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20 April 2015	Belgium Centenary Issue (1949)	Michael Barden
	PNG Date Stamps	Simon Alsop
15 June 2015	Ireland, 1849 –1920	Michael Lee
17 August 2015	AGM	Members—Work in Progress

## Hand Held Datestamps

Co-ordinated by George Vearing

Simon Alsop and his mate John have been travelling around New South Wales , Tasmania and Victoria and most of the datestamps are from their travels. Well done and many thanks to Simon and John.

They have come across quite a few peculiarities in strikes at some of the post offices and the most notable is the spelling of Mowbray Heights (Tasmania) , it is correct on the counter datestamp but the spelling on the Postal Manager is Mobrai Heights i.e. no W.

In the N.S.W. section is a datestamp (or is it a type of cachet or postal marking as it has no date) from the Gerogery Post Office and where would it go in a collection? The Berrigan Post Office now has one with a slogan i.e. BETTER IN BERRIGAN across the top half on the datestamp.

Many thanks to Simon Alsop, Richard Peck and John Treacy for their contributions to keep this column going.

**N.S.W. :-** Earlier datestamps- HENTY(116/24), JUNEE (97/27), LOCKHART(116/25), MILLTHORPE (118/24), OAKLANDS (98/22), URANA (116/25)







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2015 colourful envelope from Jemeppe-sur-Sambre to Melbourne

Posted 10 February, Sydney SWLF 17 February and collected Balwyn 19 February

Postage paid 160 Fr (3.96 €), which is the rate for no value ROW stamps. It should have cost + 0.3 € more for a variety of stamps as was used.

Many Belgians refuse to pay the 10% higher cost for their own stamps vs no value. With mechanisation, the discrepancy is never picked up.