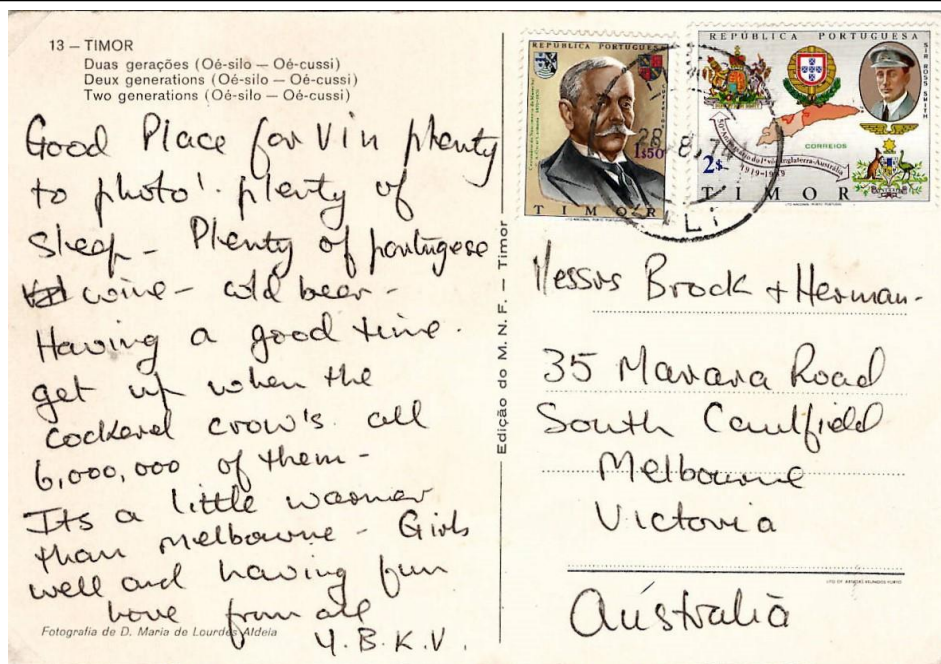


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Portuguese Timor to Australia

1974. A card from a colony of Australia's doorstep. Franked 3 \$ 50. Large stamp depicts Australian pilot Ross Smith who flew from England to Australia via Dili in 1919.



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Editorial *Tony Lyon*

It is interesting being part of several Societies and Stamp clubs. Most are struggling and some have closed. The Australia Philatelic Society is holding its own, but I wonder how much longer this can continue. The attendance at the members' meetings is very low and almost pointless conducting. It appears the Covid 19 had a greater effect upon gatherings in general than one could imagine. It seems people are still afraid to gather and therefore stay home.

The problem is that is leading to many societies not having the numbers to remain viable. My question is whether the APS is not in danger of heading in the same direction.

I thank those members who continue to provide interesting material for this journal. Without you we would be done for, so keep the articles coming.

Christmas time is upon us again and I trust you all a happy and fulfilling time with friends and family. Also a happy 2024 and may you find that elusive item that you have been seeking.

Until next time ciao.

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