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Front Cover:

Charles Birk's Department store

Charles Birk opened a drapery store in Hindley Street, Adelaide in 1864, and later moved to Rundle Street. His son, Napier, expanded it to a five storey department store which is shown on this advertising envelope with a meter franking [printed matter rate] of 1 1/2 pence in 1945.

The Birk family were important benefactors, and Napier part financed Hubert Wilkins' polar exploration and P G Taylor's aerial surveys.

Birk's department store was taken over by David Jones in 1954.



Editorial

Tony Lyon

Another year coming to a close. I hope it has been a good one for you. Australia Post continues to struggle to provide an acceptable service.

I had reason to purchase on line a part for my printer as Officeworks didn't have it in stock and the helpful staff member advised me that they had checked and only two outlets had it in stock and one of those outlets was online only. I ordered it directly from Epson and paid for Express Post service. I expected it next day but when I checked Australia Post tracking it showed that the parcel had left Sydney, arrived at Mooroolbark and a few hours later sent to Bayswater with the notation that it had failed to be pick up and it was being returned to sender.

This was curious as Express Post required a signature and if nobody was at home would be sent to the closest Post Office and a card left advising unable to deliver. We were home all day and no attempt was made to deliver to my home and the closest Post Office is Burnt Bridge 800 meters from my house.

I spoke with Epson and then lodged a complaint with Australia Post. The item left Epson on the Thursday was at Mooroolbark Friday and on to Bayswater a couple of hours later. I arrived home mid-day Tuesday to find the parcel sitting at my front door; so much for signature required. If this is what you get for Express Post \$9.50, I don't think it is values for money.

Thank you for all who contributed during 2022 to enable this journal to exist.

Have a great Christmas.

Until next time ciao.

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