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Trans Atlantic and Trans Pacific airmail from Portugal to Australia, Aug. 1941. Flown by PAA from Lisbon to New York, domestic airline to San Francisco, PAA to Auckland and TEAL to Sydney.

Franked 13 Esc 75 and censored in Bermuda. Postage about triple the rate for trans Atlantic airmail, 5 Esc 25.
See page 14 for example from Spain.


## Editorial

## Tony Lyon

Hope this issue finds you well. Once again it is thanks to a cohort of regular contributors who bring such variety to this journal. A new contributor is Gerhard Lang-Valchs who has provided a very thoroughly researched paper about a Spanish Forger Plácido Ramón de Torres. Possibly like me you have never heard of him. I recommend the article.

The Australian philatelic world lost another distinguished philatelist with the death on the 7 March 2019 of Hugh Hunter Freeman in Tasmania. 'The Barred Numerals of Victoria' will be a lasting legacy of his research among many achievements. Condolences to his family.
Just a reminder to assist George Vearing who coordinates Hand Held Date Stamp Notes. George is finding a shortage of postmarks, so if you have any that may be of use to he and his column, George would be most appreciative. Postmarks from any state or territory are needed. His address is on page 2 of this journal.

On the back page there is an advertisement from Abacus Auctions featuring Australian Colonies Postal History and Postmarks. This could be a very excellent opportunity, if this is your collection area, to pick up a few gems.
Altogether this issue spans a number of countries and specialties.

Until next time ciao.

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## From the President

In June last year I showed some of the postcards found in the Misses Pape hoard from Sydney. The card shown below was addressed to another of the sisters, Miss Eda Pape.


It depicts a French postcard seller, possibly in Marseille as the sender captioned the picture with 'Marseille 10/7/04'. The card apparently went with the sender to Port Said whereupon it was franked with a French 10 cents stamp and postmarked 11 July. The other markings are 'Paquebot' and Colombo, 26 July 1904.
The markings on the postage side are philatelically interesting, but the picture is nicely appropriate: a postcard which portrays a postcard seller.


## Vale: Hugh Hunter Freeman APR - 31.12.1934-7.3.2019

Hugh was a great gentleman of the Australian philatelic world who generously shared his vast knowledge and wisdom. He passed away 7 March 2019 at the Rubicon Grove Nursing Home, Tasmania.

Just some of his achievements mentioned inside the cover of his latest book, 'The Barred Numerals of Victoria':

- Auction manager
- Established one of the first postal auction businesses, 'The Penny Black'
- Moved business to Martin Place, Sydney
- Launched Status Stamps Auction with Barry Cooper
- Appointed in 1991 as Stanley Gibbons Australia's Managing Director
- Gold Medals at national exhibitions and national judge
- Author of 'The Numeral Cancellations of Victoria' (2001), 'The Numeral Cancellations of New South Wales' (2012 and 2017) and 'The Barred Numerals of Victoria' (2018)
- In 2017, awarded the Research Medal of the Australian Philatelic Federation for his contributions to Australian Colonial philatelic research.

