

November Meeting—Christmas breakup



Christmas Island and Cocos Island minisheets and Bedford stickers and Australia Post Christmas issues promotional items



Christmas postcards with different themes

November Meeting—members items



While our President was in Wellington for a stamp exhibition, he purchased 8 postcards of ships in the Antarctic.

Beautiful cards, amazing prices and will definitely enhance his next exhibit.

The grey-headed flying fox, which I assume this is, is native and common throughout all of eastern Australia. They live in colonies hanging upside down in trees at night, flying out at dusk to their food, sometimes in orchards to the inconvenience of farmers. I doubt they live on the edge of open farmland as shown here, usually preferring more densely vegetated situations. Although there was a colony in Sydney Botanic Gardens which caused much damage, and were persuaded to move on.

The card was drawn by Oscar Stahl, whose signature appears at the bottom right (use the zoom function of your viewer). His cards were published by Crown Studios of Sydney and different versions by NSW Bookstall Co. as the Art Series. The series was re-released in 1906.

From Des Beechey



January Meeting

Display on Broken Hill - Silver City. This 5 frame display was originally owned by Betty van Tenac, then purchased by Ray Garlick and was part of one of the Australasian Postcard Challenge entries. This display has achieved an international Gold medal.



Members items from David Figg. 16 post cards of Radio Personalities of a by-gone-era, 1940's—50's (the start of his entry into the Empire Trophy competition)

Also 10 cards of Barardos Homes. (also the start of his Betty Cornish entry).



POSTCARD AUCTION

Postcard auction of postcards from the Ray Garlick collection. All cards will have trains, trams etc on them. There is also ephemera related material as well. For more scans check out our APS website

Viewing of lots will be at the Feb and March 23rd meetings. Also Neville is looking at organising a general postcard auction for October/November, if you are interested reserve for lots is min \$10. for more information see Neville at the Feb and March meetings.



THE PICNIC TRAIN

New Year Day, 1915 has a permanent place in both local and national history as the scene of the only "conquest" attack on Australia and during World War I.

Since 1901 the Manchester Unity Lodges had sponsored an annual picnic at Stranraer. The Tinsbury provided 40 open trucks with seating to transport 1200 people for the outing. About 3 km out of Broken Hill an enemy ice-cream cart, flying a Turkish flag, was seen, and behind a second one "Turks" were revealed. The "Turks" open fire at the same time (but, since was Afghan, the other Indians, but both fought under the Turkish flag).

In all, 4 people were killed, and 7 wounded. Henry John Patten and the local militia man locally located the "Turks" in the hills and they were killed.

They were an ally of Germany in WW1.

The day was long remembered as a day of tragedy, terror, and high emotion in the city. Some reports occurred, and others were defeated.

WAR IN BROKEN HILL.
ATTACK ON A PICNIC TRAIN.
 ENTER THE TURKISH FLAG.
 MEN AND WOMEN SHOT.
 FOUR KILLED AND SEVEN WOUNDED.
 BROKEN HILL IN AZRA.
 THE GRAVE OF THE MURDERERS.
 A FRONT ON THE HILLS.
 BEHIND THE GARIB HOTEL.
 THE MURDERERS BURIED WITH BULLETS.
 BOTH PAY THE LAST PENALTY.
 A CONSTABLE THREE WOUNDED.



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Scenes of the area immediately after the shooting.

SPORTS - FOOTBALL

Sport gradually became established as the town's main social activity. Football was the main popular. Due to the lack of water the ground was dry, stony and grassless.

Isolation and trying conditions meant there were not many visiting teams from other parts of the country, but inter-club competition was fierce.

Some notable players began their sport in Broken Hill.

Such player C. Malton, in 1911.

Player photo, Broken Hill. Printed on local paper.



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In 1901 players and supporters travelled up to 5 km by the only means available. Bicycle, horse-rider and Shanks's pony.

One of the 4 main teams.

A. P. Baker, photographer. Printed on local paper.

THE BATTLE
 Unarmed fighters was held since 1915 and 1916 (and started in 1914) in a way, however, against the armed military. However, the military was not the main force. In 1915, the military was not the main force.

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THE LUCKY
 A large crowd of people gathered in the town of Broken Hill, Australia, in 1915, to witness the military's arrival in the town. The military's arrival in the town was a significant event in the town's history.

MADEY HILL, AUSTRALIA.

Early History of the Postcard cont.

1865



At the Karlsruhe postal conference, Heinrich von Stephan proposed the creation of *offenes Postblatt* (or, *open post-sheets*). The goal was to simplify the etiquette of the letter format, but also to reduce the work, paper and costs involved in the sending of a short message.

He suggested the introduction of a rigid card, roughly the size of an envelope, which could be written on and mailed without the need for an envelope, having the postage pre-printed.

The idea was not so well received in Germany: the post office feared the complexity and cost of implementing the scheme in all the different states, each emitting their own stamps.

Despite this setback, Von Stephan was a prominent figure in the history of postal services in Germany. Beginning his work as a postal clerk in 1849, he was successively promoted until he reached the post of Minister of Postal Services in 1895. He focused on the standardization and internationalization of postal services, and later helped establish the Universal Postal Union.

1869

In Austria-Hungary, Dr. Emanuel Herrmann (a professor of Economics from Vienna) wrote an article in the *Neue Freie Presse* pointing out that the time and effort involved in writing a letter was out of proportion to the size of the message sent. He suggested that a more practical and cheaper method should be implemented for shorter, more efficient communications.

His recommendations impressed the Austrian Post, who put them to practice on **October 1st 1869**, resulting in the *Correspondenz-Karte*, a light-brown 8.5x12cm rectangle with space for the address on the front, and room for a short message on the back. The postcard featured an imprinted 2 Kreuzer stamp on top right corner, costing half the price of a normal letter.



Early History of the Postcard cont.

1869

The postcard was born!

It is not known whether Dr. Herrmann had any knowledge of Von Stephan's earlier proposal for a very similar card. Seeing the immense popularity of this new means of communication, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the United Kingdom and some states of Germany quickly followed suit, issuing postcards less than a year after the initial launch.

Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway, and Canada issued cards in 1871, and the following year also Russia, Chile, France, and Algeria added postcards to their offers. In 1873, France, Serbia, Romania, Spain, Japan and the United States issued their own postcard offerings. By 1874, Italy, Romania and Serbia had also begun to issue theirs



1874

The General Postal Union (later renamed Universal Postal Union) was created in Bern, Switzerland. One of its first postal treaties fixed a standard postage for letter mail sent to the members of the Union, and determined that half that rate should be applied to postcards.

This made sending postcards abroad much cheaper, and less complicated.

Today, the UPU is a specialized United Nations agency that coordinates postal policies among its 192 members, standardizing procedures and making international mail delivery much simpler. Prior to its establishment, each country had to organize separate treaties with every single country to engage in international mail delivery with them.

In 1894, twenty years after its inception, an estimated 1.7 billion postcards were exchanged between UPU member countries.

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