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15 August 2005	Richard Breckon	PH of private ppc's in Australia
19 September 2005	John Lancaster	Genesis of Trade part 2 from 1851
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Cover Picture:

A fairly innocuous looking Queen Victoria Postal Stationery Post Card of New Zealand upon first appearance. However it is not as harmless as it seems being the first mint example of Samuel AA5a seen. Robert Samuel does not appear to have seen a mint example as he does show a value for mint in his catalogue and there is nothing about any mint discoveries in his Newsletter. At Pacifica 2005 one exhibit had a notation that the exhibitor possessed a mint copy but it was in poor condition. This example is nowhere near perfect but is an example none the less. Only about 8 used examples are recorded.



Editorial

Tony Lyon

It has been a very busy time since the last journal. The articles have kept coming and it is terrific to see the effort some are willing to go to, in order to maintain this vital asset of the Australian Philatelic Society Inc. It is obvious to those of us who attend the monthly meetings that the majority of our members are linked by the journal. Many of course live outside of Melbourne and are simply unable to attend unless they happen to be visiting this wonderful city of ours. It is always great when this happens.

With the major Australian philatelic event for 2005 given to Sydney, it was the privilege of some of the members in Melbourne to find an excuse to be in Sydney to visit the exhibition which was staged at the Convention Centre, Darling Harbour. It was not an easy venue to find and the poor advertising signage around Darling Harbour didn't help. The usual suspects were there and our unassuming secretary took the time to introduce me to some of the luminaries present. We also had a delightful lunch in the Harbour precinct which is somewhat reminiscent of the type of restaurants one finds at Southbank. The president stood us up for some other urgent philatelic consultations related to cover collecting. Managed to make a couple of nice purchases from one or two of the Kiwi dealers present. Unfortunately the pockets were a little shallow to cope with all the goodies I spied. Oh well.

It is always encouraging when a member responds to an article and adds new information or corrects some misinterpretation. This is, after all, a journal that endeavours to educate. As well as educate, it seeks to record and publish the results of research in a variety of subjects. The section on Hand Held Datestamps coordinated by George Vearing, is an example of recording postal history as it occurs. It leaves information for future collectors. For publishing in future issues, George would appreciate any items that have been cancelled by an HHDS, preferably an original, however a good clear photo copy will suffice.

There will hopefully be a couple of follow up articles to last journal's story about the HMAS Sydney. There were a number of responses. This is great.

Next issue will include a couple of corrections to articles from previous journals

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