



Ballarat Post Office c. 1905

NEWSLETTER

OF THE

BALLARAT PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC.

Established 1904

Meetings are held on the 3rd and 5th Mondays of each month (except December) at The Eastwood Street Leisure Centre, 20 Eastwood Street Ballarat, commencing at 7pm.

Membership \$5 (for 2020/21)

Visitors Welcome

To our Members and Friends – welcome to the September 2021 Newsletter

We met last week and were able to conduct the Annual General Meeting. We were able to fill all committee positions which is very gratifying. Our thanks to your committee with special thanks to Secretary Jan Kerr, Treasurer Brian Wallis and Circuit Sheet Secretary Neil Petrass for their contributions ongoing.



VALE John Earle – We acknowledge the passing of Life Member John Earle.

John was in his 90's and passed away last week. Many of us will remember him as a friendly quiet man who worked hard providing catering for the Stamp Fairs for many years. He was also a keen philatelist.

Cancellation of the October 2021 Stamp Fair

Due to Covid19 we have had to cancel the October Stamp Fair which is very disappointing for many of us.

The Club voted to apply the Covid19 cancellers to all the mini sheets and covers. All customers have been advised by email of this. A press release is to be arranged along with promotion of the Club seeking new members.

We continue to receive applications for "Free stamps for Kids". We will contact the recipients and ask if they collect themes and try to provide them with more appropriate items for their collections. We hope members can assist with a forthcoming mail out.

Our hobby is really blossoming with all dealers and auction houses being very busy. A tip is when buying do shop around to get the best price possible.

An innovation been approved by the Executive is that the Club will have a 'Hospitaller'. New Committee Member Sarah Waugh has agreed to carry out this role. Can we please ask that members send their birthdays (date and month only) and any changes in contact details or reports on the health of members etc to Sarah - email Sarah.m.waugh@gmail.com. Sarah will have a small column in the newsletters to come.

Long time member Yvonne Cruickshanks is to provide a number of items that the club can select from for gifts or prizes for winners or participants in our Fair Displays

Cheers Peter Morey President Ballarat PS

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Upcoming Events

Note all activities are subject to COVID-19 Restrictions in place at the time

August 16	Inter-club social night and auction
August 30	Circuit Sheets and Committee meeting
September 20	Annual Membership Due Club Member's Special Interest Display: <i>Dutch East Indies: Peter Morey</i>
October 10	Eureka Stamps and Coins Fair Eastwood Leisure Centre (see details next page)

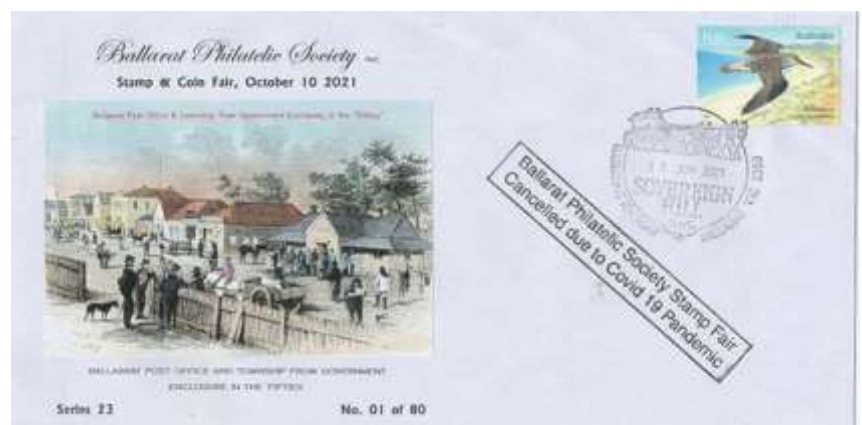
Cancelled

BALLARAT EUREKA STAMPS & COINS FAIR Sunday 10th October 2021

Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty of COVID 19 restrictions Ballarat Philatelic Society has decided to cancel this event

The covers and mini sheets that we have for sale will still be available, however **ALL** will have a special cancellation cachet applied indicating that the event was cancelled due to COVID.

If you have ordered covers or mini sheets and don't wish to receive the item(s) with the cachet applied, please contact Peter Morey (petermorey05@gmail.com) and he will arrange a reimbursement or credit to be applied for the next Stamp Fair.



Ballarat Philatelic Society Committee for 2021-2022

President	Peter Morey
Secretary	Jan Kerr
Vice President	Pat Tacey
Treasurer	Brian Wallis
Exchange sheets	Neil Petras
Auditor	Craig Hamilton
Webmaster.	Cliff Matthews



Ballarat Philatelic Society Syllabus for 2021

September 20	Annual Membership Due	November 15	Mystery Guest Night
	Club Member's Special Interest Display: <i>Dutch East Indies: Peter Morey</i>	November 29	Circuit Sheets and Committee Meeting
		December	End of year Function tbc
October 18	Other Collections / Hobbies Night		

Maryborough Stamp Club Auction

Tuesday 12th October, 2021 starting at 7pm (viewing from 5.30pm).

in St Augustine's Hall Maryborough

Invitation to attend the Maryborough Stamp Club Auction.

Red Dot system applies, as does Buyer Number Registration.

Your members may submit up to 15 items per person but these details and items **MUST** be received by me no later than 3rd September. The Maryborough Club will take 5% commission on any sales.

The Auction List will be sent out mid-September.

Post bids by email, in writing, or by phone accepted up to 7th October and sent to me Grey Loyer: gloyer@live.com.au or phone 5460 5008.

Light Refreshments provided free with tea/coffee.

(If Covid restricts this from happening the Auction will be re-scheduled for the following month on Tuesday, 9th November).

C.W. Peck

At a recent Stamp Club meeting my regular contributor to 'From My Collection' presented and discussed the work of CW Peck. The hand drawn cover displayed for the members intrigued many of us and we wondered who would put the time and effort into hand painting an envelope to send a letter (opposite) to a lady, maybe it was designed to impress Miss Gladys

elder Mickey Jonson a "King of Illawarra" at the Wollongong show 1896 his interest in Aboriginal culture and folk lore was sparked, leading to the 1925 publication of his *"Australian Legends. Tales Handed Down from the Remotest Times by the Autochthonous Inhabitants of Our Land"*. This publication contained 25 Aboriginal Dreaming stories with line drawings by Peck.



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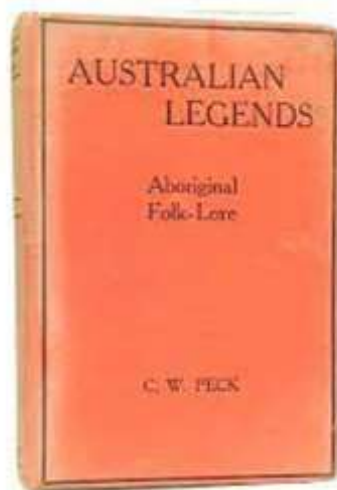
The person in question was Charles William Peck (CW Peck), born in Woonona, NSW in 1875 and raised in Thirroul. In 1891 he became a student teacher in Thirroul before teaching in South Australia. He enlisted in the Australian Imperial forces and towards the end of WW1 served in Egypt and Palestine attaining the rank of 2nd Lieutenant before being decommissioned in 1919 and to live in Bondi.

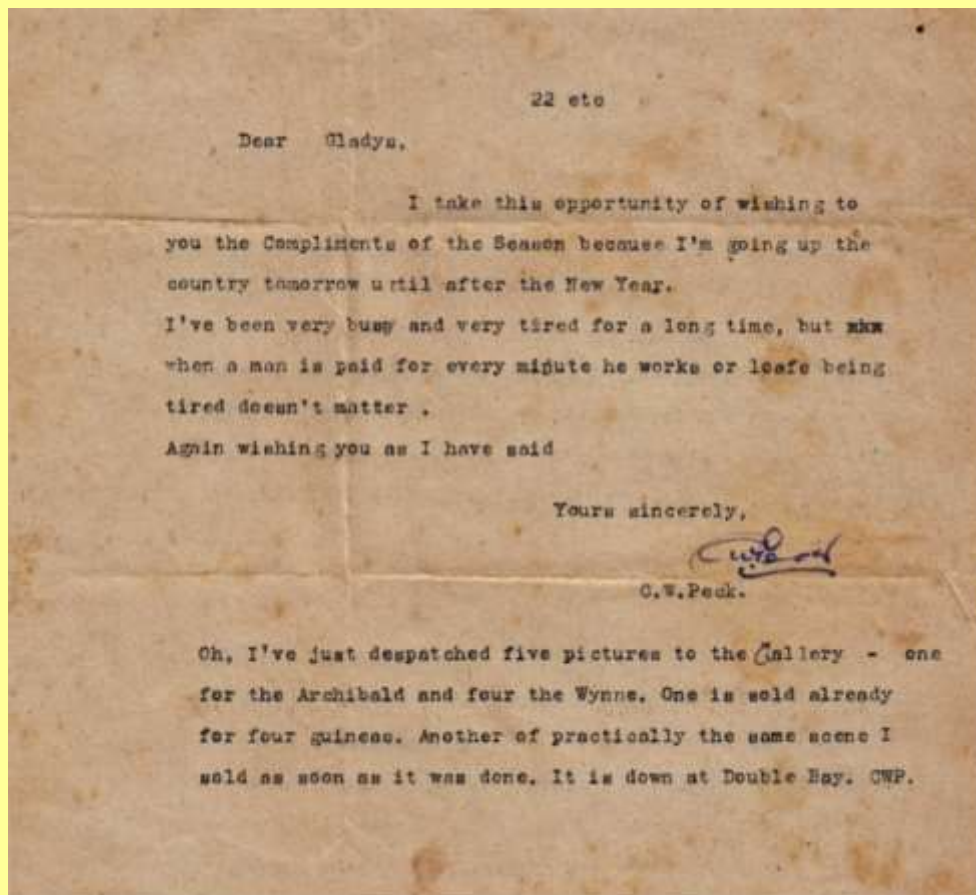
Having witnessed the "coronation" of local aboriginal

Between 1928 and 1929 nineteen additional stories appeared in the Sydney Mail under the banner *Australian Legends*.

Australian Legends was published in 1933 with thirty-four Aboriginal Stories and although his

stories tended to be anglicised and apparently stripped of the original spiritual and cultural context, they deserved recognition. In all Peck published 52 known individual Aboriginal "Legends", but none after 1933 when his inspiration, Aboriginal elder Ellen Anderson died.





In 2020 Global Grey Books release Australia Legends in ebook format found at <https://www.globalgreybooks.com/australian-legends-ebook.html>



Date Cancels used on Postage Stamps in the German Marshall Islands

by Dirk H.R. Spennemann

A variety of date cancels was used during the operation of the German colonial postal offices on Jaluit and Nauru. In addition to the genuine cancels, a variety of forged cancels and genuine cancellers, backdated illegally, were used to defraud collectors.

The cancellers consisted of a wooden-handled metal unit with interchangeable single digits for the dates and a single double-digit slug for the year.

The cancels are usually executed in black ink, although purple ink is also on record.

The general rule issued by the German Reichpost was that stamp with Pfennig values had to be cancelled with one strike of the cancel, preferably centred. Mark values had to be cancelled by applying the cancel twice.

These are in existence as 'cancelled to order' items, made by conniving post masters (in violation of the directive). In addition, the German stamp collecting fraternity's obsession in obtaining cancelled items meant that over time cancels were forged

German Post Office Jaluit

The post office was opened on 29 March 1889 and operated until the occupation of Jaluit by the Japanese forces on 29 September 1914. During that period two types and cancels, one with a subtype (different number types) were used .

MARSHALL INSELN



This cancel, which measures 28mm in diameter, was used from 29 March 1889 until about May 1900. Most cancels were black. Between 1895 and 1897 a bluish ink, with a hint of green was used, while a red-violet ink is known to

have been used in 1895. Setting variations are known inasmuch the day and month setting exist with and without an oblique separator dash. This canceller was sent back to Germany once the new canceller (see below) had arrived and was first used on 21 May 1900.

Forged Cancel

The words 'Marschall Inseln' are larger than in the previous example



Genuine cancel MARSHALL INSELN with wide numbers. This cancel, measuring 27mm in diameter, was first used on 21 May 1900 and remained in use until the occupation

of Jaluit by Japanese forces on 29 September 1914.



Crude Forged Cancel right



Backdated Type II Cancel.

The demand for cancelled copies of the Berlin issue Eagle series Marshall overprint stamps meant that unscrupulous individuals backdated a genuine cancel to create early cancellations. As the cancel ink was changed in late 1901 or early 1902 from a black or grey-black of dry/crisp appearance to a deep black and oily-sooty appearance the state of the allows to identify and date a number of backdated cancels on the Eagle Issue stamps of both the first and the second issue.

Soon after the loss of the German colonies in World War I, the market for German colonial stamps, and in particular used examples, increased dramatically. As a result, forged cancels started to appear as early as mid -1915. Since then an array of forged cancels has been created and are not confined to the Marshall Islands, but also German New Guinea.



The forged cancel, on the right above, was designed similar to the one used in Samoa. Such a cancel never existed in the Marshall Islands

German Post Office Nauru

The post office on Nauru was opened on 14 July 1908 and operated until the occupation of Nauru by British forces on 8 November 1914.

Standard Cancel for Nauru

The cancel was designed similar to the Town cancels of the day.

The cancel with the date 11 August 1908 was forged in the mid-1970s by Bernhard Friedrich using the Friedemann illustration as template.



This forged cancel follows the layout of Jaluit but was never used in this form on Nauru

German Ships Post

Ships' Mail ('Seepost') cancels exist for those vessels which had a fully fledged mail room. These cancels are distinguished by the text "Deutsche Seepost" (German Ships Mail), the name of the line and a letter which designates the vessel if more than one vessel was used



Cancel carried by the Norddeutscher Lloyd mail steamer *München*

This service, which touched on Saipan and Pohnpei, was only of short duration. Commenced in summer 1900, it came to an end in February 1901 when

the *München* ran aground in Yap. This cancel can occur as transit cancels on covers, but is extremely unlikely to have been primary cancels on Marshall Islands stamps

German Ships Post cancel for the steamer *Oceana*

The initial route of the Jaluit-Gesellschaft steamer *Oceana* ran Sydney-Jaluit-Pohnpei-Yap-Palau-Pohnpei-Jaluit-Sydney. The service commenced on 1 January 1901.



German Ships Post cancel for the steamer *Oceana*

When the Norddeutscher Lloyd terminated its Sydney-HongKong run end of 1901, the Jaluit Gesellschaft extended its run to HongKong and included German New Guinea in its route. This



necessitated a new cancel

German Ships Post cancel for the Australische Hauptlinie

The route between Bremen and Sydney was operated by ships of the Norddeutscher Lloyd. Genuine examples of such cancels can not occur on Marshall Islands stamps. Fraudulent cancellations have been created around 1901 or 1902.



Wrong Cancels



Occasionally items are offered that carry completely wrong cancels, such as the item shown at left, which has a domestic German cancel 1, not used in the Marshall Islands. In addition, some of these domestic cancels have been forged.

Cancels from other German colonies used

Occasionally items are offered that carry cancels, from other German Pacific colonies. Most of these are forgeries, such as these from Saipan or Pohnpei.



On occasion stamps were cancelled with seals destined for other use. These cancels appear to be fraudulent.

When the Japanese occupied German Micronesia, the German stamps were demonetized and could no longer be used for postage. There are examples where German stamps were 'cancelled' with Japanese cancellers. These are creations for the philatelic market and do not represent genuine usage.



This interesting article provided by Cliff Matthews contains extracts from an article titled Postage Stamps used in the German Marshall Islands Cancels by Dirk H.R. Spennemann, the full article can be found at https://marshall.csu.edu.au/Marshalls/html/Stamps/CancelPix/Type_I_Cancels.html

STORY OF THE POST



Mail Delivery in Early Canada

THE winter, the wilderness and the bleak, spirit-breaking distances of Canada's interior did not encourage regular mail services in the early days of settlement.

The continent was largely covered by forests in which fur-bearing animals roamed. The lands of the outer provinces were full of unknown terrors.

The French fur-traders gradually opened up the interior, exchanging manufactured goods with the Algonquin and Iroquois Indians in return for beaver pelts and other furs. This led to considerable commercial correspondence between Canada and France. As trade increased more people—French, English and Dutch—moved out to the Canadian settlements in the hope of making a living, thus establishing a need for regular contact by mail.

During George Heriot's administration as Postmaster General (1801-1816) a regular mail service was established with Upper Canada. A courier set out from Montreal in January every year, travelling on foot or snow shoes, with his mail bag slung over his shoulder. It was considered a great feat if he managed to cover 18 miles a day. The journey to Niagara and back generally

took a period of three months. During his many visits to Niagara in 1801, Heriot devised a plan to further the mail route to the eastern end of Lake Erie. As vessels journeyed to Fort Erie, Heriot proposed that the postmaster of Amherstburg should make up a bag of mail, seal it with the official seal, and deliver it to the captain of one of the vessels. At Fort Erie, the bag would be placed on one of the flat-bottomed craft, the 'bateaux', between there and Chippawa which was on the Niagara River.

Journeys by boat could be perilous, especially during the bad winters when temperatures dropped many degrees below zero, freezing up many of the waterways, making the progress of mail and supplies slow and tortuous.

Road-making in Canada was beset by difficulties. Great expanses of land either belonged to the Crown or were held by speculators, making early road construction a difficult, complicated and expensive business. In view of this the traders and planners of mail routes turned to the waterways, in spite of the disadvantages. The lakes, rivers and inland seas were soon to become the highways of Canada.



Useful Websites

<http://stampforgeries.com>

provides pictorial and documentary information about worldwide forgeries, country by country.

<https://www.funtrivia.com/quizzes/hobbies/collectibles/stamps.html>

This site provides lot's of interesting trivia and facts about the philatelic world

<https://www.stampboards.com/index.php?sid=edefdae01841e435bfa4cd8a97c61369>

Stampboards is a Postage Stamp Chat Board & Stamp Forum that claims to be theWorld's No#1 Board to discuss STAMP COLLECTING and PHILATELY

https://blog.feedspot.com/stamp_collecting_blogs/

This site links the enthusiast to their top 90 Stamp Collecting Blogs and Websites For Philatelists

https://www.ppsi.org.uk/ppsi_new/links.html

The Petroleum Philatelic Society International provides link to many and varied sites that may be of use when researching a topic of philatelic interest.

In days of lock down you may be looking for something of philatelic interest to read and research or merely enjoy. Copy the above links into your browser and see where they take you. If you find a site of interest, email me so I can share it with our readers.

September Stamp Quiz

Answers will be sent out in a week

Source <https://www.funtrivia.com/quizzes/hobbies/collectibles/stamps.html>

1. **On an early stamp of Burma (1940) an elephant:**
 - a. pulls a barge
 - b. plows a rice field
 - c. moves teak
 - d. carries a prince
2. **On an early Dubai stamp (1963), this creature rests alongside the portrait of a sheik:**
 - a. scorpion
 - b. hermit crab
 - c. mosquito
 - d. Snake
3. **Which 'divine herald of mythology' appears on the earliest of Greek stamps (1861):**
Answer: (_____) *One Word*
4. **Kiribati, among the first to usher in every new year, issued a stamp in 1979, depicting the country's flag....and on this flag is shown:**
 - a. the Southern Cross
 - b. the sun on a watery horizon
 - c. map of the islands group
 - d. pale blue and white stripes
5. **There is only one stamp that is listed in catalogues as unique, and this is understandably recognized as the world's most valuable stamp. Which country issued it?**
 - a. Nyasaland
 - b. British Honduras
 - c. British Guiana
 - d. North Borneo
6. **Who was depicted on the first stamps issued by France, in 1849?**
 - a. Ceres
 - b. Emperor Napoleon III
 - c. President Louis Napoleon
 - d. Mercury
7. **Although more than 5 million copies of the Chinese stamp issued in 1980 to commemorate the New Year are known to exist, it now sells for more than \$1,500. Which animal is depicted on this issue?**
 - a. Monkey
 - b. Dragon
 - c. Rooster
 - d. Rat
8. **From 1902 until 1949 only two basic colours were used to print the lowest value stamps in the UK and many other countries. What were they?**
 - a. Blue and yellow
 - b. Green and red
 - c. Red and blue
 - d. Green and blue
9. **On sheets of stamps printed by Harrisons between 1972 and 1979 spots of colour appeared in the gutter between one pair of stamps per sheet. What are they known as?**
 - a. Traffic lights
 - b. Colour spots
 - c. Ink spots
 - d. Printers blobs
10. **Where are the headquarters of the Universal Postal Union?**
 - a. France
 - b. Switzerland
 - c. USA
 - d. UK
11. **The Cape of Good Hope issued the worlds first triangular stamp.**
True False
12. **In the UK, until the arrival of the PenPost, the recipient was expected to pay for any mail they received.**
True False
13. **To a postal historian, what are Maltese Crosses and Spoons?**
 - a. Printing errors
 - b. Design flaws
 - c. Stamp designs
 - d. Post marks
14. **Of what etymological origin is the word philately?**
 - a. American and Spanish
 - b. French and Spanish
 - c. Greek and French
 - d. Italian and Chinese

September Stamp Quiz continued

15. Who came up with the word philately?
 a. Georges Herpin
 b. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
 c. John K. Tiffany
 d. Harold Ickes
16. As of 1840, did stamps always have adhesive on the back of them?
 Yes No
17. Switzerland has 4 official languages, German, French, Italian and Romansh or Rumantsch. The name of the country on Swiss stamps is written in Latin, however. With what name are these stamps inscribed?
- Answer: _____
18. "Republik Maluku Selatan" is sometimes found on stamps issued by which country?
 a. Indonesia
 b. There is no such country
 c. Brunei
 d. Mali
19. A set of stamps released in 2010 featuring famous faces such as Robert Boyle, Sir Isaac Newton and Benjamin Franklin celebrated the 350th anniversary of the founding of which British institution dedicated to the sciences?
 a. University of Cambridge
 b. The British Museum
 c. The Royal Society
 d. The Royal Observatory
20. In 2013, the release of a set of four second class stamps, featuring a Cyberman, a Dalek, an Ood and a Weeping Angel, formed part of the Royal Mail's celebration of the 50th anniversary of which British television show?
 a. Doctor Who
 b. Gardener's World
 c. Blue Peter
 d. The Sky at Night

Newsletter Items

Please forward anything of philatelic interest to tacey55@gmail.com for inclusion in future newsletter. Stories preferred in a word processing format rather than PDF, pictures in jpeg or png format, although I can work around these restrictions if necessary. Club newsletters are vital in these restricted times to keep members connected, please contribute, next newsletter will be early October, items accepted between now and then.

