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15 October 2018	Ian Sadler (Also deferred AGM)	Princely States of Rajasthan 1890-1947
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## Editorial

*Tony Lyon*

In journal No 78 of December 2001 the then editor Michael Barden wrote:

“The position of Editor is still vacant. The silence has been deafening. Required are Windows 98, Word 2000® and Publisher 98® to make life possible, all standard on today’s computer — if not superseded!. A scanner helps, but an inkjet printer is quite satisfactory — so the outlay is essentially nil. You do not need to reside in Melbourne as much material arrives by disc or internet. Please will somebody give it a go.”

My recollection is that at a subsequent council meeting I was asked to take the editorial reins. Thus the first paragraph in journal 79 of March 2002 editorial read as follows:

“It is with a certain amount of fear and trepidation that I have volunteered to take over as Editor of this journal. The Society has been served by excellent editors in the past and the task of maintaining the standard is something of which I am very conscious.”

Note the Microsoft requirements back then. We also had to cut and paste and set up for the printer. Now the journal, upon completion, is emailed to the printer or directly to those who receive it by email.

It is now 16½ years on and another journal is complete thanks to all those contributors who provide material.

At the August members meeting a quorum was not present, it was a very cold night. As a result the deferred AGM will be conducted at the October meeting.

Until next time ciao.

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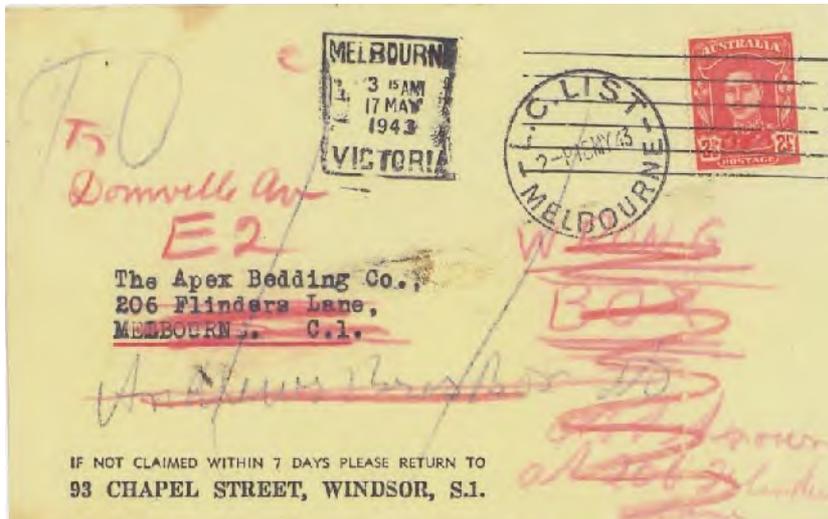
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## From the President

### A Very Busy PMG Department

At a time when many working-age men were enlisted for war service, and when postal were probably pressed for time, the PMG Department was faced with finding the right address for Apex Bedding Co. A letter was sent to Apex Bedding by Caspers Furniture Warehouse at 93 Chapel Street, Windsor, Melbourne postal district S1. It was not delivered because the address was wrong. On 18 May 1943, the day after posting, the envelope was datestamped LC List [letter carriers' list], and on the back of the envelope there are two boxed non-delivery records. Each is headed 'Unknown by Postman' and with a total of nine postal-round numbers initialled to verify the 'unknown' status. There are also hand written redirections on the envelope, but they are undated. The inscription 'Returned unknown at address' is dated 18 May 1943.



Could all that work have been done in one or two days? In any event, regardless of the time taken, the PMG Department put in a very busy effort for 2 ½ pence postage

