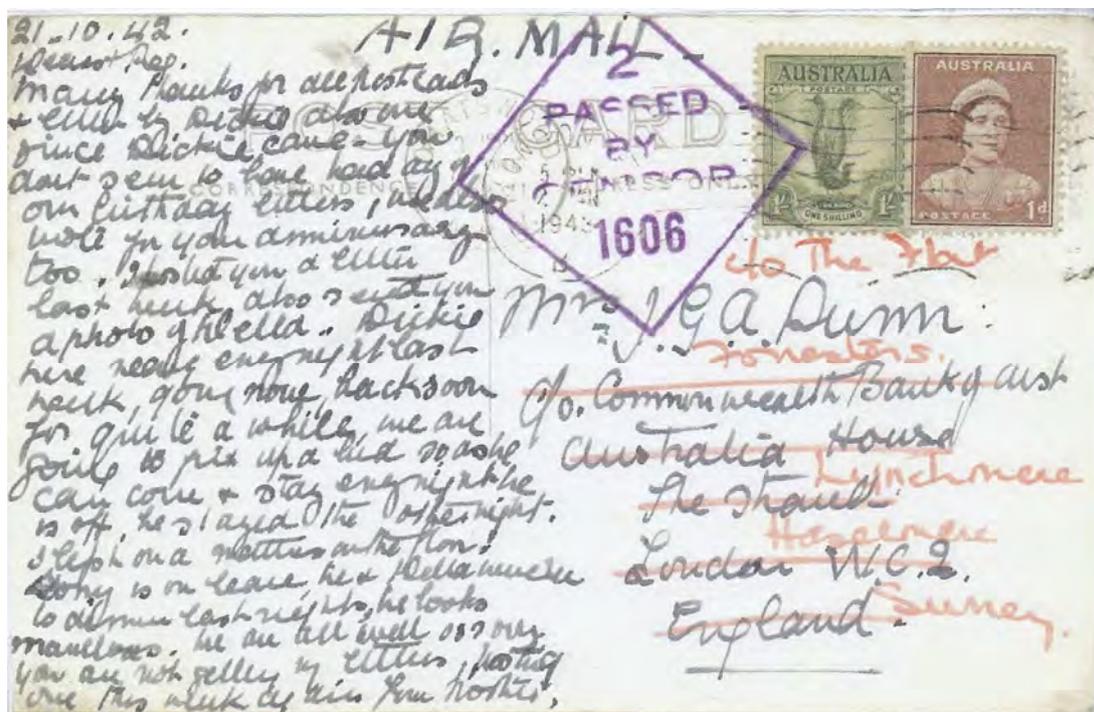


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Editorial

Tony Lyon

Please note that the Christmas members meeting will be held on the 19th December, 2016 at 8:00pm at the usual venue. There was a error on the syllabus that showed the meeting as on the 14th. This is a mistake. It would be great to see you on the 19th when there will be members exhibiting various themes of up to 10 A4 pages.

This proviso of A4 pages was the result of one year when it was stipulated as an up to 4 sheet display, some wag actually brought along a bed sheet sized display. Very droll!

There is always an excellent supper afterwards.

December journal is full of interesting articles and titbits of postal history and it is thanks once again to the various contributors without whom this journal would be impossible.

Sadly we must report the passing of another valued member. Irene Kerry passed away in October. A tribute to her is offered on page 14.

It is now less than 4 months until Melbourne 2017 FIAP exhibition. It is also being recognised by the FIP.

Opportunities such as this do not come around very often and it is a great way to see world class exhibits as well as visit the many dealers from around the world who frequent such exhibitions. Hopefully they will bring something to enhance your collecting interest. Start saving your pennies.

We have some interesting displays booked in for 2017 so make an effort to attend the bi-monthly members meeting. You will not be disappointed. Business is kept to a minimum. There is always a supper at the conclusion and for this we would like to thank Maureen Barden.

Ciao for now.

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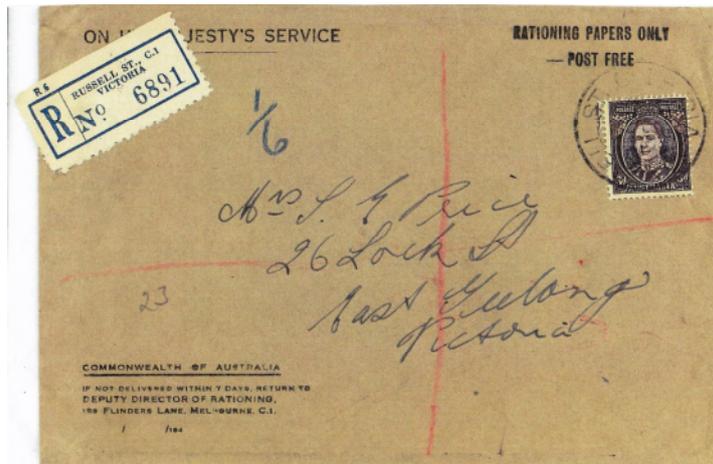
From the President

John Young

In keeping with Ebenezer Scrooge's spirit of Christmas I feature below for this month a postal history item concerning war-time rationing. The cover was for post-free rationing papers in August 1947 and has a three pence stamp for registration.

A month before, rationing had been removed for sugar but it remained for meat, tea, butter and clothing. For Christmas, Mrs Price of Loch Street, East Geelong could by diligent scrimping have got together enough ration tickets for gifts of a party dress or socks; or a Christmas pudding with sugar, but with less butter than suet. Clothes rationing ran on until June 1948.

Nowadays Christmas rationing is not done by tickets, but instead by dietary directives and doctor's orders. I'm told that the old saying of "all's well that ends well" has been replaced by "all swells that eats well". Whatever your rationing regimen, have a happy Christmas and a restful Boxing Day.



Xmas Greetings

Tony Lyon



It is Christmas again and a step back in time to 1910 when this postcard was sent. These type of greeting cards were very popular (as well as birthday greetings) in the days before the telephone was readily available to the masses. Email was still a pipe dream. Telegrams were expensive.



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