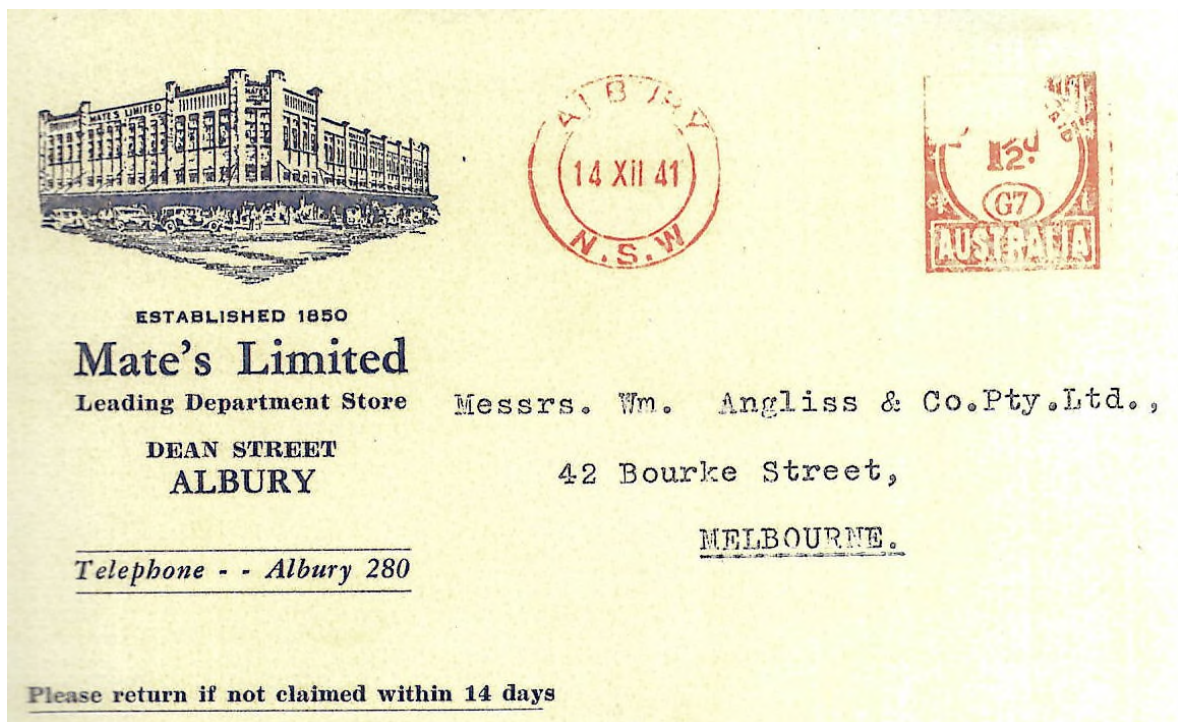


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Editorial

Tony Lyon

The March Journal finally is finished. Through various missteps it was delayed. I needed to write seven pages to ensure we had a full journal. It always seems that when I am at my busiest with multiple deadlines I need to fill the gaps. If you find what is presented boring then I would gladly accept your contribution.

In fact, if future articles are not forthcoming then I am not sure of the viability of this journal. A number of our contributors have died and unfortunately others have not filled the void.

It was with regret that we learned of the passing of a former editor, and someone who served in many other roles. He was also a very faithful contributor over a very long period. Michael Barden was a gentleman who was always willing to give of himself. His collections and knowledge of Belgium brought many interesting articles and displays. Condolences are extended to his wife Maureen and family.

One of the reasons I enjoy postal history is because the items collected served the purpose for which they were created. Mail that is genuinely sent via post. My own particular area is military postal history but I have also collected postmarks and stamps.

Whatever your interest I hope that you also garner joy and that there will always be that elusive item out there somewhere waiting to be discovered.

Thank you to those who have contributed to this issue and a special thanks to Ian Sadler for his editing of Gerhard's article's.

Until next time ciao.

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