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OPEN LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY

So, the great day draws closer. Spring Stampex and its competitions, all one-frame, are over. Spring Stampex introduced the Postcard class for the first time, and there was a good range of entries. We can all start to ready ourselves and our wallets (or credit cards) for the London 2010 Festival of Stamps. It will be the biggest exhibition in London since 2000, and there will be a notable event in the middle. After one set of exhibits has been up for four days, there will be a complete swapover. The first set will be removed and a second set mounted in the frames. This will be a major logistics exercise and, as far as I know, the first time that this has been attempted at an International show. As I expect to be personally involved in this, I am hoping that the training and rehearsals will make it all go smoothly!

But before that, we have our own Convention in the beautiful city of Chester. The hotel is conveniently sited on the edge of the city, so that it is accessible by car, but not too far from the sights and shopping of the city itself. For those of you arriving by train, do not forget that there is a frequent shuttle bus to the City Centre. If your baggage is not too heavy, you could think about saving a taxi fare!

Don't forget the Society competitions are held at Convention. Take the plunge, enter, and give yourself a chance to win a valuable prize. If conventional exhibiting is not for you, have a shot at the Open competition, judged by the attendees.

A special feature of Convention this year will be the attendance of at least one and possibly two distinguished Australians. We shall be pleased to welcome them.

Our congratulations to Sandy Forbes, who was awarded a Vermeil medal at Chicagopex 2009 (late November) for his book on the 1½d Die I. A medal at this level for literature is a major achievement.

I am sad to report that our Southern Section in Worthing is likely to close because of lack of interest and support. There are many members in the area, but not enough attend to make it polite to a visiting speaker. Is there something that we are doing wrong with these meetings? I have seen the Midland section abandoned many years ago due to lack of interest, and the Scottish Section suspended (I am sure that geography is a factor here). Our London meetings rely on a hard core of regulars, not too many of them living in London. Please let your council know if there is more that they can do.

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AUSTRALIAN PHILATELY IN PRINT #2, 2010.

A list of articles found in Journals & Bulletins held by the Librarian (Periodicals).

THE AUSTRALIAN AEROPHILATELIST, No.95, October - December 2009

Editorial.

90th Anniversary of the First England-Australia Flight Commemoration, by John Bodnar.

90th Anniversary of the Great Air Race 1919, by Chris R Lloyd.

Constellation VH-EAD *Charles Kingsford Smith* and Captain Ken Jackson, a notable duo in QANTAS history, by Ted Thomasson.

Last flight of Fokker F27-500 (VH-EWP) LADS in Adelaide, South Australia, by Nigel Daw.

Airmails with a difference – an airmail “Not by Airmail” – Canada 18 September 1946, by Ray Kelly.

A World War 1 French pop-up postcard with a more tragic history than a first glance reveals, by Ted Thomasson.

A story of ambition, greed and government, by Ed Wolf.

Aviation related humour, by John Bodnar.

APF NEWS, Vol.23, No.3, November 2009.

President's view, by David Figg.

David Ingle (Dingle) Smith FAP.

34th Annual General Meeting, by John Sadler.

Dr Geoffrey Kellow MAP RDP.

Melbourne Stamp Show 2009.

Philakorea 2009.

Postal History Class 2C – a work in progress, by Chris King

Adelaide Stampex 2010.

Youth Philately, by Linda Lee.

Canberra Stamp Show 2010.

Exhibition Timetable

THE CINDERELLA PHILATELIST, Vol.50, No.1, January 2010.

Australia: Patriotic Playing Card Advertisements, Charles Kiddle.

FORCES POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY JOURNAL, Vol. XXIX, No.1, Spring 2010.

The International Red Cross Tracing Service, by Roger Callens

GIBBONS STAMP MONTHLY, February 2010.

Sea Post Office: Suez, Aden, Bombay, by Michael Peach.

The Art of Commerce (decorative stationery of trade and industry), by John Scott Vera Trinder – 90th birthday.

Watermarks & Perforations, by Paul Brittain.

Postal Stationery Matters (incl. 1896 SA design “too good to use” and a rare printed to private order KGV envelope, by Peter van Gelder.

Looking at philatelic aids, by Colin Mount.

THE LONDON PHILATELIST, Vol.118, No.1371, December 2009.

The RPSL Catalogue, by Chris King FRPSL & Frank Walton FRPSL.

Book Review: “The Half-Lengths of Victoria: The Stamps and Postal History 1850-59” by John H Barwis & Rod W Moreton.

THE LONDON PHILATELIST, Vol.119, No.1372, January-February 2010.

Book Review: "Franked! The Official Mail of Victoria 1864-1902", by Col CL Steig & MB Watson.

THE LONDON PHILATELIST, Vol.119, No.1373, March 2010.

The making of a Perkins Bacon Die – using a Fly Press, by Geoffrey Eibl-Kaye FRPSL.

PHILATELY FROM AUSTRALIA, Vol. LXI, No.4, December 2009.

Editorial.

Dinner for Geoff Kellow RDP FRPSL MAP APR.

"Via U.S.A. Air Mail" from Australia, 1924-1934, by Brian Pope APR & Raymond Todd FAP FRPSL.

100 years and 50 years ago.

Notes on Papua and New Guinea – between the wars, by Joe Edwards.

Air Mail Extracts, from PMG's Department Annual Reports, 1951-54.

Royal News.

Notes on Tasmanian Railway Stamps, by Bill Lloyd-Smith

STAMP MAGAZINE, August 2009.

Obituary: Michael Goaman.

Why is this Western Australia stamp holed?

STAMP NEWS, Vol.57, No.2, February 2010.

Editorial; Editor's Mailbag; Philatelic News; New Issues; Clubs & Societies; Dealers Directory; Calendar.

Woodchip free zone: (Australian decimal usage) by Rod Perry.

Market Matters (Fakes of modern China on eBay, etc) by Glen Stephens.

Australian stamp variations, by David Mallen.

Introducing the Australian Philatelic Federation, by John Sadler.

Australian Commonwealth Postage Dues Pt.6, by Mike Lee.

Revenue Review, by Dave Elsmore.

Cinderella Corner, by Tony Presgrave.

De-mystifying the detail, by Andrew McEachern.

Governor Macquarie, by Angie Testa.

STAMP NEWS, Vol.57, No.3, March 2010.

Editorial; Editor's Mailbag; Philatelic News; New Issues; Clubs & Societies; Dealers Directory; Calendar.

Woodchip free zone: by Rod Perry.

The Red Devil: Captain Harry Butler AFC, Pioneer Aviator, by Samantha Battams & Leslie Parsons.

Auction News: Headless Roo for sale (Auction Co. Pennyred.com)

Australian Stamp Variations, by David Mallen.

Introducing the Australian Philatelic Federation Pt.2, by John Sadler.

Revenue Review, by Dave Elsmore.

Cinderella Corner, by Tony Presgrave.

De-mystifying the detail, by Andrew McEachern.

The Modern Scene (A focus on Framas, Reprints, Booklets and other Modern Material), by Sel Pfeffer.

TPO & SEAPOST SOCIETY JOURNAL, No.307, Vol.64, No.1, Spring 2010.

The English Mails to and from Australia.

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RINGWOOD MEETING 6TH FEBRUARY 2010

I am lost for words when it comes to writing a report for a Colin Tabcart display. His research is impeccable, his write up is immaculate and his presentation is professional. The fourteen members that attended thoroughly appreciated his visit and we were sorry that he could not join us for supper at The Fish afterwards.

I heard one member say that he felt like going home and throwing his collection in the dustbin after a display like that! Please be not discouraged very few reach this standard, be encouraged to chance your arm.

I can add nothing to the crib I was given so I am merely going to reproduce here along with our sincere thanks to Colin for his visit.

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DEVELOPMENT OF MAIL SERVICES TO & FROM AUSTRALIA/NZ IN THE 19TH CENTURY - WITH EMPHASIS ON STEAM BY COLIN TABEART MA, FSPH

Introduction. Prior to 1840 the likely passage time for a letter between ANZ and UK was probably anything between 150 and 200 days, with some passages in excess of 200 days. By the 1890s the time was down to 30-35 days. How was this remarkable improvement achieved in the short space of 50 years?

Improved Navigation. From the late 1840s to early 1850s sailing ship captains started to follow the advice of USN Lt Maury, who made a large study of the trade winds with recommended routes, and the work of John Towson, an examiner with the Liverpool Marine Board. By the early 1850s the crack sailing ship captains were regularly achieving 80-90 days, with records in the 70s – a ship 100 days out was sometimes posted as "overdue"! The record out to Melbourne from Liverpool was 64 days (*James Baines*), and back was also 64 days (*Lightning*– Bully Forbes)

Steam Ships. Although by no means always faster than the crack clippers, and in the early days frequently unreliable, steam generally produced more consistent times, although the early steam packet services were usually monthly affairs. As soon as steam was established out to India (in practice about 1842 although a ramshackle service by the El Co operated Bombay - Aden before that) Australians sought to send letters by sailing ship to Ceylon or India to pick up the steam link to Similarly trans-Pacific, again by sail, linking with the RMSPCo service across the Atlantic. Steam ships gradually improved, whereas the clippers reached their peak in the 1850s.

Rail. Steam trains travelled faster than steam ships, so if advantage could be taken of a rail line overland it was done. Thus once the rail link London-Southampton was complete P&O sailings went from Southampton rather than Falmouth, but as soon as the Plymouth-London link was complete mails were loaded and landed at Plymouth. Once the San Francisco-NY railroad was completed in 1869 NSW & NZ looked to send mail via Frisco. Once the Australian south coast rail link Adelaide-Melbourne-Sydney was complete Australian mails landed/loaded at Adelaide. There are other examples, notably through Europe and trans Canada: the general rule was "the more the rail the faster the mail".

Layout of display

Frame 1 Early sail, including the first sailing ship contract mail (Toulmin packets).

Frame 2. 1842-55. Early steam including via India and the first three steam contract lines.

- Frame 3. 1854-57.Clipper Ship mails contract and non-contract during Crimean War.
- Frame 4. 1857-59. Return to steam.– European & Australian contract.
- Frame 5. 1859-1900. P&O returns and continues throughout,
- Frame 6 & 7. 1866-1900. Transpacific steam routes Via Panama, then via Frisco.
- Frame 8. 1893 – All Red Route via Canada.
- Frame 9. 1866-1900, Queensland - various contracts via Torres Strait.
- Frame 10. Competition for the P&O: Orient Line, Messageries Maritimes, Norddeutscher Lloyd, New Zealand Shipping Co, Shaw Savill & Albion.
- Frame 11. Royal Navy in ANZ waters – Imperial Defence Acts, privilege rates &c
- Frame 12. Postcards and newspapers.

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN SECTION MEETING HELD ON 16th JANUARY 2010.

Four members gave displays at this meeting, starting with Rob Fennell with what was his first ever display at a B.S.A.P. meeting. He subject was the Antarctic, and apart from maps there was a wide range of stamps and covers, ranging from the 1954 Expedition covers to the 1986 – 87 issues. The range of material included miniature sheets, blocks, postcards and registered covers. He concluded with a showing of covers commemorating the visit of the Pope to Australia.

Brian Baldock followed with material relative to Emigration to Australia in the closing years of the 19th century, and a display of the Martin correspondence which included covers, postcards and letters. Brian closed with a selection of items relative to the crossing of Australia from South to North by Charles Stuart.

The next display was by Bob Larg and this comprised a selection of stamps and covers from 1980 and 1981.

Finally Tom Gillespie showed a range of stamps and labels ranging from Certified Mail labels, Special Delivery labels, the Geelong 1938 Centenary labels and a series of non postal items which included War Savings Stamps, Liberty Loan Poster labels, Aldelaide Children's Hospital labels amongst many others.

Tom Gillespie gave the vote of thanks to the four members who displayed and who were in fact the only members who attended.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS IN THE WORTHING AREA.

There are only two (2) more meetings left of the Southern Section and it will close down after the last scheduled meeting on 12th June 2010.

There is a change to the meeting being held on the 13th March 2010 when Bob Larg will be showing his Australian Postal Stationery with a bit of Postal History instead of Brian Baldock who will give his display of Australia at War on the 12th June 2010.

The March meeting will have already taken place by the time you read this but please note the change to the June meeting.

FROM THE LIBRARIAN (BOOKS).

Please add the following to the library list:-

Book No 86. New South Wales – The Pre-adhesive Period by Brian Peace. A4. s/b, 36 pages. This was a supplement to the B.S.A.P. Bulletin April 2009.

Book No 170. South Australia – The Machine Date Cases of the Country and Suburban Offices (Including Northern Territory) by Colin Salt. 2009. A4. s/b. 49 pages,

Book No 816. Australians in Paraguay. A4. s/b. 20 pages. Newspaper cuttings etc referring to an attempt by a group of Australian Socialists to found a Utopian Colony in far off Paraguay.

A correction. Book No 797 (see Bulletin June 2009) should read Book No 814. Please amend your lists accordingly.

A NOTE FROM THE PUBLICATIONS STOCKHOLDER.

At the 2010 Convention I will be handing over the job of Publications Stockholder to Stewart Milner, and I wish him well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who have bought publications during the last 11 years. Many of you have shared information, or told me something about themselves and this has made the job most interesting.

The latest snippet is from Dave Corby a new member which I thought should be shared with our membership. He told me: "Apart from two daughters, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren all living in Australia, my family connections with the country go back to 1855 when an ancestor of mine, William Corby, emigrated there. He became a farmer and magistrate. Latter another ancestor must have done a good turn to an aborigine painter. As a reward his name was incorporated into the aborigine's name. The evidence for this, can be seen on the 37c stamp of Art of the Dessert issue of 1988, SG1150." So please take time to look at your catalogues.

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LONDON 2010. FESTIVAL OF STAMPS.

A number of dealer members and advertisers will be taking a stand at the Festival.

A number of dealer members and advertisers will be attending the Festival. Please make a point of introducing yourself as a BSAP member. You will be well received.

Cavendish Philatelic Auctions.	Stand 054	Millennium Philatelic Auctions	Stand 088
Grosvenor Philatelic Auctions	Stand 100	Prestige Philately	Stand 057
Ian Perry	Stand 062	Steve Zirinsky	Stand 124
Michael Eastick	Stand 033	Torsten Weller	Stand 033

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY/TREASURER's list of changes to membership database from 16 January 2010 to 14 March 2010.

Changes of address.

1066	Adams DA	Padstow, Cornwall PL28 8RA.
1189	Hack K	London SW1P 2AJ.
1659	Cox B	Luton, Beds LU2 4YP

Resignations.

865	Holland RJC	1279	Hall AC	1729	Bond GJ
898	Steward JD	1502	Pengelly BE	1750	Langford JA
1148	Widdowson J Mrs	1550	Little DJ	1769	Reason GN

Deceased.

107	McLean TW	(summer 2009)
1409	Atkinson PL	(December 2009)
1430	Rose AWP	(October 2009)