

CAMPBELLTOWN PHILATELIC NEWS

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NEXT MEETING 8TH OCTOBER.

SOCIAL DINNER & AUCTION

What's on

Sun 18th September 2011 Newcastle Stamp & Coin Fair. Wallsend Community Centre, Cooper & Murnin Sts Wallsend

Sun 18th September 2011 Vintage Fifties & Collectables Fair. Campbelltown RSL Carberry Lane Campbelltown (this event has a entry fee)

Sat 24th September 2011 Punchbowl Stamp & Coin Fair Punchbowl Community Centre, 44 Rossmore Avenue Punchbowl.

Sun 25th September 2011 Epping Stamp & Coin Fair Epping Community Hall 9 Oxford Street Epping NSW

Sat 1st October 2011 Katoomba Stamp Fair Masonic Hall, Corner Civic Place & Station Street Katoomba NSW

Sat 1st October 2011 Gymea Stamp & Coin Fair Gymea Anglican Church Hall (behind the church building) at 131 Gymea Bay Road, Gymea NSW
A donation for admission goes to charity.

Sun 2nd October 2011 Corrimal Stamp & Coin Show. Doctors Surgery Hall 69 Railway Street Corrimal N.S.W.

Sun 9th October 2011 SCDA Newcassel Stamp, Coin & Banknote Fair. Newcastle Panthers Club 309 King Street Newcastle.

Sat 15th October 2011 **Philas Open day**

ELECTROCUTION

A woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle. Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she whacked him with a handy plank of wood, breaking his arm in two places. Up to that moment, he had been happily listening to his iPod.

Remember June, 1982 ?

ABC's back to front birthday



The faces of senior ABC and Australia Post officials are stamped with embarrassment. A special stamp to mark the ABC's 50th anniversary has fouled up the commission's official logo. The recently released stamp shows a mirror image of the symbol instead of the correct one and has caused a flurry in the philatelic world. Stamp collectors have caused a rush on the "wrong way" stamps in the hope that they will become valuable rarities. Australia Post officials said yesterday that philatelic experts it had consulted believed the ABC stamp would not become a collector's item. They said it would not be corrected.

Less than 4% of Magic hoard of Aussie stamps.



Great Stamp Find Of The Century

In 1999 a Mr Gee attended a stamp show in Italy and asked 'Have you got any Australian stamps' ? One dealer said "Yes I've got some 1/2kg packets here and they are unpicked." Mr. Gee was a bit sceptical about that as he had heard that before, but decided to buy 4 packets just in case.

The next day Mr. Gee drove home, and that night he

started to sort the stamps out, and what he found got him very excited, there were very rare KGV stamps, as well as Australian State stamps. He didn't get much sleep that night, he wanted to get some more of this material but there was a problem, he hadn't got the dealers name or phone number so he telephoned a friend at the show and described where the dealer's stand was and asked him to *"Buy all the ½kg packets of Australian stamps he has left, and get his name and phone number, I'll square up with you when next we meet"*

The friend was able to purchase a further 4 packets for him. Later Mr. Gee phoned the dealer, and it turned out he had been making up packets from a **tea chest full** of Australian stamps. Eventually Mr. Gee purchased the tea chest from the dealer, and after the deal had been done the dealer made the casual comment *"I think we have another tea chest somewhere"*. Much later the second tea chest was found and purchased by Mr. Gee. making a total of about 70 kgs in total.

It would appear that the stamps were collected in about July 1919 (latest date found, but from the late 1890's) they may have been collected for the Red Cross or some other charity.

They were purchased by the Italian dealer's Grandfather and eventually placed in their cellar and forgotten about.

They survived World War 2 and stayed there until the late 1990's when the dealer found them, and decided to make up some packets and take some to the stamp show.

At several Australian auction sales a few items have realised around A\$1,500 per scarce stamp.

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Slow Delivery Of Love Letter.

(Reuters) - A love letter written to a U.S. college student in the state of Pennsylvania and proclaiming "love forever" was finally delivered -- 53 years late. But the tender note penned in 1958 still waits in the mailroom at the California University of Pennsylvania as officials search for its intended recipient, Clark Moore, who is now about 70 years old and living in another state, according to a university spokeswoman.

The letter, sent from Pittsburgh and postmarked February 20, 1958, arrived in the mailroom last week, she said. "No one here has any idea why it was delayed".

The letter had been addressed to Mr. Clark C. Moore, then a junior at the university, which was known at the time as California State Teachers College, she said.

It included a return address, but little other information about the sender, who signed the letter, "Love Forever, Vonnie." "It's very much the same

type of letter that students today might write to a boyfriend who's away at college."She ends by saying, 'I still miss you as much as ever and love you a thousand times more. Please write me real soon.'" The university hopes to deliver the letter to Moore and has received a few tips on his possible whereabouts, she said.

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New NZ banknotes on the way

Reserve Bank governor Alan Bollard launched the project to upgrade New Zealand's bank notes today, which would update all five notes currently used – \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100 notes.

Famous faces on the notes would not be changed.

This upgrade will ensure our bank notes benefit from the technical advances that have been introduced in bank note security over the last 12 years," Bollard said.

New notes would be progressively introduced from 2014 at the earliest and co-circulated with existing notes, Bollard said.

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Computer Symbols Guide

For owners of desktop computers, there is a simple way of typing symbols which do not show up on the keyboard. (Doesn't work with Apple-Mac). To produce the required symbol, hold down the "ALT" key, whilst simultaneously typing the numbers shown below using the keypad on the right side of the keyboard.

Pound	=	ALT + 156	=	£
Yen	=	ALT + 0165	=	¥
Euro	=	ALT + 0128	=	€
cent	=	ALT + 0162	=	¢
one quarter	=	ALT + 0188	=	¼
one half	=	ALT + 171	=	½
three quarters	=	ALT + 0190	=	¾
divide	=	ALT + 0247	=	÷
small one	=	ALT + 0185	=	1
small two	=	ALT + 0178	=	2
small three	=	ALT _ 0179	=	3



A Stamp's Face Value

A stamp's denomination usually tells you two things — how much you have to pay for the stamp if you buy it directly from the postal service, and how much it is good for in prepayment of postage. The denomination is also sometimes referred to as the face value, because it is the value printed on the face (or front) of the stamp.

The very first adhesive postage stamp issued by Great Britain in 1840 is even popularly known by its denomination: the Penny black.

Denominations are important because they are one of the ways in which stamps are differentiated from each other and identified. Most stamps have but a single denomination, but some others have two. Semi-postal stamps are stamps that have a postal value, but also include a charity surtax.

Another type of stamp with two denominations exists wherein stamps are denominated in two different currencies. For example, this happened with several European countries as they transitioned from their national currency to the euro.

In recent years, many stamps have been issued that are not denominated. Rather than expressing a value in monetary units, their denominations are expressed by a symbol, letter or service inscription.



More recently, a number of countries have begun to issue non-denominated stamps that are always good for payment in full of a basic letter rate, despite rate changes that occur after they are issued. Such stamps usually have a letter, symbol, or inscription that indicates their status.

Such stamps usually have a letter, symbol, or inscription that indicates their status. Examples are a Canadian (59¢) Year of the Rabbit permanent stamp with the "P" inside maple leaf symbol, and a British (21p) Soldier with Regimental Flag second-class stamp, inscribed "2ND."

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 FIRST it was the telegram. Then the letter. The internet has threatened to all but wipe out traditional modes of post, but with shoppers rapidly deserting bricks and mortar shops for online stores, Australia Post - whose job is to deliver the goods we are buying online - has emerged an unlikely winner.

"We say that the internet is our letters business's worst enemy and our parcels business's best friend," said Alex Twomey, Australia Post's general manager of external affairs.

Australia is experiencing a huge boom in the delivery of parcels.

While mobile phones and online communication have caused the volume of letters to fall by about 4 per cent each year since 2008, parcel delivery has grown 11 per cent in the past year, leaving some post offices with more parcels than they have room for.

Christmas used to be the only time post offices would experience a high volume of packages, but customers are now receiving parcels several times a week.

On eBay's Australian site, a fashion item is sold every 12 seconds and an electronic item every six seconds.

When Australia Post joined forces with the online auction site to offer sellers a joint flat-rate parcel satchel, they sold 85,000 in the first 24 hours.

We can expect to see even more delivery vans on the streets and more staff employed to handle parcels but the age-old peeve applies now more than ever: what to do if you're not home when the delivery man knocks?

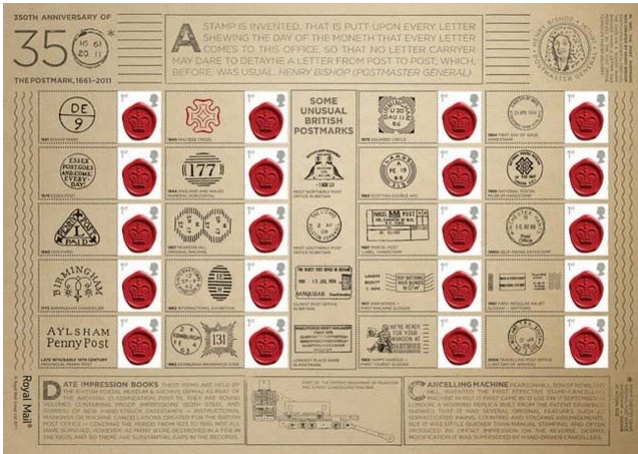
Companies are now offering parcel pick-up hubs and alliances with around-the-clock vendors. The operator of Parcel Point, Phil Lee, came up with an idea three months ago which allows customers to send their package to a participating internet cafe, convenience shop or newsagent.

"I was trying to receive a pair of shoes I bought overseas and it was quite inconvenient for me to be at home to receive it, and I also couldn't get it delivered to my office. I had a chat to some friends and thought there should be a way I can pick up my parcel from a place that is open longer hours," he said.

A 24-hour pick-up hub run by Australia Post at St Leonards is being trialled and "the post office of the future", being trialled in Brisbane, will have 24-hour parcel lockers. Mr Twomey said: "It's reinvigorating a bit of excitement about getting the mail at night,

which I like. The thrill of the post arriving is coming back."

Britain Honors The Postmark



A new GB minisheet which reproduces some of the earlier postmarks.

THEMATIC

How is this for a new thematic collection.

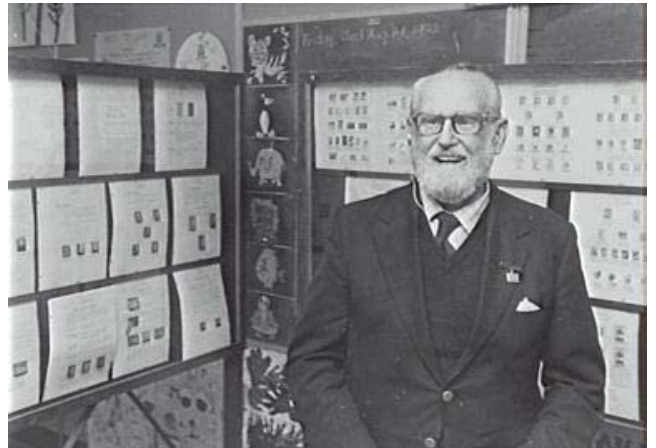
Ice cream on stamps. I haven't observed any other country with stamps on this topic.



Makes a change from the general, more common type of thematic topics. Probably it becomes more challenging for a collector to identify what issues have been released on a thematic topic than for a "whole country" type collection. This is also true of aerophilately.



AMBROSE BOURKE



Only the remaining "old stagers" in our club will remember Ambrose. (Long before my time, I'm afraid).

The club archivist has much material relating to our history & activities over the 39 years of our existence. In future editions it is hoped that items will be able to be featured from those records. Should anyone care to donate additional items concerning this club would they kindly contact Frank Wirz at a meeting, or by email - mystampclub@yahoo.com.au

On the subject of stamp history, there are many long term identities in the Australian Stamp World. Some who are giants in our hobby are now veterans, and it is an honour to record their names -:

Max Stern is into his 90s and runs the largest stamp shop in Australia by far.

Sydney's legendary Ken Baker turns 100 next year.

Bill Hornadge from Dubbo -- founder of Seven Seas Stamps and "Stamp News" is also in his 90s.