

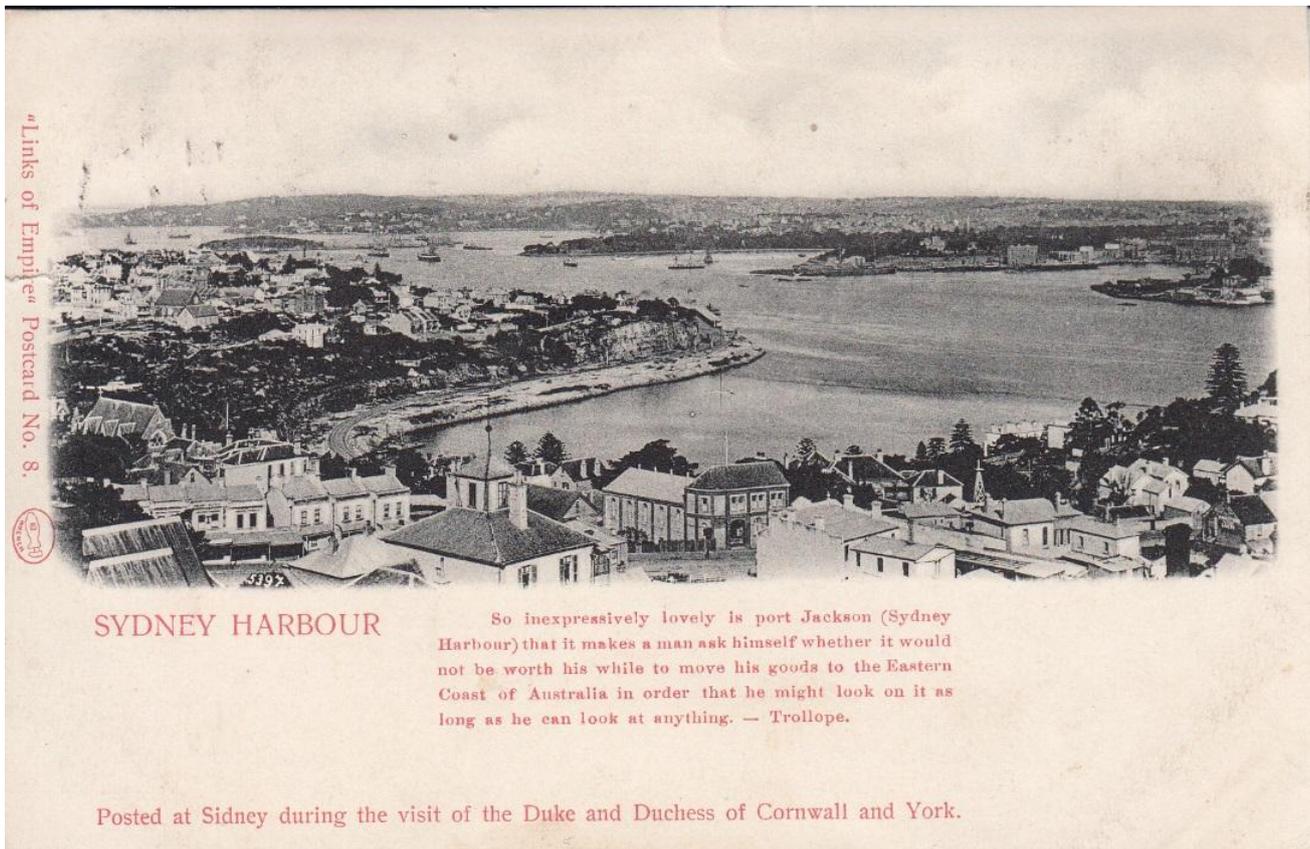
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SECRETARY'S LETTER & NOTICES, EDITORIAL OPEN LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY

Here we go again, but by the time that you read this the four-week lockdown will be nearly over. Who knows what joys await us on the other side? We shall see.

You may have expected a booking form for the 2021 Convention in this issue. However, in consultation with the Hon. Treasurer we decided that we would wait until the February issue. That will give us chance to gauge whether or not the rules might be relaxed sufficiently for us to go ahead with the event, or whether we shall be faced with another cancellation. We are, of course, hopeful.

Just to reinforce what our Programme Secretary has been forced to do, as the Royal Philatelic Society has closed the Abchurch Lane building for all physical meetings until at least the end of January 2021, I repeat the information that the planned meeting in London in January is cancelled.

I feel that the lack of meetings is leaving a gap that we ought to try to fill. I would invite any member who feels able to offer a short (no more than 30 minutes) Australian presentation over Zoom, using the screen-sharing facility to contact either Colin Mount or me, and we shall see what can be put together to keep the members entertained. Please remember that we may get extra attendees as we did for the AGM. The event would be entirely Covid-free!

Please be prompt in paying your Subscription this year, especially in light of the very generous "Two for One" offer that the Hon. Treasurer has made. See whether you can "phone a friend" and persuade them to join as well. If they want to get a flavour of what goes on, then point them towards the Society Facebook page, initiated by Huw Williams with discussions on all sorts of Australian topics.

Although it is a little early, I would like to wish all members a safe and enjoyable Christmas season, and a Happy and Healthy New Year when I look forward to seeing real people again.

PGER 6/11/20

PS

ZOOM BSAP CHRISTMAS MEETING – 12 December 9.30am / 5pm

Although physical meetings have had to take a rest until next year, Huw Williams, our Auction Secretary who runs the Facebook Group is organizing two Zoom meetings in the morning and late afternoon of 12 December. The morning one will start at 9.30am and the afternoon one will start at 5pm. (Members will be able to join the meetings from 15 minutes beforehand).

The morning meeting should provide an opportunity for members in Australia to join, and the afternoon one should work for American members. UK members are welcome to either or both. Whilst the format will be informal, members may like to show something, either by preparing a powerpoint slide or scan in advance, and sending it to Huw, or using the "Share Screen" facility. Such presentations may be 1 sheet or up to a 5-10 minute slot. Huw will also invite those in the Facebook Group (some of whom are not yet BSAP members). It may be sensible to advise Huw in advance if you have something to show.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Members will have received with this Bulletin, the 2021 Membership Renewal Form. Subscription rates remain at the same levels for a further year (with the usual discount for payment before 31 January). However, in recognition of the reduced scope of services provided during this COVID-19 period, Council has agreed that payment of your Membership Subscription for 2021 will also cover your membership for 2022. Effectively, two years for the price of one! Early payment discounts will remain in place so, as an example, UK Members taking the printed Bulletin and paying before the end of January 2021 will receive all membership benefits through to the end of December 2022 for a total of £26. New members joining the Society in 2021 will also benefit from (up to) two years for the price of one.

Finally, the membership secretary & treasurer makes his usual annual plea – all renewals as early as possible please! Many thanks.

MJP 24/09/2020

The editor adds that if you phone a friend, as the Secretary suggests, and they join before Christmas, their new (2+ year) membership will start immediately, and we'll make sure they get this Bulletin.

But, before you renew read the next article

BULLETIN ARCHIVE ON USB

Members may recall reading separately (or hearing about at a previous convention) of the extended exercise to prepare scanned files of all historic bulletins. For practical purposes (and linked to availability of original copies of The Bulletin) the scanning exercise has been split into three volumes.

VOLUME 1 Covers the copies of The Bulletin as issued by the BSAP predecessor – The Australian Commonwealth Specialists' Society from Issue 1 of March 1933 to April 1951.

VOLUME 2 (will) Covers the copies of The Bulletin as issued by the British Society of Australian Philately from Vol 1, 1951 to Vol 24, 1970

VOLUME 3 Covers the copies of The Bulletin as issued by the British Society of Australian Philately from Vol. 25, April 1970 to Vol. 71, December 2016.

VOLUMES 1 and **3** have been completed and are loaded on the first USB Stick (*see below*).

VOLUME 2 has *not* yet been completed; the copies of The Bulletin are in the process of being scanned, but the exercise (which is being carried out by volunteers at the Royal Philatelic Society) has been effectively brought to a halt since March 2020 by COVID-19 restrictions. We do not yet have an indication of when this exercise will be completed but will keep members updated with progress through future issues of The Bulletin.

When Volume 2 is available it will be offered to all previous purchasers, provided they remain Society Members, at no additional charge. Also, when Volume 2 is completed, a fully consolidated set of the files will be made available – full details to follow at that time.

Members can now order the USB Stick with Volumes 1& 3 of The Bulletin Archive from the Membership Secretary at the following cost (valid until 31st January 2021):

UK Based Members - £15

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Membership Secretary - List of Changes to Membership Database – Notification 173 Period: 1 September 2020 to 31 October 2020

New members: 1861 S.S. Nair Spain 1862 W. Candy Minnesota USA

Deceased: 1336 S. Chilcraft Buckinghamshire

Changes & Corrections of address, Lapsed & Removed Members, Resigned & Reinstated:
None Advised

Note that due to my editing error, the new members recorded in October should have been under notification 172, and that new members were incorrectly shown; it should have been

New members: 1859 R. Benoist, London 1860 I.Culshaw, Western Australia
Apologies for any confusion to Dr. M Cohen (member 1858 whom we welcomed in August)

EDITORIAL

This Bulletin is a little earlier, as I realised that all our auctioneer advertisers had planned auctions between 22 November and 2 December (but one of these has now changed). By all accounts on-line bidding in auctions (whether those of our advertisers or platforms such as ebay) has seen a boom this year, as we have been largely confined to home, and the expectation is that this may continue in some way for a while, even when we return to “normality”. The issue is also of bumper length as it incorporates all the AGM reports within the minutes of that meeting. I think I am settling into the editorial role and have got a process in place; it’s a bit different to how Graham did things but I think is working for me. Thanks to those who have provided new articles; I have included quite a few in this edition, holding a few back for the February edition; more will be needed by April! A couple of new features are being planned for the Bulletin next year. Happy Christmas (when it comes)!

Alan Cross 10/11/20

2690. THE HOLLOW S IN OS OVERPRINTS (of the 1d GREEN) by Bert Wajer and Gordon Monk

The Australian Commonwealth Specialist Catalogue states that 6,372,000 stamps overprinted OS were issued. This represented 53,100 sheets of 120. The demand for OS perforated stamps had been steadily declining and did so for the overprinted issue. This is supported by the fact that the OS overprinted stamps were only issued for 111 months. (March 1932 to February 1933) after which they were withdrawn. The remaining blocks of each issue were disposed of mainly through the Post Office Philatelic outlets.

How did the “Hollow S” Occur?

We propose that the initial printing was of 2 formes of 120, the upper forme featuring the “Hollow S” and the lower forme being normal. The total printing format 240 up. The upper & lower formes were identical and therefore interchangeable. As stocks of the OS overprints were running low, further printings were made with a forme of 120 up. We propose there were, after the initial printing (s) of 240 up, three subsequent printings on single sheets (120 up). This allowed the “hollow S” to appear on Pane 8, and not on Panes 2 and 6. It is also possible that later printings were done with 240 up; hence Pane 8, but that implies Pane 2 does not have a “Hollow S”; the “hollow S” must appear on Pane 4. This seems unlikely, as after 16 years of searching we have not found or seen a “Hollow S” that can be plated to Pane 4. This strongly supports the later printings being done 120 up.

Pane 8



Research Paper

The “Hollow S” in OS overprints

Early in 2003 we obtained a block of 12 1d greens overprinted OS with full upper and right margins (illustrated on previous page). The Jubilee line at right and the clear margins at the top, together with the plate varieties, indicate that the block came from Pane 8. To our amazement we discovered that R17 featured the “Hollow S”! This was not recorded in the Australian Specialist Catalogue (at the time), which stated that the “Hollow S” only occurred on Panes 2 and 6. Our find was duly reported to Dr. Geoffrey Kellow to be included in the new catalogue, due in 2007.

In 2018-19 we obtained several thousand 1d green CofA stamps including lots of OS overprinted stamps many in pairs, strips and blocks of 4 and 6.

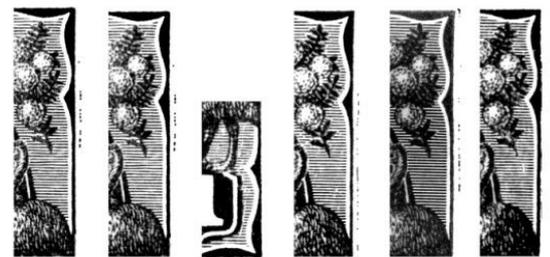
Block of 6

We plated this block to be from Pane 2 #'s 10, 11, 12, 16, 17 and 18. This block of 6 did not have the “Hollow S” on R17 and the block features the island flaws above the left wattle leaf together with all the known plate varieties.

Pane 2



- # 10 RF. Compartment marks from top v-scroll to wattle stem.
- # 11 RF. Compartment marks from top v-scroll to wattle stem.
- # 12 Shade Lines. Shade lines fail to touch right side of RVS.
- # 16 RF. Compartment marks from top v-scroll to Emu's back.
- # 17 RF. Compartment marks from Emu's head to top of Emu's back.
- # 18 Shade Lines. Almost vertical scratch from 3rd to 7th line under right wattle stem.



10 # 11 # 12 # 16 # 17 # 18

Block of 4

This block was easily plated as Pane 6 #'s 11, 12, 17 and 18. This block also featured the "Island flaw" and was thus plated by 6-12 shaved LF. It came as a big surprise that R17 (6-17) did not feature the "Hollow S" either!



- # 11 Cross. Top left corner raised.
- # 12 LF. Shaved for 2½mm from TLC.
- # 17 No flaws present.
- # 18 RF. Bottom 5mm rough.



PLATING GUIDE FOR SINGLE STAMPS

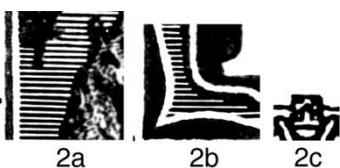
Pane 2 # 17

1st State 1914

1a Island flaw

2nd State Reds-Final

- 2a LF. Comp mark by 5th line under left wattle stem, inconstant.
- 2b BLC. Comp dot on LF level with BF, inconstant.
- 2c RF. Comp mark at TRC and R58, inconstant.
- 2d BRC. Comp mark off corner, inconstant.
- 2e Cross. Left half of top dimpled, variable.



Pane 6 #17

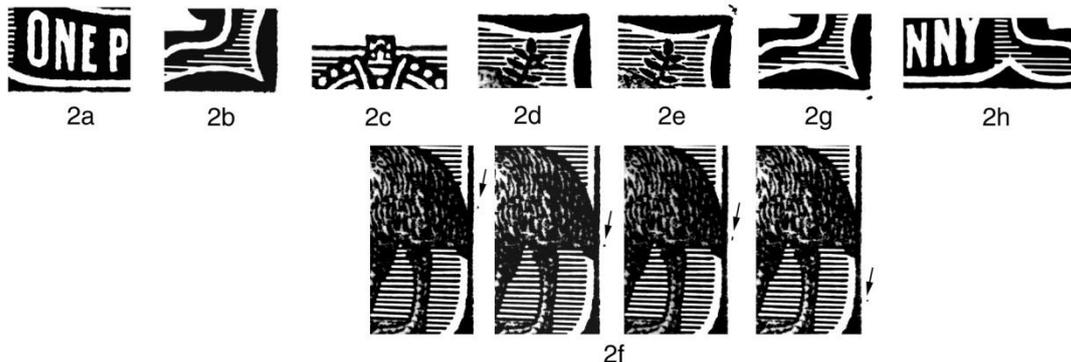


1st State 17 Jul 1914 – 28 Jul 1914

1a Island flaw.

2nd State 28 Jul 1914 – Final

- 2a BF. Indentation under N of ONE, and thinned under O of ONE, inconstant.
- 2b RF. Slightly shaved at BRC, variable and inconstant.
- 2c Cross TLC points NW, inconstant and variable.
- 2d TRC. Early in print run RF shaved into corner, inconstant and variable.
- 2e TRC. Comp mark off corner, inconstant and variable.
- 2f RF. Random comp marks at R75, R82, R83 and R92, inconstant.
- 2g BRC. Comp mark off corner, inconstant and variable.
- 2h BF. Abrupt curve on inside under Y of PENNY, variable.



Pane 8 # 17



Note. NO island flaws found on Pane 8

1st State July 1914 – Small Multi.

- 1a LF. A very small notch just below the TF, subject to inking.
- 1b Cross. Generally square but there is a weakness in TF just to the right of the cross, subject to inking.
- 1c TRC. Two compartment dots, one above R1 and the second at R2. R1 is absorbed into the corner with ink build up causing the corner to appear to extend to the right.
- 1d BRC. Compartment dot below BF, inconstant.
- 1e BF. The inside edge of the frame is angled, instead of curved, under Y of PENNY, variable.
- 1f BF. A shallow notch $\frac{1}{4}$ mm to $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm from BLC, subject to inking.

2nd State Small Mult. – Final

1a to 1f as before.

- 2a BLC. A compartment mark just off the corner, inconstant.



1a

1b

1c variations

1d

1e

1f, 2a

“Hollow S” Statistics for all KGV (Sideface) printings

Catalogue No.	Printing Forme	Plates	Position Hollow S	No. of Sheets	Issue Date	Notes
69(OS) ½d Orange	240	8 & 9	Plate 8 upper	1,650	In stock 24 Apr 1932 1st issue Sydney 8 Jun 1932	Issue dates for other Capitals not Recorded
82 (OS) 1d Green	240 120	1, 2, 3, 4 Panes 2, 6, 8	Plate 1 & 3 upper Plate 4 lower	53,100	Mar 1932	
103 (OS) 2d Red Die 3	240	1, 2, 3, 4 (1 & 3)	1 & 3 upper	39,100	Feb 1932 Melbourne	
109 (OS) 3d Blue (Die 2)	240	7 & 8	Plate 8 lower	3,900	Mar 1933 Queensland	
116 (OS) 4d Olive	240	3 & 4	Plate 3 upper	3,183	In stock 2 Feb 1932 Issued Mar 1932	
127 (OS) 5d Brown Die 2	120	2 & 3	NO Hollow S	1,125	In stock 20 Jan 1932	1st reported in Philatelic Literature ' Jul 1932

The above evidence suggests that all initial printings were done at the same time; with a forme format of 240 up. The 3d blue was already printed and in stock, but the “Hollow S” appears on the lower plate, see note 1 of Australian Commonwealth Specialist Catalogue 109(05).

All other printings in later KGV issues used different formes, catering for different sheet sizes. No “Hollow S” has been recorded in any of these printings.

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 Stamps of the Australian Commonwealth by Rosenblum

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2292. CONTINUING RESEARCH ON THE GV 1D VARIETIES (Part 63)

by Gordon Monk, Bert Wajer and the late Paull Kaigg

{Editors Note. Having done a preliminary review of the “new” material to hand for this long running series, I have identified updates to 4 # 46, 4 # 31 & 5 #43 the last of these is preceded (at the authors’ request) by an a section on printer set up errors. I have not reproduced (most) illustrations previously published}

2292. CONTINUING RESEARCH ON THE GV 1D VARIETIES (Part 63)

Pane 4 # 46 *Note: Issued (by article authors) May 2006. Revised Feb 2018 2b to 2m and 5th State added. There have been 22 clichés found that the compartment marks were reworked around Sep/Oct 1935.*

1st State Proof – 7 July 1914 (1st half of 1st printing).

Normal

2nd State 28 July 1914 (2nd half of 1st printing) – Dec 1916

- 2a Right Frame. Early in the print run a compartment mark appears on frame between R54 and R56. As the run progresses more marks appear until they go from R24 to R89, variable.
- 2b Top Right Corner. Late in the print run a compartment dot appears close to TF in line with RF, inconstant.
- 2c Bottom Right Corner. In mid print run a compartment dot appears ½mm below BF in line with RF. Later more marks appear until it forms a backward L under the corner, variable.
- 2d Bottom Left Corner. In mid print run a compartment dot appears ½mm below BF and ½mm from LF. As the run progresses more marks appear until it forms an L around the corner, variable.
- 2e Left Frame. Early in the print run a compartment dot appears at L86 or L41 and L43 they do not appear at the same time. Later more marks appear until they go form a broken line from L39 to BLC, variable.
- 2f Top Left Corner. Early in the print run compartment dots appear ½mm from LF and from level with TF to 1mm above TF. Later they increase in size, variable.
- 2g Top Frame. In mid print run compartment dots appear ½mm above TF and 3½-4mm from TLC. As the run progresses more marks appear until they form a broken line from TLC to TRC, variable.
- 2h Bottom Frame. Early in the print run the BF is thinner and bent upwards under NE of ONE. As the run progresses in returns to normal, variable.
- 2j Top Frame. Abrupt curve on inside left of the right v-scroll found on 39% of sample, variable.
- 2k Crown. The top of the cross is slightly dished found on 43% of sample, variable.
- 2m Top Right Corner. As the run progresses the corner gradually extends to the right, variable.

3rd State Dec 1916 – January 1917

2a to 2m as before.

- 3a Right Frame and Shading beside Right Value Shield. White flaws affecting 5 shade lines at the top of RVS on the right side and the RF. The area covered by flaws is from 4-6mm from BRC, variable.

4th State January 1917 – C of A (Oct 1935?)

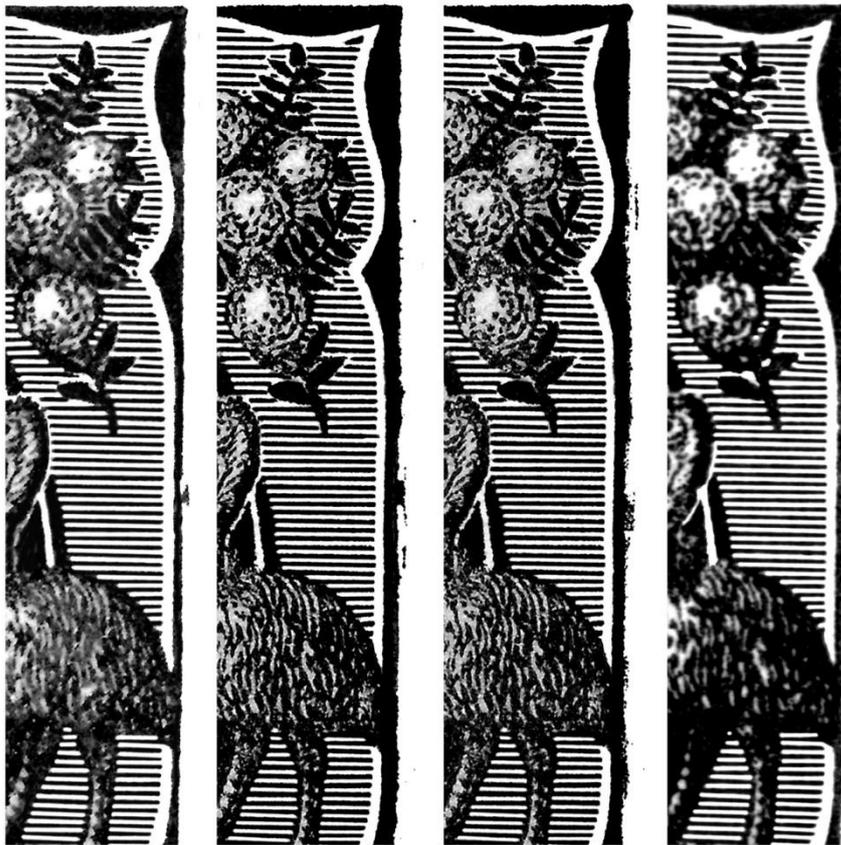
2a to 2m as before. 3a removed.

- 4a Right Frame. Very thin between 4 and 5mm from BRC.

5th State January C of A (Oct 1935?) – Final

2a to 2m removed 4a as before. Best collected in pairs with 4-40 or 4-47.

Note 3a is presumed to be a shallow Rust Flaw.



2a variations

5a



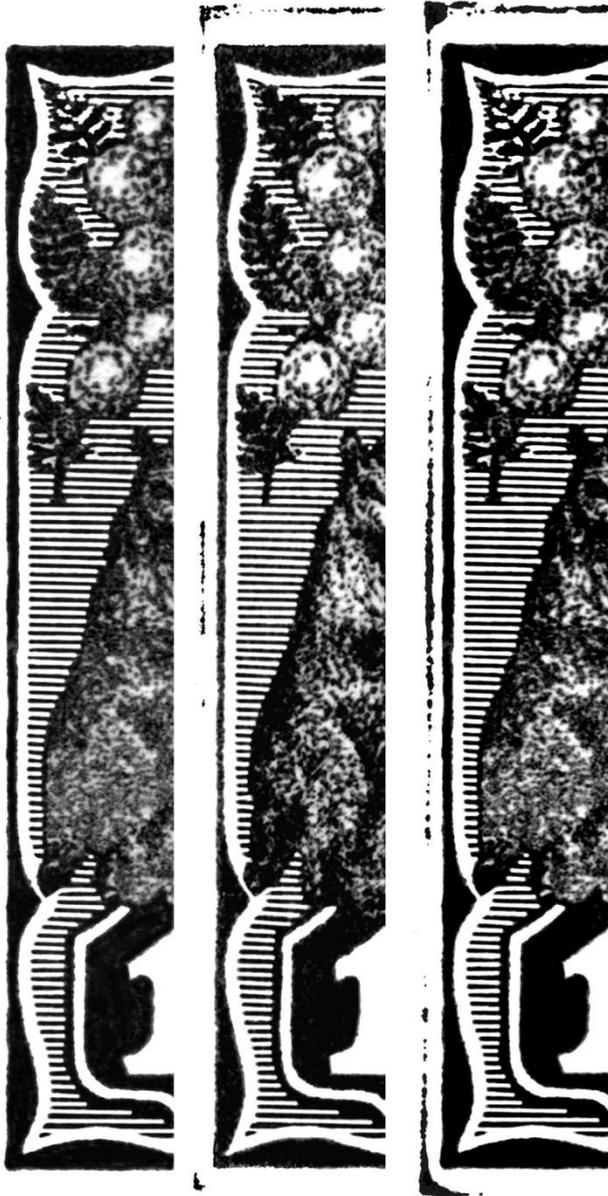
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2g variations



2f variations



2e variations



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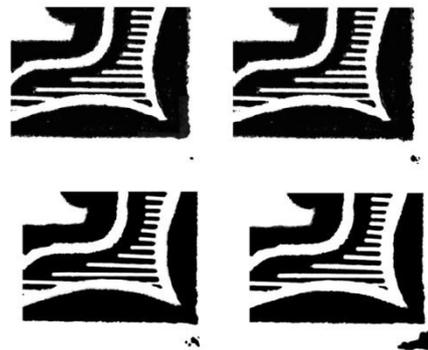
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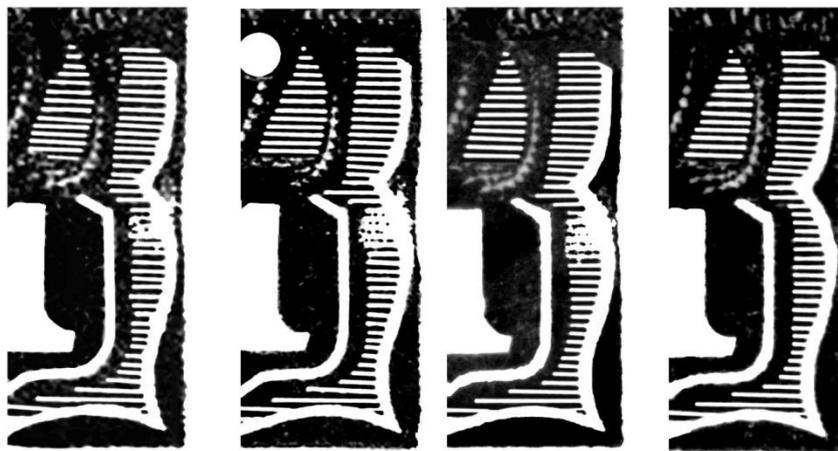
2m variations



2b



2c variations



3a variations

4a

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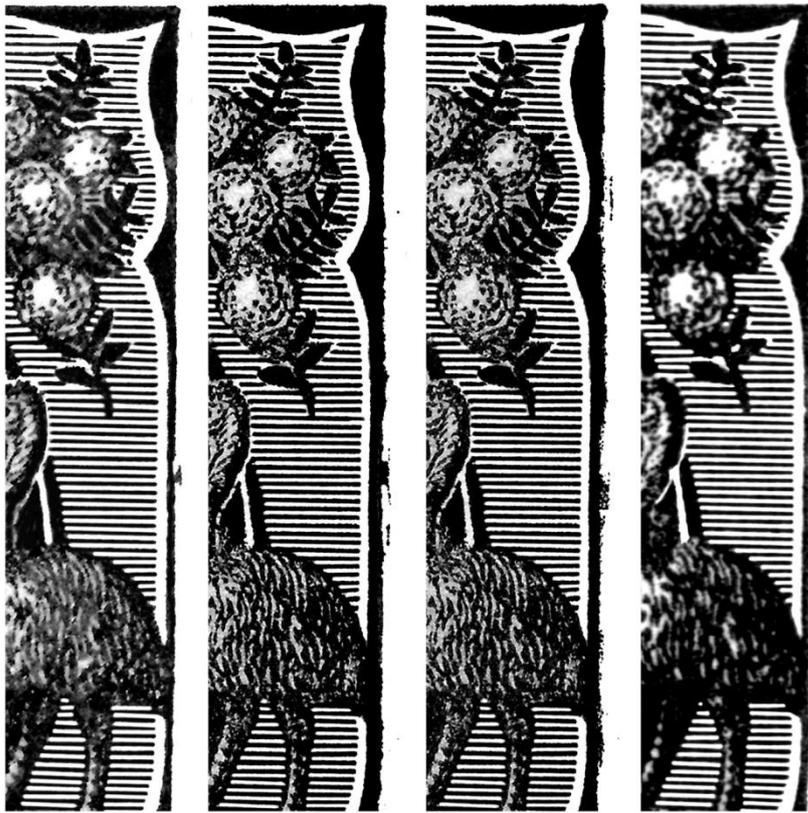
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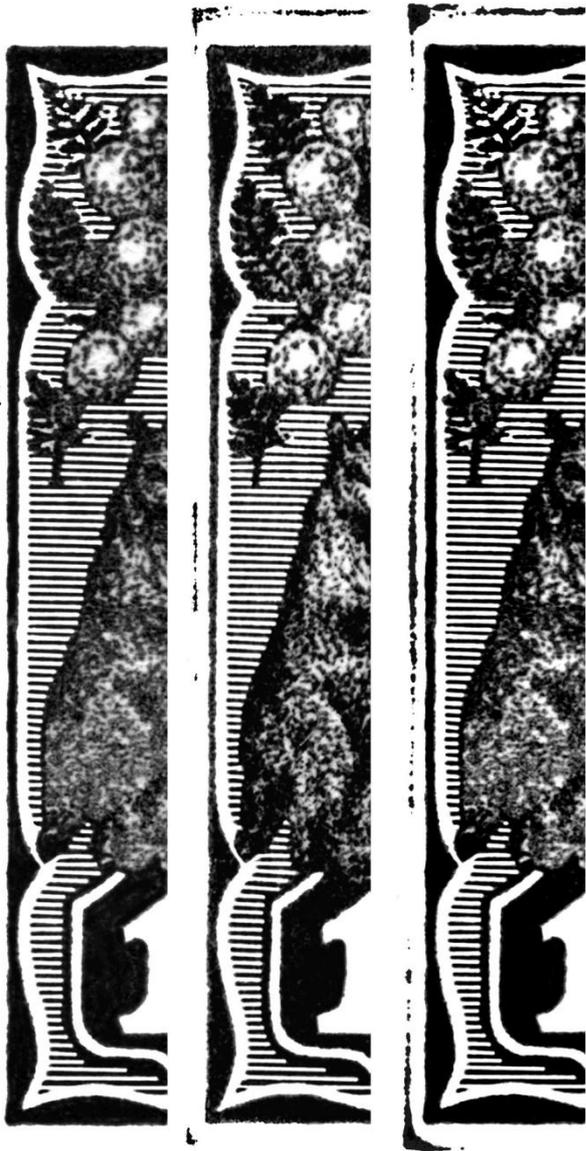
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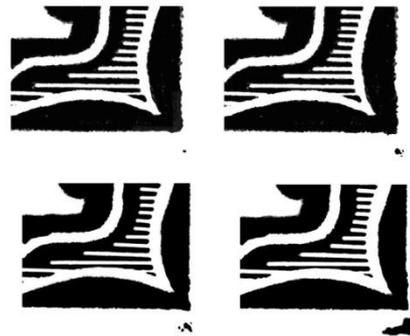
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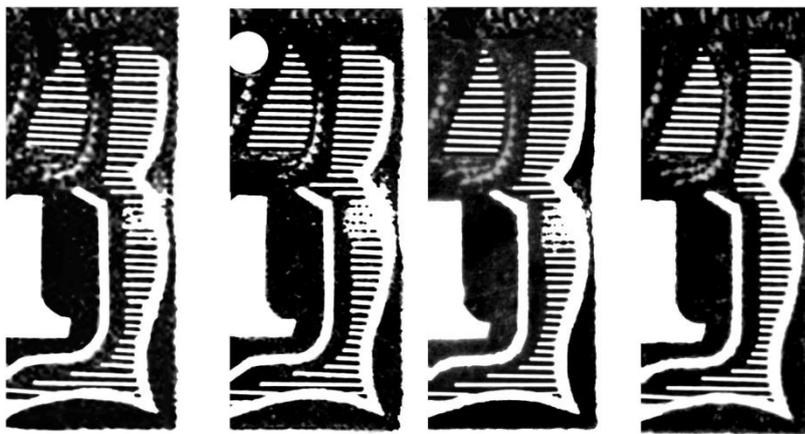
2m variations



2b



2c variations



3a variations

4a

PRINTER'S SET-UP ERRORS

A number of Printer's Set-up errors have been found and identified since the Study and identification KGV 1d varieties began. Pane 4-35 5th state was found in 1998 but not identified until 2002. The latest Printer's Set-up error found is 5-43 Intermediate flaw, and is printed in this issue, was found in 2013 and identified in 2018. All 12 copies found to date are from 1916 and in various shades of red. It has therefore been attributed to a different senior printer employed by J. B Cooke.

To date 12 mint blocks, 1 used block perf. 14 and 3 used blocks perf. 13½ have been found of the 7-31 5th State and an unknown number of single copies. Known copies of 4-35 5th State are 1 small multi. 13½ on cover, 1 mint C of A OS, 2 used small multi 13½ copies and 2 C of A used copies.

7-54 Intermediate flaw can be found in Red, violet and the early green printings. Unlisted as a separate flaw in Australian Commonwealth Specialist Catalogue, (ACSC).

7-31 5th State 1929-1931 Missing Right Frame. ACS Catalogued at 240 times the value of 7-31 4th State.

4-35 5th State Missing Right Frame found in 1998 and identified June 2002 Unlisted as a separate flaw in ACSC. Recently sold by a dealer for 5½ times the value of a "Rust Flaw"

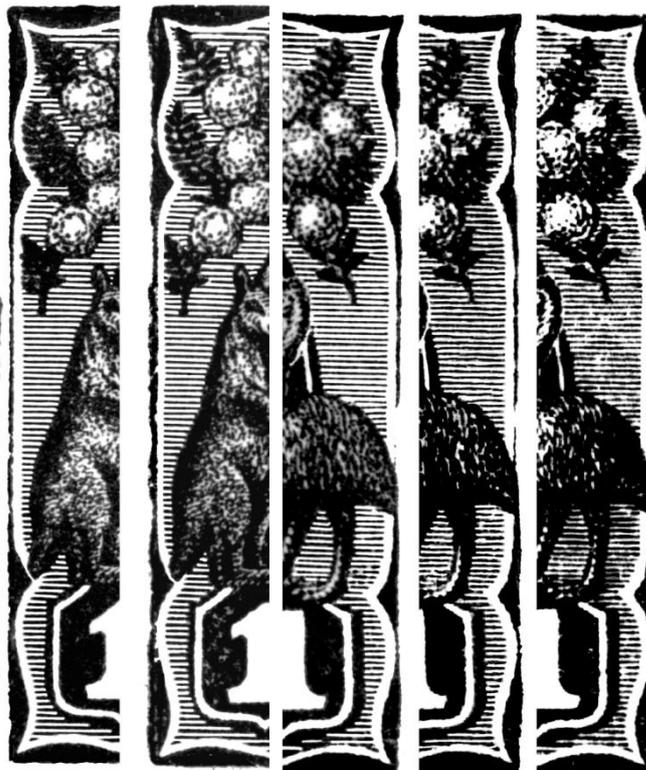
5-43 Intermediate "Damaged Left Frame" found in 2013 and identified December 2018. This flaw occurs only in 1916. Unlisted as a separate flaw in ACSC.



7-54 Intermediate State



7-31 5th State



5-43 Intermediate State

4-35 5th State varieties

Pane 5 #43

Note: Issued (by article authors) July 2016, 2a illustrations added October 2016; intermediate state added Jan 2019

1st State Proof – 7 July 1914 (1st half of 1st printing).
1st State Normal

2nd State 28 July 1914 (2nd half of 1st printing) – Final

2a Top Frame. Minute break in frame 1½mm left of cross, only found early in the print run, inconstant.

2b Top Right Corner. In mid print run a colour dot appears ¼ mm from corner and slightly below the level of the top frame. Later more marks appear to form a curved line from the corner to R4, variable.

2c Right Frame. In mid print run compartment marks appear between R16 and R20. Later more marks appear until they go from R15 to R84, variable.

2d Bottom Right Corner. In mid print run a compartment dot appears below BF in line with RF. Later it extends below BF for 3mm, variable.

2e Bottom Left Corner. A compartment dot appears in mid print run almost touching LF in line with BF.

2f Left Frame. In mid print run compartment marks appear between L48 and L68. Later more marks appear until they go from L25 to BLC, variable.

2g Top Left Corner. A compartment dot appears in mid print run ¼mm above TF and ¼mm left of LF. Later it becomes an angled line over the corner, variable.

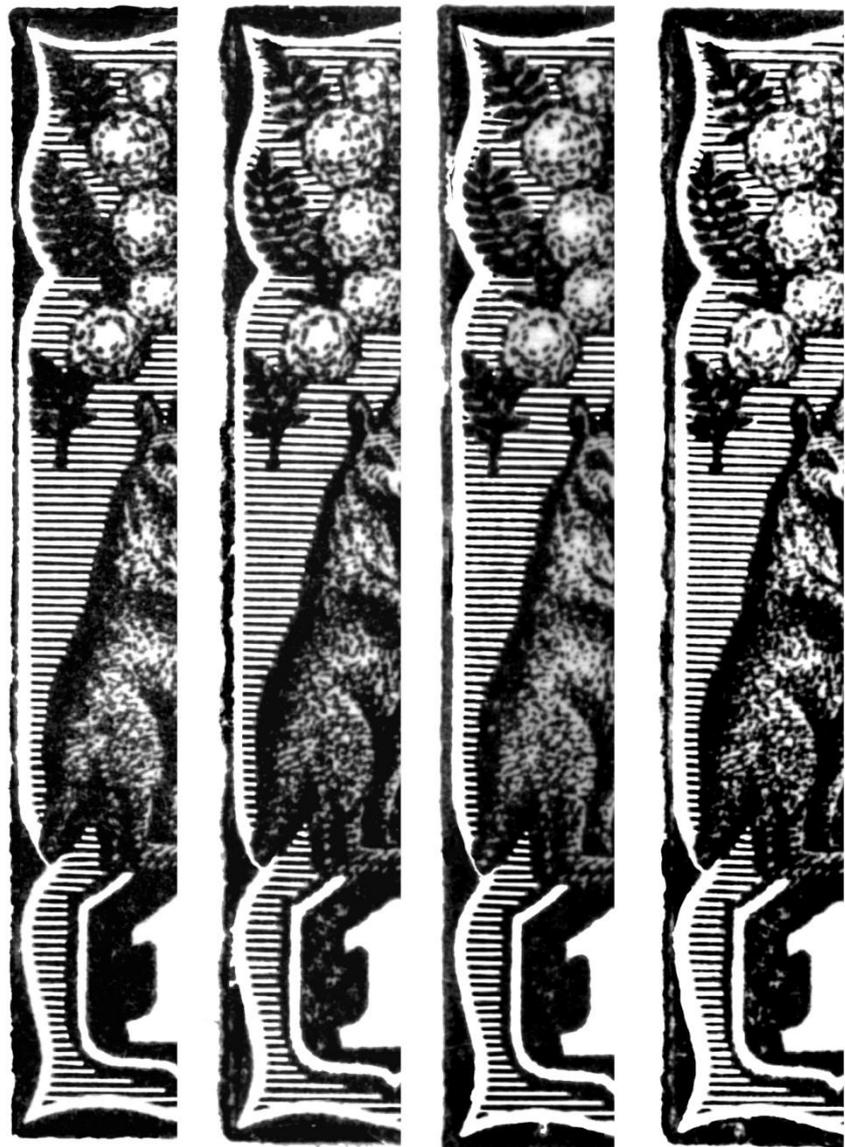
2h Top Frame. Late in the print run compartment marks appear ¾mm above TF from left v-scroll over the cross to 2nd pearl right of crown. Later more marks appear until they go from 2½mm from LF to 12½mm, variable. To date only found in C of A printings but logically they must exist in red printings.

Intermediate State (1916) Printing set up flaws.

2a to 2h as before (and described above, but not illustrated).

Left Frame. Thinned and very variable. These flaws are thought to be caused by Make Ready during the set up for the print run and occurred in 1916 and it is the consensus of opinion is that Cooke might have had a different senior printer in that period.

Note This is a left margin unit. 2b many similar units.



Intermediate State variations

2691. KGV THREE HALFPENCE DIE I - NEW DISCOVERIES, PLATINGS & DESCRIPTIONS by Bill Fiora

Mike Robertson purchased several pieces of KGV 11/2d green printings from a recent Phoenix Auction. From the information he has provided, we are able to tentatively plate UCV F2 as 13R26, and confirmed UCV F16 as 12R31.

UCV F2 Tentatively Plated as 13R26

One of the pieces Mike purchased is a vertical column of 7 stamps from 2 rows (14 stamps). There are no horizontal watermark lines visible on either the top or bottom stamps, so the piece comes from the centre rows of an electro. The description from Phoenix said it was tentatively plated as being from the right pane of electro 13.

Mike identified UCV F2 as the 3rd stamp from the bottom, on the 2nd row. In my collection, I have UCV F2 recorded as being the 5th stamp down on the 2nd column of a sheet.

If you consider these two pieces of information together it places UCV F2 as Cliché 13R26. A description is as follows:

13R26 (Provisional Plating) (Previously UCV F2) (Green Printings only)

Right Wattles: Variable blurred flaw removing topmost leaflet of the corner leaf and affecting 3-5 lines immediately to the right of the leaf. The underside of the adjacent part of the top frame is often also affected.

Note: We would be interested to hear from other collectors who may be able to assist with this plating.

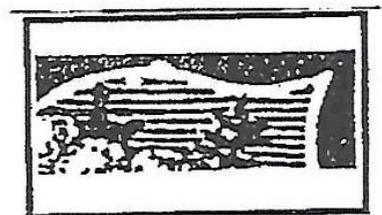


13R26 (Provisional)

UCV F16 Plated as 12R31

Mike also purchased a cover with a pair of 11/2d green stamps. The right stamp has a number of small indentations on the right frame, the most prominent of which is an indent just down from the TRC. From examination of the pair, I was able to plate the right stamp as 12R32, which in turn was previously UCV E4; and plating the left stamp as 12R31.

The flaw we had listed against 12R31 is “white faced roo”, however when I examined my copies of this cliché, I noticed that not all copies have the white face, though they did all have a flaw on the top frame, which is also present on the left stamp on the pair on cover held by Mike, and which is recorded as UCV F16. As a consequence of this we are able to confirm the plating of UCV F16 as 12R31, and 12R31 having 2 states.



12R31 (Green only)

A description is as follows:

12R31 (Green Printings only)

State 1 (Previously UCV F16)

- (a) Top Frame: Variable flaw 3.5 to 4.5mm from TRC, sometimes showing as a slight upward bulge of the inner white frame, with a break at the centre of the shading line below; but more frequently as an upward notch on the lower side of the frame with most of the right portion of the line below missing. Variable.



12R31 St 2 (Green only)

State 2

- (a) As before
- (b) Roo: Absence of nearly all shading on forehead, cheek and nose - “White-Faced Kangaroo”.

2692 UK SUBSCRIPTION POSTCARD SERVICE. By Christine Earle (1752)

Following Patrick’s help in identifying details about my Sydney card (see article 2685 in the October Bulletin) I found another card in my collection that was related to a subscription service. John Evelyn Wrench was a publisher who saw the postcard as a means of promoting the British Empire. He published several sets of cards entitled “Links of Empire”. The first of these was produced in 1901 to mark the cruise of the “Ophir” to Australia carrying the Duke & Duchess of Cornwall and York. Each card in the series shows a black and white view of the ports of call on the outward journey. The cards were obtained by subscription and notionally posted from each port. However, a number were clearly passed to another ship and carried back and posted in London.

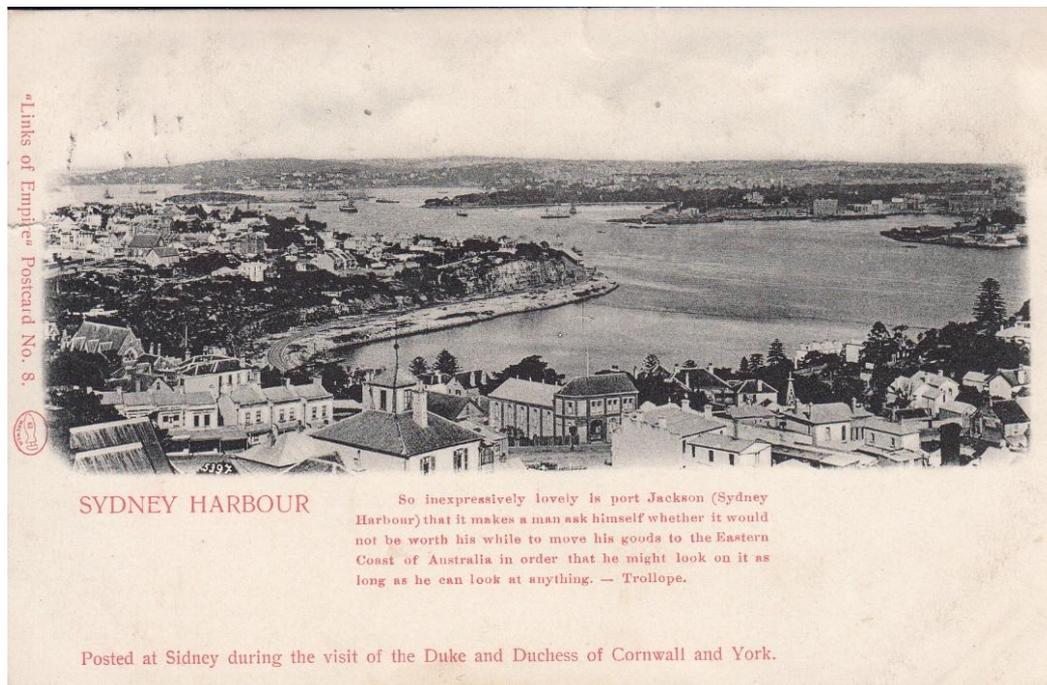


Fig. 1

The front of the card for Sydney, No. 8 in the series of 10, is shown at Fig. 1 and the reverse at Fig. 2 (over page)

Each set was priced at 3/- including postage. However, they can be found in mint condition, indicated that unsubscribed stock was forwarded to Australia for sale there. A complementary set of ten cards was produced to mark the return journey via Canada.

There are a few interesting features. The front of the card is entitled “Sydney Harbour”, but the lie of text at the foot states “Posted in Sidney...”. The reverse of the card which only bears an address has a strip of white paper covering the “Post Card” printing. This seems to

have allowed the card to be posted at the 1d Printed Matter rate. It would save 5d on a full set, being around 14% of the purchase price.

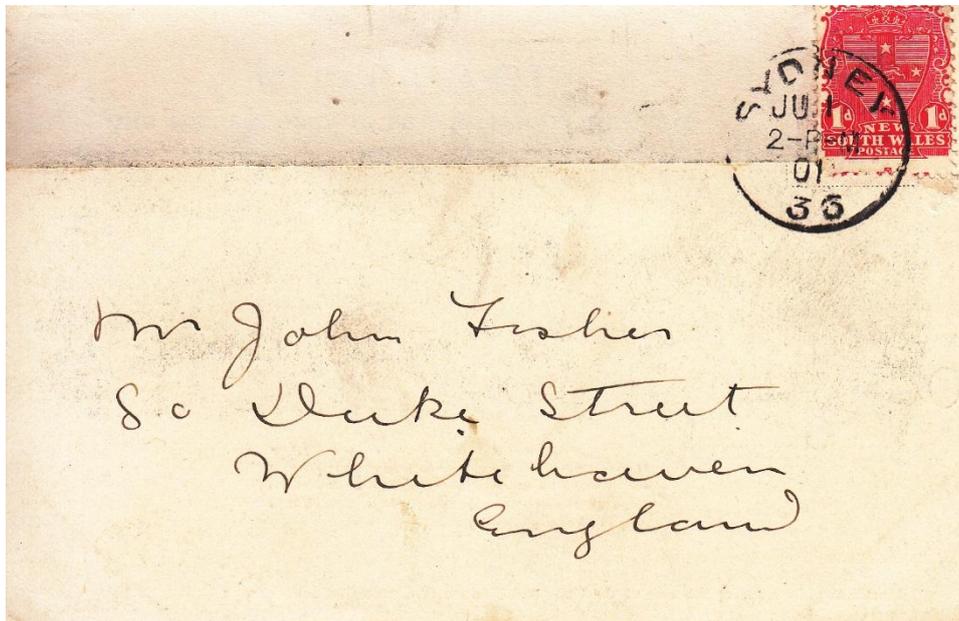


Fig. 2

Reference: Picture Postcards in Australia 1898 – 1920 by David Cook (1986).

2641. RESEARCH ON AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY LUGGAGE AND PARCEL LABELS Part 10 by Ian Spencer (999)

Editor's Note - Following some correspondence between our Secretary and the Author, this article is a short update to the final part of the Tasmania Section that appeared last month. The series will continue next year.

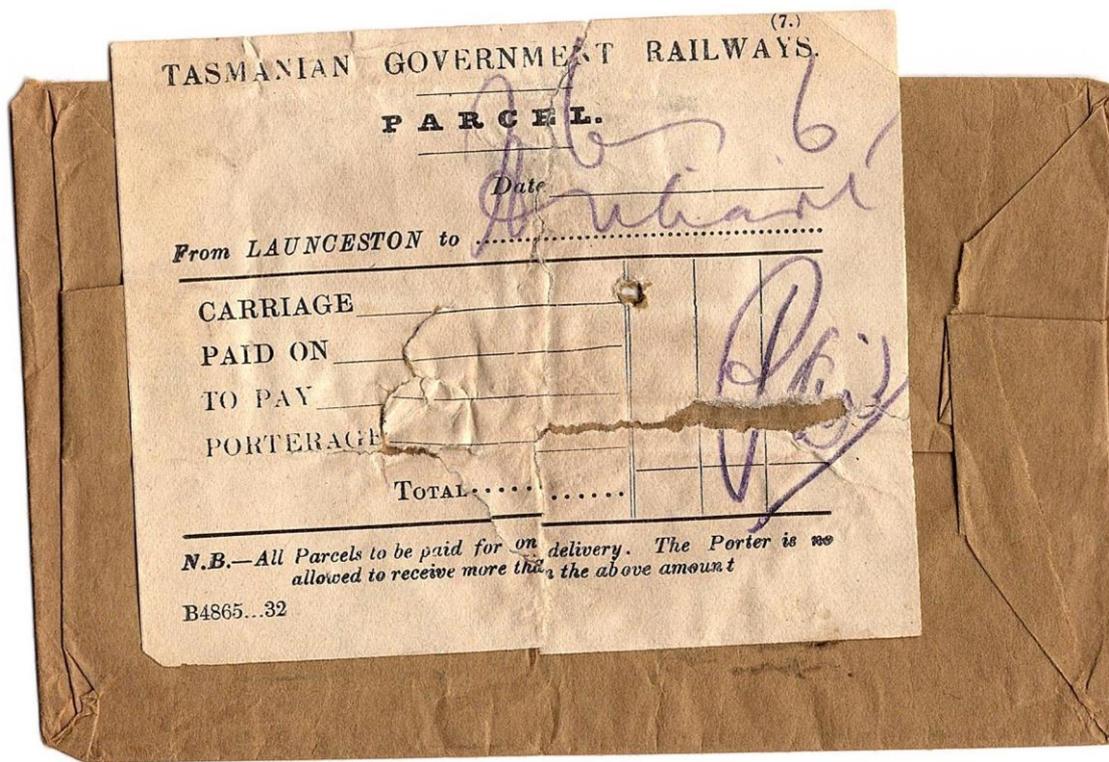
Part (6) Railway Parcel Labels

Railway parcel stamps are well documented, although many of the early types are elusive. Interestingly, the first parcel stamps of 1886 were inscribed "Passenger Ticket". To date, very few types of Tasmanian Railway Parcel labels have been found.

Type Q42 (*The illustration that appeared in the last Bulletin has not been reproduced*)

Size 107 x 82 mm. The previously illustrated label was sent from Deloraine to Hobart on the back of a letter addressed to "Tattersalls, c/o Mr Geo Adams, Hobart, Tasmania". The contents would have been lottery tickets, which could not be sent by post, as this was run by the Federal Government, who wanted to suppress the lottery. Sales of Tattersalls lottery tickets were vital to Tasmanian State funds. Most known examples come from this source. Additional information has been provided by Pat Reid. They are known with handstamped originating station: Devonport, Parattah Jn, Tunbridge; Deloraine (Large Font), Deloraine (Small font), Lemana Jcn, Bishopborne and Perth. These handstamps are in three different styles of text.

(New) Type Q43



Pat Reid has also provided details of a further type of these parcel labels – where the originating station was printed on the label. These are printed on cream paper – known only from Launceston and Hobart. The example shown is addressed to David Harvey, an undercover address for Tattersalls.

(Renamed) Type Q44



Size 111 x 44 mm. This unusual label is the only other type of Tasmanian parcel label seen to date. Used from Burnie, it was meant to accompany a batch of parcels, sent to other (unnamed) stations. It has no parallel for use in the mainland states.

Conclusions

A total of 44 different types of railway luggage and parcel labels have been found so far for Tasmania – more than for use within any mainland state. It is even more unusual in that only three of these relate to parcels. Apart from the large “Tourist” labels, none of the luggage labels have come from the two largest centres of population – Hobart and Launceston. Many of these examples will have come from remainders, either when a type became obsolete, or

from when passenger services ended. The reasons for use of different coloured papers are not known, sometimes even for a single type and for the same station. As they were printed in quantities of up to 20,000, the survival rate must be low – some printings were only 1000. More than half of the known examples have additional information at lower left. Patterns found on the examples seen have enabled some parts of this information to be decoded, but other parts are still a mystery.

Acknowledgement

The author would offer thanks to Pat Reid for expanding the final section on Tasmanian Parcel labels.

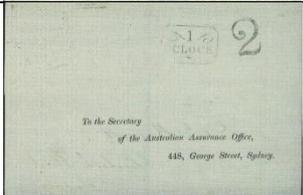
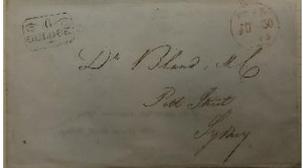
2693 CENSUS OF USED LETTER SHEETS AND ENVELOPES BEARING EMBOSSED STAMP Part 1 by Brian Peace FRPSL (395)

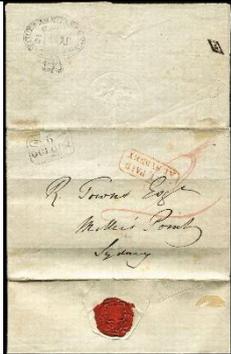
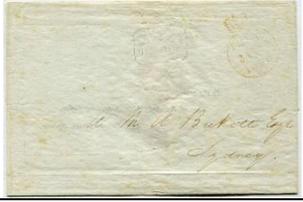
Last year in the May edition of the May 2019 London Philatelist, our Chairman provided a lengthy article relating to this census. They did not have space for the census, so I have published it here, and plan to run the article, for the benefit of non RPSL members next year. (Apologies for image sizes).

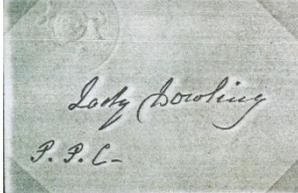
All examples are letter sheets and have a FREE date-stamp struck in red, unless otherwise stated

Date	Address	Time Stamp	Notes + Provenance	Paper	
1839Nov29	None: piece only	None	Piece only. Basset Hull p351. RL 19Apr72 L502. SGA 19Oct88 L333. SGPT Feb89. Siegel 8Nov95 L4001. ex Forster + Robson Lowe (1970 ANPEX catalogue p17). Bolaffi		
1840Oct20	W R Scott Esq, Sydney	None	RL 19Apr72 L503. Leslie Leon RL 14Mar78 L15. SGPT Feb89. Siegel 8Nov95 L4002. 4-page pamphlet. Michael Blinman ex Forster + Leslie Leon + Boucher. EARLIEST ENTIRE	Wove	
1842Jan04	J H Potts Esq, Surry Hills	None	OHMS Col Sec Office. Corinphila 18Nov15 L1126		
1842Jun25	Messrs Lyall Scott & Co, Church Hill	6 OCLOCK	EARLIEST TIME STAMP ON EMBOSSED. Michael Blinman	Wove	

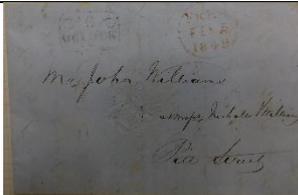
1842Oct01	Mr Thomas Horton, Eliz Street, At the office of James Horton Esq	1 OCLOCK	RL 19Apr72 L503, 14Mar78 L15. SGA 19Oct88 L333. SGPT Feb89. Siegel 8Nov95 L4003. Michael Blinman ex Leslie Leon + Forster	Medium Wove	
1843Jan23	Sir T Mitchel, Surveyor Genl, Sydney	None	Boxed FREE (White F12 1837-49). Posted outside Sydney Two Penny Post area. Christies RL 9Mar94 L2651. Leski 5Aug95 L408, 28Mar06 L156. 320 x 195mm. Michael Blinman	Laid batonne. Wmk: Frye 1840	
1843Oct11			Philbrick SCM Jan1874 p5		
1843Oct19	James Norton Esq, Solicitor etc, Castlereagh Street	1 OCLOCK	Sotheby's 15Dec95 L317. Millennium Sep19 L. ex Mann + Ginger	Blue thin wove	
1844Sep28	Mr W B Lea, Grocer, Sydney	1 OCLOCK	Front only. Phoenix 1Feb19 L953. Ex Lancaster		
1844Oct 09	Mr Edwin Beilby, at Mr Blackman's, George Street	1 OCLOCK	RL 29Mar73 L1628; Harmer 3-4Apr79 L53. ex Slade Slade + Peace	White thin wove	
1845Jan16	Jno McKenzie Esq, care of J Horton Esq, Elizabeth St	1 OCLOCK	Mourning envelope. 116 x 69mm. Millennium 27Apr05 L128. Michael Blinman	Wove	
1845Feb04	Dr Fullarton, Pitt Street Sth, Sydney	6 OCLOCK	Spink Chartwell 23May18 L6. ex Forster	Grey thin wove	
1845Feb04A	Mr Martin Gill, York Street, Sydney	6 OCLOCK	Aust Assurance Office. TURNED. ex Burrus, Frankenstein + Peace	Grey thin wove	

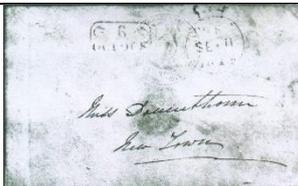
	To the Secretary of the Australian Assurance Office, 448 George Street, Sydney	1 OCLOCK	TURNED and re-used in Sydney Two Penny Post area on 8 February. H/S 2	Grey thin wove	
1845Mar04	Dr Bennett, Elizabeth Street, Sydney	6 OCLOCK	Spink 22Sep2004 L1107. ex Ron Butler	Grey thin wove	
	To the Secretary of the Australian Assurance Office, 448 George Street, Sydney	1 OCLOCK	TURNED and reused to Assurance Office	Grey thin wove	
1845Apr30	Mr Harris, Jeweller, Hunter Street, Sydney	6 OCLOCK	From Aust Assurance Office. SGA 19Oct88 L333. SGPT Feb89	Wove	
1845May03	Alfred Stephen Esq, Lyons Terrace, Hyde Park	1 OCLOCK	Aust Assurance Office. Rodney Perry 22Mar84 L161. Leski 5Aug95 L409. Millennium 27Apr05 L129. Michael Blinman	Grey thin wove	
1845Jun29	To James Cooper Esq, Engelhurst	6 OCLOCK	Envelope. Signed GHFitzroy. Leski 28Mar06 L158. Michael Blinman	Wove	
1845Jun30	Dr Bland MD, Pitt Street, Sydney	6 OCLOCK	From Aust Assurance Office. H L White Collection	Grey thin wove	

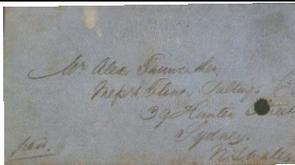
1845Jul12	R Towns Esq, Miller's Point, Sydney	6 OCLOCK	Boxed POST PAID/AT SYDNEY in red. Sydney back- stamp. Phoenix 1Feb19 L954. Ex Lancaster. Stephen Browne		
1845Aug26	Charles Lowe Esq, Solicitor, George St, Sydney	1 OCLOCK	Vickery Collection	Grey medium wove	
1845Sep22	E D Kennedy Esq, at Mrs Turner's, Macquarie Street	1 OCLOCK	From Aust Assurance Office. <i>Australia Post</i> , p16. SGAuctions London 19Oct88 L333. SGPT Feb89	Wove	
1845Nov11	A B Spark Esq, King St, Sydney	1 OCLOCK	From Aust Assurance Office. Michael Blinman	Thin wove	
	To the Secretary of the Australian Assurance Office, 448 George Street, Sydney	6 OCLOCK	Genuine letter sheet TURNED. Forged marks on reverse dated 8 November	Thin wove	
1845Nov11A	James Mitchell MD, Cumberland Place, Sydney	1 OCLOCK	From Aust Assurance Office. Vickery Collection	Bluish thin wove	
1846Jan30	A M A Beckett, Sydney	1 OCLOCK	ex John S White. Michael Blinman	Greyish thin wove	
1846Jan30A	Wm Bland Esq, Surgeon, Pitt St, Sydney	1 OCLOCK	From Aust Assurance Office. TURNED and reused. H/S 2. RL13Jul71 L234. Leski 5Aug95 L410. Millennium 29Jun05 L36		

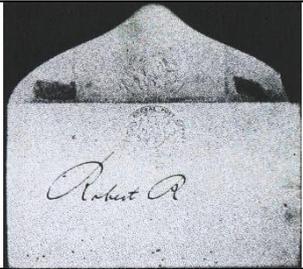
1846Feb26	G McCrae Esq, MD, Castlereagh St, Sydney	6 OCLOCK	From Aust Assurance Office. Gary Watson 30Mar87 L149. Michael Blinman	Grey thin wove	
	To the Secretary of the Australian Assurance Office, 448 George Street, Sydney	6 OCLOCK	1846Feb26 TURNED and reused to Assurance Office. Sydney date-stamp 6 March. Black 2 denotes 2d to pay.	Grey thin wove	
1846May11	Dr Fullerton, Pitt Street, Sydney	1 OCLOCK	From Aust Assurance Office. TURNED & Re-addressed. H/S 2 in black. RL 13Jul71 L234. Christie's RL 7May85 L10. SGA 19Oct88 L333. SGPT Feb89. ex Lester Shepard. Stephen Browne	Wove	
1846Jul30	Charles Lowe Esq, George Street	1 OCLOCK	RL 19Dec78 L1. Leski 28Mar06 L157. ex Robson Lowe (1970 ANPEX catalogue p17). 185 x 226 mm. Michael Blinman	Laid batonne paper. Portion of large wmk	
1847Jan15	King Barton Esq, Macquarie Street	6 OCLOCK	Envelope. Millennium 27Apr05 L130. Michael Blinman	Wove	
1847Mar02	Miss Donnithorne, North Shore	1 OCLOCK	Envelope. [Contains card enclosure - Lady Dowling PPC.] SGA 19Oct88 L333. SGPT Feb89	Wove	
	Enclosed in 1847Mar02	none	Card from Lady Dowling PPC. SGA 19Oct88 L333. SGPT Feb89		
1847Apr05	Mrs Gyner, Park House, Park Street	6 OCLOCK	SGA 19Oct88 L333. SGPT Feb89	Wove	

1847May03	King Barton Esq, 50 Macquarie Street	1 OCLOCK	Envelope. ex Peace	Yellow/w hite wove	
1847May03	[Contains card invitation to Ball from Governor]		Envelope. Bassett Hull p351 (Hausburg)	Yellow/w hite wove	
1847May06	Mr E Beilby, Sussex Street	1 OCLOCK	Mekeel's Weekly 20Jun1938 (Poole). stampnewsnow.com. Grosvenor 7Dec06 L223; SG Private Treaty Jul2018		
1847Aug04			ex Dr H E Radasch (USA)		
1847Nov11	Messrs Russell and Sandford, Hunter Street	6 OCLOCK	OHMS (from Colonial Secretary's Office). Harmer London 3Apr79 L53. Harmers Sydney 24Jul80 L10. Ex Slade Slade + E J Garrard	Medium wove	
1847Dec06	Henry Clay Barnett, 88 York Street, Sydney	6 OCLOCK	OHMS envelope from Colonial Secretary's Office. RL 14Jul76 L1003, 26Oct86 L8, 9Jun87 L561. Status 29Jan15 L1482. Ex E C Francis +Baetgen. Mark Diserio	Greyish wove	
1847Dec10	[From Colonial Secretary's Office]	6 OCLOCK	OHMS. Christie's RL 28Oct86 L8; RL 9Jun1987 L561. ex William Mitchell ('86 sale)		
1847Dec18	Messrs Russell and Sandford, Solicitors, Hunter Street	6 OCLOCK	OHMS from Colonial Secretary's Office. Cavendish 6Dec2018 L385		
1847Decxx	Capt Towns, Wharf, Millers Point	none	Not posted. Christie's RL 7Feb89 L277. Michael Blinman	Wove	
1848 Jan 20	R Styles Esq, Secretary of the Colonial & General Life Assurance & Annuity Company, Sydney	6 OCLOCK	OHMS. From the Colonil Secretary's Office. Larry Parks (USA)		

1848Feb12	[OHMS entire]	6 OCLOCK	RL 7May1985 L11. 194 x 87mm. OHMS. Ex Lester Shepherd		
1848Apr25	Thos Collins, Coolamundra, care of Captain Towns, Sydney	6 OCLOCK	OHMS. From Col Secretary's Office. Michael Blinman	Wove	
1848May01	C Lowe Esq, George Street	none	SGA 19Oct88 L333. SGPT Feb89.	Wove	
1848Jun21	[Endorsed lower left: G H Fitzroy -son of Governor]		PR Aug1887 p119., Aug1888 p139. Houison p29. Seal of <i>Private Secretary, New South Wales</i> on reverse. RL 19Apr72 L503. ex Robson Lowe (1970 ANPEX catalogue p17)	White laid	
1848Aug05	Messrs Lyall Scott & Co, Geo St	None	CCPhil Apr1941 p79. RAS 25-26Jun69 L989. Prestige 7Feb09 L296. ex Dr H E Radasch (Philadelphia)	White thin wove	
1848Sep19	Messrs Lyall Scott & Co (from E H Pollard)	6 OCLOCK	Spink 19Feb2013 L2. ex Hutson	Bluish wove	
1848Octxx		1 OCLOCK	RL 14Mar78 L15		
1848Nov16	Inside of cover addressed to: Mr Henry Parkes, 25 Hunter Street	1 OCLOCK	H L White Collection	Grey/blue wove	
1849Jan02	Charles Lowe Solicitor, George St		Spink 19Feb2013 L2. ex Hutson	Blue wove	
1849Feb05	John Williams at Messrs Neahales & Williams, Pitt St	6 OCLOCK	H L White Collection	Blue wove	

1849Mar14	H G Douglas MD, Pitt Street	6 OCLOCK	Circular ex St James College. Bassett Hull p561. 4-page pamphlet. Harmers Syd 24Jul80 L13. ex R H Taylor. Michael Blinman	Bluish wove thick	
1849Mar30	C Lowe Esq, etc etc, George Street	none	Hans Karman Int Gold Exhibit: <i>Australian Privileged Mail, Sydney Town Post</i> . Canberra, Australia, 2005. Rodney Perry 2May89 L541. Leski 25Mar04 L936	Yellowish wove	
1849Aug03	Charles Lowe Esq, George Street	1 OCLOCK	RL 19Dec78 L2; Perry 6Dec79 L175, 3Jul80 L507. ex Robson Lowe (1970 ANPEX catalogue p17). SGA London 19Oct88 L333. ex Dale Forster. Martin Walker	Grey wove	
1849Sep11	Miss Donnithorne, New Town	6 OCLOCK	Envelope. RL 24Jul79 L5. ex Dale Forster. Stephen Browne	Wove	
1849Sep14	E B Sandwell Solicitor, King & Elizabeth Streets	6 OCLOCK	Dr Garven Thomas		
1849Sep27	Miss Donnithorne, New Town	none	Grosvenor 7Dec06 L224	Wove	
1849Oct05	Messrs Walker & Co, Davies Point	1 OCLOCK	Front. Sir Daniel Cooper SCM 1Aug1869 p123. NSW Philatelist Aug80 p72. Obtained from GPO Sydney by Cooper in 1869. Millennium Sep19 L		
1849Dec14	To Reverend W B Clarke, St Leonards Parsonage, North Shore	6 OCLOCK	OHMS. PFA Dec79 piii. RL 14Jun1978 L4; 25Jun80 L158; Harmers Syd 19Mar1981 L323. SGA 19Oct88 L333. SGPT Feb89. Ex Walter C Hetherington	Bluish laid	
1849Dec31	G King Esq, 397 Pitt Street	6 OCLOCK	OHMS from Col Secretary's Office. Latest FREE mark on embossed. SGA 19Oct88 L333. SGPT Feb89. ex Stephen Browne	Laid. Wmk: Backhouse & Lawrence	

				1848	
1850Jan16	George King Esq, Official Assignee, Pitt Street	none	OHMS. No FREE stamp. Spink 19Feb2013 L3 [Spink states 16 Jul, White 16 Jan]. ex Hutson	Bluish laid batonne	
1850May20	Rev C Woodward, Sydney College, Hyde Park	6 OCLOCK	Envelope. No FREE stamp. Bars obliterator cancelling embossed stamp. PR Mar 1888 p44. Houison p29. SGA 19Oct88 L333. SGPT Feb89	White wove	
1851Apr28		6 OCLOCK	Envelope. Latest date. Philatelic Record Apr1888 p71. Major Evans letter to PR	Pale blue or grey wove	
UNCERTAIN DATES					
1841xxxxx			RL 13Jul71 L233		
1841xxxxx	[Invitation to Governor's Ball on Monday 24 May]	none	Card only, size 203 x 125mm. ex Dr H E Radasch	Ivory medium board	
1843xxxxx			White census. Could be Jan29, Oct 11 or Oct 19		
1845-46	Arthur A Beckett, Castlereagh St, Sydney	none	Gary Watson 11Mar89 L140. Not 1846Jan30	Wove	
none	T W Smart Esq, Sydney	none	No FREE date stamp. No time mark. Apparently not posted. Harmers Sydney 24Jul80 L5. Rodney Perry 2May89 L542. Dr E H Friedman	Grey wove. Wmk: J Whatman / Turkey Mill/1848	
18XXFeb06	Mr Alex Fairweather, Messrs Flower Saltings Co, 39 Hunter Street, Sydney, N S Wales	none	Envelope. Spink 19Feb2013 L4. Two unclear date-stamps on reverse. Ex Hutson	Bluish laid batonne	

184XNov20	[Printed form to Richards & Conners, Conners Chambers, Sydney inside]	6 OCLOCK	H L White Collection (1845?)	White wove	
1842xxxxx	Woolloomooloo		RLPHA 31Jul41 L280		
1848xxxxx	Hunter Street	6 OCLOCK	Envelope. Wax seal of Private Secretary on reverse. RL 14Mar78 L16		
18XXxxxxx	Robert R	none	Envelope. Not posted. CCPhil Apr1941 p79. Size 203 x 133mm. Seal on flap	White laid. Wmk: Large crown.	
	1870 reprint signed by 31 persons		Part letter sheet. Unaddressed. Harmers Sydney 24Jul80 L6		

Abbreviations

CCPhil	Collectors Club Philatelist	H/S	Hand stamp
RAS	Robert A Siegel (Auctions)	PR	Philatelic Record
RL	Robson Lowe Auctions, London		
RLPHA	Robson Lowe Philatelic Auctions	SCM	Stamp Collectors Mag.
SGMSA	Stanley Gibbons Auctions, London		
SGPT	Stanley Gibbons Private Treaty, Melbourne		

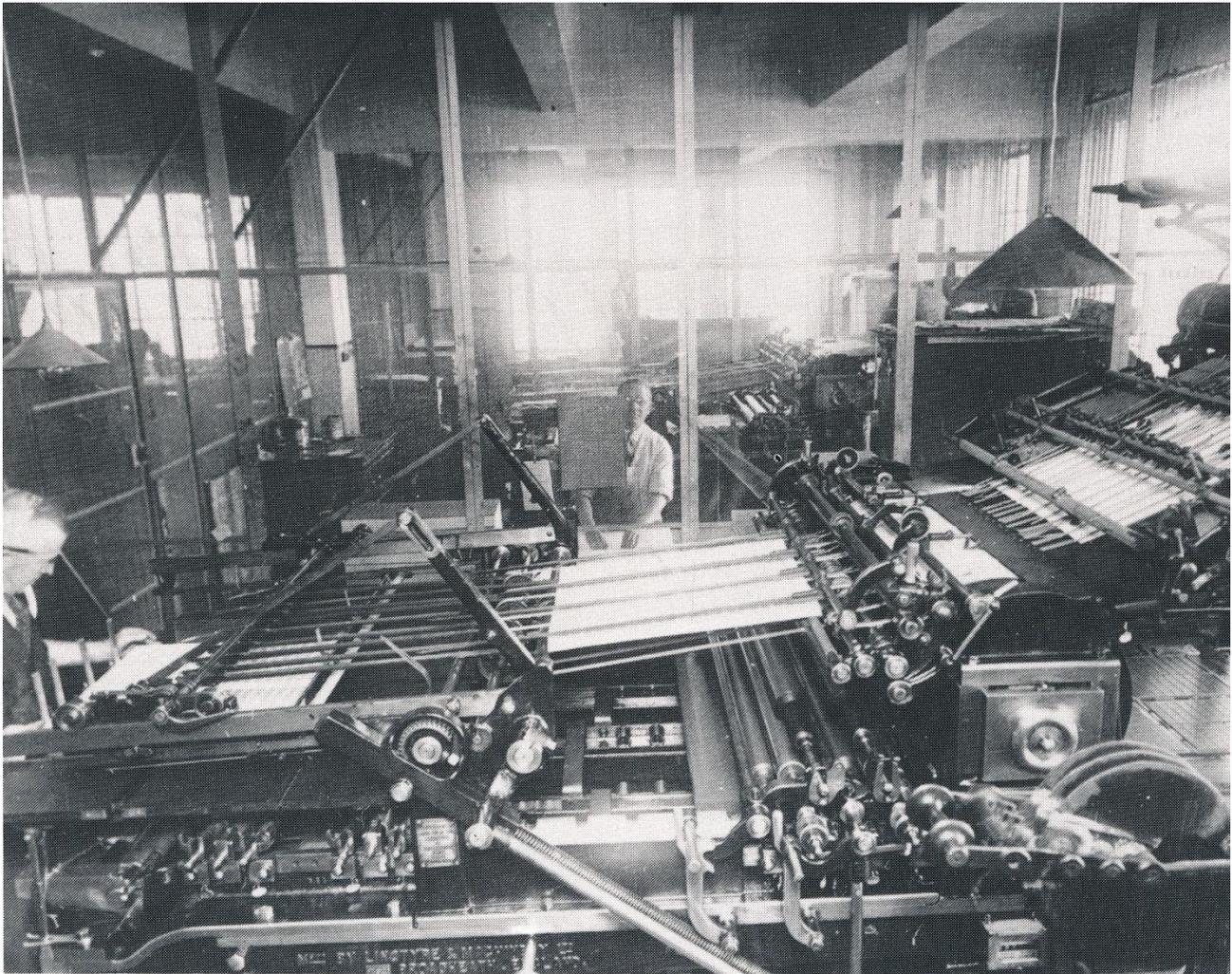
Note - BSAP Members who are also members of the States Study Circle of the Royal Sydney Philatelic Club, may recall seeing these illustrations in black and white in Sydney Views, .

2694 PRINTING THE AUSTRALIAN STAMP ISSUE (from THE AGE NEWSPAPER 14 MAY 1932)

Designing and Engraving Achievements of Self-Contained Works

It is just 92 years since the first adhesive postage stamps made their appearance. Rowland Hill's remarkable scheme of a uniform postage throughout the British Isles irrespective of distance on the 6th May 1840, although the finely engraved "Black Penny" stamp the prize exhibit of every philatelist collection as the pioneer issue of postage stamps was available for sale as from the 1st may of that year. A pamphlet published by Mr. (later Sir) Rowland Hill in 1887 which came into the hands of the Postmaster General of New South Wales was the means of introducing to Sydney a scheme resembling Hill's eighteen months before stamps

were introduced in England. This involved the use of envelopes stamped or impressed with the official seal of the post office, and letters enclosed in this were distributed over the town free of charge except for that of the envelope. It has been pointed out that British stamps have always followed the peculiarity of the first issue in having no other indication of the country of origin than a head of the sovereign, with the inscription "Postage" on top and "One Penny" below. Other countries followed Britain's novel enterprise. New South Wales and Victoria's issued adhesive issues postage stamps in 1850, making payment of postage compulsory. Tasmania (1853), West Australia (1854), South Australia (1855) and Queensland (1880) also made their own issues.



Today the postage-stamp requirements of the whole of Australia, Papua, the Mandated Territory and Nauru are printed at the Note and Stamp Printing Branch of the Commonwealth Bank in Melbourne. Housed in large modern premises entrance to which is gained only through a carefully guarded and unlocked gate, these works though not as the stamp-printing establishments of the United States and Great Britain, are modern and well-appointed in every respect, equipped with the latest technical resources. The caller is required to fill in a card and state his business before being admitted within the building where at any time thousands of pounds worth of negotiable ranging from a thousand-pound bond to a halfpenny stamp, may be in process of production or delivery. In many respect the Melbourne enterprise is self contained, in that designing and engraving are done on the premises, and printing plates and steel dies made. Paper, oil, colours and other materials are tested and research is

conducted with the aid of optical and photographic apparatus in the well equipped laboratory. Plant and machinery are maintained by the branch's own engineers and artificers, and most of the materials used are manufactured in the country.

Watermarked Paper

The paper on which our Australian stamps are printed, however, comes from Britain. It's quality is similar to that used for British stamps, but it bears the special watermark design – the letters “C of A” over a crown-placed all over the sheets by the manufacturer. The instrument used in producing the effect, known as a Dandy Roll, is kept in the High Commissioner's office in London. It comprises a cylinder on which are affected small brass wire, standing perpendicularly to the axis and forming a design of the watermark. While the paper is still wet it is passed through the machine that is fitted with the Dandy Roll, which impresses the design by removing portion of the film against which the brushes rotate. This instrument is made available to the manufacturer only when required to fill an order, and is afterwards returned to the High Commissioner's office. When multiple designs are thus spread over the whole sheet, every stamp made from it receives some portion of the watermark known technically as the damask effect.

From the time the paper, in reams of 500 sheets, leaves the ship's side until it leaves the stamp-printing vaults it is under responsible supervision and subject to repeated checks – no fewer than eleven. Two main processes are used in printing stamps – the letterpress and the engraved method. In the first, which is used in producing orthodox issues, the printing plate bears a design in relief, and the printing process involves inking these raised parts, which are impressed on dry paper. With the engraved method the design is recessed, the ink being filled in the incisions and wiped carefully off the rest of the plate. Moistened paper is then placed against the engraved plate in the machine and squeezed under the impress of the roller. The portions of the plate in recess are thereby transferred to the paper in slight relief. Stamps printed by this process have an accuracy and depth lacking in those printed by the letterpress method. The engraved process is more expensive, and its handsomer effects are reserved for special occasions and limited issues. This process is similar to that employed in printing the beautiful engravings and pictures of bygone times before the advent of photographs.

Printing and Perforations

Sheets prepared for printing take the impress of 240 stamps, in 20 rows of 12 each. After printing over an unbroken surface, the sheets are passed over to the perforating machines, equipped with upright steel teeth like fine combs. Each sheet as it comes from the printing machine has small round holes punched at the side, and these are used for “anchoring” the sheets firmly and accurately to upright studs on the platform of the perforating machine. Usually several sheets are perforated together.



Perforating 1d and 2d stamps

With a view of preventing the issue of any defective stamps, sheets printed and perforated are carefully examined. Occasional defects include faintness due to insufficient ink, accidental perforation over the face of the stamps, or incomplete perforation along the borders. The crisp sheets are examined and approved stamps are made up in bundles 1,000 each, for delivery to each State Distribution of Stamps. Technical advice is sought from specialist in the preparation of special designs. When the Sydney Harbour Bridge commemorative was issued was decided upon the design for the stamp was complete, as it was decided to issue the stamps some days prior to the opening. No authentic drawing of the structure in perspective was obtainable, and the sketch was approved, void of embellishment, but containing a wealth of detail in short compass, was constructed from the architects' plans, photographs and technical drawings. Prior to the 1/- Lyrebird image, the artists of the Stamp Printing Branch held several consultations with the National Museum authorities to ensure the representation of the bird was accurate. The high quality of work done by designers of our postage stamps is shown by their frequent success at competitive exhibitions open to all countries.

The Value of Blemishes

One of the labours of stamp-production arises from the value of place by philatelist on "varieties" due to some small inaccuracy of preparation. Minute particles of paper from the perforating machine may float round and fall off the sheets in the printing machines, causing white spots on a particular stamp, and inevitability of printing, or an omitted letter. This is immediately labelled as valuable by a collector, who is prepared to pay more for a blemished stamp than its nominal value.

In view of the enormous output, such accidents are comparatively rare, but their infrequency tends to heighten the worth of each stamp from a collector's standpoint.

In the year ended 30th June 1931, the number of stamps printed at the Melbourne works reached 840,109,810, postage stamps of sixteen denominations, ranging from ½d to £2 each, are printed; postage due stamps (placed on



Checking and Examining Sheets of Stamps

insufficiently stamped postal matter) have eight denominations ranging from ½d to 1/-. Some postage stamps of the higher denominations are printed in two colours. Most of these show the King's head with kangaroo and emu supporters. The white Australia stamp with a kangaroo in the middle, was not designed by stamp-printing officers, but represent the idea of an outside artist.

Last year Gibbon's Stamp Journal, a London publication, organised a competition for the best designed air mail stamp. The Australian design was awarded equal first and received high tribute from observers abroad, one journal in the United States declaring, "Every time we saw a stamp like this we cannot but feel that our own stamps are not as fine as they might be." In the Philatelic exhibitions at Sydney last month Australia was awarded a bronze medal in the competition open to stamp printers of all countries, for the best designed and executed

postage stamp. Other special commemorative issues have been Kingsford-Smith air mail stamp, the West Australian centenary issue, Canberra opening, and the Sturt centenary. Apart from the hundreds of millions of postage stamps turned out annually, the branch prints duty stamps for the Northern Territory and a wide range of other postal articles, including postal notes, post cards, registered envelopes, booklets of stamps, coils of stamps for vending machines, besides cheques for Commonwealth departments, entertainment tax tickets, interest warrants for payment of inscribed stock interest and beer duty stamps.

It is a tribute to the staff and to the system of supervision that, despite the enormous face value of the documents produced and handled at these works, losses are said to be almost non-existent. Once when the works were in the old King's warehouse, Flinders Street Extension, a £5 note was seized by a hungry rat and partially eaten before it was recovered. Those in charge of the works described this attempted theft as the nearest total loss of a note on record.

2695 NEW EARLY DATE FOR TASMANIA 20/CTMS/T TAX MARK by Patrick Reid (1112)

Unfortunately this item has been in my in-tray for some while. It was purchased on EBay. Fig.1 shows a cover from Hobart to Bruton, Somerset, prepaid with a 2d Duty Stamp that was not accepted. The rate was correct, so taxed 2d, converted to 20 centimes.

On arrival in England this was doubled to 4d but there is no evidence of collection. GB was many years behind Australia in the introduction of Postage Due stamps.

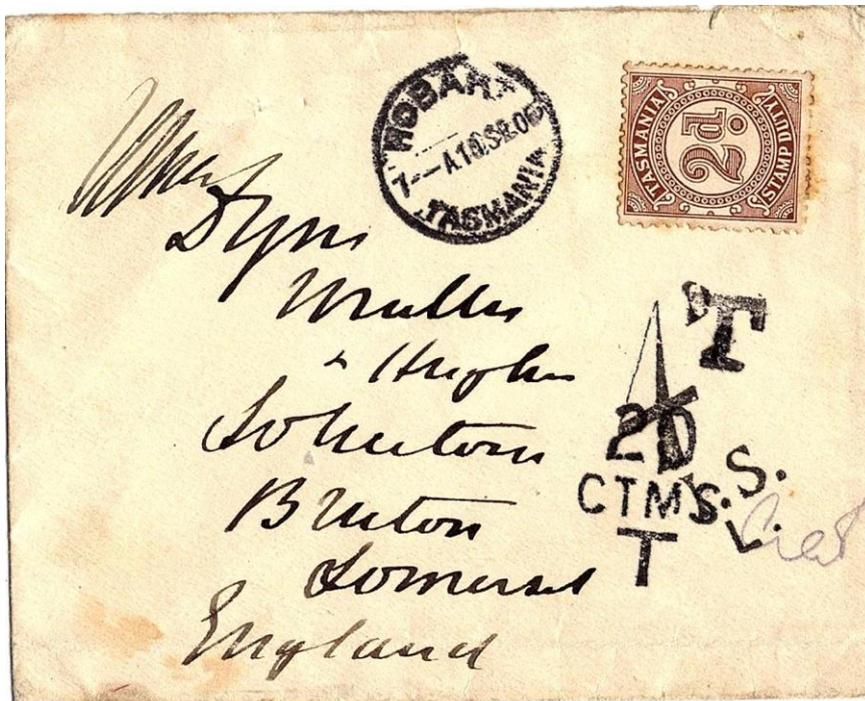


Fig. 1

The item was cancelled at Hobart 19 SP 06 which is a new earliest date for the Hobart handstamp. There is a Bath transit Cancel for OC 22 06 on reverse. This is the first recorded use of the 20/CTMS/T mark before the need to mark double deficiency from November 1st 1907.

THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN PHILATELY – AGM MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held via ZOOM on 28th October 2020 starting at 11.00am. The meeting was held via ZOOM as a physical meeting was impossible under the current Covid-19 regulations.

Those Present via ZOOM: Patrick Reid; Huw Williams; Alan King; David Speer; Geoff Amos; Ian Greig; Lorraine Fitzwater; Brian Peace; Christine Earle; Colin Mount; Gordon Masson; Keith Hayes; Les Vincent; Robert Goldstein; Malcolm Price; Peter Clarkson; Laurence Kimpton; Alan Cross; Ian Spencer; Graham Keates:

Proxy forms had been received from the following: John Sims; Andrew Mortlock; Nicholas Stuart; Alan King; Brian Sullman; Ian Greig; Bill Whitaker; Graham Keates; Alan Cross; Sid Richards; Neville Carr; David King; Malcolm Price.

Note that five of these also attended the Zoom AGM.

NOTE: The proceedings varied from the Agenda in order to accommodate some items that would normally have taken place at Convention, but not within the AGM.

The President called the meeting to order at 11.00am. He began by requesting a short silence to remember the five members who had passed away since the last AGM in May 2019

William (Bill) Burt
Ray Chapman
Stephen Chilcraft
Roger Mace
Dudley Pusey

Reverting to the published Agenda.

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

These were received from Sandy Forbes.

2. **Minutes of the 2019 AGM.**

These were agreed as a true record. Acceptance was proposed by Huw Williams, seconded by Gordon Masson and carried unanimously. Brian Peace as Chairman will sign a copy and send to the Secretary for the record.

3. **Matters Arising.**

All are covered in the Agenda.

4. **President's Address.**

This had been published in the papers circulated for the meeting. It is reproduced here for the record.

This is my first report as President and is made in these strange times when Covid-19 has affected the whole of our lives for more than six months. The effect on philately in general has largely been to put it into hibernation which has, of course, included this Society. Since February all meetings of the Society have been cancelled / postponed until further notice including the A.G.M. which for the first time will be held on Zoom. My attempt to restart Wessex meetings also fell foul of the virus after just one meeting. I had been looking

forward to meeting some of our Australian members who were intending to attend Convention as well as London 2020 which was another casualty. Hopefully, you will all be able to join us when the World returns to some degree of normality. Technology is fast entering ever deeper into our philatelic lives and we now have a presence on Facebook thanks to Huw Williams. This has become a source of information and discussion and attracted wider attention from philatelists who have an interest in Australian philately.

On the face of it there has been little happening in the Society lately but I can assure you that there has been quite a lot of discussion going on between Council members to ensure that our draft rules, as published in the August edition of The Bulletin, enable us to operate efficiently under present conditions.

I should like to express my thanks to all Council members for their support during this difficult 'year', not only those in the more visible roles:- our Secretary, Pat Reid, whose guidance and experience is invaluable to the running of the Society; Malcolm Price, Treasurer / Membership Secretary, who keeps a firm but fair hold on the purse strings; Colin Mount, Programme Secretary who arranges the London and South West meetings; Huw Williams, Auction Manager and Publications Stockholder; Brian Peace who as Chairman keeps us in order at meetings; Editors of The Bulletin, Graham Keates who retired this year after several years in the post and Alan Cross who has succeeded him. Most of these take on other tasks which receive little attention and to whom I must add Albert Coles, Tom Gillespie, Brian Sullman, Ian Perry, David Plant, Steve Paice and Dag Rohjell who have all provided services to Society members during the year and in many cases, for some time past. On behalf of the members I should like to express thanks to you all for what you do for and on behalf of the Society.

In conclusion I should like to take this opportunity to wish good health to all members and their families and hope that we shall be able to meet up in the not too distant future.

Dave Speer

It was agreed that the Society Reports would be voted on en bloc at the end. All had been circulated prior to the meeting and are reproduced here for the record.

5. Report of Hon. Secretary.

This has been a very strange year. Everything normal, with regular meetings, both Society and Management, and Minutes and Reports to prepare. Then, in March, all of a sudden, nothing. Or if you prefer, the best opportunity for years to concentrate on sorting out and writing up your collection, preparing articles for the Bulletin and deciding what your next project will be.

I think that the most frustrating thing for me was planning events, then having to cancel or postpone them, then planning a new date, only to find that that date needed to be cancelled or postponed anyway. It has been an interesting experience having a "Management Meeting by Circulation", but it worked eventually, and we have a revised set of Society Rules to put before the Annual General Meeting. Even now, it is hard for me to decide when to organise a postponed meeting to have a fair chance of it taking place. Meanwhile the Society continues. Perhaps we have not been ambitious enough about preparing and recording ZOOM presentations to put on the website. It does not seem a good idea when we are busy redesigning and rebuilding the website, an activity which is definitely needed. It is very

important that we get a quorum for the ZOOM version of our Annual General Meeting. The software is easy to use and I have recently participated in two other Society AGMs conducted over Zoom. Please do try to join in. The great thing about them is that the reports can be distributed beforehand, so that the business can be moved forward quickly.

We have a new Bulletin Editor, and Alan Cross has settled in very quickly. Please support him by sending in those articles that you have written, so that his IN tray remains full. I also express my thanks to all other Committee members, especially our Treasurer who has been very supportive and Brian Peace who continues as Chairman. Colin Mount continues to try to arrange the Programme, but he has the same problems as I do. Brian Sullman soldiers on with the Packet and Tom Gillespie and Albert Coles keep the Libraries going.

Looking ahead, we have re-booked Salisbury for Convention, for 2021, subject to Government regulations making it possible, With the current situation, I feel that my auctioneering skills are beginning to calcify, as I am being replaced by Postal Auctions. A big thanks to Huw Williams who is keeping this revenue stream going for the Society.

I guess that it is time for another appeal. I hope that I shall be able to step down as Secretary in three years when I reach my 80th birthday (God willing). I hope that by then someone will feel able to volunteer and understudy me for a time before taking over.

Keep safe and well and hope to see you online for the AGM on 28th October.

P.G.E.R. 1/10/20

6. Report of Hon. Treasurer

Firstly, thanks are due to Ian Spencer as Honorary Financial Examiner for his assistance in completion of the accounts for 2019.

Society Finances

Regrettably, we are recording a deficit for the year 2019 of £723, a marginal improvement on the 2018 figures. There are several reasons for this shortfall. The 2019 Convention was budgeted to be flat but unfortunately failure of full sponsorship left us with a shortfall of £414. Though Income has shown a healthy improvement in 2019, total expenses also increased during the year with the second and final payment to the Royal Philatelic Society London with respect to scanning The Bulletin. Other notable expense variances to the previous year were in the publication and distribution of The Bulletin (principally postage costs) and Meeting Expenses. Returning to income, we received one substantial donation from a past member and the Auction commissions have shown a significant increase, having now returned to three auctions during the year. The opportunity has been taken to bring the end of year accounting date for the Exchange Packet to the 31st October so ensuring completion of figures prior to the end of year for the Society Accounts, therefore, 2019 figures reflect a 10 month year. Effective 2020 the reporting of Exchange Packet accounts will return to a 12-month period. As will be clear, Members continued support for the auctions and packet remain critical to the well-being of the Society.

As with last year, publications continue to be shown as a cost as we continue to write down slow moving stock.

The Society continues to support meetings in London (RPSL, City of London), the South West (Ringwood) and the South East (Epsom). Meetings of the Wessex Group (Exeter) start

in 2020, and it continues to be hoped that meetings in Scotland could be arranged in the future.

MJP 18 April 2020

7. Membership Secretary's Report

At the end of 2019, membership numbers stood at 182 (181 Collecting Members and 1 Business Member), 6 less than at the end of 2018. The number of new members joining the Society during 2019 was 5, together with 1 reinstatement, one less than that in 2018.

The membership movements during 2019 were as follows:

Opening number at 1 January 2019		188
Less membership losses:		
Resigned	5	
Deceased	7	
Non-renewal of subscriptions	0	(12)
Add membership gains:		
New members	5	
Reinstatements	1	6
Closing number at 31 December 2019		182
[Comprising 181 Collecting Members plus 1 Business Member]		

MJP 18 April 2020

So far during 2020 we have lost a further 7 from deceased, resignations and lapsed memberships, and gained 8 new members.

MJP 2 October 2020

8. Auction Organiser's Report

Since the last AGM there have been three Auctions. One in October 2019, February 2020 and the Convention Auction that became a postal one.

257 lots were on offer in October with a reserve of £4,683.25. 90 lots sold for £2,174.75, which equates to 35% selling and £217 going to the Society. Everyone who put in a bid, managed to get at least one item. (17 buyers).

The February 2020 auction had 193 lots with a reserve of £2,596. 100 lots sold for £1,676.25, ending in 51.81% of lots selling. The Society received £167.63. (There were 24 bidders).

Our Convention auction became a postal auction. We had 52 lots kindly donated by Michael Drury which featured in the first part of the auction. There were 370 lots to behold and 199 found new homes. Reserves were £9,783.50, sold £5,681.75, which netted the Society £2,088. 50 from the donated lots and £359.33 in commission. (35 bidders).

The latest postal auction is in circulation, with 240 lots on offer with reserves of £4809.

A big thank you to the vendors and buyers as well as Malcolm's assistance in making the auctions run smoothly. Stay safe and keep well

Huw Williams BSAP Auctioneer

A summary was given of the Postal Auction just completed. Out of 240 Lots, 117 were sold with realisations of just over £4,000. Thanks were given to Brian Peace for the gift of a Crash cover which sold for £100.

We were also advised that the price of parcels to overseas had recently been increased substantially. There was a discussion of alternatives, with no definite conclusion.

9. Report of the Hon. Librarian

11 books have been borrowed since the last A.G.M., and a few new books have been added to the library, please see The Bulletin for details.

A request to Members:

Could members borrowing books from the library please NOT put any ref to the B.S.A.P. ON ENVELOPES OR PACKETS when sending books back to the Librarian
And remember - despite COVID-19, the Library is still open for business

Tom Gillespie Librarian 01.10.20

The Secretary noted that he had recently recovered a Library book (the Postal History of Thursday Island) from an auction consignment. It will be returned to the Library.

10. Report of the Bulletin Editor

Graham prepared the report below as he was editor up until the August edition which covered the whole of 2019 and the period to the time the AGM was originally planned for. Graham first asked me a couple of years ago about taking on the role, and at that stage I did not feel the time was right, but having volunteered to get involved in the running of BSAP, and knowing Graham was now going to step down agreed when asked again in the spring of 2020.

Graham reports - Since the last AGM the main events have been:

The Bulletin is all in colour. This has allowed more flexibility, has added more interest to meeting reports and has simplified printing, enabling copies to be distributed earlier. The numbers printed has steadily reduced reflecting the aging of members and the fact that new members have typically asked for digital copies. I have simplified the layout, reducing the effort and complexity of Editing for myself and my successor. The layout is now similar to that of the London Philatelist.

In 2020 Alan Cross kindly agreed to take over. We met in June, and I was able to provide checklists and to copy files to his computer in time for him to produce the August edition with only a small amount of support from myself. The October edition has only needed some help in chasing advertisers for their copy, plus a few clarifications.

I am pleased that Alan has taken the opportunity to make further enhancements to the layout and am confident that the editorship is in good hands.

I would like to thank those who have helped me during my period of editorship. First, all those who contributed articles, also my wife, Helen, who performed as a demon “typo-spotter” and also our printers, Horgan, who from time to time were very helpful in resolving problems.

Alan Cross and (mainly) Graham Keates

11. Report of the Publicity Officer

Nothing to report.

However, it must be noted that the Society is gaining publicity from the Facebook page run by Huw Williams and others. At least two new members have been gained.

Acceptance of the Reports was proposed by Geoff Amos, seconded by Keith Hayes and **carried unanimously**. This includes all proxies received.

12 Society Officers

The existing Officers have expressed their willingness to continue in office. No other nominations have been received so they are duly re-elected.

13. Election to Council

No other nominations had been received. Brian Sullman and Colin Mount were duly re-elected.

Alan Cross was elected to Council, replacing Graham Keates, and confirmed as Bulletin Editor.

These elections were supported by all proxies

14. Election of Hon. Examiner

Ian Spencer has agreed to continue and was duly elected, supported by all proxies.

15. The Society’s Programme and the Bulletin

Normally the AGM precedes the publication of the Meetings Programme for the coming year providing me with an opportunity to advertise highlights in advance. This year, the delay to the AGM has led to Members receiving the 2020/21 Programme well before this report. As all will be aware all the meetings for 2020 have been cancelled. Hopefully, we will be able to start meetings in January 2021, however present Government restrictions must cast some doubt on that being practicable. Please check The Bulletin for details of forthcoming meetings. If there are any last-minute changes then we will circulate details by email to all Members.

Colin Mount

The Secretary advised that the RPSL building has been closed for meetings until the end of January 2021, so the January London meeting will not take place. Colin will contact the speaker.

Colin also confirmed that the Ringwood meeting scheduled for November has been cancelled.

16. Any Other Business

There were two matters of Society Business that are normally dealt with at Convention.

BSAP Fellowships were awarded to Graham Keates and Ian Spencer. The Certificates and Ties will be sent to them by post.

The Tony Brander Trophy for Services to the Society was awarded to Malcolm Price.
It will be transported to him when possible.

Revised Constitution and Rules (previously published)

After clarification of a couple of minor points, these were accepted unanimously, supported by all proxies.

Scanning of the Bulletin

Malcolm Price explained the current situation. Scans have been completed of “The ACSS Years” (1933-1951 thanks to Brian Peace lending his copy to be scanned). The RPSL’s holding of 1970-2016 has also been completed. We are awaiting completion of scanning of the remaining years, for which Brian Peace has also been kind enough to lend his copies. The Treasurer and Secretary have agreed that we should offer the existing scans as “Volume 1” and “Volume 3”, with “Volume 2” to be made available free to purchasers when available. This proposal was agreed by the meeting, subject to a Consolidated set being made available when the work is completed. It may be possible to deliver “Volume 2” electronically to some customers.

Australian States Study Group.

This matter was raised by Ian Greig. There were two incarnations of this Group, and there was a project to scan the proceedings of the first group (1970s). The Secretary reported that he had tried, but the quality of the printing on the papers was too poor, and he had started to retype all the papers. Somewhere along the line it was put “on the back burner” and it is still there. However, he has the original papers and the retype is roughly half complete.

The papers from the second incarnation (1990s) are still available in electronic form (The Secretary was the journal Editor) and could be updated to modern format and converted to .pdf fairly readily. The Secretary will do this as time allows.

The Sandy Forbes Proposal about Convention.

The following proposal has been received from Sandy Forbes (1174):

“With slight variations, now and again, our Society Programme consists of nine meetings in London and eight Regional meetings in Ringwood, Epsom and Exeter. This seems to satisfy the collecting and social nature of our members who live within a reasonable travelling distance of these events.

There is also our Annual Convention.: How does this programme offer membership satisfaction to the other members who live out-with the close cluster of Regional Meetings?

Is there an imbalance that needs to be addressed? One answer could be found in the nature of our Annual Convention which is not tied to any particular location and is seen by many members as the only chance they have to meet up with other members and feel part of the full Society.

An expansion of this answer could be to rotate the Convention on a tri-annual basis between York, Chester and Nottingham to make the travelling arrangements more equitable for the majority of members who do not have the convenience of a nearby Regional Meeting . Add to that the establishment of a Convention sub-committee of local members who could vary the programme, keep it lively and encourage a greater participation in events With this in mind it is proposed that the 2022 Convention be held in York in accommodation that is more acceptable to a greater number of our members.”

First response from the Hon. Secretary

As the current Convention Organiser, I would comment as follows:

I know from the experience of a fellow Convention Organiser that it is not possible to find a suitable hotel in York that is within our “affordability” criteria. From my own researches I know there is no suitable hotel in Nottingham. The only hotel that we have used in Chester has been upgraded and would be, at best, on the upper margins of affordability. Looking at the geographic distribution of the membership, I believe that all of these venues would involve a longer journey for the majority of regular Convention attendees.

Second submission from Sandy Forbes (Sent to the Treasurer, not the Secretary)

The following reflects Sandy’s second submission as advised to the AGM by the Treasurer:

“I will not be able to take part. That is a pity because I have added an item, under AOB, to be discussed and I would like to make sure that it given a good airing.

I wrote the item, suggesting that the AGM and the Convention be rotated through other parts of the country, out of sheer frustration at the way the Society and the Convention has been in a state of decline for the last 5-8 years and is now just shadow of its former self.

In 1993 following the sudden death of John Taylor, the Scottish representative, I worked alongside Tony Finlayson the Hon Sec to organise the Convention in Perth when nearly 100 people attended the Saturday evening banquet.

With my Scottish colleagues I organised the Convention in Dumfries and again a few years later at Carlisle. On both these occasions we had between 60-80 people together on the Saturday evening.

My approach to all three events was to delegate as much as possible to other members so that they would feel involved by making their contribution. This strengthened their feeling of belonging to the BSAP and increased the attendance at group meetings.

Sadly over the last 5-8 years the quality and cost of the hotel has increased and this has brought about a decline in the number of members attending. A further decline has been brought about by less delegation to the fewer members attending.

In my proposal to the AGM I put forward the idea that the 2022 Convention be held in York as it has good road and rail connections and it is full of hotels of all price ranges .I think it would help attendance if we were to select a more popular, less expensive, hotel . After all it is the members who attend that make a good Convention and improve the greater health of the Society.”

Summary of Malcolm’s ‘phone response to Sandy prior to the AGM:

In the 'phone-call I went through our UK membership levels county by county. As you know we do not even approach an equal split until you cross a Bristol/Hull line and the overall preponderance is on the South Coast. I believe that Sandy now understands the travel problem better and his view remains that Convention should be treated as a "one-off" exercise with members treating it as a weekend break. He argues that his travel times to, say, York are not dissimilar to travel times from London and still would wish the item to be discussed at the AGM.

Further discussion

In the AGM, Malcolm showed copies of the maps showing the distribution of membership by county and the “Heat map” where the area colour represents the number of members in the area. These emphasise Malcolm’s point about the concentration of members in the South West/South/South East of England. A similar Postcode Heat Map was shown by Alan Cross. The Secretary responded, explaining that he felt that Sandy was viewing the situation through rose-tinted glasses. Much has changed in the 27 years since he organised the meeting in Perth. The membership of the Society has halved, and the cost of hotel accommodation has risen much faster than inflation, driven in part by the requirement to pay hotel staff at least the minimum wage. The average age of the membership is now probably about 15 years higher than it was in 1993. I would also like to remind Sandy of a conversation that we had before the Convention in Doncaster, when he accepted that we would not be travelling further North in future because the membership were not prepared to drive that far.

The Secretary also pointed out that his pleas, both in the Bulletin and at Conventions, for someone to come forward to learn how to organise the convention to take part of the load off him had received no response at all from members. A check with Keith Hayes, who attended, confirmed that Sandy had not spoken to him about suggesting him as an organiser.

The Secretary had, when making the choice of Hotel for Convention tried to tread the line between cost and comfort. For example, when we went to Stratford on Avon, the Hotel was a Holiday Inn. I would not choose the same hotel now as it has been upgraded to a Crowne Plaza, which is the next rung up in the same hotel group for prices. I would also remind Sandy that he initiated a change for the Friday night, where the Quiz that I had run was replaced by a series of short displays by members. The responsibility for that was given to the President. It was very hard to get Sandy to participate in the first one, which he eventually did.

I have done my best for many years to provide a Convention that all can participate in and enjoy. I know I have made mistakes, and I hope that I have learnt from them. My concern is that I need someone to take over and learn the ropes while it is still possible.

The discussion was then opened to all. A suggestion that a Zoom-only convention should be held was not generally supported, as it omits the key social element that allows members and

their partners to enjoy the event more fully. It would also make running the Competitions almost impossible (based on the experience of Patrick & Christine in moderating the judging of the National Inter-Federation Competition) because of the time required.

Lorraine Fitzwater concurred that we should retain the Convention in its current general form. She did comment that Papua Society meetings over Zoom had been successful.

The general consensus that emerged was that The Council should consider further what Sandy had proposed and, in line with the Resolution, report back on or before the 2021 AGM. Separately it was also considered to be a good idea to try to incorporate some Zoom meetings in our Programme.

The Secretary will send a letter to Sandy Forbes outlining the discussion and agreeing to finalise the matter in Council. The meeting closed at 12.45.

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POSTAL ROUTE-NR. MELBOURNE TO READING ... VIA COVENTRY ... in 2020!

The air mail enthusiasts among the membership take great pleasure in working out the route their covers travelled on. Earlier this year I acquired quite a lot of the late Larry Birke's postage due material through Abacus. On studying the labels, I realised that after arrival at Heathrow, instead of being brought direct 20 miles or so to Reading, it was first routed to Coventry (for Customs purposes) picking up the right hand yellow label, before being brought back to Reading by Parcelforce, and further acquired the "Convenient Delivery" label as I was away when delivery was attempted, so "delivery" turned into "collection" from a PO near my Reading home (though not the nearest one!) As it's not really about Australian philately, but British, I am not including as a proper article, but I hope members enjoyed this "filler piece". Your Australian auction deliveries probably take the same route!



AUSTRALIAN PHILATELY IN PRINT #6, 2020.

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Kiwis in the Middle East 1940-41 Pt.2 – Andrew Brockett.

Collecting KGV Penny Green and Violet Varieties Pt.18 – Dr Scott Starling.

Tasmanian Commemorative Postmarks 1894-1980 – Peter Bond.

Imperial Airways *Horsa* overshoots Bahrain. Lost in the Desert Pt.1 – Brian R Peace
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New Die Proofs of 1945 Duke of Gloucester discovered.

Australian Privately manufactured Formular Airletters and Aerogrammes Pt.2 – the Special Issues – Neil Cornish.

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Kangaroo Valley PO and its Circular Date Stamp—a new discovery—John Campton.

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The Early Handstamps and Embossed 1d Duty Stamps of Tasmania Revisited – Dingle Smith, Peter Allan & Dave Elsmore.

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GIBBONS STAMP MONTHLY- July (No Australian content), August & October 2020.

August - Putting the Stamp on Health (incl. 1897 NSW Consumptives, etc.) – Nicholas Oughton.

October - Postal Stationery Matters: Simulated Perfins on Australian Postal Stationery – Peter van Gelder.

THE LONDON PHILATELIST, Vol129, No.1476, June 2020.

Tasmania: Advertising by Means of Post ard – Malcom Groom FRPSL.

The Dangerous Hobby of Stamp Collecting – Richard JM Garcia MBE FRPSL.

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Editorial – John Crowsley.

APF News – Russell Boylan.

QPC News.

Talk Queensland – a late 1859 cover – John Stein.

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Registered Post – Joan Orr.

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The Fulfilling of a dream (Creation of 40th Birthday Covers for Gladstone & District PS) – Ian Rippingdale.

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THE SHILLING VIOLET, No. 85, August 2020.

Hindmarsh Island Post Office – Anthony Presgrave APR FRPSL.

Audit of Departmental Official Stamps in stock as at 1871 – Dr Donald Pearce.

Handstamp Customs Port Morgan – Anthony Presgrave APR FRPSL.

Update to the Hand-held Postmarks of South Australia and the Northern Territory.

A List of known Registration Labels for South Australia and Northern Territory(cont.).

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Meeting Notes of 3 March 2020.

The Departmental Stamps of South Australia - Anthony Presgrave APR FRPSL FRPV ACCCF.

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Obituary: Allan H Boyce.

A few books on forgeries – Michael Round.

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Australian Philatelic Order Research Award to Bert Wajer.

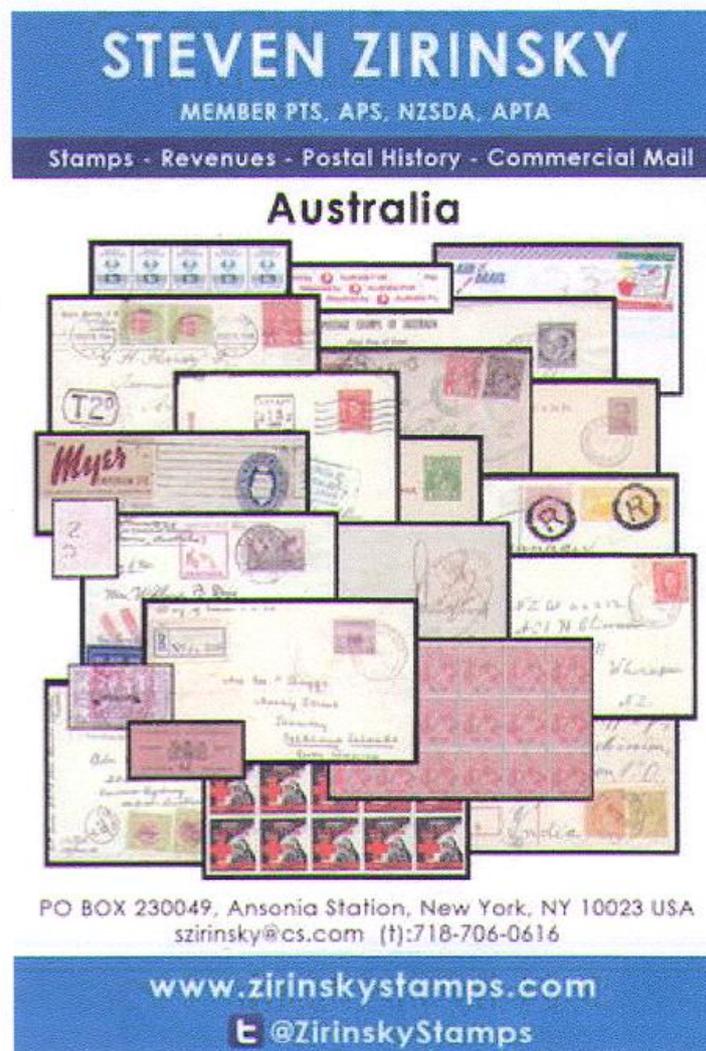
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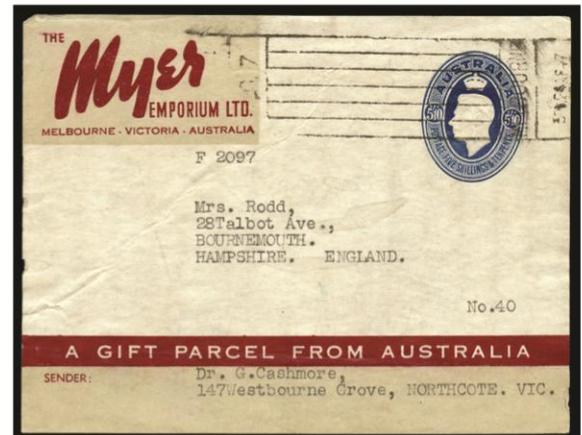
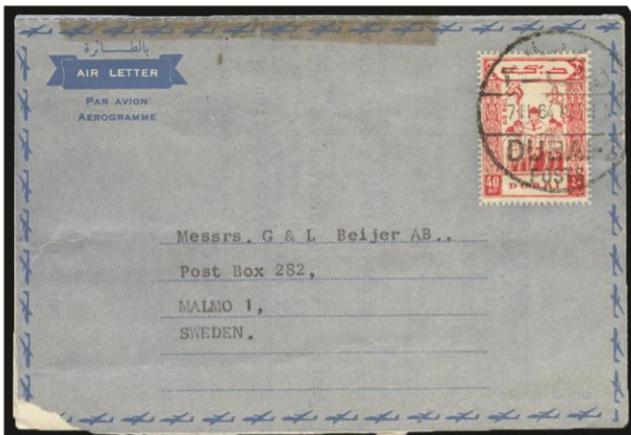
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