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Silk Cover

1981 - 1983

Australian Benham Silk Cover

Benham Silk First Day Covers were first produced in limited numbers in 1979. Manufactured by Benhams in Kent. The attractive first day covers soon became very popular with the early editions becoming highly sought after and very valuable.

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THE MARRIAGE OF PRINCE CHARLES



New Zealand (a)





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Benham SILK COLLECTION 1

THE MARRIAGE OF PRINCE CHARLES



New Zealand (b)





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The Royal Wedding

29th July 1981

"It is with the greatest pleasure that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh announce the betrothal of their beloved son, The Prince of Wales, to the Lady Diana Spencer, daughter of the Earl of Spencer and the Honourable Mrs. Shand Kydd"

So ended the years of speculation as to who would be the bride of that most popular man, Prince Charles. Since the announcement the world has taken Lady Diana to their hearts, with her quiet charm and her graceful composure she makes a very fitting Princess of Wales.

May they have Long Life and Happiness



XII Commonwealth Games
Brisbane 1982

THE 1982 COMMONWEALTH GAMES
BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

In its 158 years of life Brisbane has had many notable experiences - some good, some not so good. Some, like its role over a period of war as Allied Headquarters in the South West Pacific were of great historical importance but never has there been a big occasion as bright as sporting and as merry as the 1982 Games promises to be. It was a considerable honour for Brisbane to be able to play host to the sports stars of fifty countries, altogether at the same time but for all Brisbane people and particularly those interested in one or more sports the occasion will carry its own rewards. Apart from the spectator interest there will be friendly contacts through meetings with visitors, planned and unplanned, the offering of hospitality and a sharing of common interests.

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA 1982

1982 COMMONWEALTH GAMES



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XIIth COMMONWEALTH GAMES BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA 1982

From swampland to the site of the first Archery Competition ever held at the Commonwealth Games – that is the dramatic transition undergone by the Murarrie Recreation Reserve. The reclaimed parkland should be a colourful sight during the Games – a kaleidoscope of striped tents decorated with potted trees and flowers, bright umbrellas for competitors, the golds, reds, blues, blacks and whites of thirty-four targets and, believe it or not, enough traffic lights to solve the traffic problems of a moderately sized country town. The lights indicate to archers when to start and stop firing. The archery Range itself is subject to changes in wind direction and velocity — Moreton Bay is only a few kilometers away. Competitors will have to draw on all their skill to score well. The competition will be fierce with more than a hundred competitors vying for just two Gold Medals. Chris Blake and Mike Coen are confidently tipped to fight out the mens archery Gold Medal while the womens competition is a little more open. Terri Donovan, Shirley Cheshire and Marilyn Rumley all give Australia more than a fighting chance for the second Gold.

XII COMMONWEALTH GAMES



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The Boxing competitions are to be held in the city's famous Festival Hall. Since it was opened in 1960 the hall has been a mecca for Australian fight fans. Indeed, the building on a corner of Sharlton Albert Street in the city centre stands on the site of the old Brisbane Stadium which for 47 years was graced by such boxers as Ron Richards, Tommy Burns, Elley Bennett and the legendary Les D-Arcy. It will be one hundred and fifty amateur Commonwealth boxers however, not professionals, who will provide the Festival Hall with possibly the most famous chapter of its colourful history. A Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist, 1958 Feather-weight Champion Wally Taylor of Brisbane will be venue manager at the Festival Hall. Having fought on the card the first time the Festival Hall was used for boxing, Taylor has an enduring love for the Stadium he will control during the games. 'The atmosphere for boxing is terrific both for the fighters and the spectators – it is certain to lend itself to some great bouts at the Games' – he predicts.

XII COMMONWEALTH GAMES



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Brisbane 1982



XIIth COMMONWEALTH GAMES BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA 1982

The Pole Vaulting will take place at the QE.II Jubilee Stadium at Nathan. The Stadium began in 1975 as a plain athletic track, settled in a natural amphitheatre in the bush and is now about to become not only Australia's finest track and field stadium but a magnificent outdoor entertainment venue as well. Over the last fifty years the standard of Pole Vaulting has been raised considerably. In 1930 the Gold Medal was won by V. Pickard of Canada with a jump of 3.73m – in 1970, M. Bull for Northern Ireland jumped 5.10m and this record stood until 1978 when Bill Simpson from Canada took the Gold Medal with a jump of the same height. It is quite possible for the 1982 Games to see this record broken yet again.

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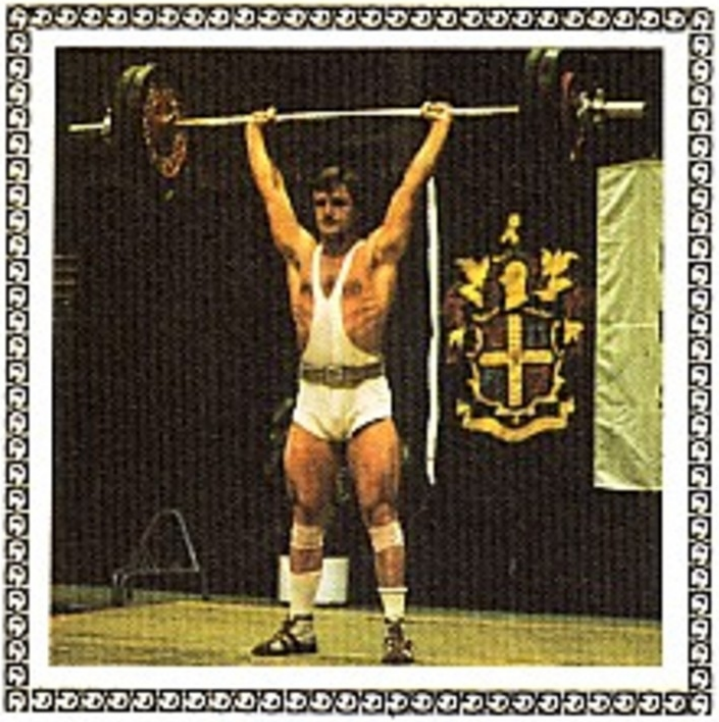
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BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA 1982



The Weight Lifting contests will be held in the Sports Theatre – the 1.8 million dollar auditorium. The carefully planned theatre with seats arranged in a circle around the stage and the maximum distance only 25m from the stage is the perfect venue for all theatrical events including weight-lifting – one of the cinderella sports when it was admitted to the Commonwealth Games in Auckland in 1950 it now rates as one of the most popular spectator sports. Even spectators who do not know the difference between a snatch, a clean and a jerk quickly become enthralled as the competition develops. The fact that a commentary of proceedings is permitted to a greater extent than in any other game sport allows the audience to become totally involved in the mini-drama of each lift.

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BRISBANE AUSTRALIA 1982





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AUSTRALIA NATIONAL STAMP WEEK

50 years after the Sydney Harbour Bridge was opened, the Australian Post Office are issuing the famous 1932 5/- Sydney Harbour Bridge as a stamp on stamp to commemorate the National Stamp Week.

The original set was of 3 stamps – 2d, 3d & 5/-. All three show the bridge from the South East with RMS Orford, an Australian vessel passing beneath. Most of the stamps were recess printed but owing to the demand for the 2d value, a large quantity of these had to be printed letterpress which is a much quicker process. This led to great problems because a Sydney gang forged the letterpress version with the intention of defrauding the Post Office on a large scale.

Little more than a month after the Sydney Harbour stamps had been issued, postal officials intercepted several letters apparently bearing forged 2d stamps. Fourteen of these envelopes were sent to the printing office where John Ash, head of the office, quickly detected the forgeries because the stamps were unwatermarked and the perforations were 11 rather than 10½ x 11 and were line instead of comb. The addresses on the envelopes and the letters inside led the police to a known criminal – Charles Jackson, who was actually arrested while posting another batch of forgeries! When his home was raided, police found more than 50,000 forged George V 2d's and 9,000 forged Sydney Harbour Bridge. After the trial, where Jackson and accomplice were committed to 21 months hard labour, the forged stamps were burnt except for a few examples kept in the post office's own collection. A further few reached the hands of collectors and are now quite valuable.

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ANZCER

The Australia New Zealand Closer Economic Relationship agreement, due for implementation in January 1983, is replacing the 1966 New Zealand/Australia Free Trade Agreement. It was commonly felt that NAFTA was not providing sufficient impetus to trading co-operation between the two countries, and thus a new agreement should be instituted which would more fully extend the opportunities of mutually beneficial trade.

Representations had already been received from the Australia New Zealand Foundation and the Department of Foreign Affairs for a stamp featuring some aspect of the relationship between Australia and New Zealand. The ANZCER agreement was subsequently suggested by the Department of Foreign Affairs as providing a suitable subject, thus giving rise to the third simultaneous stamp issue by the two countries. (The two previous occasions on which stamps were issued featuring identical designs were the 30th anniversary of the first air crossing of the Tasman by Sir Charles Kingsford Smith in 1958, and the opening of the Pacific telephone cable in 1963).

The aim of ANZCER is to confer economic and social benefits on the people of Australia and New Zealand, and to improve their living standards. Australia and New Zealand will become a free trade area according to an agreed timetable, and all goods will be traded free of duties and import restrictions. It is anticipated that this efficient use of trade between the two countries will result in a more efficient use of resources, and in a strengthened partnership with a greater capacity to contribute to the development of the South Pacific and south-east Asian regions.

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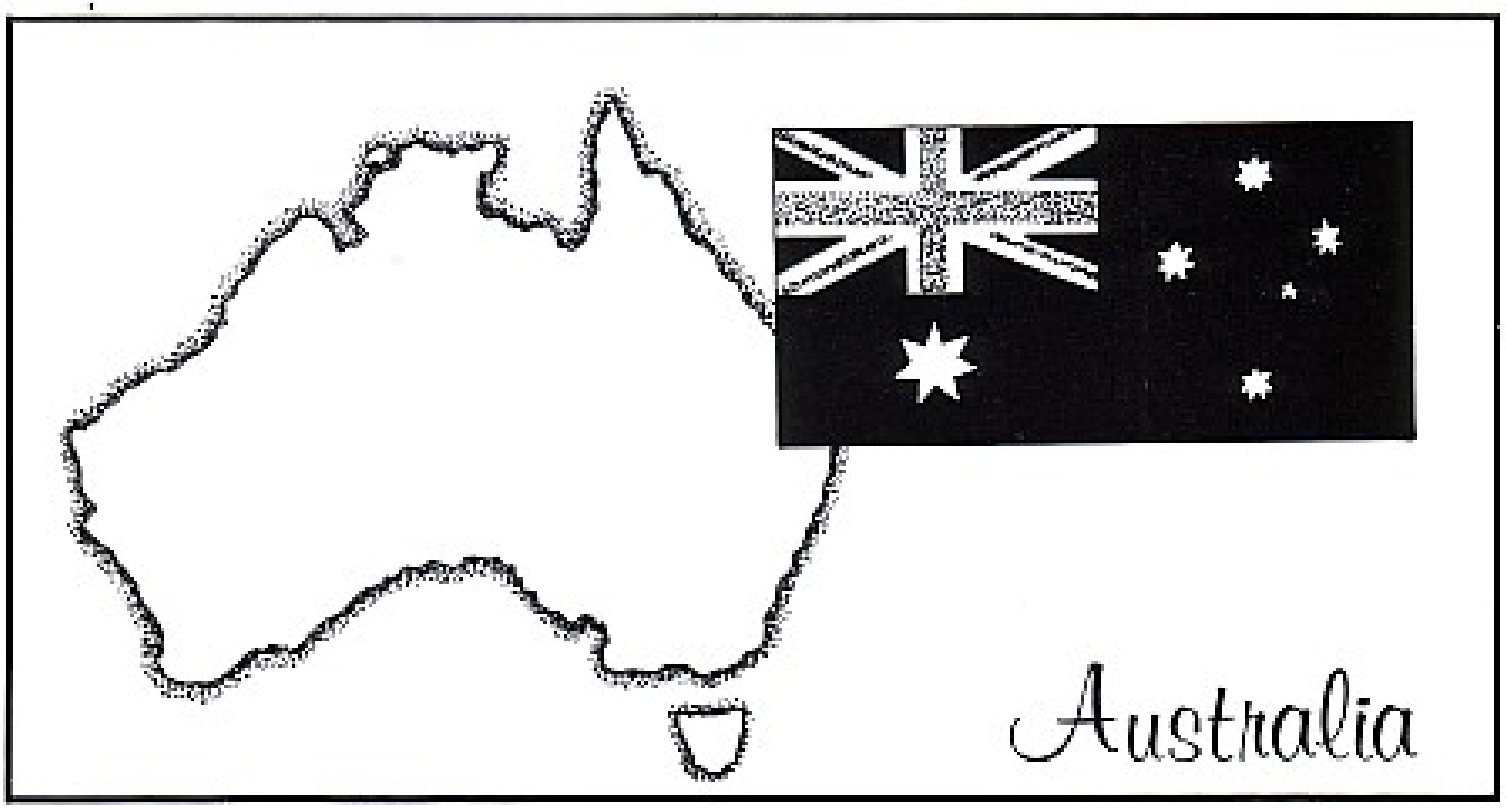
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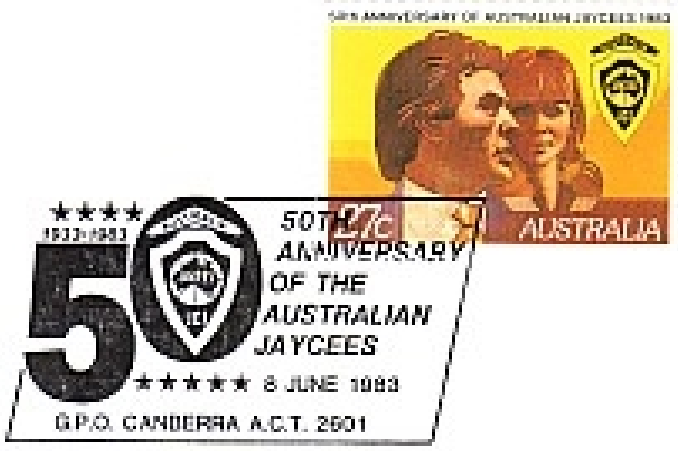




AUSTRALIAN JAYCEES



50th ANNIVERSARY



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THE AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC TERRITORY

The history of Antarctic exploration can be said to have started with Captain Cook, who in his voyages in the *Resolution* and *Adventure,* 1772-75, concluded that if a southern continent existed it had to be icebound and lie south of 60° S. Previous to that many people were under the illusion that a South Atlantic continent existed which stretched to tropical latitudes. The subsequent history of Antarctic exploration is one of superhuman courage and daring, the most famous expeditions being those of Roald Amundsen and Captain Scott in 1910-13, journeys to reach the South Pole that captured the imagination of the world.

The International Geophysical Year, 1957-58, marked a turning point in Antarctic exploration. Twelve nations set up a network of scientific stations on the continent and islands and many of these stations continue to function. The Antarctic Treaty of 1959 continues the spirit of international co-operation in scientific exploration begun during International Geophysical Year, ensuring freedom of scientific investigation and providing that the territory south of 60° S will be used for peaceful purposes only.

The combination of cold air, high winds, and blowing snow makes Antarctica's climate the severest in the world, the mean annual temperature along the coast being —30°C. During the Antarctic summer, from December to March, it may rise above freezing. However, these severe conditions do not preclude an abundance of wildlife along the coasts, whales, seals, penguins, and seabirds being numerous.

The wildlife featured on the stamps issued by the Australian Antarctic Territory is the Light Mantled Sooty Albatross, the Macquarie Island Shag, The Elephant Seal, the Royal Penguin and the Antarctic Prion.

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MACQUARIE ISLAND SHAG





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LIGHT MANTLED SOOTY ALBATROSS





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ELEPHANT SEAL





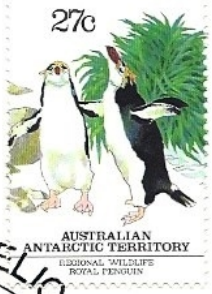
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WILDLIFE



1983 Benham BAT1d

ROYAL PENGUIN





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AUSTRALIA DAY

HMS SIRIUS was built on the Thames for East India Trade but, on loading, she caught fire and burnt to the waters edge. She was bought as a store ship by the Admiralty and rebuilt in 1781. Under the name *BERWICK* she made two trips to the West Indies carrying stores.

When Captain Arthur Phillip was appointed Governor of the New South Wales penal settlement and Commodore of the Fleet, the *BERWICK* was recommissioned under his command and her name was changed to *SIRIUS*, a bright star in the southern sky.

Eleven ships sailed in the first fleet from England to Australia under the command of Governor Arthur Phillip. In addition to stores and equipment the fleet carried some 1500 people made up of 759 convicts accompanied by British Officials, Marines with their families and the crews of the ships. The fleet weighed anchor from Spithead, near Portsmouth, on 13th May 1787.

The *SUPPLY*, bearing Governor Phillip, went on ahead of the fleet to choose the most suitable site for a settlement. Botany Bay was unsuitable for a permanent settlement so with several of his officers the Governor took three rowing boats to Port Jackson where he found 'one of the finest harbours in the world'

The fleet reassembled in Sydney Cove and on the evening of 26th January 'the colours' were raised on shore and the King's health was toasted.

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AUSTRALIA DAY

HM BRIG SUPPLY was built by Thomns Slade on the Thames in 1759. Little is known of her early history. She was commissioned on the 25th October, 1786, as an armed tender under the command of Lieutenant Harry Lidgbird Ball RN. She was said to be the fastest ship in the fleet, lying very low in the water.

In poor weather she could carry very little sail but in good conditions she was constantly used for relaying messages.

When landfall was expected Governor Phillip transferred to her to move ahead of the fleet but actually very little time was gained. By November 1791 the *SUPPLY* was declared unfit for further service and was broken up.

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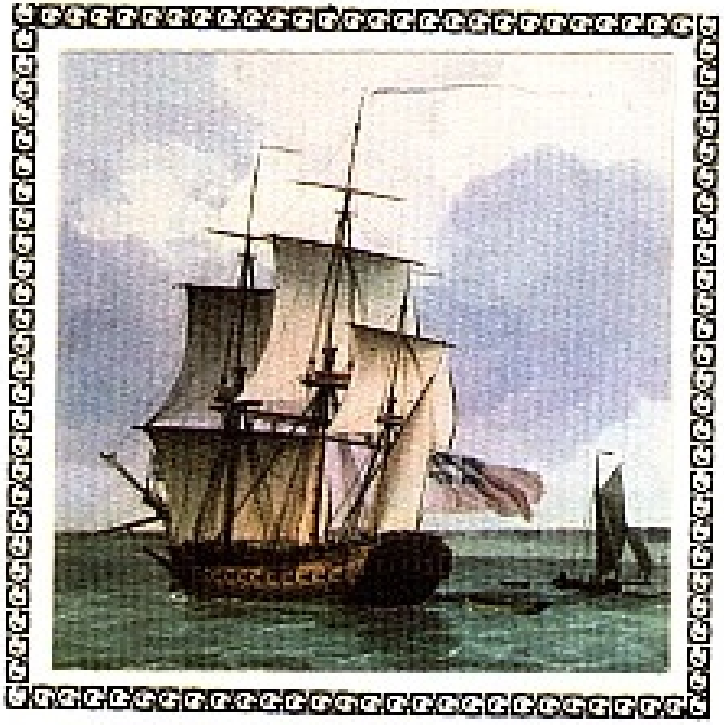
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AUSTRALIA DAY



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FOLKLORE



A Sentimental Bloke

1983 Benham BAS9



Benham High Street, Hythe, Kent

Australian Folklore

The Sentimental Bloke is a fundamental character in Australian Folklore. The stamps trace his progression from a young man, footloose and fancy free to a married man with responsibilities.

A glossary is provided in the book *"The Songs of a Sentimental Bloke"* by C. J. Dennis (1st pub. 1915).

Bloke	—	A male adult of the genus homo
Coot	—	A person of no account (used contemptuously)
Hitched	—	Entangled in the bonds of holy matrimony
To dip the lid	—	To raise the hat
Mooch	—	To saunter about aimlessly
Orfis, office	—	A warning, a word of advice; a hint
Shick	—	Intoxicated
Strike	—	The innocuous remnant of a hardy curse



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THE BIRTHDAY OF H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Elizabeth II, (Elizabeth Alexandra Mary), was born at 17 Bruton Street, London W1 on 21 April 1926, first child of the Duke and Duchess of York (subsequently George VI and Queen Elizabeth). Educated at home, her quiet family life was changed dramatically in 1936 by the abdication crisis which led to the crowning of her father as king, and the moving of the family from their informal household into Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle.

Elizabeth was present at her parents' coronation in 1936, and in 1940 at the age of 14 she made her first broadcast to the children of the Empire. In 1944 Elizabeth was appointed one of the counsellors of state, and in 1945 was granted a commission in the ATS which she had entered at her own request. An increasing number of public engagements followed and, in 1947, on a visit to South Africa with Princess Margaret and her parents she broadcast her moving promise dedicating herself to the service of the Empire.

In July 1947 her engagement was announced to Lt. Philip Mountbatten RN, and the marriage took place at Westminster Abbey on 20th November 1947. In January 1952 they left London on a proposed tour of the Commonwealth but in Kenya news reached them of George VI's death, precipitating Elizabeth's immediate return to Britain; she was proclaimed Queen on 8 February. Her coronation took place on 2nd June 1953, and in November the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh left Britain on a Commonwealth tour. This tour was the first of many to be made over the years, tours which have confirmed her popularity with all peoples of the Commonwealth.

The Queen's official birthday is in June, an occasion of pageantry culminating in the finest military ceremonial in the year. The Queen rides from Buckingham Palace down the Mall to take up her position at the head of her troops, the Foot Guards, in a ceremony that has a history going back to about 1750. This is the Queen's birthday parade, popularly called Trooping the Colour, and it now takes place on a Saturday so that London weekday traffic is not disrupted.

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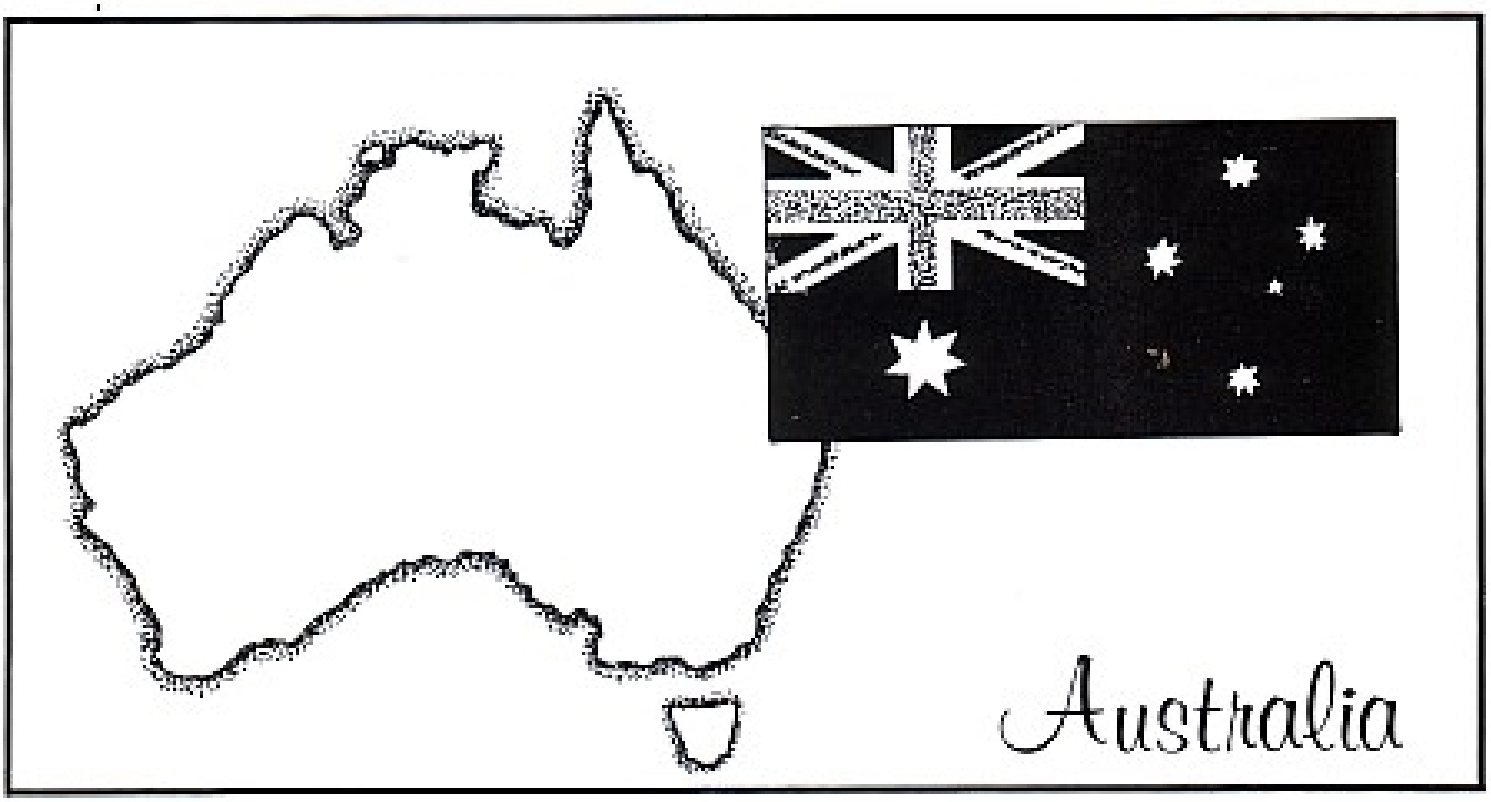
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CENTENARY OF
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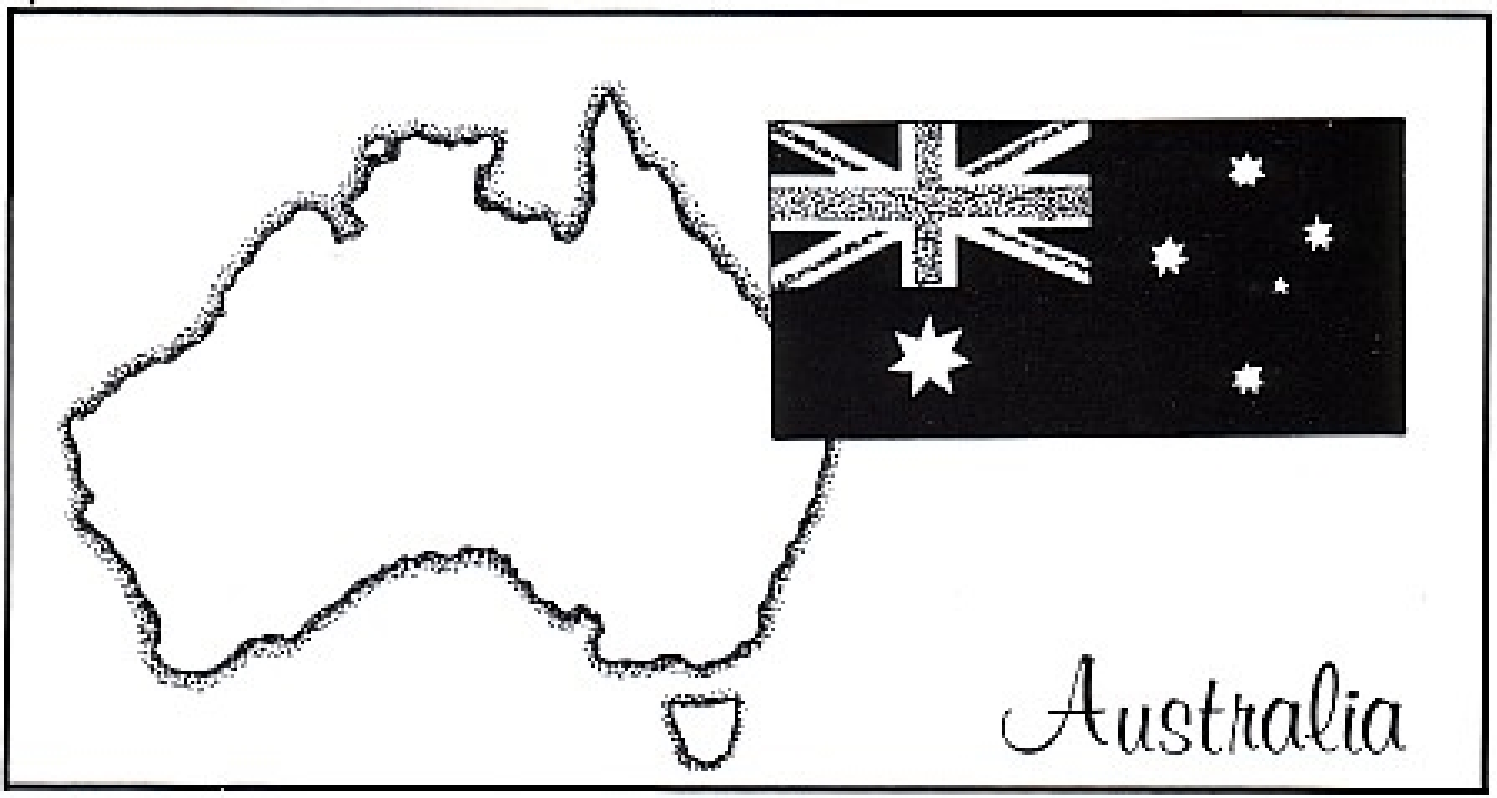
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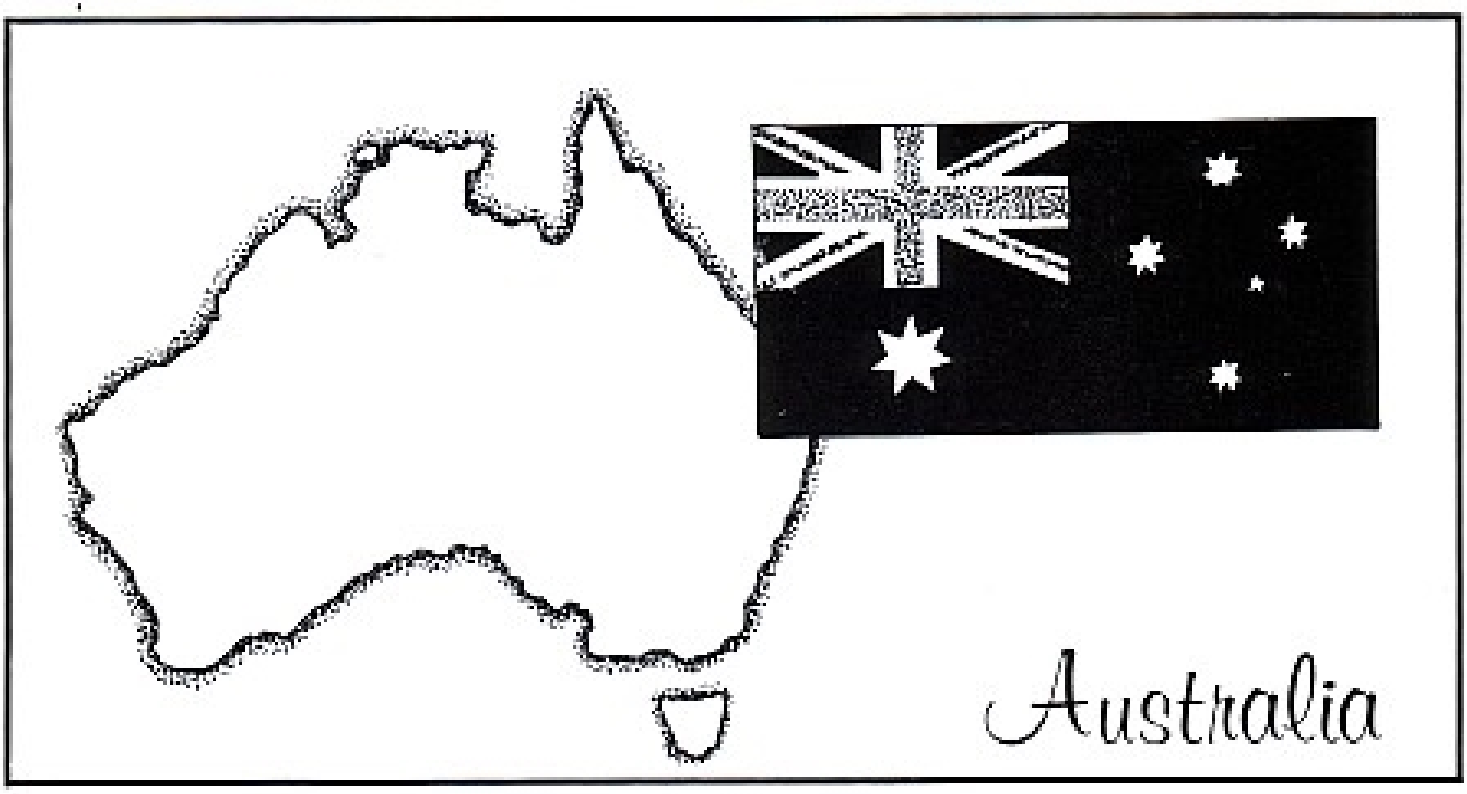
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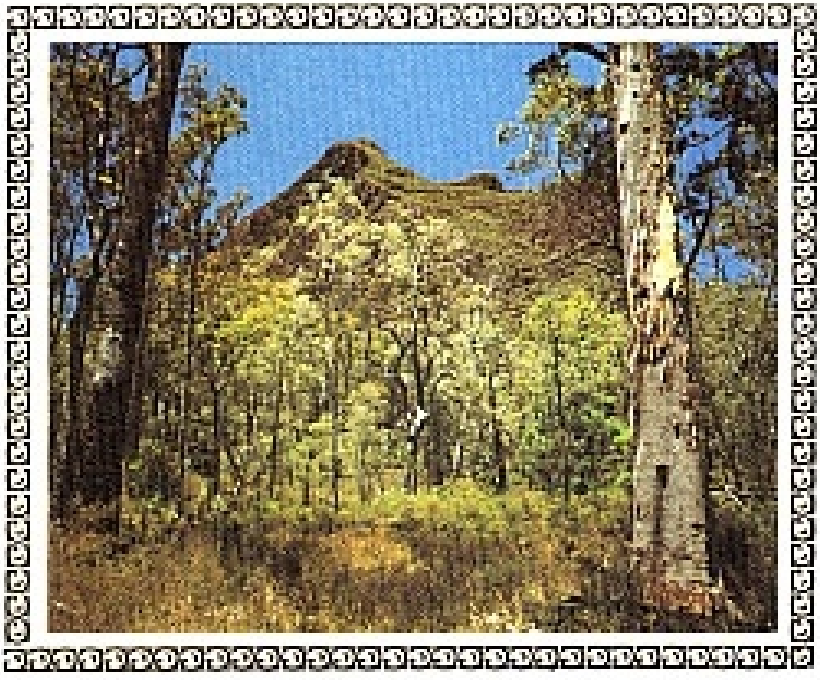


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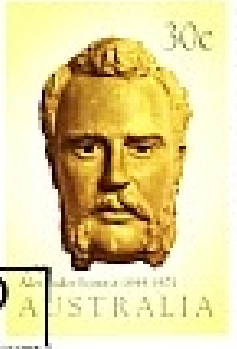
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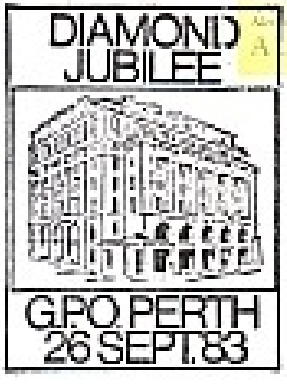


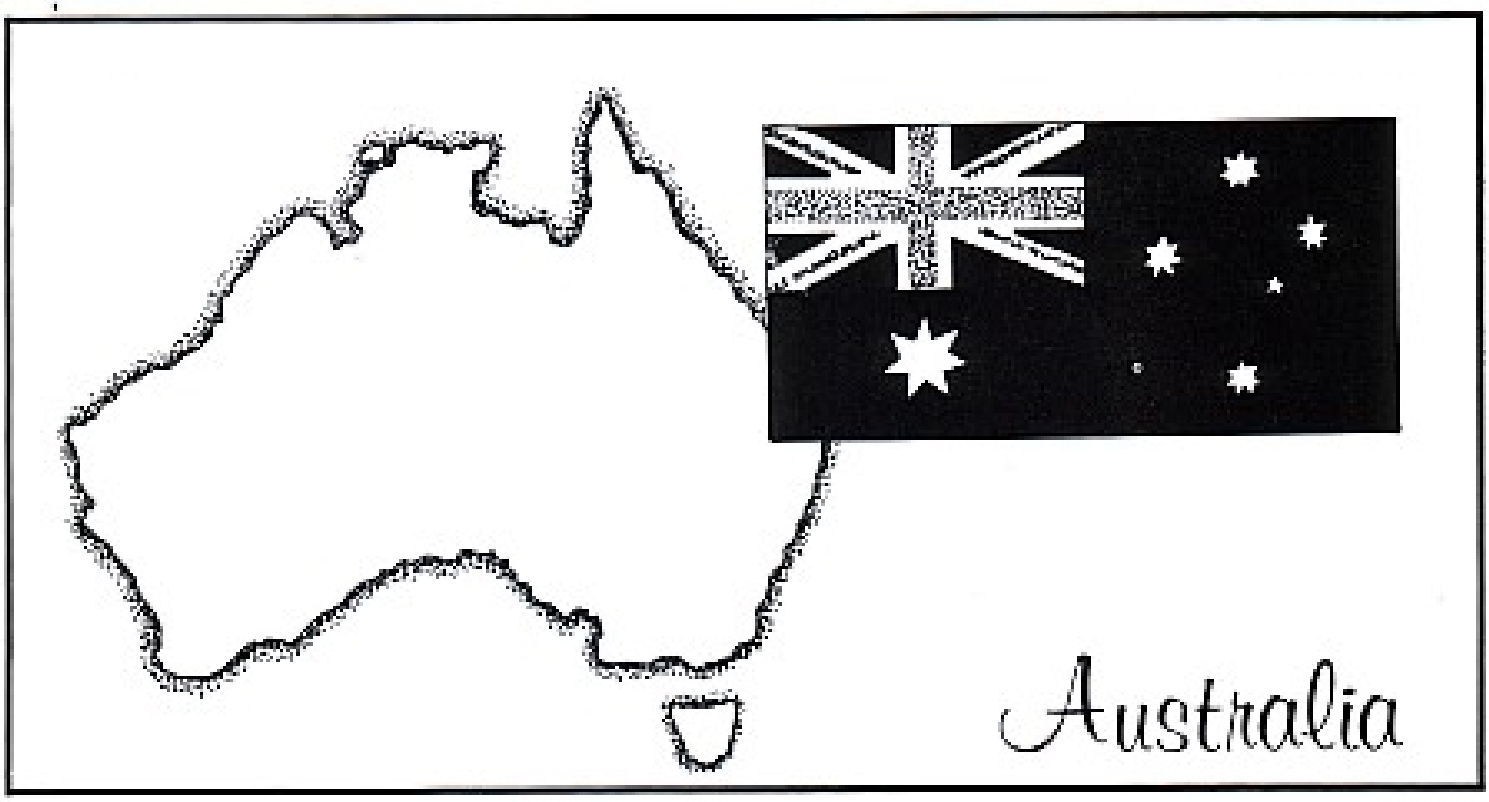
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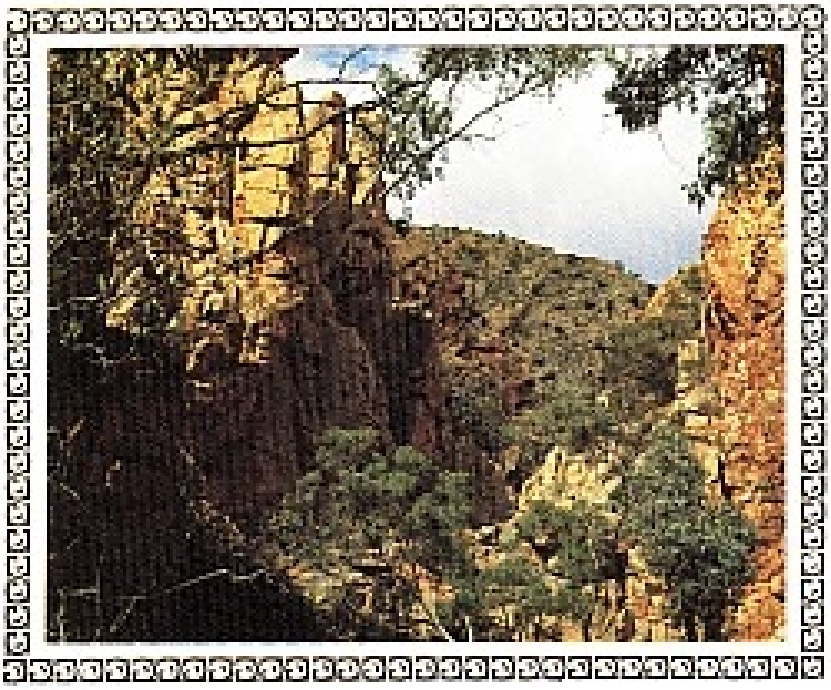
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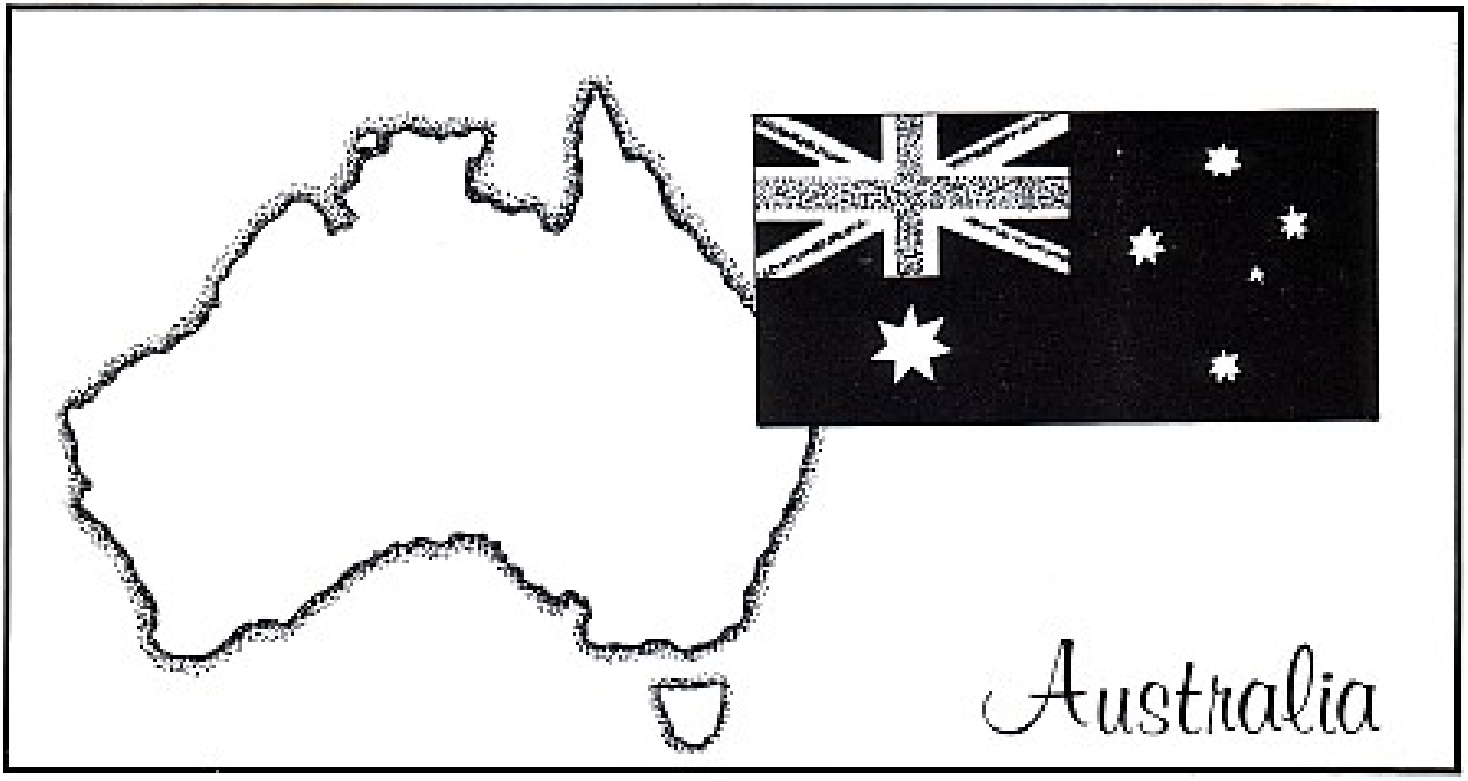






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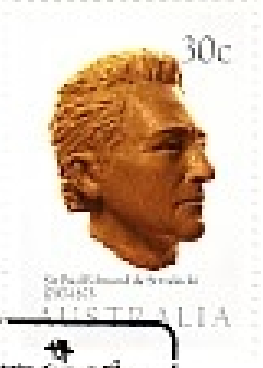
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EXPLORERS



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1929 Ahrens-Fox PS 2 Fire Engine

The Ahrens-Fox Fire Engine Company was founded in Cincinnatti in 1908. The Ahrens-Fox 'trade mark' is the dominant spherical air vessel set over the pump at the front of the bonnet. When in operation, the air vessel provided a method of equalising pressure, eliminating fluctuations in the water flow.

The PS 2 was the largest model in the Ahrens-Fox range, powered by a 6 cylinder petrol engine, with a 6 cylinder piston pump capable of producing 1000 gpm at pressures surpassing 400 psi.

The appliance was imported in 1929 by the New South Wales Fire Brigade to replace the Shand Mason steamer, and remained in use for over 30 years. A heavy and cumbersome vehicle, the Ahrens-Fox was used only in large fires.

The Ahrens-Fox PS2 is now on display at the New South Wales Fire Service Museum.

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HISTORIC FIRE ENGINES



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1914 Hotchkiss Fire Engine

The development of the motor industry in the early years of the twentieth century caused fire brigades to reconsider transport for fire fighting equipment. As ready-made motor fire engines were not widely available, many fire-fighting authorities purchased motor cars and converted them into fire engines.

A successful venture of this kind was undertaken by the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade, which purchased 36 French Hotchkiss touring cars for conversion into fire appliances in the MFB workshops. The cars were then used as hose carts. Firemen stood on the running board as the Hotchkiss sped towards its destination, with a top speed of 75mph. Later additions to the Hotchkiss were a 200 gpm rotary pump, surmounted by a 30 foot ladder which carried the suction hoses for the pump.

The Hotchkiss models formed the first fleet of MFB fire engines, replacing assorted brands of motor appliances used from 1907. By the 1930's, however, the Hotchkiss fire engines were superseded by faster and more modern machines; although in 1939 they were taken out of storage and issued as ARP vehicles (Air Raid Precaution). After the second world war the MFB disposed of the Hotchkiss fire engines. Many were sold to farmers from the Murray River area, who used their water pumping capacity to assist with irrigation.

The 1914 Hotckiss depicted on the stamp belongs to Mr. Hugh Tranter, of Mentone, Victoria.

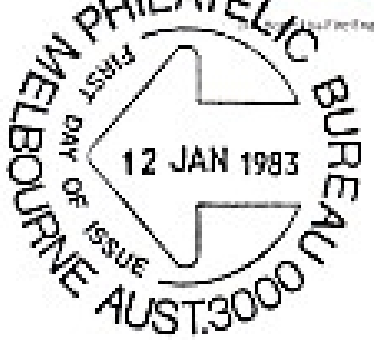
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HISTORIC FIRE ENGINES



Australia 40c





FDC

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1851 Merryweather Manual Fire Engine

Sir William and Lady Don were theatrical performers who toured Australian towns during the gold rush period. During their stay in Scandinavian Crescent (later renamed Talbot) near the Daisy Hill goldfields in central Victoria, a large fire broke out and was quelled by the efforts of the local people. The Dons were so impressed by this feat that they donated a fire engine to the town. The fire engine, made by Merryweather & Sons, the well-known British fire equipment specialists, was imported at a cost of £200, and named after Lady Don.

The 'Lady Don' was a horse-drawn vehicle with a hand-operated pump, capable of producing 200 gpm at 100 psi. The semi-fixed pump was workable only from nearby dams, water-holes and creeks. A retractable canvas dam was later added, assembled at the scene of the fire, and filled by buckets of water. The engine had wooden wheels with steel tyres, no brakes, and was drawn by two horses attached to a centre pole.

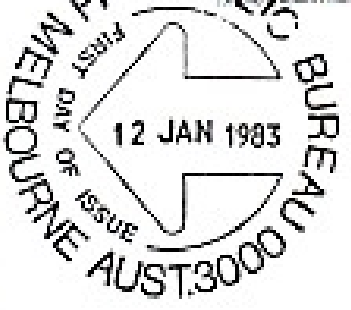
The 'Lady Don' was purchased by Wormald International (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., Fire Protection Engineers, and donated to the Eastern Hill Fire Museum where it is now displayed.

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HISTORIC FIRE ENGINES







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1891 Shand Mason Steam Fire Engine

The horse-drawn steam fire engine had its heyday in the forty year period leading up to the development of motorised transport at the turn of the century. The two leading British steam fire engine manufacturers were Merryweather & Sons and Shand Mason and Company, both of which built up a thriving export trade. Their rivalry finally ended in 1922, when Shand Mason was taken over by Merryweather.

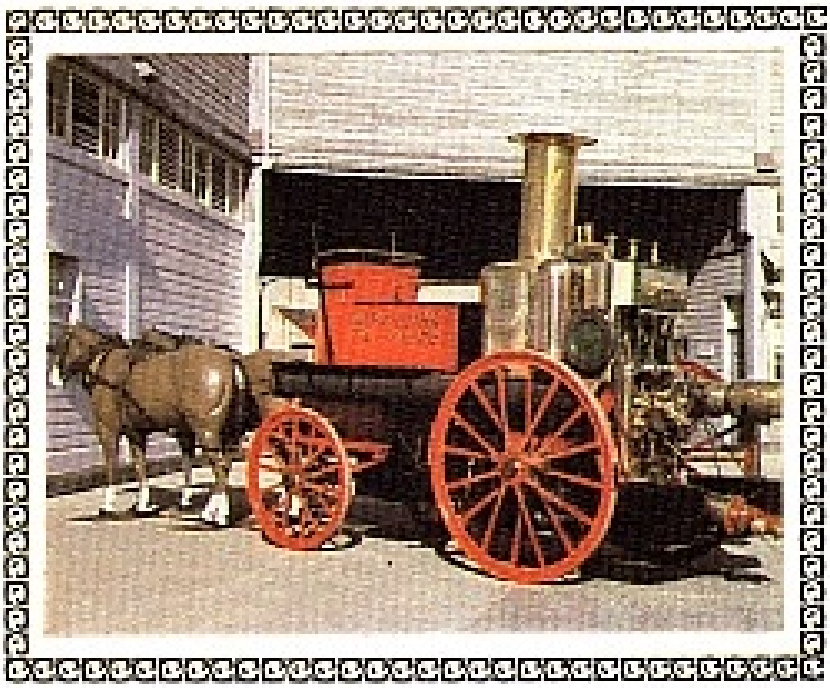
The 1891 Shand Mason steam fire engine depicted on the stamp was made to the specification of the Sydney Metropolitan Fire Brigade, and was in use in Sydney until the 1930's. Originally pulled by two or three horses, the fire engine was later converted for towing behind a truck.

A publication of the New South Wales Fire Service Museum suggests that the 1891 Shand Mason steamer may have been the largest capacity steam fire engine ever built. The fire engine weighed 4½ tons, and could pump more than 900 gpm (gallons per minute). Hot water from the fire station boilers kept the temperature up in the steamer. When the fire engine was despatched to a fire, a match was dropped down the funnel to ignite a pre-set fire in the grate. By the time the appliance arrived at the fire, enough steam had been generated to work the pump.

The 1891 Shand Mason steam fire engine is now located just inside the main entrance of the New South Wales Fire Service Museum, forming a focal point of the Museum's display.

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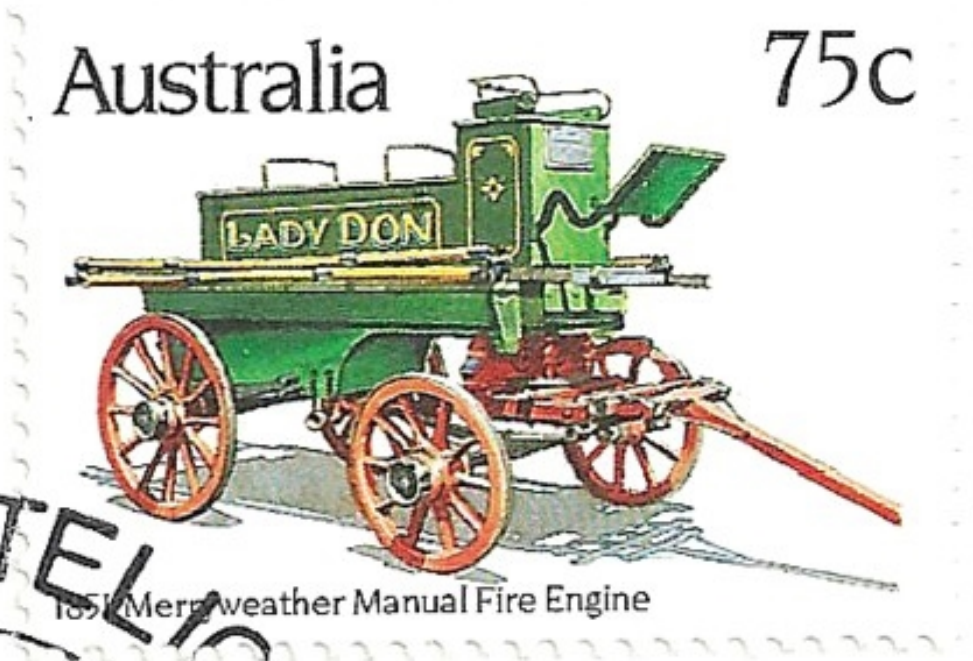
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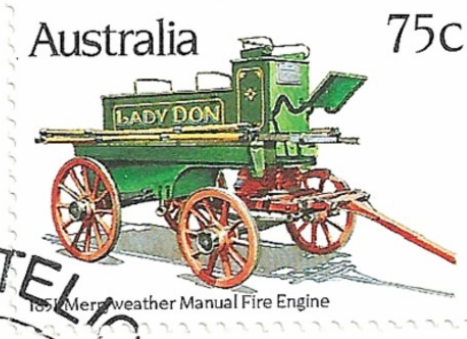
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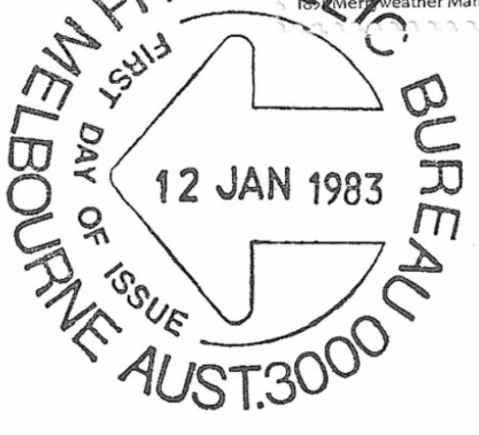

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FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
MELBOURNE PHILATELIC BUREAU
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LADY DON
1891 Merryweather Manual Fire Engine


Australia
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THE ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA



Bertram 'Silk' Collection 5

ADELAIDE



Bertram High Street, Hythe, Kent

THE ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA



Bertram 'Silk' Collection 5

SYDNEY



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THE ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA



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DARWIN



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THE ROYAL VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND



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WELLINGTON

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THE ROYAL VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND



WANGANUI

Benham 'Silk' Collection 5





Benham High Street, Hythe, Kent


AUSTRALIA
Australia
21 MAR 1983
BLUES ROCK N.T. 5753

THE ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA



CANBERRA



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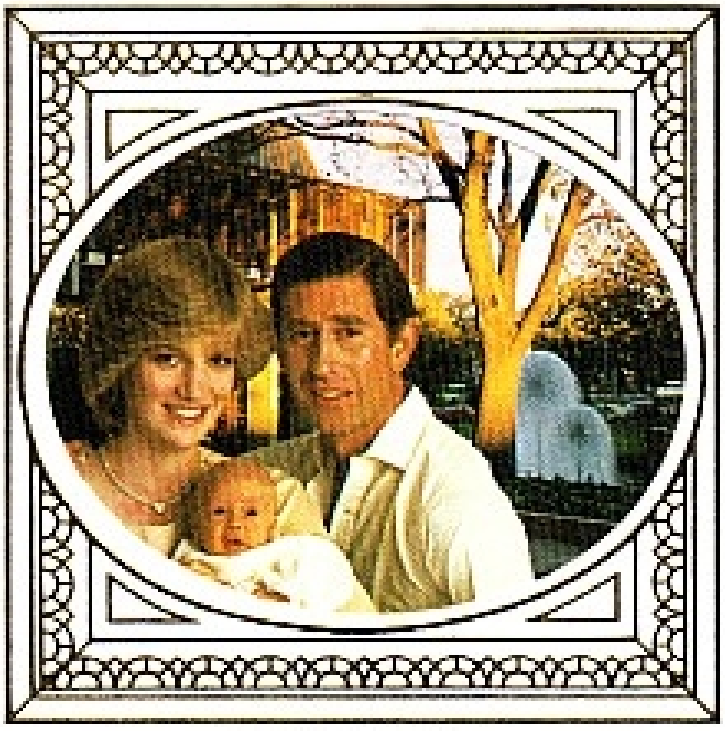
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CHRISTCHURCH



'Silk' Collection 5

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THE ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA
& NEW ZEALAND



RETURN TO ENGLAND



'Silk' Collection 5

Benham High Street, Hythe, Kent

THE ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

On March 20th the Prince and Princess of Wales and their son, Prince William, will leave London on their way to their first joint visit to Australia and New Zealand. It is a precedent-setting trip in that their young son is accompanying them on this visit – it was previously unheard of for an heir to the throne to leave Great Britain at such a young age. However, it is characteristic of the fresh, modern attitude that Princess Diana has brought with her to the Royal household – and characteristic of her devotion to her young son.

Prince Charles has, of course, made many visits already to Australia and New Zealand: at the age of seventeen he went out to Australia on an educational exchange with a student from Geelong Grammer School, spending two terms at Timbertop, the outback section of the school, and his first official visit was in 1967 when he acted as the Queen's representative at the funeral service of Harold Holt, premier of Australia.

It was in New Zealand that the Queen made her first walkabout in 1970, setting the trend for all future Royal visits. The affection of the Royal Family for these two countries is amply reciprocated in the warm welcome always given to any visiting member of the Royal Family, a welcome that will surely be extended to Prince Charles and Princess Diana, and the most recent addition to the family, Prince William.

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THE ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA



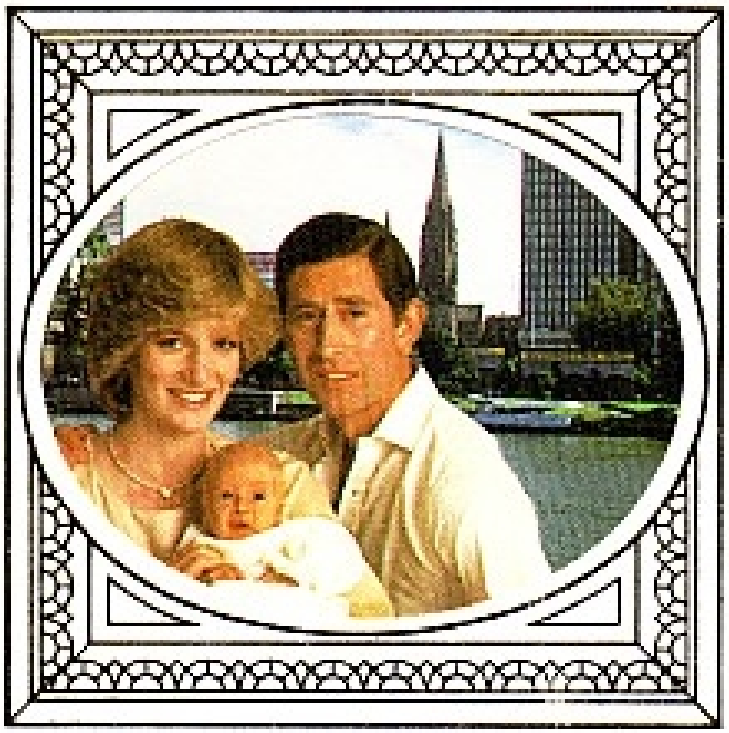
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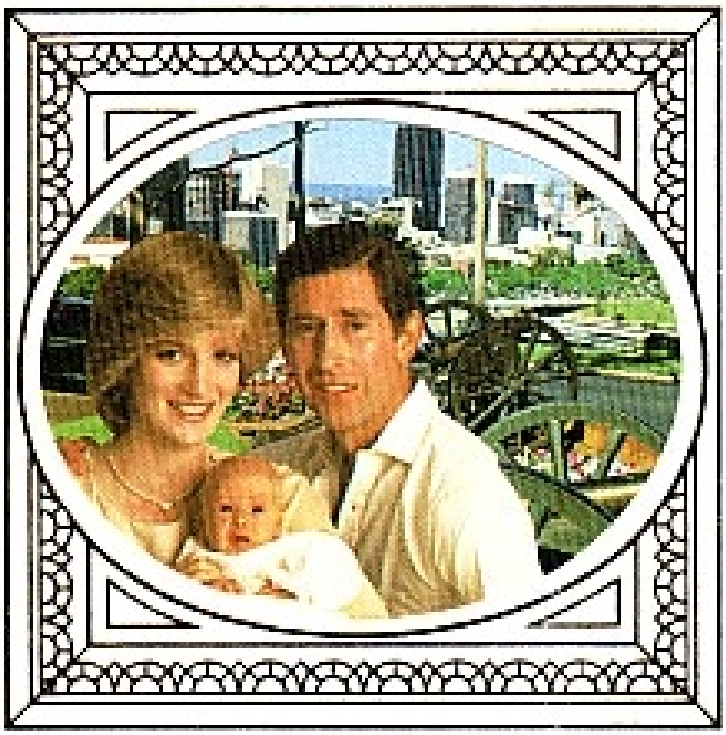
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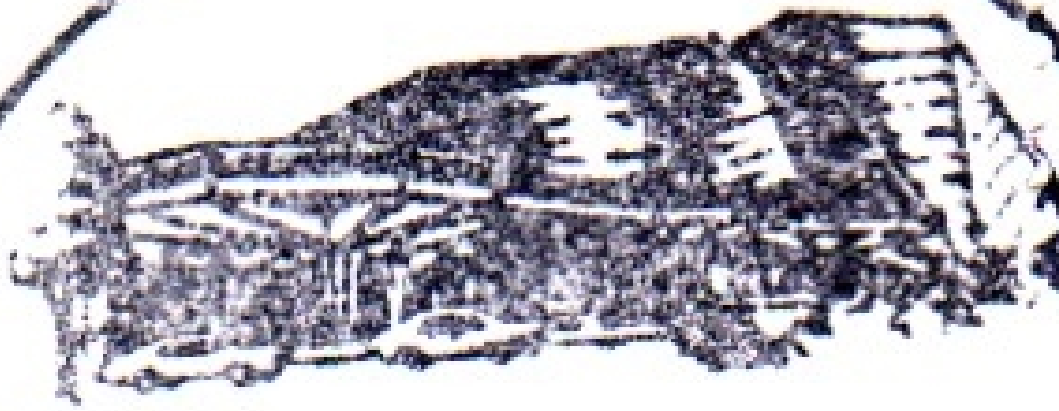


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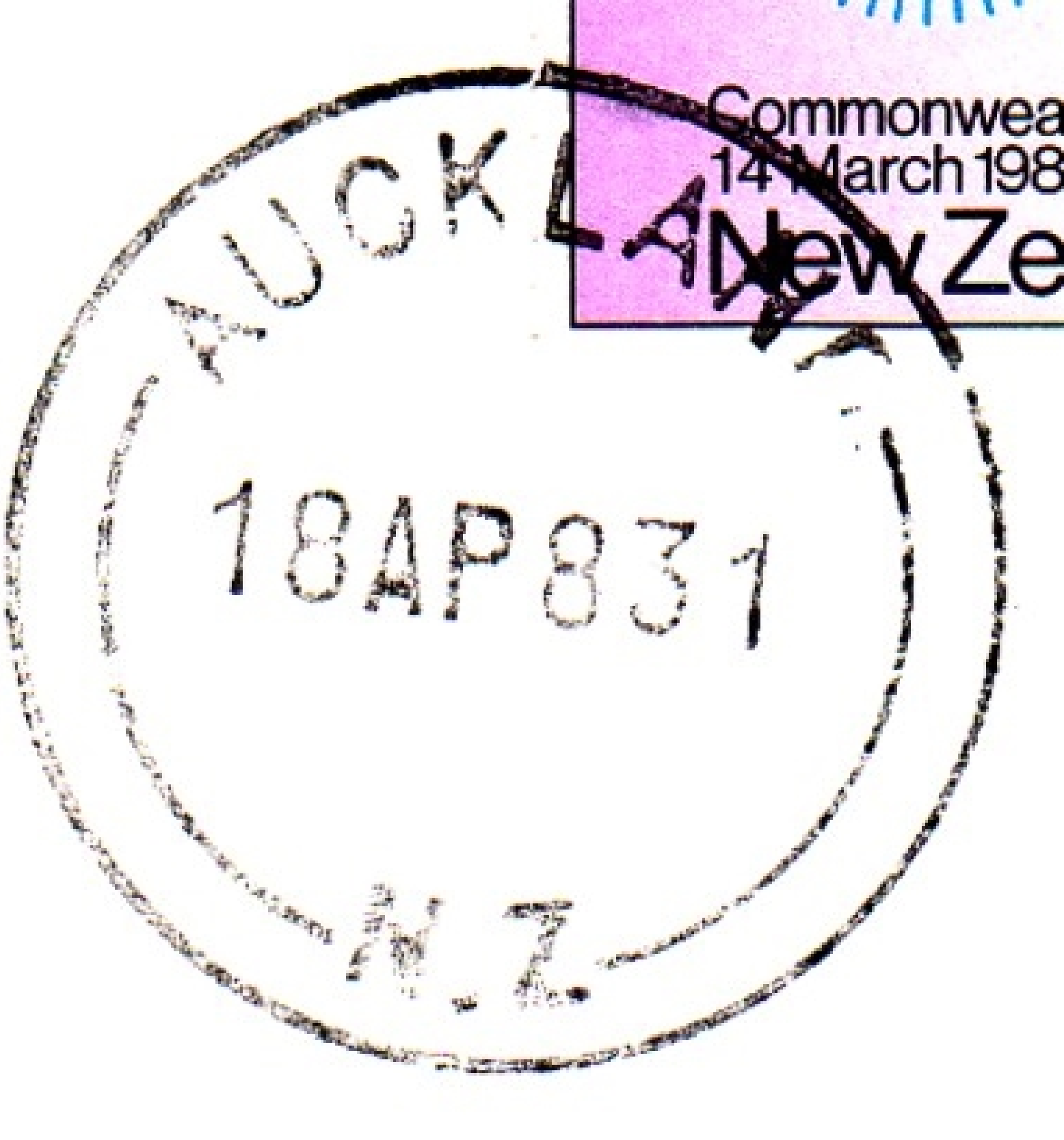
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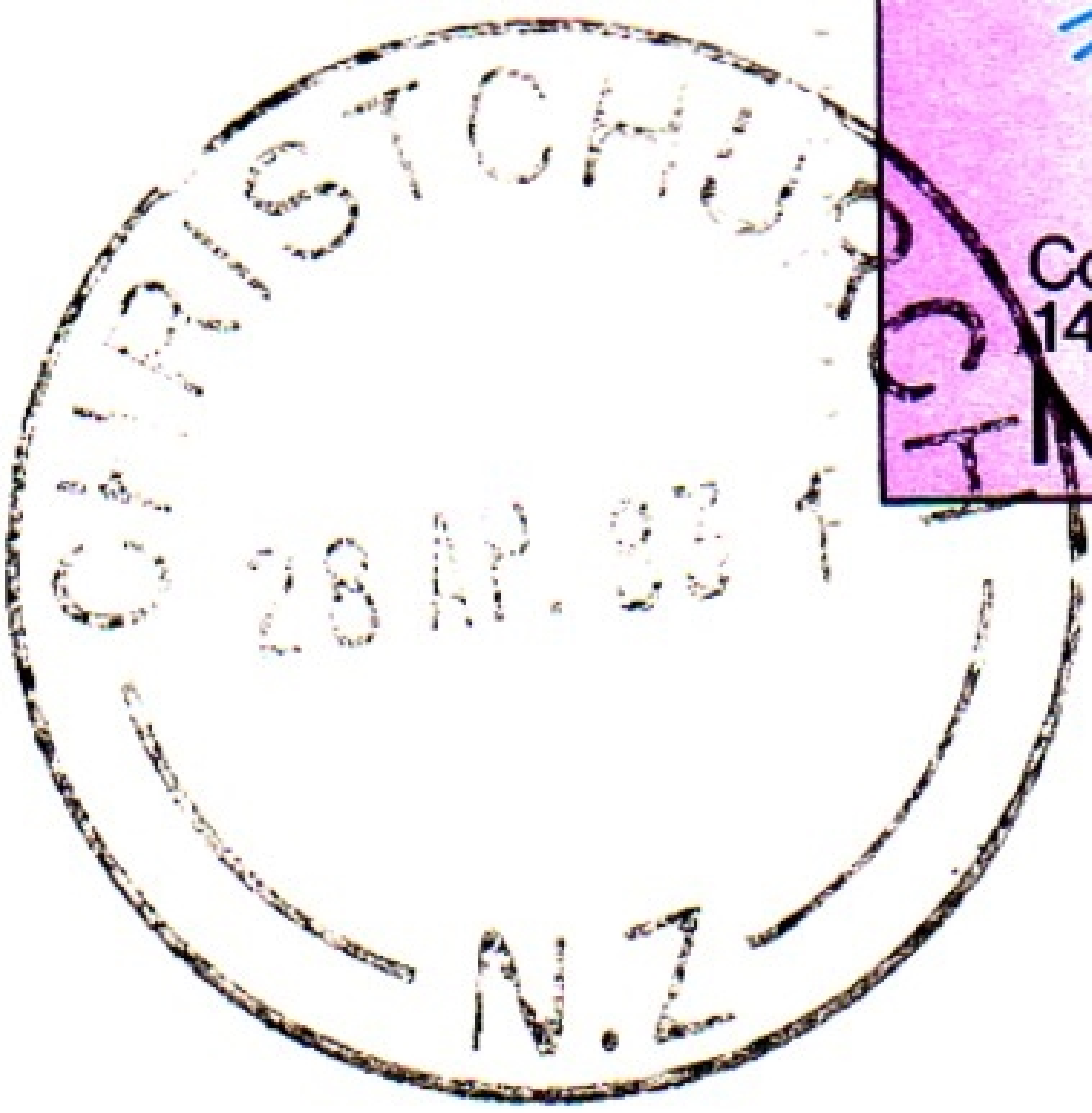


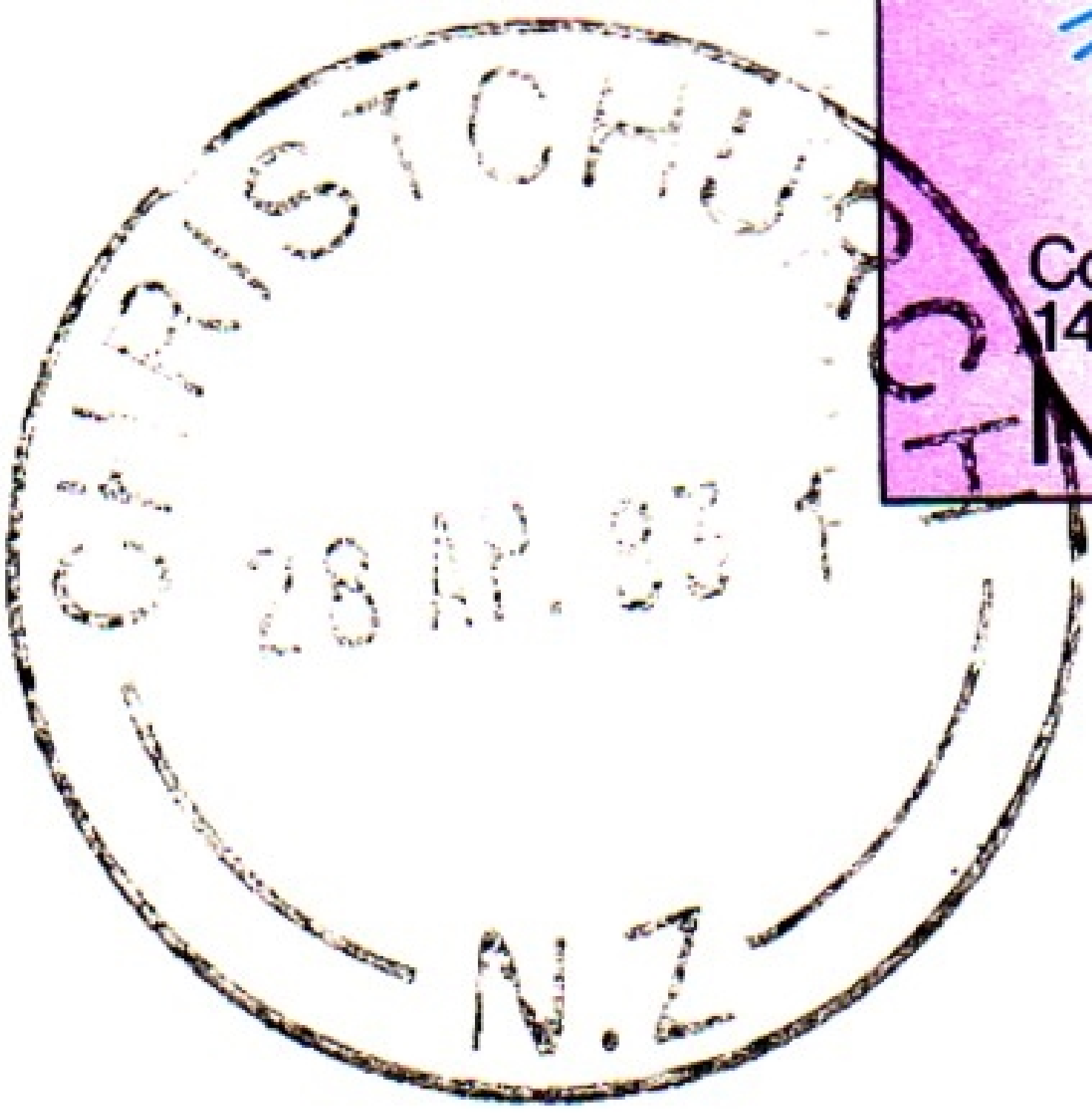
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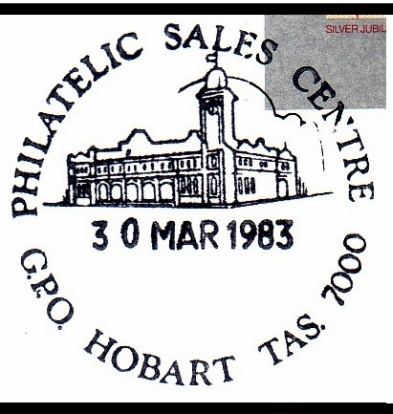
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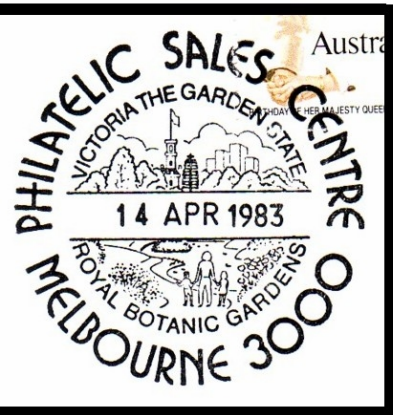

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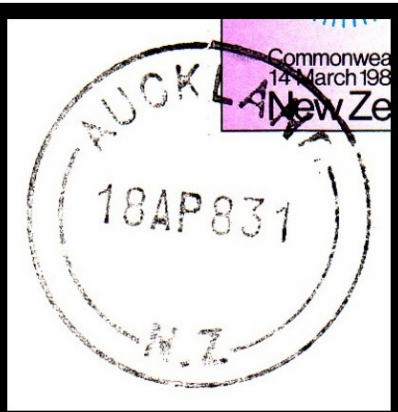

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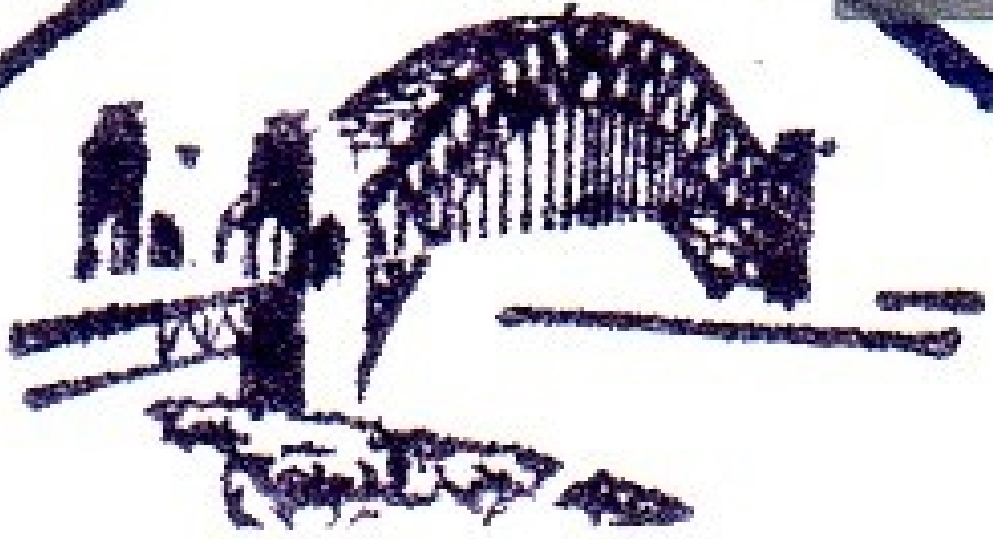

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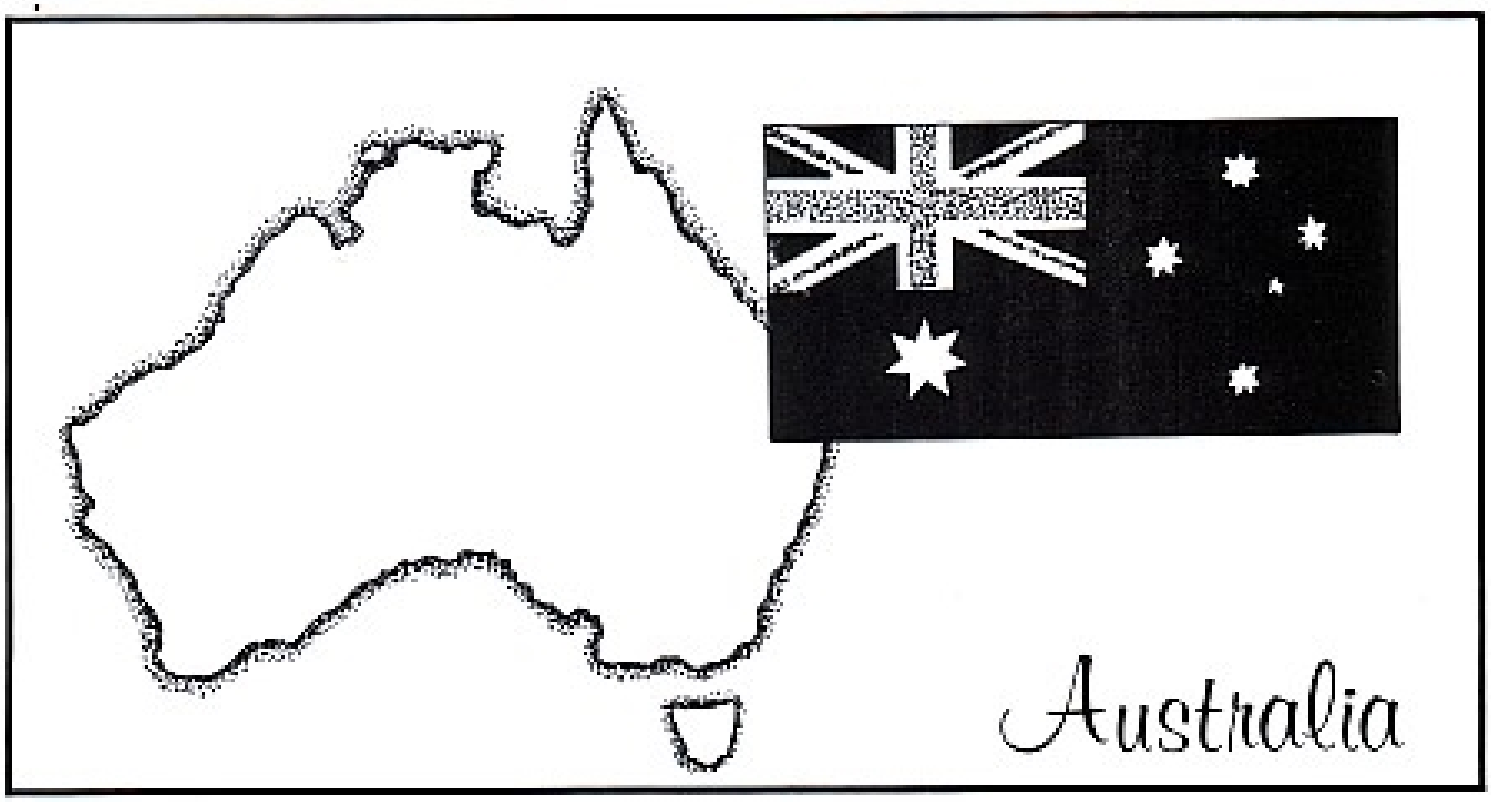
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WORLD COMMUNICATIONS YEAR





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COMMONWEALTH DAY, AUSTRALIA

At the Melbourne Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in 1982 it was decided that there should be a special Commonwealth stamp issue every five years. The purpose of the 1983 issue is to draw public attention to the Commonwealth and at the same time to provide financial support for the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation (CFTC). Australia is issuing 4 stamps on Commonwealth Day, 14th March, depicting in symbolic form the following concepts:

EQUALITY AND DIGNITY

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CO-OPERATION

LIBERTY AND FREEDOM

PEACE AND HARMONY

These four themes are intended to encapsulate the ideals expressed in The Declaration of Commonwealth Principles, formulated at the Singapore Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in 1971. This set of ideals was intended to provide 'a basis for peace, understanding and goodwill among all mankind'. The principles set out in that document relate especially to international peace and order; individual liberty and democratic political processes; the dangers of racial prejudice and colonial domination; the tensions created by wide disparities in wealth and efforts to overcome poverty, ignorance and disease; and international co-operation to promote peace and tolerance, combat injustice, and secure development among the peoples of the world.

This statement of principles was reinforced firstly by the Lusaka Declaration on Racism and Racial Prejudice, adopted at the Lusaka meeting in 1979, and by the Melbourne Declaration on the North/South dialogue, drawn up in 1981.

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COMMONWEALTH DAY, AUSTRALIA

Originally called Empire Day and celebrated on Queen Victoria's birthday, Commonwealth Day has been observed on the second Monday in March since 1977 by agreement with all Commonwealth governments. The intention of this simultaneous observance is to 'focus attention on the Commonwealth: its ideals, its activities and its actual and potential influence on human endeavour to achieve justice and peace among people'. At the end of the Second World War only five countries belonged to the then British Commonwealth of Nations: Great Britain, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.

India and Pakistan achieved independence in 1947 and became members of the Commonwealth; Sri Lanka, then known as Ceylon, followed in 1948; but Burma, which obtained its independence in the same year, chose not to join. Former British colonies in Africa, the Caribbean and the Mediterranean which gained their independence in the late 1950's and 1960's in most cases became Commonwealth members. Nauru joined in 1968, followed by several South Pacific members in the 1970's. South Africa withdrew from the Commonwealth in 1961 following objections of other members to its racial policies. The recognition given by some members to Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan, caused Pakistan to leave the Commonwealth in 1972.

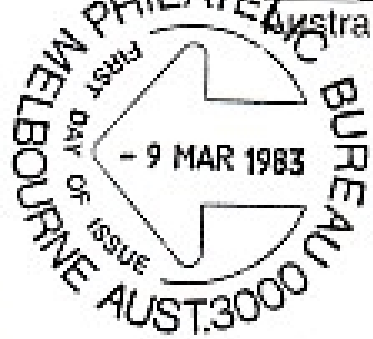
The Commonwealth now numbers 47 independent nations (correct to July 1982), together with the self-governing states and dependent territories linked to Australia, Britain and New Zealand which take part in Commonwealth activities and which may seek membership on achieving independence.

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COMMONWEALTH DAY, AUSTRALIA

The symbolism used in the stamp designs is intended to encapsulate the ideals expressed in The Declaration of Commonwealth Principles, the relevant extracts being:

EQUALITY AND DIGNITY

'We oppose all forms of colonial domination and racial oppression and are committed to the principles of human dignity and equality.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CO-OPERATION

'We believe that international co-operation is essential to remove the causes of war, promote tolerance, combat injustice, and secure development among the peoples of the world.'

LIBERTY AND FREEDOM

'We believe in the liberty of the individual, in equal rights for all citizens regardless of race, colour, creed or political belief, and in their inalienable right to participate by means of free and democratic political processes in framing the society in which they live. We therefore strive to promote in each of our countries those representative institutions and guarantees for personal freedom under the law that are our common heritage.'

PEACE AND HARMONY

'We believe that international peace and order are essential to the security and prosperity of mankind . . .'

The designer of the stamps, Mr. Garry Emery, explains the symbolism of the design thus: the upturned hands are intended to symbolise care and compassion, and the rainbow effect of the wings indicates comfort and optimism. Of the four sets of abstract concepts, only peace can be represented with a universally understood symbol: the dove with the olive branch. The grains falling from the beaks in the social justice and co-operation design symbolise co-operation in the sharing of food.

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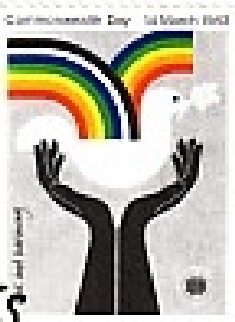
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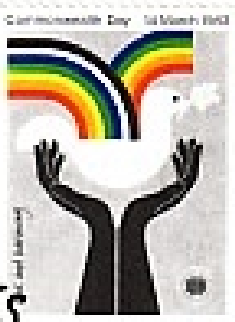
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