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21 December 2020	Christmas Meeting (Maybe)	Members 4-10 Pages Exhibits
15 February 2021	TBA	TBA
19 April 2021	TBA	TBA

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If flown from Australia to Aden in October 1944 [as postmarked], this cover would have travelled by air from Perth to Ceylon on a weekly service operated since August 1944.	
The Qantas service connected with the reopened Imperial service from India via Cairo to London. The cover has an inverted partial Indian censor mark.	
There was a twice-weekly service from Cairo to Aden.	
The 4 pence franking is a puzzle.	
The pre-war airmail postage to Arabia was 1 shilling and 9 pence.	
Did the sender take advantage of an armed forces concession: one penny for a 1 ounce letter and 3 pence for air mail in Australia; was air all the way allowed but not taxed; was there some other concession; or simply inexplicable? Any ideas, please?	

## Editorial

*Tony Lyon*

September and still isolated under Stage 4 Lock-Down and only supposed to be outside your home for exercise (1 hour not more than 5km from your home), grocery shopping (1 person from a household once per day) and only able to go to work if you can't work from home. Children are all home schooling. Many parents as they attempt to home school, are having a new appreciation for what teachers do. When you did your maths 60 odd years ago, it doesn't spring readily to mind the answers your child / grandchild is expecting you to help them with.

Australia Post has received a fair amount of publicity of late. None of it good. The service has gone from dismal to abysmal. Mail taking a week to travel from Ringwood to Croydon is a personal example.

The best effort was a person who was following the tracking advice from AP over many days and finally was advised that their parcel would arrive that morning.

No parcel arrived and when AP was contacted they claimed the person was not at home (they were) and they would need to pick it up from the post office. However the Post Office it was to be picked up from was over 600km away, Still the executives need to earn their bonuses some how!

Thank you for the contributions to this issue. With lock-down there should be plenty of time to pen a article—write up an interesting cover, or item of interest. Don't waste it.

Until next time ciao.

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