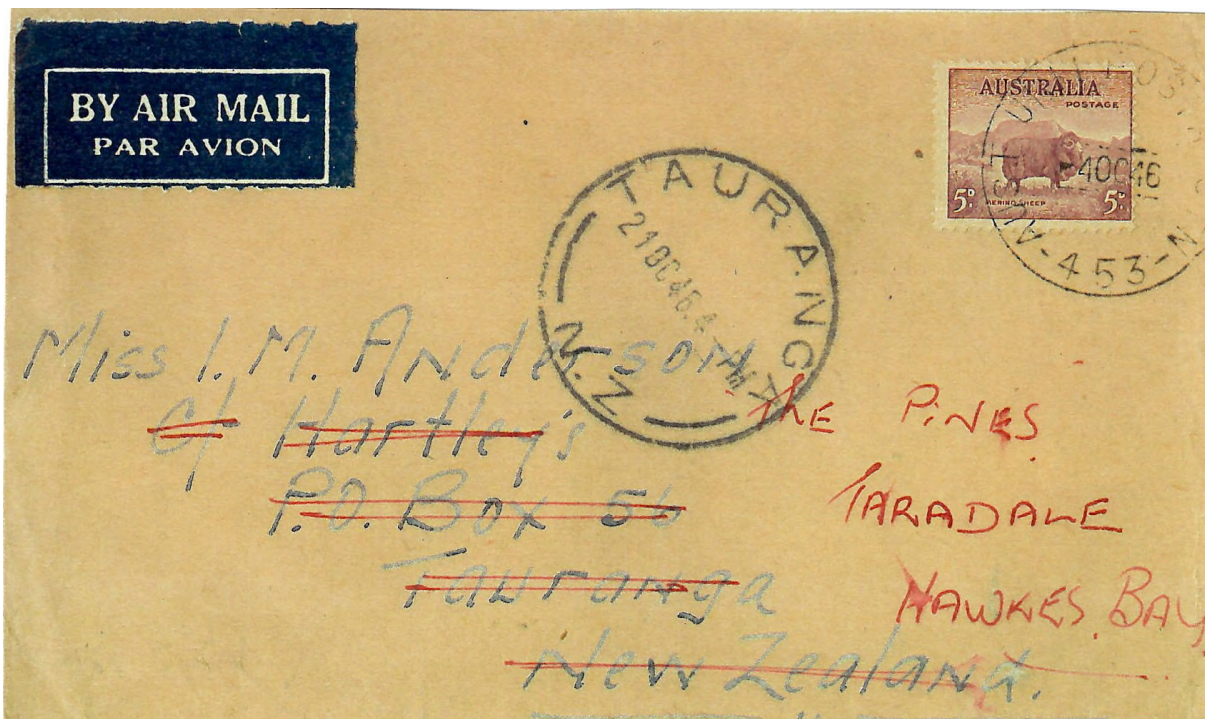


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Editorial

Tony Lyon

The end of the year is with us once again and it is time to relax and reflect upon what has been achieved, or missed, and celebrate the lifting of restrictions which will enable the gathering with family and friends in whatever way you choose to.

It has been good to be able to meet once again in our various societies in fellowship and the pursuit of things philatelic. May this continue.

A former member of this society John Michael Lancaster passed away 8th November 2021. John was an interesting character with an interesting career behind him. He was an avid collector of Thailand before his former career in trade and his interest in philately brought together his exhibit 'Trade Exhibitions 1851—1988' which was subsequently published under the title 'Exhibit Yourself: Australia's Trade Built Upon Exhibitions.' Those who attended his funeral at St. John's Anglican Church, Toorak, received a copy.

Well it is time to sign off for another year. Thank you to all who contributed in the past year. Wishing you all the compliments of the season. Enjoy.

Until next time ciao.

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