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Dear members and collectors,

The contents of this bulletin aims at informing members of pending auctions, stamps issues and other calendar items relevant to our hobby.

As things go, there will be room for errors but I hope I can keep those to a minimum.

The editor

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Meetings

Start: 8:00 pm; first Thursday in the month (except January).
CWA Rooms, Baby Health Centre, Tindale Street, Penrith

Date	Activity
January 2011	No meeting
3 February 2011	Exhibition; Trading
3 March 2011	Exhibition; Trading
8 April 2011	Exhibition; Trading PHILAS Display
5 May 2011	Exhibition; Trading
2 June 2011	Exhibition; Trading
7 July 2011	Exhibition; Trading Club Pack Auction
4 August 2011	Exhibition; Trading Election of Office Holders
1 September 2011	Exhibition; Trading
6 October 2011	Exhibition; Trading
3 November 2011	Exhibition; Trading
1 December 2011	Exhibition; Trading
January 2012	No meeting
2 February 2012	Exhibition; Trading

Stamp Shows

- 3 December Katoomba
- 5 December North-side Stamp Fair; Brookvale
- 12 December PHILAS AGM
- 7 January 2012 Katoomba

Events

Where	When	Contact
Katoomba: Katoomba Masonic Centre Civic Centre, Station Street	1st Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm	Tel: (02) 9418 9044
Brookvale: Manly-Warringah Leagues Club Unlicensed Premises (first floor Car park Building), corner Federal Parade / Pittwater Road	1st Saturday (except January) 10:00am – 4:00pm	Tel: (02) 9977 4076
Orange: Quinn's Arcade, Summer Street	1st Saturday (except January) 9:00am – 4:00pm	Orange Coin & Stamp Club, P.O. Box 324, Orange, 2800 Tel: Norm Binns (02) 6362 3754
Tuncurry: Tuncurry-Forster TAFE College, Taree Street	1st Saturday (February to November) 9:00am – 12:00noon	Great Lakes Stamp Club, P.O. Box 717, Forster, 2428
Caringbah: Stamp and Coin Collectors Fair, East Coast City Church, 375 Kingsway (Entrance fee: Gold Coin - all funds donated to the church)	1st Saturday	Convener – Dave Ellis Tel: (02) 9528 9011
Parramatta: AAA Stamp & Coin Shows		Steve 0432 540 760
Bankstown: Masonic Hall, 29 Arthurs Street, Punchbowl		Tel: (02) 9559 8526 Bankstownstampandcoinshow@ya hoo.com.au
Corrimal: Masonic Hall, 69 Railway Street	1st Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm	
Brookvale: Federal Parade Hall	3rd Saturday (March, June, August & November only) 10:00am - 4:00pm	Manly-Warringah Leagues Club Stamp Club, 563 Pittwater Rd, Brookvale, 2100
Wallsend: Pioneer's Hall, Cowper Street	3rd Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm	Tel: (02) 4946 9121
Epping: Epping School of Dance Hall, 9 Oxford Street	4th Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm	
Croydon: Imar Community Hall, 2A Fitzroy Street	Last Sunday February, May, August & November only; 9:30am – 3:00pm	NSW Postcard Collectors Society, P.O. Box 426, Newport, 2106

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Name	WEBSITE
A-One Stamps	www.aonestamps.com
APRL	www.stamps.org
APS	www.west.net
Australian Philatelic Federation	www.apf.org.au

Name	WEBSITE
Bilby Stamps & Covers	www.bilbystamps.com.au
British Library Philatelic	www.portico.bi.uk Collection
Burpengary Stamps	www.burstamp.com
CDDSTAMPS	www.cdddstamps.vom
Collections Plus	www.centurnova.com.au
County Philatelic	www.stampauctions.co.uk
FIP	www.f-i-p.ch
French postal history	www.esil.univnirs.fr/Eleves/P98/incio/index.html
Ideal Solutions	www.philately.com
James Bendon	www.jamesbendon.com
Kennedy Stamps P/L	www.kennedystamps.com.au
Kevin Morgan Stamps and Coins	www.kevinmorgan.com.au
Leonard Hartman USA	www.pbbooks.com/index.html
Malta Philatelic Society	http://www.maltaphilately.org/
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NRG Philatelics	www.nrgphilatelics.com
Pacific Stamps	www.pacificstamps.com .au
Phil Bansner	www.philbansner.com
Phillips	www.phillips-auctions.com
Provincial Philatelics	www.proyphil.demon.co.uk
Renniks Publications	www.renniks.com
Royal Mail	www.royalmail.co.uk
Sotheby	www.sothebys.com
Stamp Shows	www.stampshows.com/#international
Stamp World	www.stampworld.com/index.html
STAMPS4COLLECTORS	www.stamps4collectors.net
Stanley Gibbons	www.stangib.com
Stanley Gibbons Australia	www.stanleygibbons.com
Status International	www.statusint.com
Sydney Stamp Centre (WCS)	www.sydneystampcentre.com.au
Webzine, NetStamp	www.netstamps.com
Yvert & Tellier	www.yvert-et-tellier.fr/

Stamp Issues*Australia Post*www.auspost.com.au/philatelic/stamps/intro.asp*Great Britain*<http://www.royalmail.com/portal/rm>

Invitation

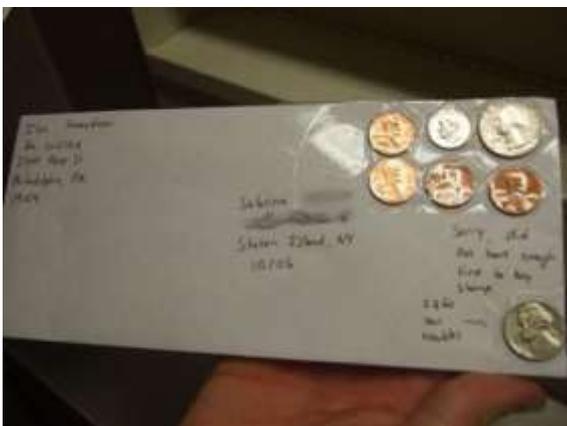
Dear guests and readers of this bulletin,
 You are invited to join our club as stamp collecting has provided many of us with deep insights into past and present cultures of countries we may or may never visit. As a guest you can find the behaviour of exited members a bit overwhelming. Do not be afraid to ask questions. If you do, please do not be overwhelmed with the answer as you usually get more than you asked for. Some of us have been collecting stamps for such a long time that we have forgotten what it feels like to be a beginner.

Join in and enjoy a pastime that need not be expensive. If you have inherited a stamp collection we will provide you with information (free of charge) about the value of that collection. Again, you may get comments you do not like (there is rust in the collection; not worth much but interesting enough to expand; etc.). We are human and we have our little errors. However, if you do not like the information received, by all means, get a second opinion.

Looking back and ahead

I do not know how I did it but usually I have 11 issues per year but this year I got only 10 issues??

I would like to wish all members and their spouses/partners/family members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I also wish for you that you stay healthy and that all your wishes may come true next year . May you find that elusive stamp you never expected to see in your collection.



Good luck and happy stamping
 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
 Uwe Krüger
 President

**Cinderellas (10)
 Koala Research**

1986



Koala Research pack (English; Japanese)
 Artist signed souvenir sheet

1987

Koala research pack (English; Japanese)
 Artist signed souvenir sheet (1000 issued, numbered)
 Souvenir covers (26th January 1988; 1000 issued, numbered)



Bicentennial issue (87 souvenir sheets)

1988/89

Koala research pack (English; Japanese)
 Specimen overprint on 88/89 sheet
 Museum Director signed souvenir sheets (1000 issued)
 First Day Cover (issued 1000, numbered)



\$1.00: From Perry's 'ARCANA' 1811, this is the earliest known illustration of a Koala. Because of the rigid pose it is thought to have been made from

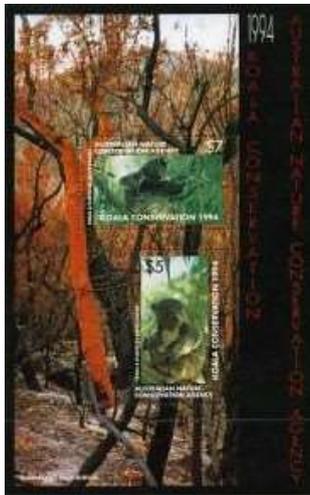
a mounted animal. The label repeats the hand colouring of the original plate.

\$42.00: This black and white engraving by Harriet Scot is taken from the book "Mammals of Australia" 1871, by Gerard Krefft, curator and secretary of the Australian Museum.

\$3.00: From John Gould FRS "Mammals of Australia" Vol. 1, 1863. This picture was one of the first to show accurately the separation of the fingers and toes.

The background illustration is from the book, "Journals of Two Expeditions into the Interior of NSW" by John Oxley, 1829, clearly referred to as the Liverpool Plains.

1994



Kolkis

A phantom state created by Mr Bruce Henderson, Director of the International Council of Independent States (ICIS), PO Box 15-116, New Lynn, New Zealand.

Lake Lefroy Goldfield

By late 1896 the Post Office had extended its services to most parts of the Western Australian goldfields, enabling them to close James Healy's cycle and camel posts based on Coolgardie. (See separate stories). There was one area left unserved however, the Lake Lefroy goldfield situated 40 miles from Kalgoorlie (formerly Hannans).



Late in 1896 two Lake Lefroy men, H. Lacey-Hillier and Frederic E. Maskell, decided to organise a local cycle post and issue their own stamp. They took this step either not knowing of Post Office action to suppress Healy's services, or in defiance of it.

Their stamp, with a denomination of 6d and picturing a black swan, appeared in February 1897. The stamp was lithographed and printed in red on green wove paper with perforation 12. The stamps were printed in blocks of 4 and total printing was 250 blocks (1000 stamps).

In 1972 a cancelled vertical pair of the Lake Lefroy stamps printed *tete-beche* was discovered in an old collection in London, this being the first indication philatelists had that the stamps were printed in *tete-beche* format.

The stamps were used on a cycle post between Lake Lefroy and Coolgardie, with additional Western Australian stamps being added if the letter was to be posted for onward transmission at Coolgardie. The service operated until June 1897 when it ceased following receipt by the organisers of a letter from Mr. Scholl, Chief Postmaster at Perth, pointing out that use of the stamp was an infringement of the postal regulations and threatening prosecution of the service.

After the service was suspended, the proprietors found there was a brisk demand from philatelists for their stamps. Those who sought the stamps were quoted supplies at 2/6 each for unused specimens and 5/- each for used copies. Very few copies appear to have been sold and the remainders were lost or destroyed when Maskell died in 1900. Copies either used or unused are very scarce.

After the closure of the service one of the founders, Mr. Lacey-Hillier wrote several letters which eventually found their way into the Royal Collection. One of these letters disclosed that the stamps were printed from zinc blocks of four dies

in a print run of 250 sheets (i.e. 1000 stamps). After the printing the zinc block was defaced by "cutting with a knife a deep line across from corner to corner making it quite impossible for others to be printed off without showing the line in the printing".

The latter then went on to make the following interesting comments:

"These stamps were used in connection with the 'Cycle Mail Service' from Lake Lefroy to Coolgardie and several hundreds passed through the post, being affixed to letters in the right-hand bottom corner with the Gvt. (Government) stamp being in the usual place. The face value of these stamps was 6d. Some time after they had been in use the Chief Postmaster, Mr. Scholl, Perth, W.A., early in 1897 wrote a letter to the proprietors of the 'Mail' pointing out that they were infringing the postal regulations by issuing a private stamp, his attention having been drawn to the fact, also informing us that we must desist or a penalty would be enforced for the offence Soon after this, a notice warning people not to affix these private stamps to their letters in future was posted u conspicuously at every post office on the W.A. goldfields, having the effect of well advertising our stamps, with the result that fancy prices were offered for specimens 2s. 6d. to 7s. 6d being obtained. However, we held on to the remainder. I must mention that 50 stamps were given to a man named Albert Green employed at the Kalgoorlie P.O. in consideration of his getting our stamp placed in the London Catalogue, although he assured us at the time that that had been done, we found out it was not the case. The Postmaster, Coolgardie, Mr. Thompson, handed us several letters he had received, asking him to procure for the writers specimens of our stamp. Of the two of us who ran 'Lake Lefroy Cycle Mail' F. Maskell died early in 1900; what became of the few hundred stamps and the defaced unto-block he had in his possession I cannot say".

One interesting point in the letter was mention of the proprietors having given 50 copies of the Local to a Mr. Albert Green to enable him to get the stamps listed in the London Catalogue. He was referring to the Bright & Son Catalogue, then the leading stamp catalogue printed in England. The Lake Lefroy local never did make it into the lists of any standard stamp catalogue so it seems that

Mr. Green took the partners for the proverbial hayride.

See also **Coolgardie Cycle and Camel Express Stamps**.

Last Old Ghan

See in **Railway section**.

Launceston Stamp Exhibition 1983

A non-competitive Stamp Exhibition was held from 26th October to 2nd October 1983 at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston. Most societies from Tasmania and also the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria competed. Australia Post was represented.

Lay-by To Travel

Late in 1937 the Commonwealth Government scheme called '*Save to Travel*' was concocted to help prospective travellers literally save money for travel tickets.

A 1/- red and a 5/- blue were printed on C of A watermarked paper. Booklets were issued free of charge and spaces for 20 stamps. The scheme was administrated by a 'Save to Travel' committee with representatives from ANA airlines, Victoria Railways, PMG Department and Melbourne Steamship Co. This scheme operated for over 20 years.

Soon after this scheme evolved Queensland decided to issue a similar scheme called '*Lay-by to Travel*' through beautiful Queensland. Three values , 1/- blue, 2/6 red and a 5/- green were issued on 14 March 1940.

These stamps could be purchased at any railway station or at the Queensland Government Tourist Bureau. The stamps were printed on plain paper by the Queensland Government Printer. The Queensland scheme operated for 7 years and was discontinued on 1 October 1947. the stamps are quite rare.



Liberty Loan

See War: **Liberty Loans**

Lightning Ridge

A local post service was established in 1991 by Mr WS Moore¹ in Lightning Ridge a opal mining centre in the far western part of New South Wales.



For a charge of 50c he delivered a message to any address on the opal field with a charge of \$2.00 for personal delivery to an individual. Messages are prepaid by stamps.

The first of the Lightning Ridge locals was issued early in 1992 with a denomination of 'five roos'. The stamps are printed in strips of four and are sold at \$1.00 per strip. First day covers are 50c each.

Other issues are:

- 10 Roos (Glass Caterpillar);
- 20 Roos (Glass Koala); and
- 50 Roos (Glass Kangaroo).

LORD HOWE PROVISIONALS

In 1930 the basic Australian letter rate was increased from 1 ½ d to 2d at short notice. The Postmaster at Lord Howe Island, which is located 430 miles north-east of Sydney, had no stocks of 2d stamps on hand and sought a directive from the Sydney G.P.O., of which Lord Howe is a sub-office. In reply he received an ambiguously worded telegram: "USE THREE HALFPENNY STAMPS WITH ENDORSEMENT 2d PAID P.M. (POST MASTER) L.H.I."



The sender of the telegram INTENDED that the endorsement should be applied to the envelopes bearing 1 ½ d stamps but the Lord Howe postmaster misinterpreted this to mean that a surcharge should be applied by hand ON the 1 ½ d stamps and this he proceeded to do creating a number of unauthorised provisionals on 1 ½ d Sturt commemorative stamps. This was contrary to postal regulations but as the postmaster acted in good faith on instructions that were none too clear no action was taken and the surcharges were allowed to pass through the post without penalty. The unauthorised surcharges were in use for about a month in August 1930 but copies cancelled as late as September 1930 are known. A small quantity of 1 ½ d George V portrait stamps also were surcharged but as they were not sold before the arrival on the island of stocks of 2d stamps their status is in question. Difficult to detect forgeries of both exist and collectors buying these items should exercise extreme care.

See also **Gower Wilson Memorial Hospital Labels**

See also **Lord Howe Island**

Lord Howe Private Courier Service

A private courier service was established on Lord Howe Island on 31st December 1998.

For a flat fee of \$1.80, for letters and parcels up to five kilograms in weight, delivery anywhere on the island appears to be reasonable.

A business was registered as eh 'Lord Howe Island Courier Post'. The managers wanting to launch their enterprise with the utmost propriety included as their philatelic adviser and manager Dr William Mayo. Dr Mayo was an authority on the philatelic history of Lord Howe Island and had acted as a consultant to Norfolk Island, Christmas Island and other unique island postal services. His first task in the job was to contact the Legal Section at Australia Post to seek their input.

A lawyer from Australia Post advised that there was no official application to be lodged with Australia Post for such a venture. It was understood that the Legal Section at Australia Post would have no objections to the Courier Post proceeding, provided that the Cinderella stamps it issued did not have 'Australia' or 'Australia Post'

¹ Mr WS Moore
Box 918
Lightning Ridge NSW 2834

or the Australia Post Logo printed on them, or a value less than \$1.80.

The \$1.80 price was chosen because Australia Post regulations permit private deliveries charging this amount or over.

The service was introduced at short notice and the organisers resorted to a provisional issue of stamps for the service by overprinting 8 000 Fame/face labels reproducing the scarce old Gower Wilson Hospital Appeal £1 receipt label of 1938. They also applied an overprint (in black) to this label (LORD HOWE ISLAND COURIER POST).



Some of the overprinted labels were used to prepare 200 booklets each bearing a numbered block of four stamps stitched in by the selvedge. Half were produced with normal left hand assembly and half right hand assembly, necessary because of the need to use the selvedge for stabling.

The booklets were sold locally at face value of \$7.20 and will obviously be scarce because only 100 left assembled and 100 right assembled exist.

Business generated profits as stamp stocks were sold out within four weeks of date of issue. In February 1999 the managers of the Courier Post were looking for a printer to print their second stamp. Wishing to produce a quality product they contacted Sprintpak (Australia Post's printers).

Within a very short time a stern letter arrived from the legal Section of Australia post stating that *'We are of the view that the printing of stamp labels by your organisation is not permitted as such labels fall within the ambit of Australia Post's reserved services as defined in the Australian postal Corporation Act 1989 (Cth.), ('the Act').'*

The letter went on to stress that only Australia Post had the right to issue postage stamps within Australia under Section 29 of the Act, and that *'the printing of stamp labels does not fall within any of the exception to the reserved services detailed in section 30 of the Act'*.

The Courier Post had never claimed to issue a postage stamp, only a courier delivery receipt in the form of a label designed over 60 years ago.

In raising this aspect the postal authorities were now back-peddalling claiming that the initial advice had been misunderstood.

On the surface, the above statement by Australia Post would invalidate every stamp like label for any purpose. This would be of importance to any organisation selling cinderellas in any shape and form. As the Act ascended in 1989 there was a huge backlog of court cases waiting including Railway, Duck or similar labels.

The letter from Australia Post requested an acknowledgement that it has issued postage stamps in breach of 29(3) of the Act. And that it would *'immediately cease from producing any further postage stamps'* and *'immediately withdraw all existing postage stamps from the market place'* and provide details of *'the number of postage stamps produced'* and the *'revenue collected from the sale of postage stamps.'* If a reply was not forthcoming within a week, the Courier Post was threatened with proceedings in the Australian Federal Court, including the confiscation of profits from its Cinderella stamps.

Three explanatory letters were written by the Lord Howe Courier Post to the Legal Section at Australia Post on 6, 22 and 30 march 1999 the first tendering samples of the Courier Post Gower Wilson Hospital Stamp, and the second two explaining the courier post service on Lord Howe Island, which was complimentary – not competitive – with Australia Posts' service on the Island.

The Courier Post offered to send representatives to Australia Post headquarters in Melbourne to discuss and hopefully resolve the misunderstanding. However, as a prerequisite to the meeting, Australia Post still insisted that the Courier Post acknowledge it was in breach of the Australian Postal Corporation Act, and included the additional indictment *'... that the postage stamps issued by the Lord Howe island Courier Post may amount to misleading and deceptive conduct in breach of sections 52 And 53 of the Trade Practices Act of 1974 (Cth.) ...'*

The Courier post managers were not prepared to acknowledge any breaches. The explained to Australia Post that their postal delivery receipt was a pre-existing Cinderella stamps that would never

be included in any authoritative guide to, or catalogue of, Australian or world postage stamps.

Last, but not least, they were operating under exception (e), 29(2) of the reserved services under the Australian postal Corporation Act 1989, which exempted 'the carriage of a letter within Australia for a charge or fee that is at least 4 times the then rate of postage for the carriage within Australia of a standard article by ordinary post'.

Having reached an impasse with Australia Post, and being threatened with action in the Federal Court, the managers of the Courier post seemed to have no way to continue their business. A concerned supporter of the Courier Post in Sydney requested copies of all the correspondence between the Lord Howe island Courier Post and Australia Post and based on the available information, lodged a complaint with the Sydney office of the Australian Consumer and Competition Commission (ACCC). The charter of the ACCC aims to maximise the benefits of competition to the Australian public. After preliminary investigation, the Commission agreed to pursue the matter.

In the meantime, the Courier post rushed out an 'Emergency issue' which consists of a printed label to receipt deliveries. This label simply states: Lord Howe Island Courier post \$1.80'. It has no pictorial content and is not perforated and can therefore not be mistaken as 'stamp'.

Lord Howe Departure Levy

A \$20 Conservation levy was imposed by the Lord Howe island Board about 1996 on visitors to the island.

This was collected at departure time and in reality was a departure tax. Tourists were not warned of its existence before arrival and therefore it was very unpopular.



The departure may have been illegal under the Commonwealth Constitution, Section 92 and instead of paying the tax at a collection office at the airport (receipts had to be handed to QANTAS

to get their boarding pass) a new collection method was introduced. A label was issued in 1998 with ISL PAID in large letters over the Coat of Arms of Lord Howe Island. The amount was now \$30.

Late in 1998 the Board abandoned this system and arranged with QANTAS to charge an extra \$30 on return adult fares to the island. QANTAS paid the Lord Howe island Board in bulk and this probably avoided legal implications.

Obviously the green labels became redundant but have resurfaced, albeit overprinted in black with CANCELLED. This was probably done to prevent them being taken to the mainland and used on QANTAS tickets to the island.

Luther League

Early 1930 (?). Label showing the Luther league emblem within a garland of Wattle Blossoms and the wording NON MINISTRARI-SED MINISTRARE.



1935. Christmas issued by the Australian Luther League N.S.W. District.



Multicolour Nativity Scene design.

1938. Luther League Label issued to mark the centenary of the Lutheran movement.



Showing Lutheran Church as background against a raised hand holding Bible open at John 3-16 “From Age to Age”.

1951. 25th Anniversary of the Australian Luther League.



Attractive label with design of the League’s emblem within map of Australia.

Date not known. Australian Luther League label.



Candle with message “let your light shine”.

Manufactured at the Queensland State Government Printing Office



Perforation: 13

Manly Stamp Exhibition 1976

On the 3rd October 1976 the Manly-Warringah Philatelic Society held a stamp exhibition in the Corroboree Room of the Hotel Manly. The exhibition was held in conjunction with the National Stamp Week.



A souvenir card (500 issued) was issued showing Manly beach and Norfolk Pines together with the society’s logo. The issue day was the 27th September and the stamp issued was a 18c, Stamp Week. Blank cards were available at the show.

See **National Stamp Week 1976**.

Manly Stamp Exhibition 1978

A stamp exhibition was held from the 30th September to the 1st October 1978 at the Corroboree Room of the Hotel Manly organised by the Manly Warringah Philatelic Society in conjunction with national Stamp week 1978.



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The Society produced a souvenir sheet bearing a facsimile of the 1928 issue of the 3d kookaburra overprinted at the top and bottom margins. The wide frame is in black. It appears the sheet comes in two shades, dark and grey blue.



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² Image courtesy Hans Meyer

³ Image courtesy Hans Meyer

The ungummed sheet was printed in England but overprinted in Sydney in a different shade of blue to that of the stamps. About 20 were not overprinted but not sold.

At a later time similar sheets on cream paper appeared on the market. Those sheets are not overprinted and are without FACSIMILE imprint on the back.

Two cachets, similar to official postmarks, were also used on the souvenir sheets.



The postmark for the 30th September in red.



The postmark for the 1st October is in green.

Maps



Marion Shopping Centre

See [THMEX 74](#)

Marrickville Stamp Exhibition 1972

The Dulwich Hill – Marrickville Philatelic Society staged a stamp exhibition on the 23rd September 1972 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Society. The actual founding was in 1951 and not 1947.

Maryborough



M.C.C. Patriotic Carnival

The label was issued for the Patriotic Carnival in 1917 on the Melbourne Cricked Ground (MCG).



see **Cricket**

McCulloch & Co. Parcel Express



William McCulloch

James McCulloch⁴

The firm of W. McCulloch & Co. was founded by William McCulloch who was born in Wigtonshire, Scotland, and who migrated to Victoria in 1852. With his brother James, he started a carrying business which, by 1861, had grown to the largest transport business in the colony with a huge network of suburban and country coach services and an even more extensive river steamer service on the Murray. At the peak of the firm's operations in 1880, it owned a fleet of 21 vessels which were operated from Echuca under control of James McCulloch. The firm's Melbourne operations comprising an extensive parcel express service and an overseas cargo agency, were conducted by William McCulloch. The Firm had a number of Melbourne addresses, but its principal office (at least from 1864 to 1877) was at 19 Queen Street, Melbourne.

In 1868 the firm was incorporated as a company, William McCulloch and Co. Ltd., and it traded under this title until 1886 when it got into financial difficulties as a result of widespread drought and competition of the railways. In 1887 the McCulloch Carrying Company Limited was formed in Melbourne to acquire the McCulloch

trading name and some of the maritime assets of the former McCulloch empire.

When the McCulloch empire collapsed in 1886, the company secretary, Mr. J. K. Mayne, who had been with the firm for 20 years, joined forces with Enoch Nickless to form a small parcel delivery service in Melbourne. This proved an instant success and from a small business of 10 vans they grew within a year to a service of 24 vans covering almost the entire Melbourne metropolitan area. In 1887, they took over the remains of the McCulloch Parcel Express Service and after the takeover they were running 52 vans and delivering 2700 parcels daily. The business went on from strength to strength to become the giant Mayne Nickless organisation of today.

During the years when they operated the parcels express, McCulloch & Co issued a number of interesting parcel stamps, though no records survive of their dates of issue, quantities printed, or periods of issue. In compiling a listing of these issues I have therefore had to work from a position of total ignorance of the sequence of the issues. The listing therefore is only a tentative one which may be changed if fresh evidence comes to light.

TYPE I



This stamp is printed in green ink on white paper and is rouletted. The denomination is sixpence. Image size is 41 mm x 56 mm wide and lettering is Roman (serif).

TYPE Ia



This stamp is very much like Type I but the image is smaller (41 mm x 54 mm) and the letters used for 'SIX PENCE' are different (sans serif). This

⁴ Photos by courtesy of Latrobe Collection. State Library of Victoria.

supports the theory of different printings at different times.

TYPE II



The same six pence stamp overprinted in black McCULLOCH, COMBE, GREEN & CO. It appears that the overprint was applied angled differently as would be the case using a hand held rubber stamp. Image size varies from 41 mm high by 54 mm wide to 41 mm high by 56 mm wide.

TYPE IIb



The letter types used for the overprint differ from Type II.

Type IIc

The overprint is from the upper left to the lower right corner.

From part sheets it can be determined that sheet layout was 3 x or 3 x 4.

Type III



Offered at the 24th June 2000 by Macray Watson Auctions and described by Bill Hornadge (Stamp News, August 2000, it is unusual that he made no reference to the differences between Type I & II labels. The red imprint at the top reads: REGISTERED.

Melbourne Air Race

This label relates to the MacRobertson International Air Race starting in England on 20th October 1934 and finished in Melbourne.



Melbourne – Carnival 1939



Melbourne Centenary 1934

A series of labels were produced for the Centenary.

This label features the building of the Victorian Cricket Association in the Central Business District of Melbourne as well as the logo of the Victorian Cricket Association.

⁵ Harmers auction, 11 November 2008



The other two sets comprise of 10 labels each and feature scenery and functions associated with the Centenary celebrations.

Melbourne Centenary 1935

To celebrate the Centenary of Melbourne three sets of labels were issued.

The first set was a sheet of 20 labels with 16 designs (eight of the designs were repeated to make 20).



These two labels were issued to mark the centenary of Victoria-Melbourne in 1935 and all proceeds from their sale went towards a Centenary Fund.



English Scottish Australian Bank Ltd.



They are printed on watermarked V over Crown paper and are exceedingly scarce in pairs. One is printed red and the other blue.



Coles Stores Melbourne

Lyell Owen Pty.

John Batman standing on he bank of the Yarra River looking towards Melbourne.

The second set had four of the labels of the first set to promote the Centenary Scout Jamboree and only four of the designs were repeated.



The design used by Lyell Owen Pty Ltd, Process Engravers looks very much like the blue label shown above and has similarities with the stamp issued by Australia Post in 1934



Melbourne Emergency Mails



Type 2.

This stamp, also printed in green ink on white paper and rouletted, has a basic design similar to type 1 but the lettering of "SIXPENCE" below panel is a different type face. This stamp bears seven pen cancel strokes and also has a weak rubber stamp overprint: "McCULLOCH COMBE GREEN & CO." in purple.



Type 3.

This stamp (also with 6d denomination) is printed in blue. The plate number "121" on margin at top is black and the script "REGISTERED" diagonally across the face of the stamp is lithographed in red. The stamp is cancelled by an ink smudge. The stamp is from the collection of the late J. R. W. Purves of Melbourne and was mounted with a notation: "Copy found in a letter addressed from Victoria to New Zealand in the early 80's".



Type 4.

This 6d stamp is printed in red with the inscription "REGISTERED B" in top panel in blue ink. The stamp is perf 11. The stamp is cancelled by means of a large ink smudge. Another copy exists with the "REGISTERED B" printed in blue ink.



Type 5.

This is very similar in design to Type 4 but is printed in dark green with the words "REGISTERED C" in top panel in purple ink. The specimens exist Perf 11 and Perf 11 ¼ x 11 ½ indicating that there was more than one printing of the issue.



Type 6.

This is an entirely different label. It is not an adhesive, for affixing to parcels (as in the case of Types 1 to 5) but is a pre-paid receipt which appears to have been introduced under a new system (probably replacing the adhesives). From

the directions on the receipt it is clear that there were two types of these labels, namely the red label as illustrated and another white label (which I have not sighted) for unpaid parcels. This is the only one of the series to bear an address (121 & 123 Collins Street, West Melbourne) and this provides some clues on the period of issue as McCulloch & Co. were located at this address from 1881 to the time of their collapse in 1886.

One further difficulty faces the chronicler of these issues and that is to decide whether Types 1 to 5 were issued and used by McCulloch & Co. in Melbourne or Adelaide - or whether they were used for both operations. If the latter was the case it would explain the absence of an address on the labels. This is quite significant because the majority of 19th Century local stamps DID bear an address because their proprietors regarded the stamps as advertisements for their services.

THE RAILWAY AND OTHER PARCEL STAMPS OF MAINLAND AUSTRALIA, by Messrs. Craig, Presgrave and Ingles categorically states that Type 4 was issued by McCulloch & Co. at 39 Currie Street, Adelaide, with a further note that this firm was taken over by Combe, Green & Co. in the period 1899/1900. See separate listing of Combe, Green & Co. issues).

The existence of a rubber stamped overprint "McCULLOCH COMBE GREEN & CO." on the Type 2 stamp illustrated above would tend to support the claims of Messrs. Craig, Presgrave and Ingles, although they offer no evidence on the matter.

My theory is that Types 1 to 5 probably were used by McCulloch's for both Melbourne and Adelaide services. After the collapse of the firm in 1886 their use was not continued in Melbourne as there is no evidence that the Mayne Nickless Service used stamps on their service. The stamps however, may have continued in use in the Adelaide service which eventually was taken over by Combe, Green & Co. The whole issue obviously calls for more research on the part of local Melbourne and Adelaide historians.

For information on the McCulloch empire I am deeply indebted to Mr. Alan Levy of Melbourne

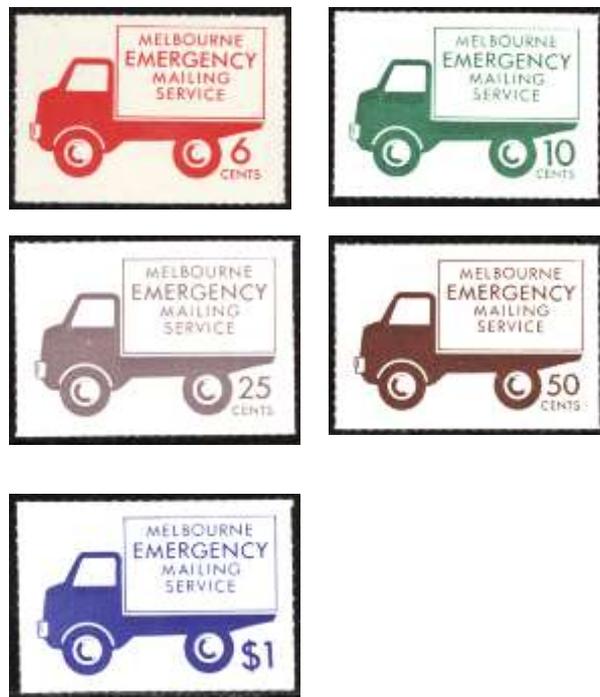
who carried out a considerable amount of original research on the firm.



A McCulloch & Co. advertising envelope of 1880 showing head office at 123 Collins Street

A more detailed article on the McCulloch empire appeared in the June, 1981 issue of "Stamp News".

1968. A prolonged postal strike occurred in January 1968 bringing mails to a halt throughout Australia. Initially only inter-office transport of mails was affected and local deliveries continued.



Taking advantage of this situation the Melbourne transport firm of H. A. Bachrach organised a system of transporting parcels and letters from a central Melbourne office to individual suburban post offices where they were accepted for local delivery. The actual delivery arrangements were

carried out by Save Time Services of Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

The service was operated only on two days January 18 and 19, when suburban post office workers joined the strike, thus rendering the emergency service ineffective.

Emergency mail stickers (as illustrated) were prepared for affixing to parcels and letters in addition to normal postage. The five denominations in the series were printed on white gummed paper and were imperforate. Denominations and colours were 6c red, 10c green, 25c slate, 50c brown, \$1 blue. Sheets were printed 4 in a row to 5 rows resulting in 20 labels per sheet.

A number of covers on the market were philatelically inspired but nevertheless the labels did not perform a genuine (local) postal function on the two days the service operated.

Melbourne Flight 1936

On November 16, 1936 a commemorative pigeon flight was organised from the Melbourne Town Hall. One hundred pigeons were released all having specially printed flimsies attached to their legs. After the flight the flimsies were collected and placed in souvenir envelopes and posted at Melbourne. A guarantee cachet was applied to each flimsie.

Melbourne Stamp Exhibition 1894

The first stamp exhibition in Australia was held in Melbourne on Saturday, 15th September 1894 at the Vienna Cafe.

The annual report of the Philatelic Society of Victoria mentions:

‘ the red letter day in the existence of the Society is, without doubt, Saturday, September 15th 1894, when the first exhibition of stamps, etc., and which was held in the Vienna Café, Melbourne, the success of which, was far beyond anticipation.

There were exhibited about 10,000 stamps, 400 postcards and 700 envelopes ... and the attendance was over 600. Your committee hopes to hold these exhibitions annually, and relies on the hearty co-

operation of members to make as successful the inaugural one.’

It has not been recorded that either a special postmark or any other philatelic interesting item was issued to mark this exhibition.

Melbourne Stamp Exhibition 1900

A second philatelic exhibition sponsored by the Philatelic Society of Victoria was staged in Melbourne on the 26th May 1900 in the old Courthouse, Swanston Street.

This event did commemorate the jubilee of the issue of the first Victorian stamps.

Melbourne Stamp Exhibition 1904

On the 25th June 1904 a stamp exhibition organised by Philatelic Society of Victoria took place. No other information is available.

Melbourne Stamp Exhibition 1921

Despite an earlier commitment to have annual stamp exhibitions this could not be done.

In 1913 it had been decided to hold the Australasian Congress and a stamp exhibition in 1914. Due to the outbreak of World War I all exhibitions were delayed till 1921.

March 1921 was decided upon in 1920 and a large numbers of entrants were received. This included exhibitors from overseas countries making this an international exhibition.

The exhibition took place in Queens’ Hall. As space was at a premium only a few pages of any exhibit could be shown. Despite of this handicap the exhibition was lauded a great success.

The Exhibition and Congress were organised by the Philatelic Society of Victoria and the Prahran Philatelic Society.

Admission to the exhibition was free.

Melbourne Stamp Exhibition 1928

The exhibition, noted as International, was held had the Melbourne Town Hall from 29th October to 1st November 1928.

