



## Philatelic Review Bulletin



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## Dear members,

The content of this bulletin aims at informing about items and topics relevant to our hobby and club.

It is hoped that errors and omissions are kept to a minimum.

All members are invited to submit articles that they like to share with others. Articles can be short or long and the editor will decide to publish those in one or more than one bulletin.

The editor

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## Philas Connection

[Philatelic Association of NSW \(philas.org.au\)](http://philas.org.au)

### Evening Meeting:

The **third Wednesday** of the month at 7.00 pm  
(at Canton Beach Sports Club).

### Daytime Meeting:

The **first Wednesday** of the month at 1.00 pm

(at Masonic Village Centre, Lakehaven).

### George V Study Group

The **first Wednesday** of the month following the daytime meeting.

## 2025 Meeting Dates

### Evening meetings at Toukley 7.00 pm

#### 21 May

Peter Van de Ven: Dutch Indies

#### 18 June

AGM

### Daytime meetings 2025 at Lakehaven 1.00 pm

#### 7 May

Exchange & KGV study group

#### 4 June

Exchange & KGV study group

## Monthly Display

Workshop night resulting in a variety of questions and displays by members.

## Airmail – Australia

The first Australian airmail service between Perth and Adelaide took flight on June 5, 1929. This marked a significant milestone in Australia's aviation history. The flight was operated by West Australian Airways Ltd, using a de Havilland DH.66 Hercules aircraft.

This service was part of a broader effort to improve communication and transport across Australia's vast distances. The airmail service significantly reduced the time it took for mail to travel between the east and west coasts.

The first airmail stamps issued for this service are quite iconic and rare. These stamps featured the DH.66 aircraft, symbolizing the pioneering spirit of early Australian aviation.

R. A. Harrison, an artist of the Note Printing Branch submitted a design for the 1929 Air Mail stamp.



Unadopted design by R. A. Harrison<sup>1</sup>

The final design chosen by a board of experts appointed by the Post Office from several preliminary design and shows a De Havilland DH66 biplane, the plane used on the East-West Service and was issued 20 May 1929. The plane is shown flying over a flock of Merino sheep with stands of eucalypts on either side, the stamp was issued for the Perth-Adelaide air service, (or East-West Service) inaugurated 2 June, 1929. The stamp was released in two types; Type A, the mesh of the stamp is vertical with a stamp size of 31 x 22 mm, while Type B, the mesh of the stamp is horizontal with a stamp size of 31.75 x 21.5 mm, a 36d Booklet was also released, also an Official stamp punctured OS was issued for Government use, this stamp could be in either type A or B, there a number of designs submitted, all the work of R. A. Harrison, Harold Herbert was then commissioned to prepare further designs.



Block of 4 with John Ash imprint



OS perforated

Envelope flown on the first flight Perth to Adelaide (1929).



## Airmail USA 1930<sup>2</sup>

The Graf Zeppelin Stamps – Scarce from the Start  
On May 18, 1930, the Graf Zeppelin began its first round-trip flight between Europe and the Americas, and the US Post Office issued the Zeppelin airmail stamps (Scott #C13-15) specifically for mail carried aboard the flight. But while 3.2 million of these stamps were printed, the timing couldn't have been worse. The Great Depression kept sales low, and over 90% of the stamps were destroyed.

Most of the stamps that survived were used on Zeppelin flights or saved individually. But full plate blocks of six? Few collectors were able to purchase them, and even fewer remain intact today. Finding a full set of these plate blocks is nearly impossible, making this one of the most significant airmail offerings available.

This Airship was an Important Part of Aviation and Airmail History

<sup>1</sup> Australia Post Stamp Bulletin No. 172, page 11

<sup>2</sup> Don Sundman

By the 1920s, countries around the world were racing to develop transoceanic air travel. But only Germany's Luftschiffbau Zeppelin had the ability to make it a reality.

After World War I, the company lost its airships as part of war reparations and was left with an \$800,000 debt. Desperate to recover, they struck a deal with the US: they would build an airship to repay part of their debt, but it had to first prove itself with a transatlantic flight. That flight,

completed on October 16, 1924, marked the beginning of a new era in global aviation.

The company soon built an even larger airship – the 775-foot-long LZ-127, named Graf Zeppelin after Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin. Capable of reaching 80 mph, it was the fastest airship of its time. In 1928, it made its first transatlantic voyage, and in 1929, it completed a round-the-world flight, carrying over 43,000 pieces of mail.





The *Graf Zeppelin* flew until 1937, when the Hindenburg disaster ended the era of airship travel. Over its nine years in service, it completed 590 flights, including 144 ocean crossings, covering more than a million miles while transporting over 235,000 pounds of mail and freight.

## BOXLINK

A near forgotten, unloved attempt by Australia Post to revive the flagging use of postal services. The Australia Post Bulletin No. 214 March – May 1992, page 14 reported:

*Australia Post will release a new stamped label on 2 March 1992. The label is for BoxLink, an innovative, stream-lined service for business users of the postal system.*

*BoxLink is new service, developed essentially for the business sector. It will be introduced initially in the busy Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane business areas, offering a fast, economic and reliable mail service for business boxholder-to-boxholder mailings. The dedicated, boxholder-only network will be able to offer faster service within and between inner-city post offices.*

*Although created for business boxholders who receive or send comparatively large quantities of letters to other business boxholders, the service will be available to anyone wishing to use it. The only requirement is that the addressee must be a boxholder at a BoxLink post office. A directory of such boxholders will be produced, and special BoxLink posting boxes will be provided at participating post offices.*

*Standard and Large Letter items only will be accepted for BoxLink's fast delivery service. Standard letters require one BoxLink label. Large letters require two.*

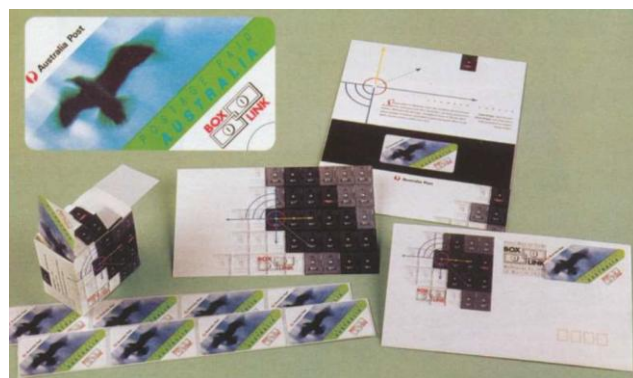
*BoxLink stamp labels will be available in boxes of 100, priced at \$38.00 per box. Each label therefore has a nominal value of 38c. Single labels will not be available, except that collectors will be able to purchase mint labels in a special pack, priced at \$1.30.*

*The 65mm x 35mm label design has four components: a 'BoxLink' service indicator; an Australia Post logo; a fluorescent green 'postage paid' indicator; and a pictorial*

*element of a bird in flight, symbolizing speed and communication.*

*Stamped labels were first introduced in 1991, for the prepayment of a new parcel service being fostered initially in Sydney NSW, and subsequently in Perth WA.*

*As with the other stamped labels, BoxLink labels will not appear in the Annual Collection. However, they will appear in the 1991-92 Collectors' Year Book.*



BoxLink label was also issued as a Stamp-Pack.

If my memory serves me right, private courier companies were like locusts all over the city providing deliveries in minutes, totally unmatched by Australia Post.

*Australia Post: Melbourne*



Postmark: 34 mm x 31 mm

Australia Post: Sydney



51 mm diameter  
Type: clock 12 hours  
RECEIVED / (dd/mm/yyyy)  
A'BECKETT STREET VIC  
VIC  
Ink: purple; black



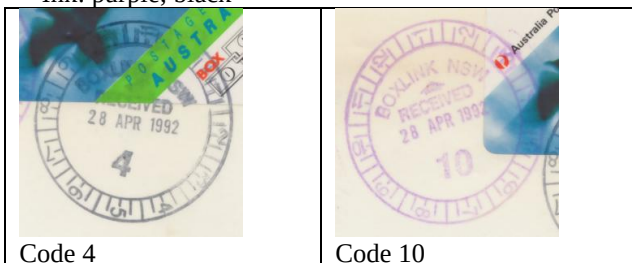
### Wesley Cover Service



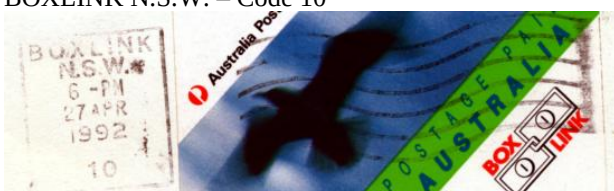
Postmarks  
First Day of Issue



Type: clock 12 hours  
41 mm diameter:  
**BOXLINK NSW** / RECEIVED / (dd/mm/yyyy)  
Ink: purple; black



Slogan Cancel – 6 Waves  
BOXLINK N.S.W. – Code 10



### Kangaroo Hide Postcard



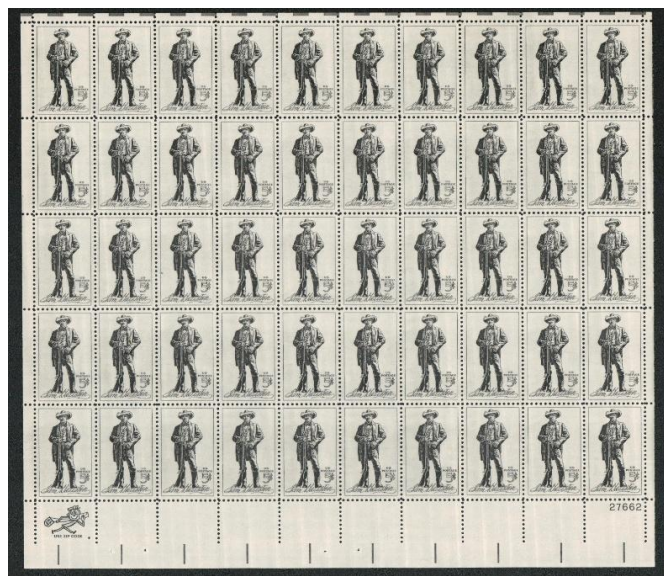
Here's something you don't see every day – real postcards made from kangaroo hide! These vintage pieces travelled through the mail, so the one you get may have writing, stamps, or other signs of its journey. That's part of the charm.

### Mr Zip USA

On **January 10, 1964**, the character known as Mr. Zip first appeared in the selvage of a USA stamp sheet, which honoured Texas icon **Sam Houston**.



Mr. Zip was created by Howard Wilcox, and the US Post Office Department acquired the copy rights to the character.



Mr Zip appears thereafter on many USA stamp sheets and has become a collector's item in its own right. One of Mr. Zip's biggest goals was to appeal to children so they would grow up understanding zip codes. Mr. Zip even had his very own comic strip, board game, memorabilia, and toys.  
2013:



### Centenary of Victoria 1934<sup>3</sup>

At the AUSIPEX 84 (21 September to 30 September 1984) Australia Post exhibited a complete sheet of 20 of the 5-shilling Harbour Bridge, issued 14 March 1932.

Another item on display was a block of 30 £1 Kangaroo and map stamps overprinted 'SPECIMEN'. The overprint rendered the stamps invalid for postage. It was applied to high denomination stamps sold, at below face value, in representation sets to collectors.

The third interesting item on display were unadopted designs and progress die proofs of the Centenary of Victoria stamp set of 3 (2d; 3d and 1/-) issued 2 July 1934.

For the Melbourne Centenary 1934-1935 a label was produced showing John Batman standing on the bank of the Yarra River looking towards Melbourne.



The design used by Lyell Owen Pty Ltd, Process Engravers looks very much like the blue label shown above and has similarities with the stamp issued by Australia Post in 1934.

<sup>3</sup> Australia Post Stamp Bulletin No. 174, page 8



Unadopted design by Frank Manley, Note Printing Branch

Progress die proof



Issued: 2 July 1934

Designer and Engraver: Frank Manley, Note Printing Branch, Melbourne

Perforation: 10.5 comb; 11.5

For printing variations see Brusden White, Centenary of the King George V Definitives, 2014, page 5/41



2d Gutter block of four with John Ash imprint

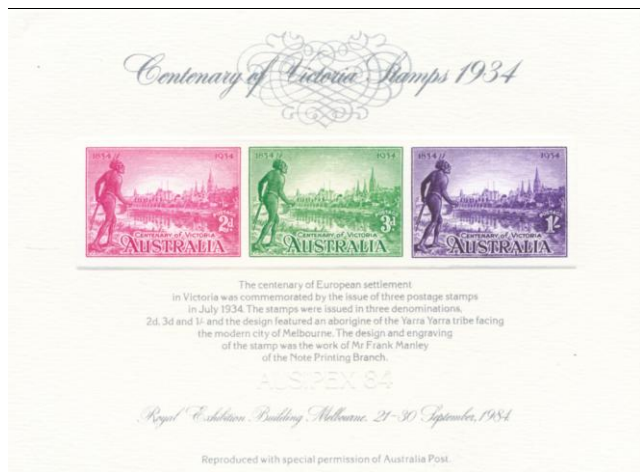


3d Gutter block of four with John Ash imprint



At the AUSPEX 84 exhibition the first two replica cards were made available to the public. The images on the card used the original dies.

<sup>4</sup> Courtesy Peter Meyers



#### Centenary of Victoria Stamps 1934

The centenary of European settlement in Victoria was commemorated by the issue of three postage stamps in July 1934. The stamps were issued in three denominations, 2d, 3d and 1/- and the design features an aborigine of the Yarra Yarra tribe facing the modern city of Melbourne. The design and engraving of the stamp was the work of Mr Frank Manley of the Note Printing Branch.

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#### Unissued Australian Stamps 1914

These two stamps were prepared for use and were intended to be part of a series of stamps to replace the 1913 "Kangaroo and Map" stamp series. The new series commenced with the issue of a 1d stamp featuring King George V and a 6d stamp depicting a kookaburra, issued in 1913 and 1914 respectively. However, the outbreak of World War I and other factors caused the series to be terminated. Trial printings had been made of the 2d and 1/- stamps, but the two stamps were never issued. The above reproductions of the stamp designs have been produced using the original master dies. Parts of the cards are embossed.

## Sydney Harbour Bridge – Part 1

### Stamps

1932

14 March 1932

To celebrate the opening of The Sydney Harbour Bridge on 19 March 1932 a set of three stamps, 2d (red); 3d (blue) and 5/- (green) were issued. The designer and engraver was Frank Manley, Note Printing Branch, Melbourne. The image depicts the bridge as seen from the south-east with R.M.S. Orford passing beneath.

Supplies of the recess-printed 2d stamp were supplemented by letterpress printed stamps. The two-line Ash imprint can be found at the bottom margin.

Perforation: 2d, 3d and 5/- recess: 11 (single line; 2d letterpress: 10.5 (comb). No Watermark



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<sup>5</sup> Peter Myer



John Ash Imprint



John Ash Imprint



Letterpress (Typographed); Watermarked



John Ash Imprint



<sup>6</sup> Peter Myer

<sup>7</sup> Abacus Auction



#### Notes:

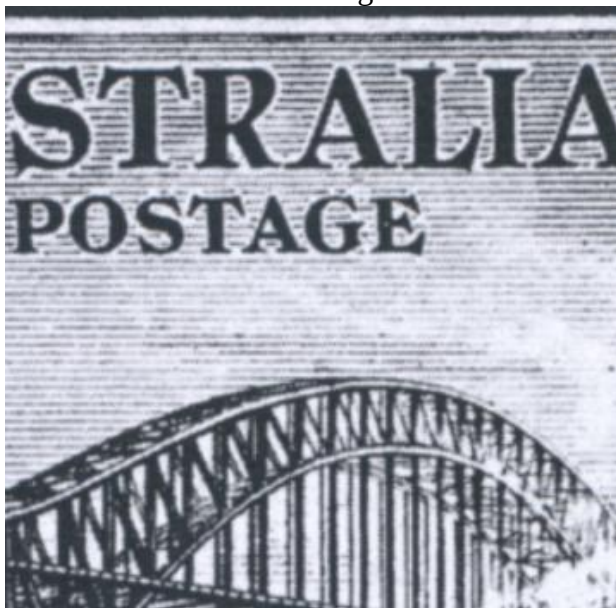
Two different sizes for the 2d and 3d (recess printed) have been noted due to the use of damped paper and shrinking during the drying:

A: 31 mm x 22 mm (mesh of paper vertical)

B: 31.75 mm x 21.5 mm (mesh of paper horizontal)

All 5/- are type B.

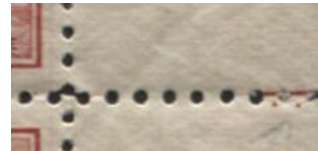
Retouch over centre of bridge – 5/-



Retouch over left centre of bridge – 5/-



#### Two plate dots



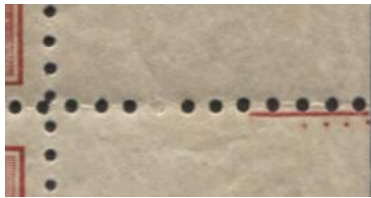
#### Three Plate dots



#### Four Plate dots



<sup>8</sup> Brusden White



1982

**27 September 1982**

National Stamp Week



Perforation: 14.6 x 14.4

1988

**21 June 1988**

200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Colonization of Australia

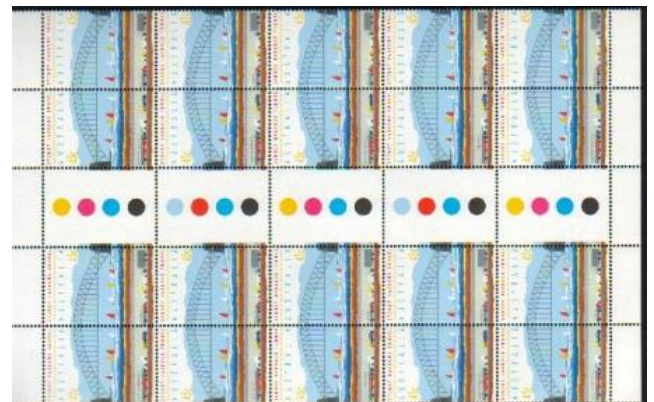


Perforation: 15.4 x 15.5

1992

**28 August 1992**

The Harbour Bridge appears on a stamp issued to commemorate the opening of the Harbour Tunnel.



1999

**14 September 1999**



2000  
20 June 2000  
International Stamps



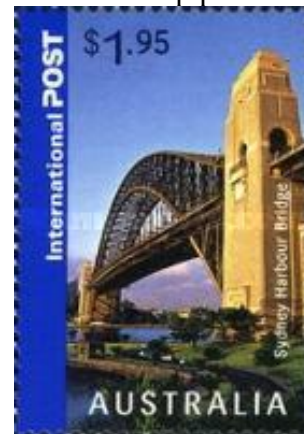
2007  
8 May 2007  
Sheet stamp perforation  
Note: Also issued as stamp pack.



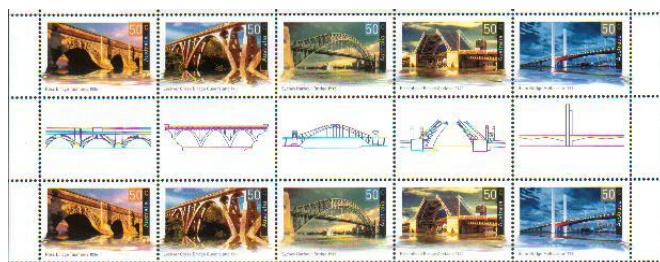
2004  
2 March 2004  
Landmark Bridges



Sheet stamp



8 May 2007  
Peel & Stick



2005  
21 April 2005  
Anniversary of the Rotary International

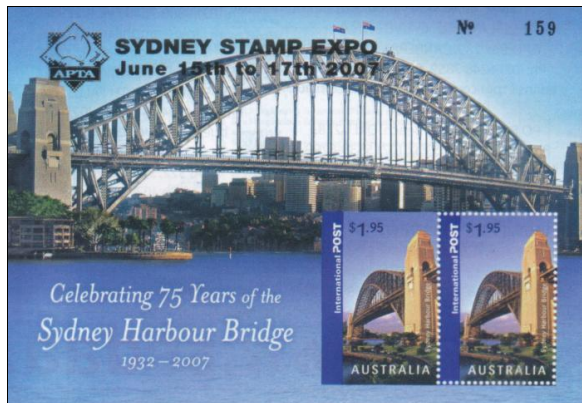


**15 June 2007**

Celebrating 75 Years of the Sydney Harbour Bridge

Overprint: 'APTA' SYDNEY STAMP EXPO  
June 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2007

**perforated**

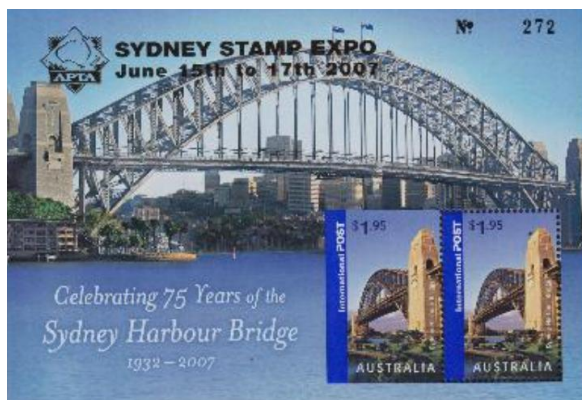


**15 June 2007**

Celebrating 75 Years of the Sydney Harbour Bridge

Overprint: 'APTA' SYDNEY STAMP EXPO  
June 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2007

**not perforated**

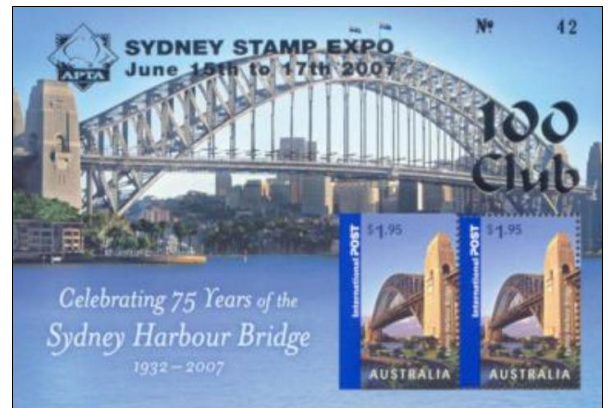


**15 June 2007**

Celebrating 75 Years of the Sydney Harbour Bridge

Overprint: APTA SYDNEY STAMP EXPO  
June 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2007; 100 Club

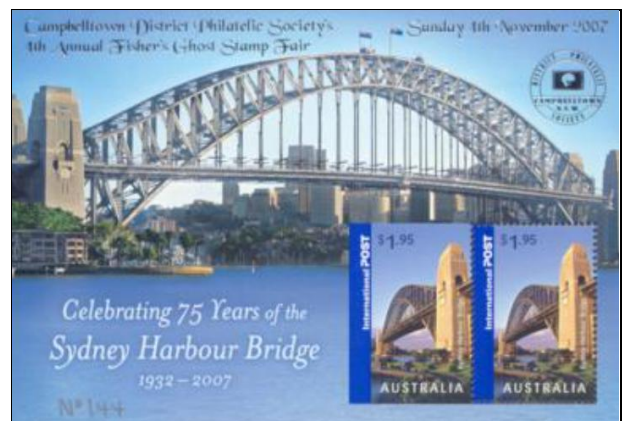
**Not perforated**



**15 June 2007**

Celebrating 75 Years of the Sydney Harbour Bridge

Overprint: Campbelltown District Philatelic Society's 4<sup>th</sup> annual Fisher's Ghost Stamp Fair  
**not perforated**



2009

**26 June 2009**

Australia favourite Stamps

**Perforated**



Also issued as special presentation pack and prestige booklet.

<sup>9</sup> Peter Myers

2013

2 July 2013

Road Trip Australia (1 of 5)

Design: Sharon Rodziewicz



2 July 2013

Road Trip Australia – Miniature sheet

170 mm x 80 mm



2 July 2013

Road Trip Australia – Miniature sheet

Overprint: St George Philatelic Society Stamp Fair 2013



July 2013

Road Trip Australia – Miniature sheet

280 mm x 190 mm

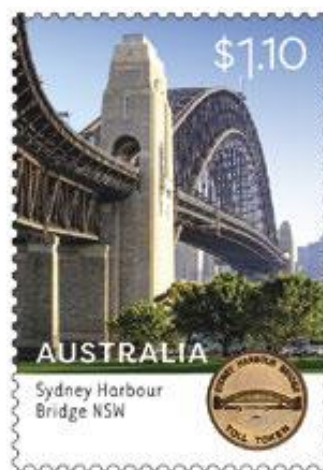
Not perforated



2021

10 May 2021

National Heritage



2025

20-23 March 2025

Sydney Stamp & Coin Exhibition



## OS Overprint



2007

\$1.95 Sydney Harbour Bridge. Wide tab



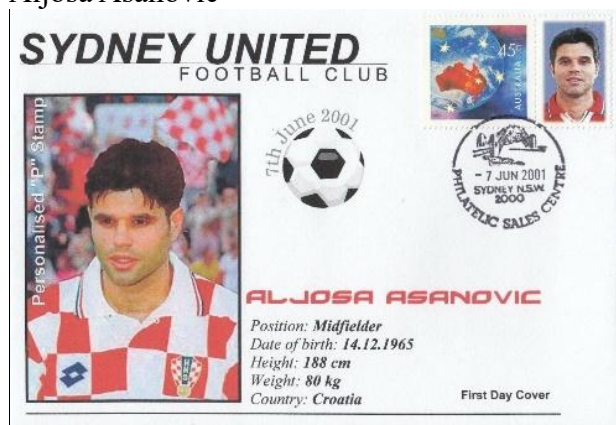
## P-Stamps

2001

7 June 2001

Sydney United – P-Stamp – narrow tab

Aljosa Asanovic



Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society (Sydney)  
A Winter's Day with stamps stamps (Society's  
Logo on wide tab)



18 December 2007

The Coat Hanger Anniversary  
Isaacson flying Lancaster bomber under Sydney  
Harbour Bridge  
Postmark: Sydney NSW Philatelic Sales Centre

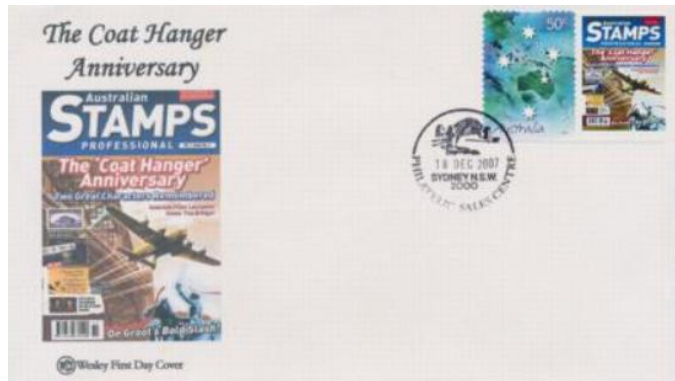
2005

21 April 2005

Pacific Explorer 2005



Cachet: WCS

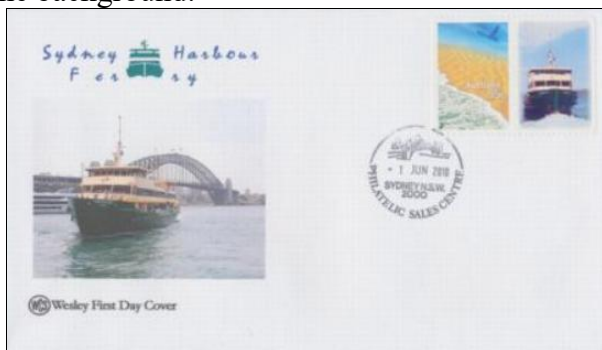


2010

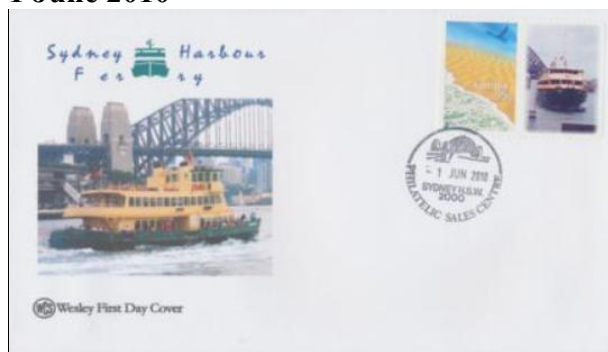
**1 June 2010**

Sydney Harbour Ferry – P-Stamp

Cachet of ferry, *Freshwater* heading towards Circular Quay with Sydney Harbour Bridge in the background.

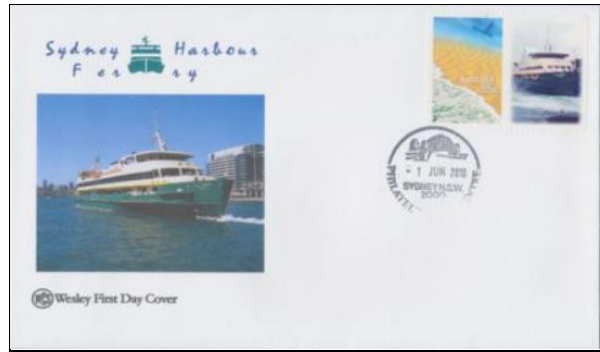


**1 June 2010**



**1 June 2010**

Cachet of ferry, *Collaroy*



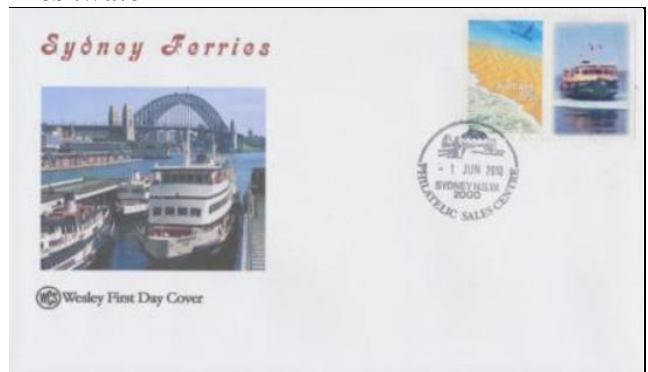
**1 June 2010**

Cachet of ferries at Circular Quay



**1 June 2010**

Cachet of ferries at Circular Quay including *Freshwater*



2011

**19 March 2011**

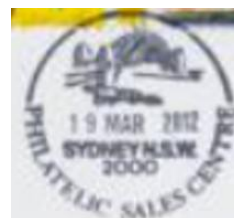
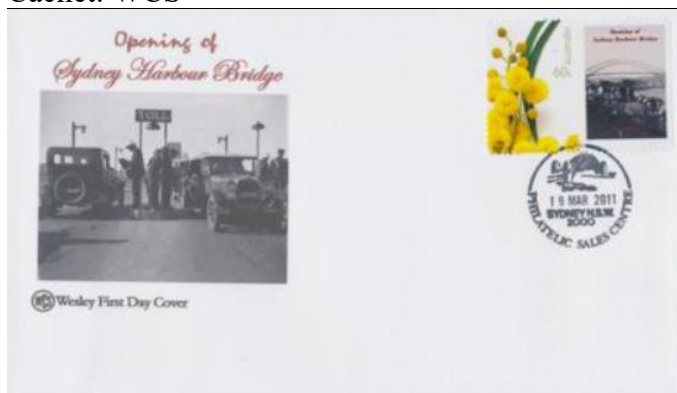
Opening of Sydney Harbour Bridge – P-Stamp

The official opening of the bridge took place on 19 March 1932. By that time 52,000 school children had already crossed the bridge in a series of 'school days'. More than 750,000 people gathered around the harbour for the official opening event.

Postmark: Sydney NSW 2000



Cachet: WCS



Cache: WCS



2012

**3 January 2012**

100th Test Match Sydney Cricket Ground  
Shane Watson signed on practice day.

P-Stamp wide tab

Postmark: Sydney NSW 2000



Cachet: Bilby

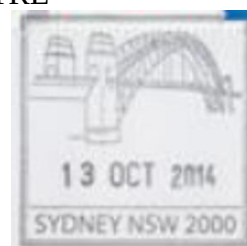


2014

**13 October 2014**

South Sydney Rabbitohs NRL Premiers – P-stamp

Postmark: Sydney NSW 2000 PHILATELIC SALES CENTRE



Cachet: WCS



**19 March 2012**

Sydney Harbour Bridge – P-Stamp

Postmark: Sydney NSW 2000 PHILATELIC SALES CENTRE

**FRAMA – Addendum**

Ringwood A25:<sup>10</sup>

Echidna Paper was used from September 1987 until the introduction of Possum paper on 28 September. All previous FRAMA issued could be identified by the postcode of the larger Cities. In addition to the postcodes FRAMA machines in new location identification became new

<sup>10</sup> [auktion.reinhardfischerauktionen.de/en/catalog/157/category/5520/lots](http://auktion.reinhardfischerauktionen.de/en/catalog/157/category/5520/lots)

identifying codes such as ‘A’ and ‘B’ plus number. To get Ringwood A25 Echidna paper must have been used with the possibility to use up existing stock or by mistake. The volume of those must be low.



**Exchange – Material wanted**

- Dear member,
- I would like to start a new service for members for material they want to
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- exchange,
- Category 2:
- Buy,
- Category 3:
- give away or
- Category 4:
- anything else.

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