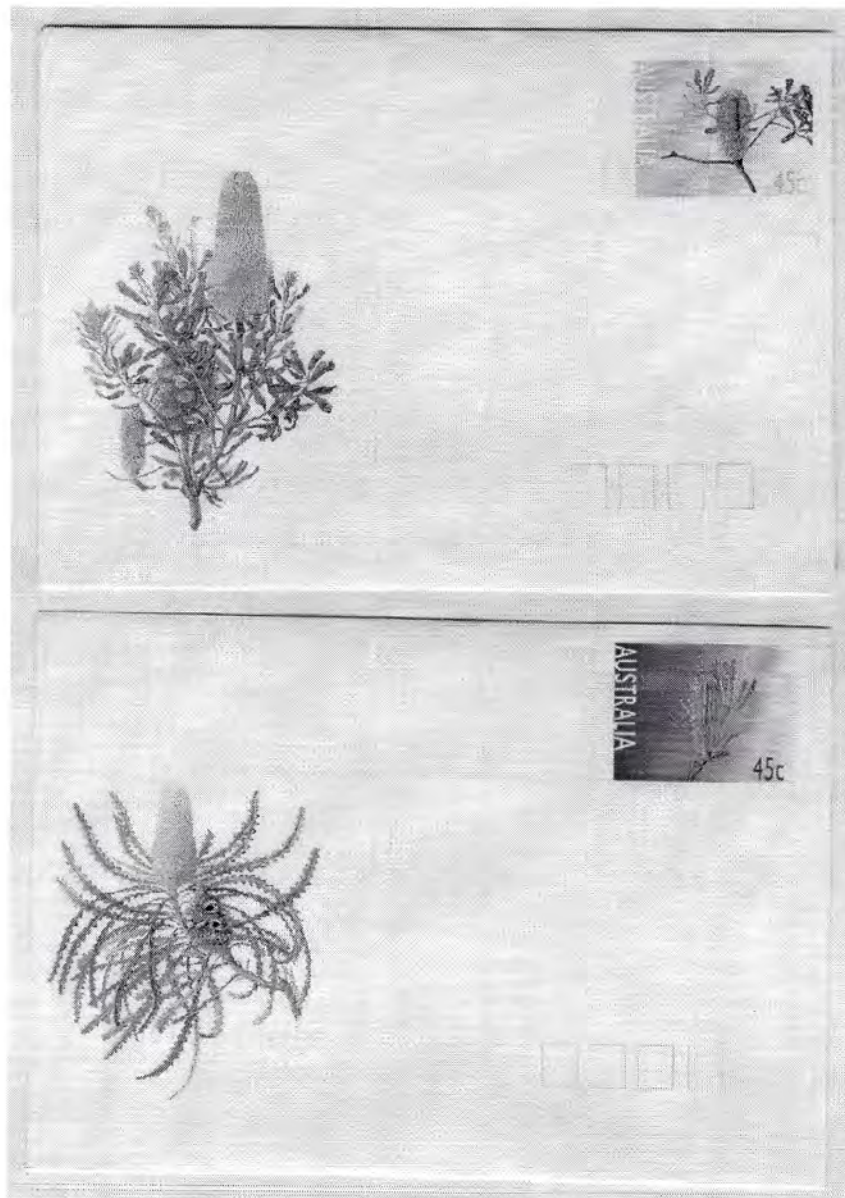
NEW ISSUES

Ian McMahon

AUSTRALIA

Envelopes

A set of five 45c stamped envelopes were issued on 7 November 1996. These attractive envelopes depict banksias. Each envelope depicts two banksias, one in the stamp area and the other on the left of the envelope. The banksias depicted in the stamp area are the Swamp Banksia, Heath-leaved Banksia, *Banksia dryandroides*, Scarlet Banksia (DL) and Saw Banksia (DL).



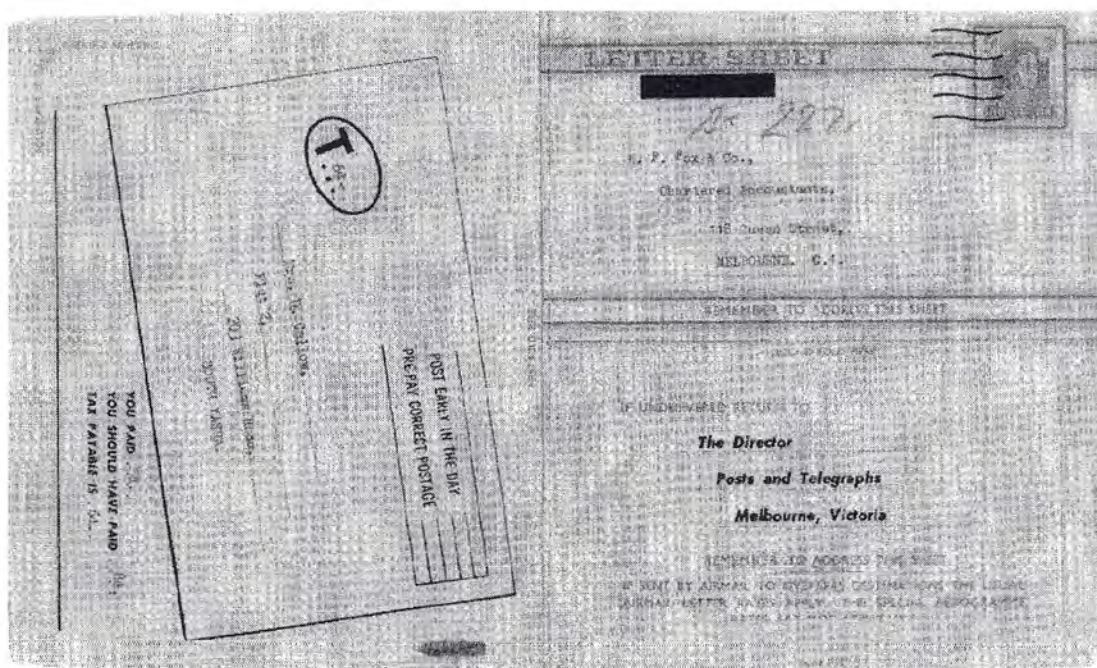
Christmas aerogramme

The annual Christmas aerogramme was issued on 1 November 1996. The stamp area depicts the Madonna and child and is similar to one of the adhesive stamps issued on the same day.



Official Lettersheet from Victoria

In Issue number 6 of PSC, I illustrated a 5d lettersheet which had been converted by the Post Office into a notice about postage due. The lettersheet I illustrated came from the GPO Sydney. Hans Karman has reported a similar lettersheet but originating from GPO Melbourne (see illustration).



Reprints of the City Bridges stamped envelopes have appeared with four instructions on the reverse. The new instruction limits the weight of the envelopes to 250g or the thickness to 5 mm. So far I have seen DL, DL window and C6 envelopes with the new instructions.

Postage Prepaid Envelope C6

1. Postage on this envelope has been prepaid for one posting only to anywhere within Australia by air where necessary to meet delivery timetables.
2. Other special Australia Post services may be used in conjunction with this envelope.
3. The carriage of this envelope is subject to the Determination of Rates of Postage and Fees and to the General Postal Services Terms and Conditions.

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The Narrows Bridge, Perth
Envelope design: Sue Paestrom, Australia Post Graphic Design Studio
Photograph: Photo Index



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3. The carriage of this envelope is subject to the Determination of Rates of Postage and Fees and to the General Postal Services Terms and Conditions.
4. This envelope must not exceed 250 grams or 5mm in thickness when posted.

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The Narrows Bridge, Perth
Envelope design: Sue Paestrom, Australia Post Graphic Design Studio
Photograph: Photo Index



The internal and international registered envelopes mentioned in the last issue of *PSC* are illustrated.



OTHER COUNTRIES

Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea issued a 50t aerogramme (Figure 8) on 11 September 1996 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Scouting in that country. Scouting in Papua New Guinea was commenced by Sir Percy Chatterton in 1926. The aerogramme depicts Sir Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scouting movement, and the scouting emblem in the stamp area.



Malaysia

Malaysia issued a 50c aerogramme on 12 August 1996 depicting a hornbill in the stamp area, a selection of Malaysian animals on the left and a view of Mulu National Park Sarawak on the reverse.



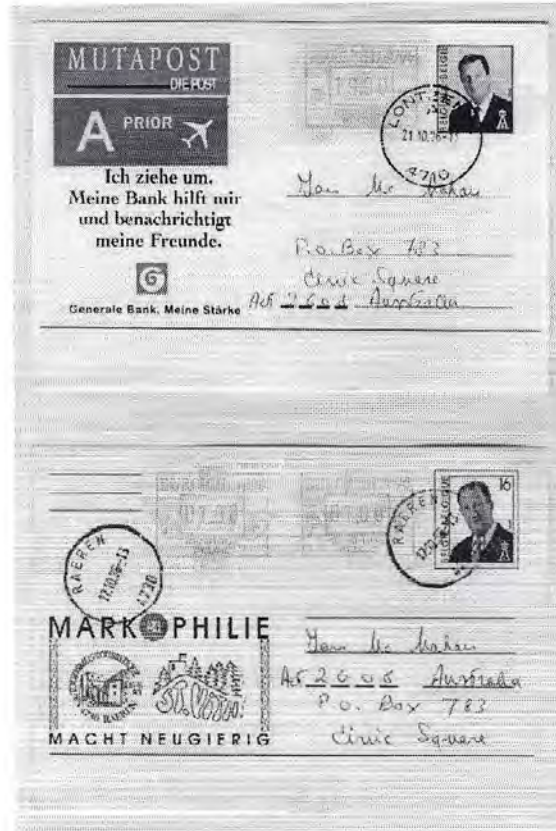
Finland

A set of four lettersheets depicting cartoon characters was issued on 9 October 1996.



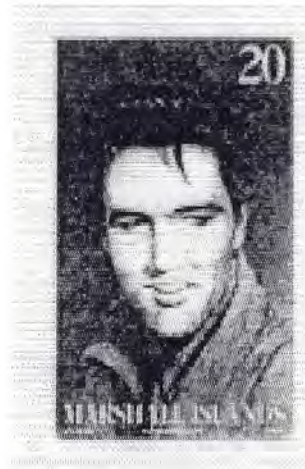
Belgium

Two recent postcards are illustrated; a change of address card with advertising for Generale Bank and a 16 fr postcard with advertising encouraging people to collect postmarks.



Marshall Islands

The stamp area depicting Elvis from a postcard recently issued by the Marshall Islands is illustrated.



New Zealand

New Zealand issued a set of postage pre-paid postcards on 13 November 1996 depicting scenic gardens. These were sold at \$7.50 for a set of five. Each card has a photograph of a garden on the reverse. The views included are: Seymour Square Gardens Blenheim, Wintergardens Auckland, Avon River Botanic Gardens Christchurch, Pukekura Park Gardens New Plymouth and Marine Parade Gardens Napier.



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