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## Editorial

*Tony Lyon*

The question has often been asked whether stamp collecting will continue many more years? Persons who from some motive or other object to collecting the "rubbish" as they call it (probably from want of cash cannot afford to purchase stamps), say stamp collecting is now at its height and will go down as fast as it came up; they say this and know nothing of the matter, and how on earth can persons ignorant of the affair be calculated to give an answer. An experienced dealer who is daily receiving his 20 letters at a post from town, country, the continent, or the English colonies; from lady, gentleman, and schoolboy collectors, will be better calculated to give an answer.

ANONYMOUS, The National Postage Stamp Express, March 15, 1864.

They are still saying it 150 years later!

We welcome two new correspondents this issue. Tony Curtis has presented an article published on page 8 and Derek Brennan on page 5.

My apologies to Joan Orr who sent a response for publishing in the last journal and I left it out. Thank you for responding to the article.

Don't forget the April members meeting which is a display by Brian Fuller. Brian is a very eclectic collector and I don't know where he manages to hide it all. If it were me I would be given an ultimatum from 'she who must be obeyed.' Some of you will be saying 'what are you, a man or a mouse.' Just pass me the cheese.

While we are discussing Brian, starting in this issue is a series of articles about Hand Parcel Cancellers. This will be run over 3 issues.

Happy collecting and investigating!

Ciao for now.

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## From the President

In December 2015 the philatelic press, including our own journal, devoted quite a lot of space to the shortcomings of Australia Post. For a change here is some good news, although it is nearly forty years old.

The overseas express delivery cover shown below is postmarked 1 November 1976 from Sydney, and back-stamped Huntington Beach, California, the following day. There is only one day's difference? Surely there's been a mistake.

The Sydney GPO date stamp was applied at 8am on 1<sup>st</sup> November, and the Huntington Beach back-stamp was applied at 3pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The time between these events was –

8am Sydney to 3pm California	31 hours
Time zone difference	18 hours
	49 hours

or 2 days and 1 hour.

That seems plausible with trans-Pacific jet aviation. Just think, overseas airmail and express delivery for \$1.30 in a shade more than two days in 1976. Nowadays we can get delivery between *Australian* capital cities in up to four business days for \$1, or priority delivery in two business days for \$1.50. It just goes to show there is such a thing as the good old days.

P.S. On the day I wrote this I received an airmail letter from USA. Transmission from posting to receipt took 13 days.

