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## Front Cover

*John Young*

In 1934 or 1935 THE Postmaster-General's Department re-organised its express messenger service, increasing the delivery radius from general post offices, increasing the days and hours of operation and reducing the postal costs. The Department also publicised the improved service. This cover, from general carriers in Ballarat who promised "Anything Delivered Anywhere", has a bold slogan postmark advertising the express messenger service.



## Editorial

*Tony Lyon*

We live in interesting times; what with the economic situation—is the world headed for a major recession! And of course Coronavirus or to give it its more technical name COVID-19; there is a suggestion that in Victoria there may be imposed self isolation for over 70's! Now there's an idea. Think of all the stamp projects one could get done without guilt because you are not allowed out. I have already started compiling my list for projects.

A downside to this is that my wife and I have booked for Europe and I was to fulfil a dream of attending the London 2020 International Stamp Show in May. I had missed 1990 and 2010 when I failed to check the philatelic calendar before making plans. It looks like all those plans will be on hold as I don't relish quarantine for 2 weeks of a month long holiday and possibly 2 more when we returned. Also places we were planning on travelling to have shut their borders.

Another full journal to peruse this quarter and it is thanks to our contributors. Please if you are able send George Vearing some postmarks for his column he would be very appreciative.

Contributions are always welcome and indeed needed.

Until next time ciao.

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# From the President

From time to time we see old postcards that in a sense are 'philatelic' in that they have been sent with the object of being put in a collection. The clearest evidence of this is the one shown below sent from Singapore to Australia in 1908. The printed message on the card solicits the exchange of postcards, and also has a hand-written message asking that the stamp be stuck on the view side.



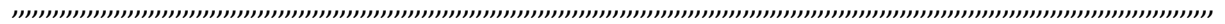
Illus. 1. Front



Illus. Back

The card has a receival date stamp for Mount Waverley, 18 km south-east of central Melbourne, which was a rural village in 1908.

To date my observations are that surviving cards from old time collections were often addressed to country towns and villages, where perhaps the tempo of life and rural solitude drew people into collecting pictures of far-off places. Or do rural collections have a better chance of survival than urban collections?



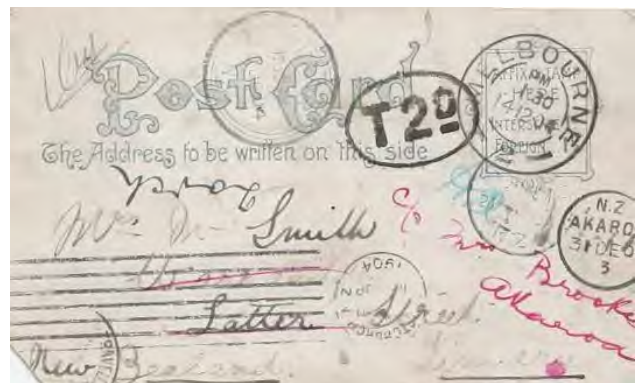
## Postage Due

### Tony Lyon

The scene is of Tommy's Bend. This is a stretch of road 10 kilometres from Marysville on the Woods Point Rd up to Lake Mountain. Today it is a favourite climb of cyclists testing their physical skills. The climb from Marysville is 21.3km long and rises at an average gradient of 4.3%. The first 4.3km of the climb are the most challenging with an average gradient of 8.1%.



Snow scene Tommy's Bend



Posted Melbourne 14.12.04 where it received a Postage due marking, addressed to Latter St, Timaru. (Street in CBD): Received Christchurch (machine cancel), TPO (Christchurch to Dunedin), Timaru 21 DE 04 redirected to Akaroa Timaru 30 DE 04 and received Akaroa 31 DE 04.