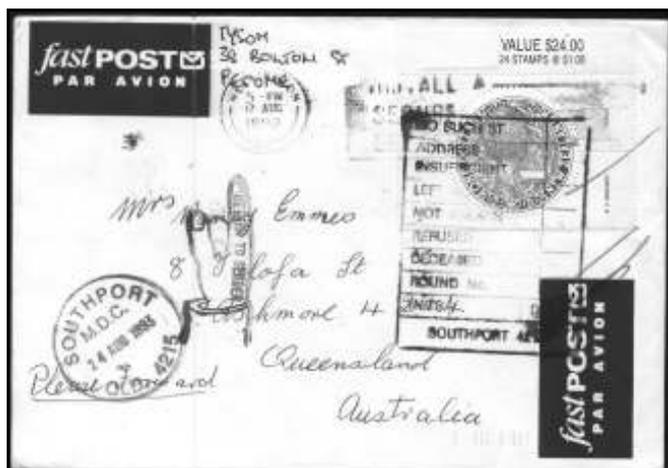


WHAT'S IN THE SHOE BOX

For many years I have collected envelopes with interesting markings on them. They live in a shoe box, why there? It is the best place that I can think of for storing them. Envelopes are hard to store without

damaging them, without folding or creasing or bending. Many philatelic items are soaked off envelopes and then they have lost their Postal History story, which is in the markings and cancellations.

The 1978 cover on the right from Italy, is a pre-stamped envelope, it has also a baseball stamp and a pictorial postmark featuring baseball. To add to its interest, it is an airmail letter, therefore an Italian Air Mail label has been added, and an extra stamp to make up the airmail rate to New Zealand. Now I would really like that baseball stamp on the bottom left corner for my collection. Do I soak it off the envelope, NO NO NO. That would destroy the postal history and the thematic appeal of the cover.



On the left is a cover which was sent to Australia, and has been returned to New Zealand, because the addressee had left the address.

The blue round one dollar Kiwi stamp is very hard to find on cover, and although the postal markings are quite heavy, it is still an interesting piece of postal history.

The envelope on the right attracts you to the humorous drawings bottom right, but the main philatelic interest is that no stamp has been attached. The markings are from the base that this soldier was attached to, and would have been put on by the administration corp, in Egypt and passed by the censor whose mark is bottom left on the cover.



The 2005 cover on the right is quite unique with marking from Wanganui Mail Centre.

To see a postal delivery employee signature on an envelope is very unusual, and as can be seen by the dates, quite recent.

Editor thanks Geoff Tyson and John Waller for the use of philatelic material used in this article.



Answer to Brain Teaser
95 cents

Hidden Message

Can you break the code and identify these three famous stamps.
Use the grid to help you.

25 26 9 * 11 9 26 20 * 12 22 5 20 5 21 6 * 7 19 5 13 26 13

11 13 26 9 * 20 22 5 13 26 7 19 2 13 22

24 25 21 20 * 25 8 8 5 11 9 * 1 13 19 22 5 20 5 19 21

The numbers below each refer to a letter of the alphabet.
Three letters have already been decoded.

26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
T E I

QUESTION & ANSWER

Q. If two stamps are joined together, should I keep them both in my collection?

A. This is something for you to decide. If you have two stamps, and one is dirty or torn or spoiled with a very heavy postmark, then take the better one for your album. But if you have two good stamps side by side with a nice clear postmark, why not put them into your album as they are?



CONGRATULATIONS

The following young collectors have been awarded PYC Achievement Awards since our last listing.

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| Silver | Ross Jordan |
| | Serena Somlyai |
| Silver-Bronze | Tait Beekmans |
| | Philip Chung |
| | Timothy Kemp |
| | Stephen Richardson |
| Bronze | Felicity Andrews |
| | Isabella Beach |
| | Grant Baker |
| | Louisa Breslin |
| | Leaf Burrows |
| | Eric Chung |
| | Michael Davis |
| | Sophia Fairbrass |
| | Grace King |
| | Kieran Liddington |
| | Peter Lim |
| | Ben Marshall |
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| | Sharon McTaggart |
| | Anna McTaggart |
| | Peter Oomen |
| | Dawn Richardson |
| | Amy Rosenfeldt |
| | Emma Sturges |
| | Brydon Sundgren |
| | Charyne Sundgren |

Brain Teaser!!

The local post office has run out of all stamps except for the 9cent and the 13 cent stamps. However it is clear that many values can be made up using various numbers of the two stamps available. What is the largest value that cannot be made up from the two stamps?

WORD PUZZLE

C	C	X	Y	L	U	J	I	D	C	S	E	M	L	T	V	C	D	E	W	S	G	V	U	L
U	F	J	I	L	M	U	G	B	F	Y	V	U	G	L	A	C	I	S	S	A	L	C	S	I
L	A	T	S	O	P	C	H	O	H	I	K	K	R	Y	N	P	L	H	X	T	T	J	H	T
P	N	K	R	A	M	R	E	T	A	W	W	O	B	S	K	Z	N	C	H	H	S	D	O	U
L	K	I	K	R	A	M	T	S	O	P	N	I	U	L	E	G	Y	R	A	E	U	M	P	Y
A	I	Z	Y	H	V	B	I	D	E	R	E	T	S	I	G	E	R	N	L	M	R	B	O	P
U	U	A	S	E	B	Y	F	G	G	S	U	I	S	F	O	F	Q	B	V	A	L	M	U	M
R	Q	I	M	A	M	A	R	F	L	J	Y	S	E	C	H	H	H	I	E	T	B	L	A	D
T	Z	O	R	E	V	O	C	Y	A	D	T	S	R	I	F	I	E	I	P	I	S	T	O	O
K	R	E	R	F	O	R	A	T	I	O	N	Z	P	A	N	D	D	J	Q	C	L	I	F	X
L	T	S	T	A	M	P	F	W	K	J	U	N	C	G	G	H	I	J	I	P	A	P	E	R
F	Q	R	P	B	G	P	V	N	A	E	Z	G	E	D	P	S	C	V	R	V	V	T	F	Z

- CLASSIC
- EMAIL
- FIRST DAY COVER
- FRAMA
- GUM
- HINGE
- PAPER
- PERFORATION
- POSTAL
- POSTMARK
- REGISTERED
- RUST
- STAMP
- THEMATIC
- WATERMARK

This puzzle lists fifteen words which are philatelic terms used with stamps.
Remember letters may go up, down, backwards or across the letters.

TYPES OF STAMPS

There are many types of stamps you will come across when collecting, some are illustrated below.

Can you match the name and description to a stamp? Write the number of the stamp you think fits the description into the box. The answers will be given in the next newsletter.

	1 CHARITY Stamps sold at a higher price than the postage rate, The extra being given to charity.	8	
	2 NON-DENOMINATED Stamps for a standard rate postage but without the value printed on.	9	
	3 POSTAGE DUE These indicate that the correct amount of postage has not been paid, the unpaid amount is charged to the person who receives the letter.	10	
	4 EXPRESS LETTER These show that extra money has been paid for a faster delivery of the mail.	11	
	5 NEWSPAPER Stamps issued by some countries to pay the lower postage required to mail newspapers or magazines.	12	
	6 RAILWAY LETTER Special stamps issued by railway companies to show That a fee has been paid for the parcel or letter to be carried by rail. This is extra to the normal postage.	13	
	7 EXPEDITION These were issued for military or scientific expeditions. They were normally overprinted.	14	
	8 PERFINs Stamps perforated with the initials of government departments or companies to deter stealing.		
	9 LOCAL CARRIAGE LABELS Name given to British offshore island 'stamps'. The fee covers the cost of taking the mail from the island to the mainland.		
	10 AIRMAIL Stamps used on mail that is carried by air.		
	11 BOGUS A label produced as a stamp to fool collectors. The countries are often non-existent.		
	12 PRE-CANCEL Stamps that have been cancelled before posting. Used mainly on bulk postage of commercial mail.		
	13 OFFICIALS Stamps issued for use on mail from government departments.		
	14 MOURNING Stamps printed with black edges to commemorate the death of monarchs or statesman.		