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Front Cover is an engraving of the Melbourne GPO from a book published in 1891. Thanks to William Cochrane for the scan.



## Editorial

*Tony Lyon*

The final Journal for 2005 is completed. I hope you like the varied content. Thanks to Ron Lee for his follow-up article on the H.M.A.S. Sydney. It was rather intriguing to discover more about a series of covers I bought a few years ago at the Blackburn Baptist Stamp sale, as it was known then. I just liked the look of them. It was especially pleasing to find, thanks to Ron, that I had actually acquired one or two significant items.

Ron has also presented the first of a number of articles he plans, in regard to Australian Ships, illustrating mail connected to them. Ron is working on a monograph of the Royal Australian Navy. Therefore any items that would be of interest, scans or photocopies could be forwarded to Ron through the society. I have already had some feedback of further items from H.M.A.S Sydney which I will forward to Ron for his perusal.

Also presenting an interesting aspect of ship mail, is an article by William Cochrane, on the R.M.S. Homeric. We welcome William as a contributor to the AJP. The knowledge of the two aforementioned gentlemen certainly will provide an interesting and thoughtful addition to our journal.

John Young once again demonstrates his eclectic collecting habits, with his article about department stores and their associated mail. This will be part of his display at the April society meeting.

A number of members had success at New Zealand 2005 Stamp Show and we congratulate all those members who entered. It is time to get your entries in for the 2006 exhibitions and we wish you every success.

Just a short note of thanks to George Vearing for his continued compilation of HHDS notes.

May you all enjoy the festive season and be ready to enjoy this great hobby during the coming year. Ciao.

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