AUSTRALIAN NON-DENOMINATED

AND

FLAT RATE STATIONERY

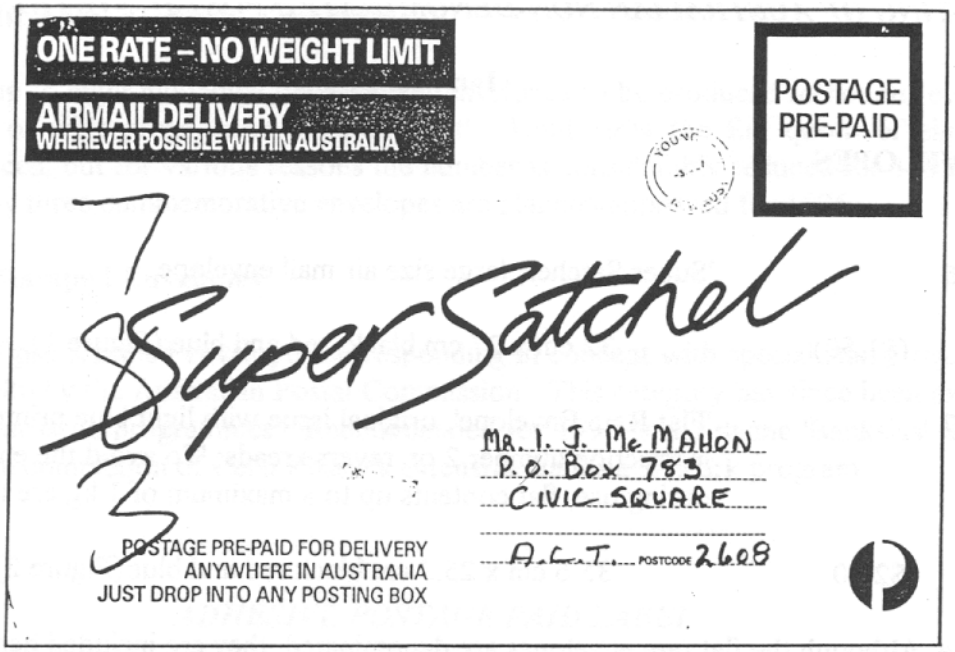
Golden Age of Stationery

- New South Wales embossed envelopes and wrappers of 1838 and Mulready envelopes of 1840 were not a great success.
- Entering an Australia Post Shop in the 1990s postal stationery one could be forgiven for thinking that postal stationery had finally achieved the success which Rowland Hill first predicted and that we had indeed entered the ‘golden age of postal stationery’.

Experimentation

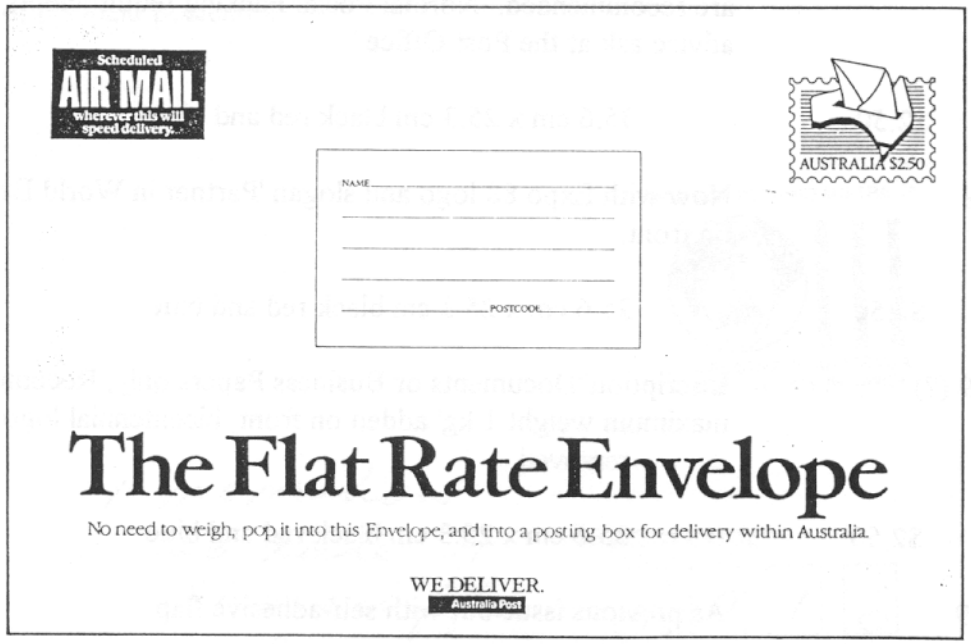
- In 1986, Australia Post began experimenting with a range of unconventional postal stationery, many of which bore no indication of value, being inscribed 'Postage Paid'.

Super Satchel



- In 1986 Australia Post issued the 'Super Satchel' which prepaid the delivery of contents of any weight to any destination in Australia by airmail for a flat charge of $1.50.

Flat Rate Envelopes



- 1987 $2.50 'Flat Rate' envelope
- launched with considerable fanfare with glossy advertising brochures and advertisements in the public press.
- originally sold only in packs of 20 although later packs of five were sold.

Flat Rate Envelopes

Reprints

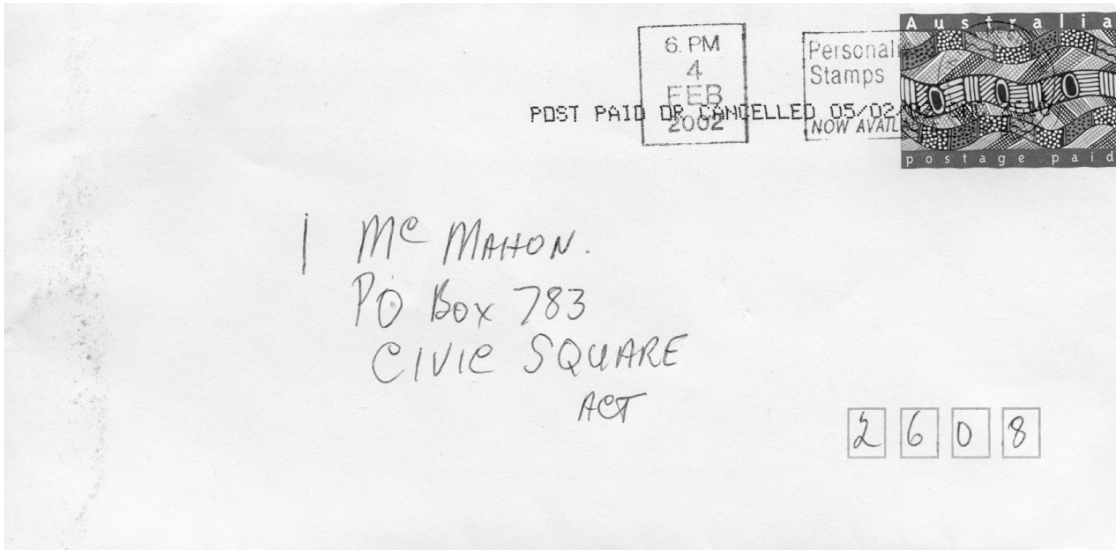
- flap at the right, Australian Bicentennial logo
- late 1987 printed ‘air mail label’ in dark blue, flap on the left
- 1988: instruction No 2 on the reverse now reads 'To avoid the envelope bursting during use, flat contents up to a maximum of 1 kg are recommended. Normal Postal Packing requirements apply. For advice ask at the Post Office.'
- 1988 Expo 88 logo.
- 1989 added instruction 'Documents or Business Papers only, Recommended maximum weight 1 kg' , no bicentennial logo.
- 1989 self-adhesive flap.

National Park Envelopes



- Postage Prepaid Envelopes now the standard for definitive stamped envelopes.
- National Park envelopes issued 30 October 1989. ($1) Wilson's Promontory (C5), ($2) Uluru (C4), ($2.50) Fitzgerald River (B4), (50c) Cradle Mountain (DL), (50c) Millstream Falls (DL) (50c) Kosciusko (DL window)

Definitive Envelopes



- Cities
- City Bridges
- Aboriginal Art (2 issues)
- Indigenous Global Art Exchange
- Torres Strait Islands Art

New Year Envelopes



- From 1997 Chinese New Year envelopes have been issued.

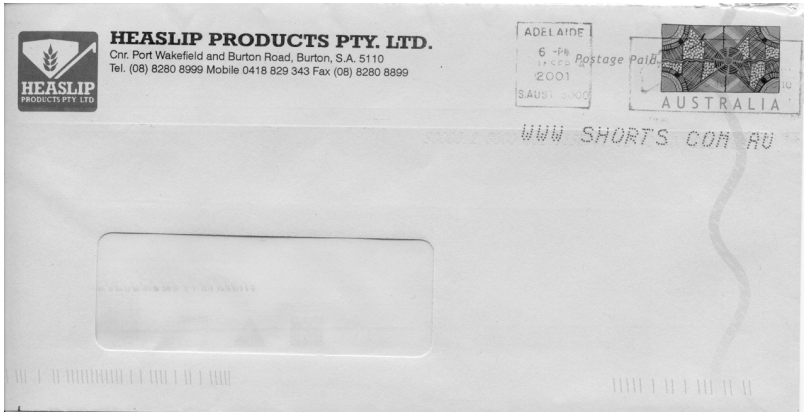
Other Envelopes



- Sydney Olympics

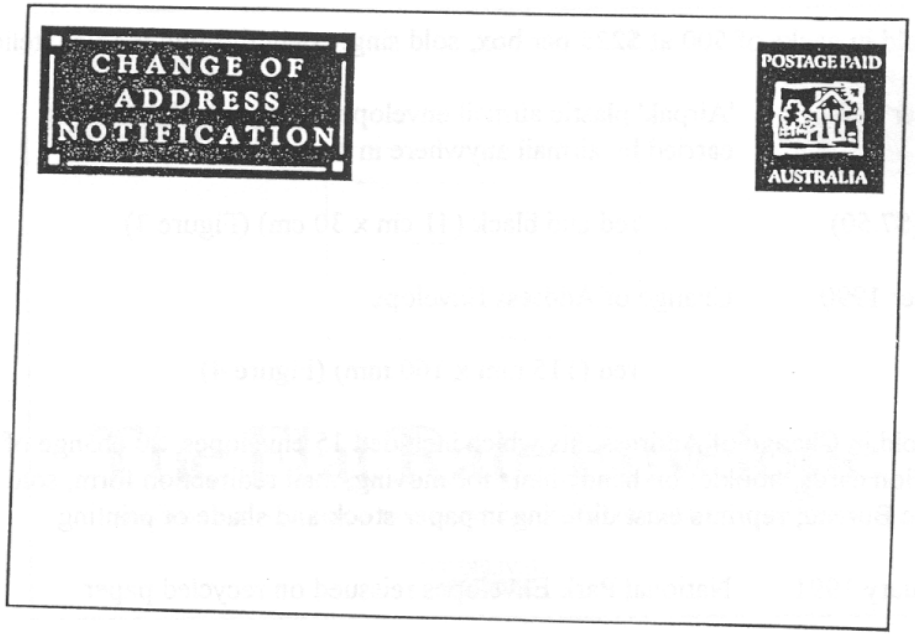
Private Order Envelopes
Address Corners





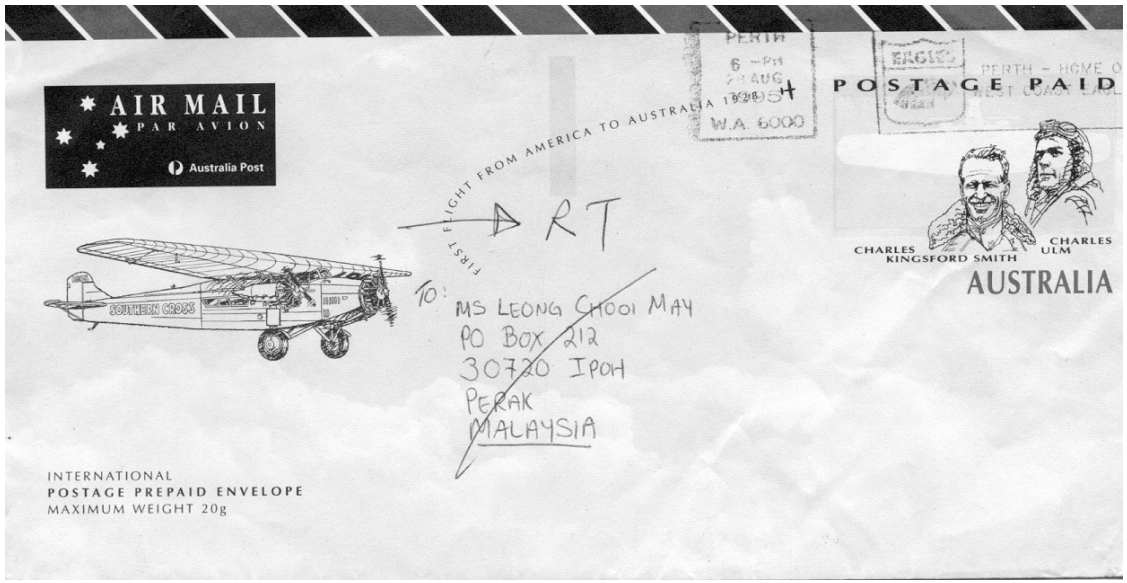
- Major users eg National Photos can arrange for private Order envelopes or have their logo and address pre-printed on envelopes by Australia Post

Change of Address Envelope



- Change of Address Envelope was issued on 9 October 1990. Sold in Change of Address kits.

International Airmail Envelopes



- Pre-paid international airmail envelopes introduced 18 August 1994.
- Aviation achievements: DL ($1.35) Charles Kingsford Smith and Charles Ulm, C5 ($3.35) Bert Hinkler B4 ($6) John Duigan.

International Airmail Envelopes





Later Issues

- National Parks
- Australian animals
- Winter Olympics, Salt Lake City

International Airmail Envelopes



New Year

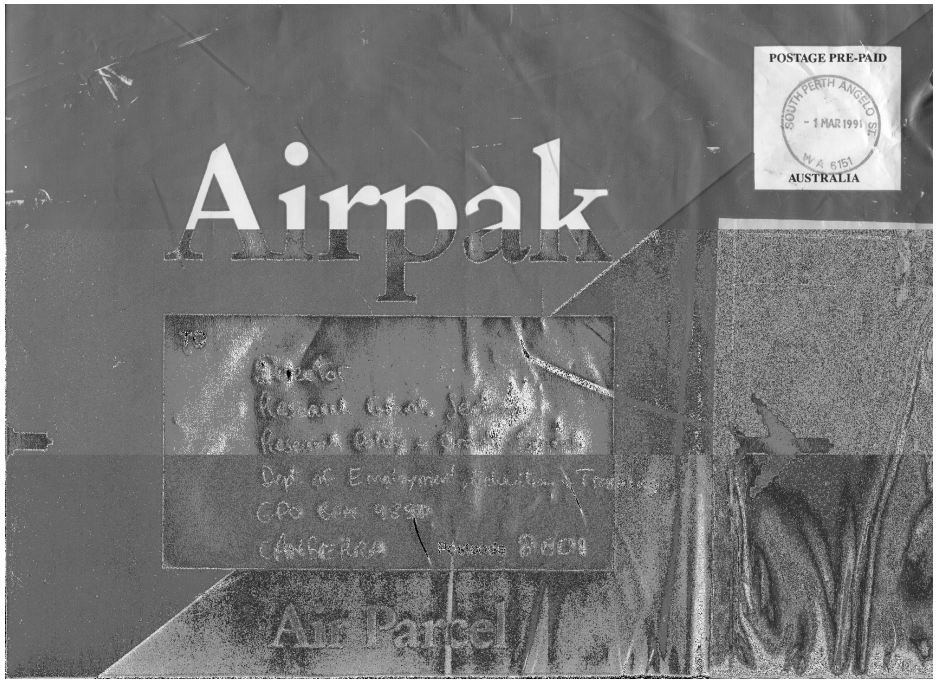
- From 1997 annual Chinese New Year international envelope

Christmas Card Envelopes



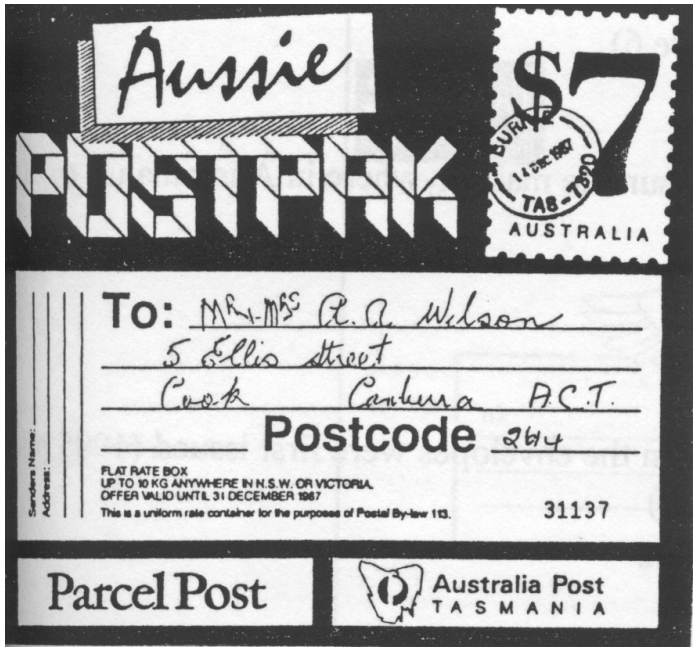


AIRPAK



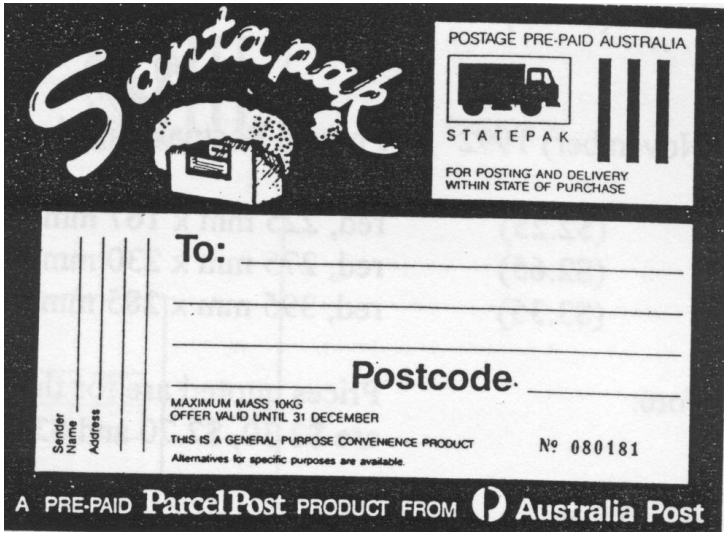
- The ‘Airpak’ was introduced on 2 October 1989. It was a plastic airmail satchel paying postage on 1 kg carried by airmail anywhere in Australia and sold for $7.50.

Parcel Labels



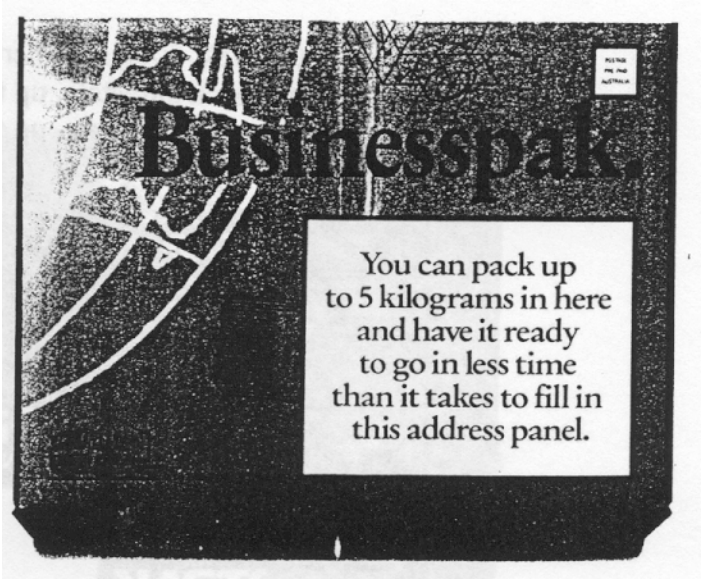
- Australia Post experimented with a Tasmanian Christmas parcel label in 1987, prepaying parcels up to 10 kg from Tasmania to New South Wales and Victoria for $7.

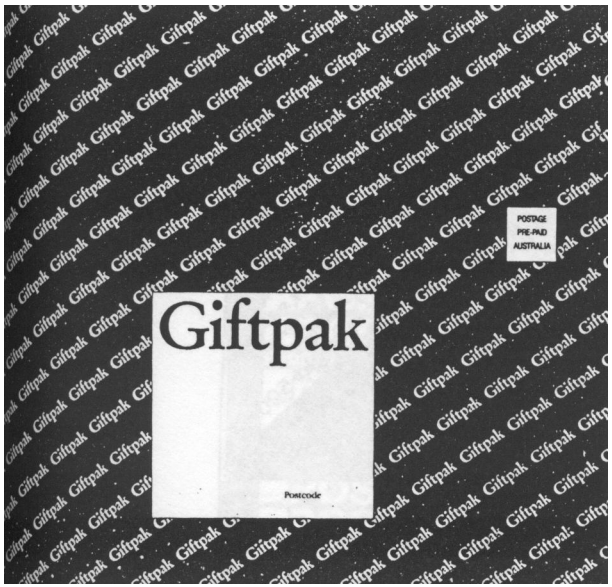
Parcel Labels: SANTAPAK



- Christmas 1988 Santapak parcel labels Issued 28 November 1988 prepaying parcels up to 10 kg surface mail and were sold with a *Postpak* box.
- Statepak (state of posting) $7
- Aussiepak (within the eastern states and South Australia) $9.50
- Aussiepak (for air mail within the eastern states and South Australia) $19

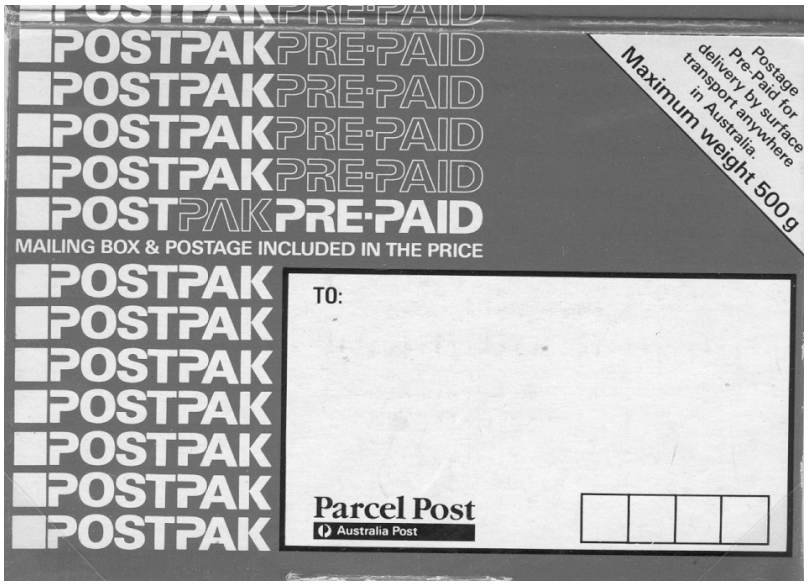
Pre-paid Parcel Boxes





- 1 November 1989 ‘Giftbox’ prepaid surface mail parcel of up to 5 kg anywhere in Australia.
- 26 February 1990 Businessbox

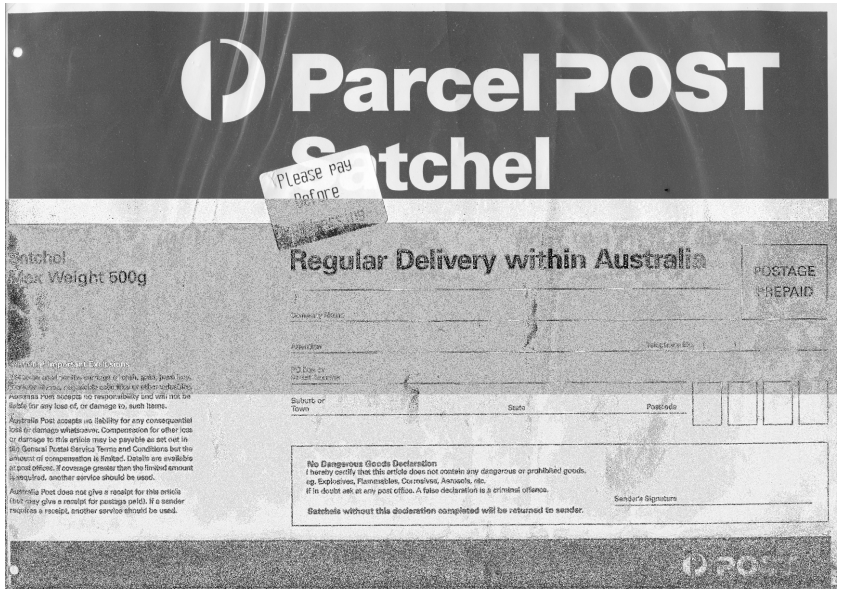
Pre-paid Parcel Boxes: Definitive Issue



1 October 1991 Pre-paid boxes.

- ($3.50) prepaying up to 500g anywhere in Australia
- ($5.50) prepaying up to 2 kg state of posting
- ($7.50) prepaying up to 2 kg interstate
  ($6.50) prepaying up to 5 kg state of posting
- ($9.50) prepaying up to 5 kg interstate

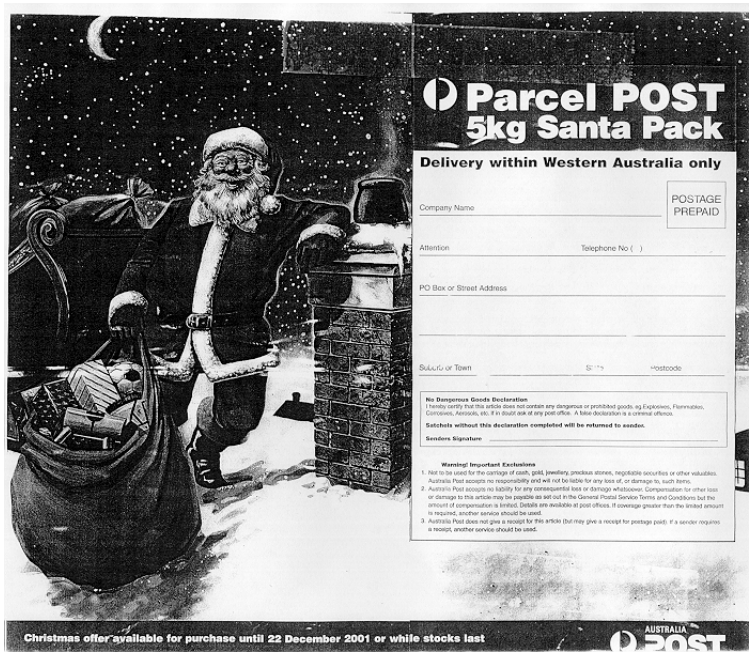
Parcel Post Satchels





- Prepaid surface mail parcel post satchels were issued in August 1997.
- The satchels prepaid the surface parcel rate to anywhere in Australia. Two sizes were issued:
- $3.50 500g satchel
- $6.50 3 kg satchel

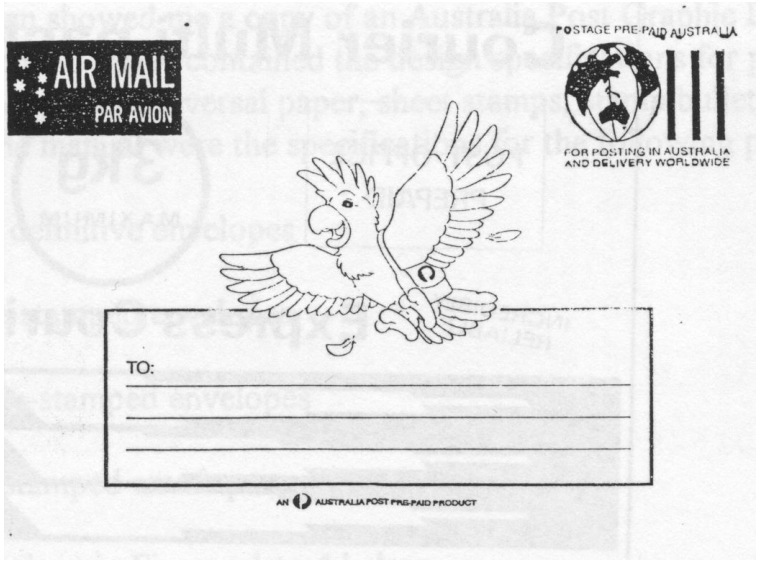
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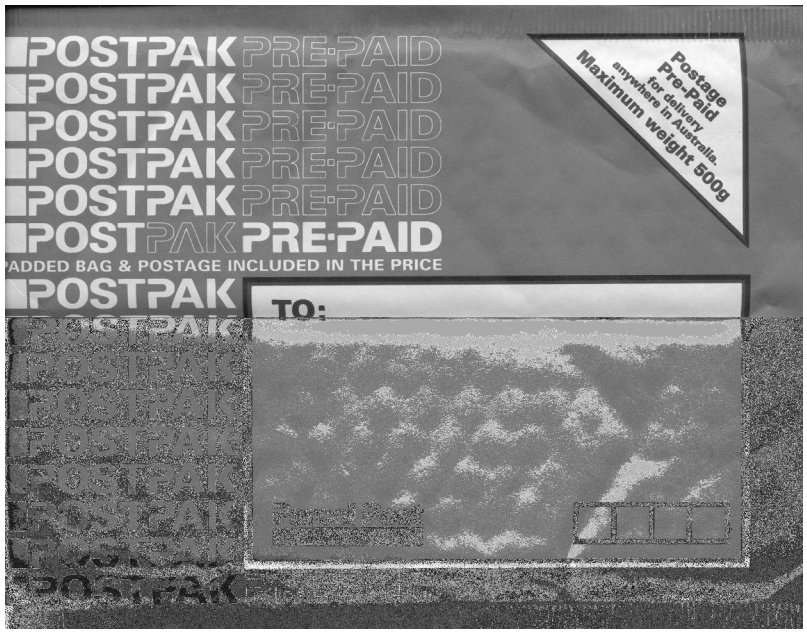
- Olympic Issue (Women's Hockey) 2000
- WA Santa pack 5 kg 2001

Padded Envelopes: Talking Letters



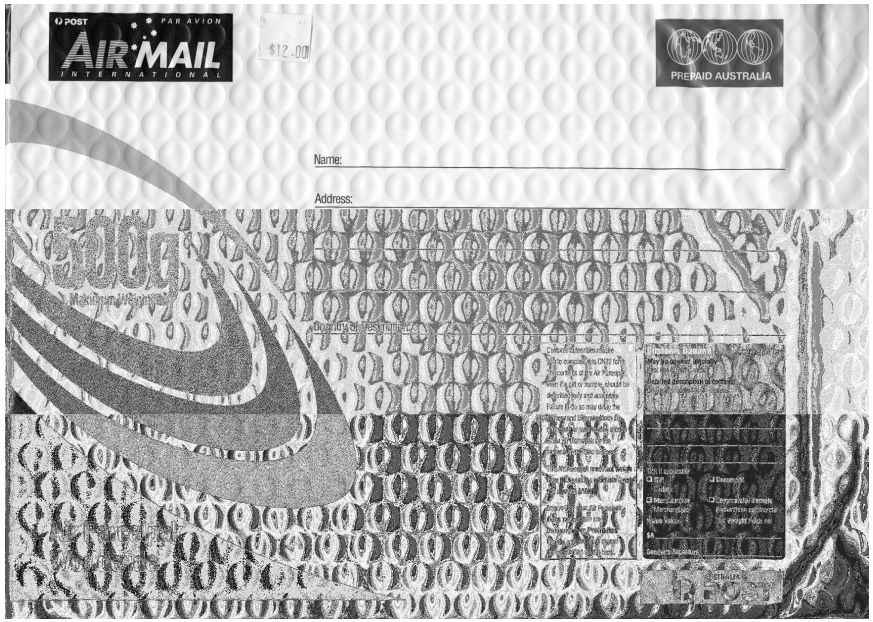
- November 1987, Australia Post issued at a price of $5.25 a pre-paid padded *Talking Letter Envelope* as part of a package including a cassette on which you were intended to record a message for friends or relatives. Initial trial in Brisbane and the Gold Coast ; second issue being sold at Expo 88, Brisbane.

Padded Envelopes: Definitive Issue



- November 1992 prepaid padded envelopes. surface mail anywhere in Australia for up to 500g.
- product code eg 41595
- Reprints different shade of red and with new product numbers on the reverse eg 599/0057).

Padded Envelopes: International Airmail



- November 2002 Four international airmail padded bags:
- 500 g Asia Pacific ($8), Worldwide ($12)
- 2kg Asia Pacific ($25), Worldwide ($40)

Courier Satchels



Prepaid courier satchels 1992:

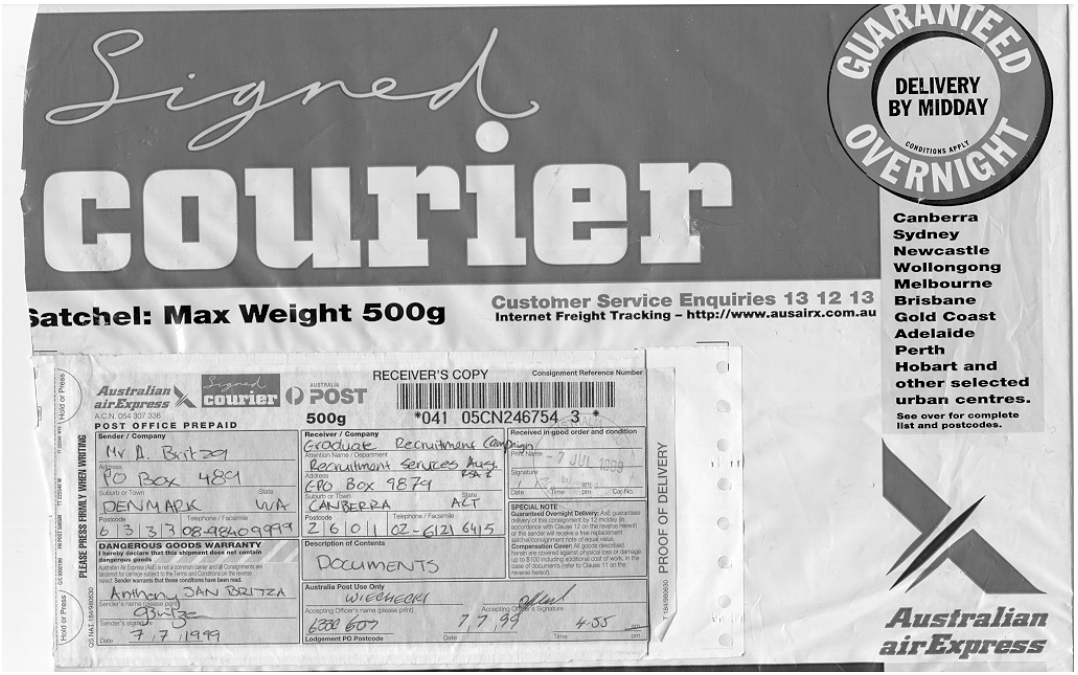
- ($8.50) letterpack, green, 500g for delivery anywhere in Australia
- ($12) multi-pack intrastate, up to 3 kg
- ($21) multi-pack interstate, up to 3 kg
- ($31) maxi pack to 5 kg

Courier Satchels AP/Australian Air Express

- In 1993 Australia Post combined with Australian Air Express to provide a courier service. Australia Post sold three prepaid satchels:
- ($8.50) letterpack, 500g anywhere in Australia
  ($10) multi-pack intrastate, up to 3 kg
  ($15) multi-pack interstate, up to 3 kg



Signed Courier Satchels



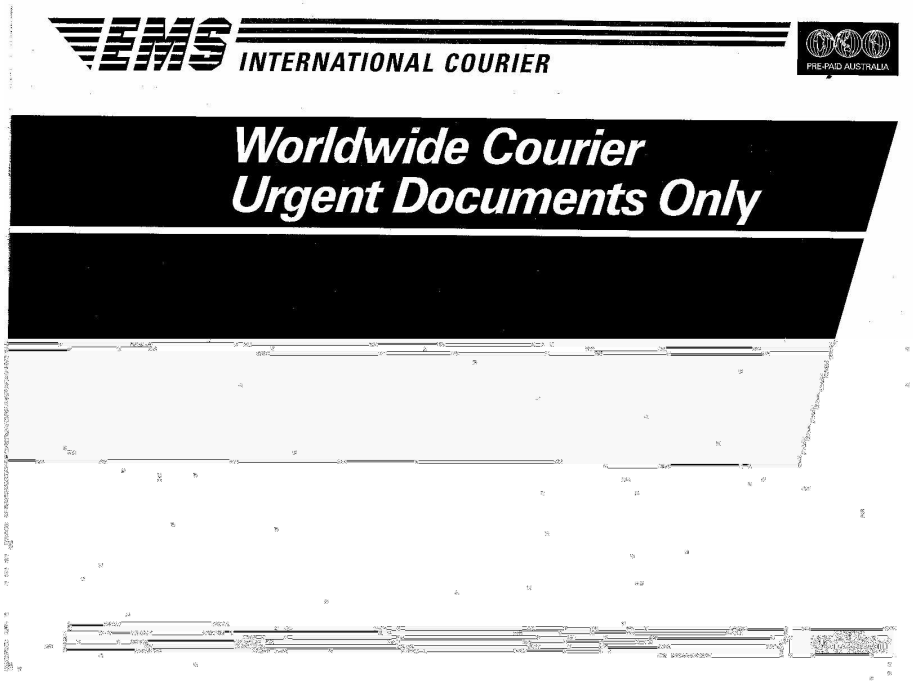
- In July 1997 the Australia Post/Australian Air Express courier satchels were redesignated “Signed courier satchels”. $8.50 500g satchel; $12.50 3 kg satchel
- August 1999 reprint with customer service and web details.

Express Post Platinum



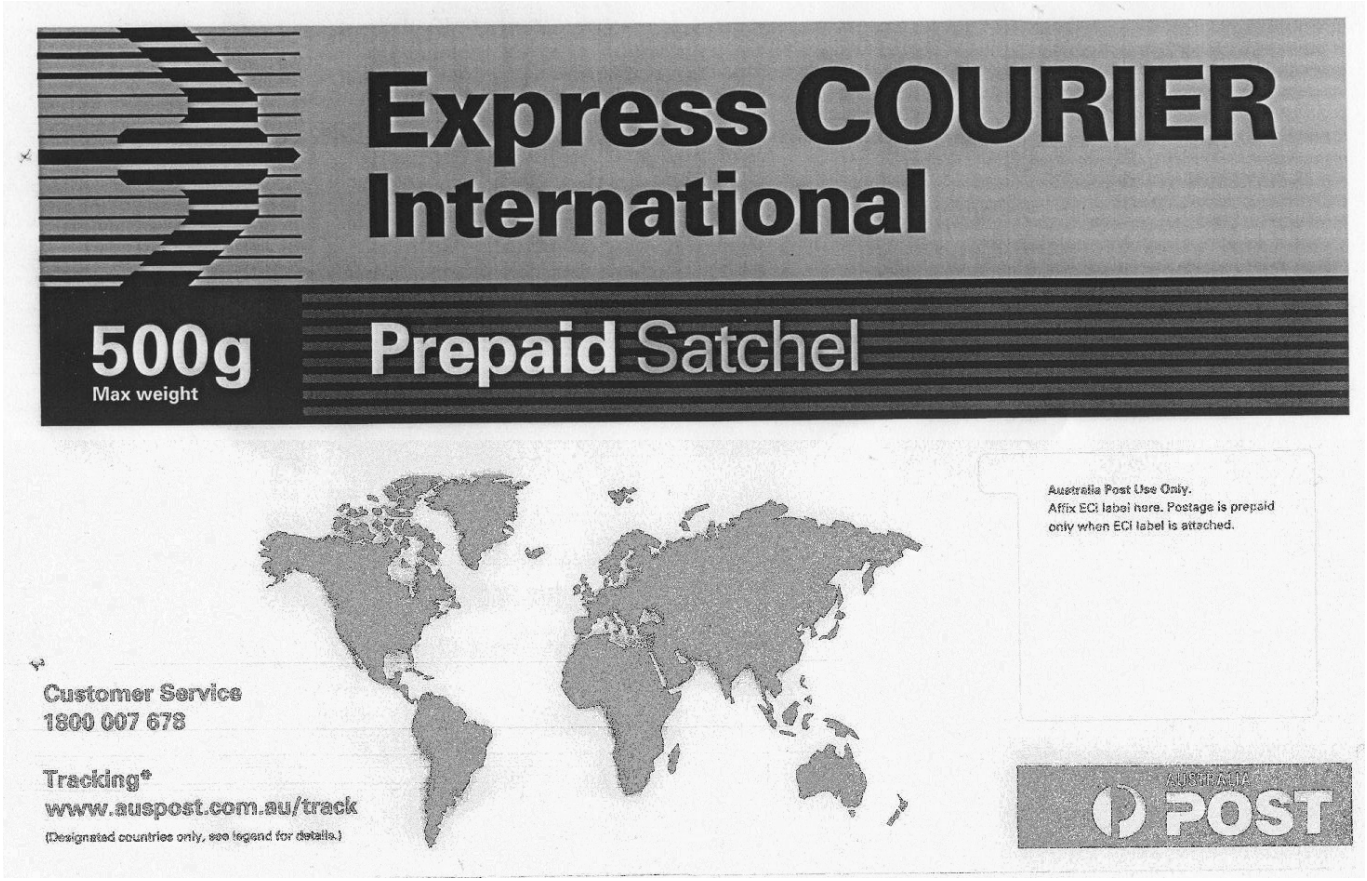
- 20 May 2002 Express Post Platinum: courier service conducted in conjunction with Qantas and Australian Air Express;
  500g $11.90 3 kg $15.90

EMS International Courier Envelopes



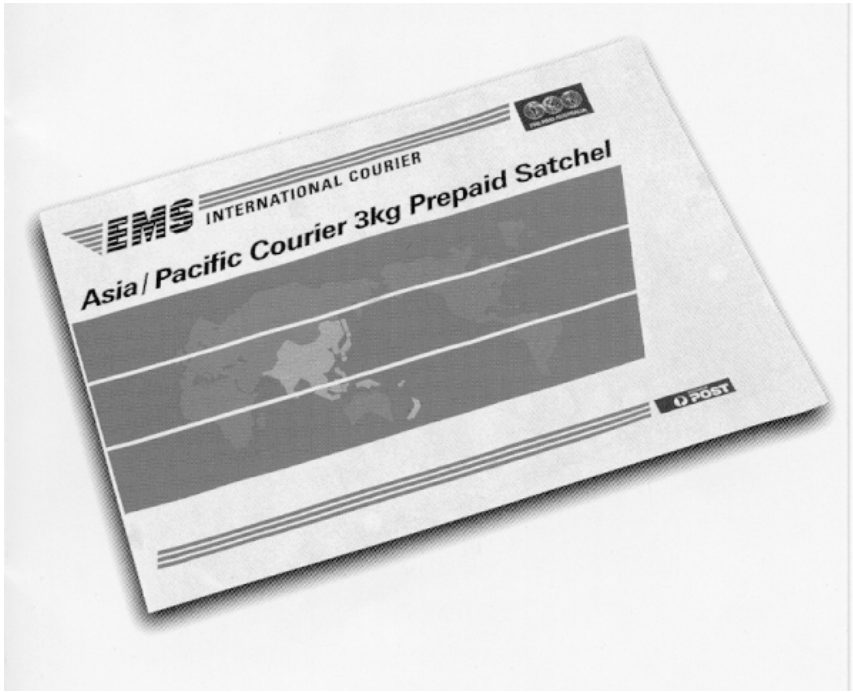
- 1 May 2000 two EMS Prepaid Envelopes: ($29.00) Asia-Pacific ($39.00) Worldwide.

‘Prepaid’ Express Courier International Stationery



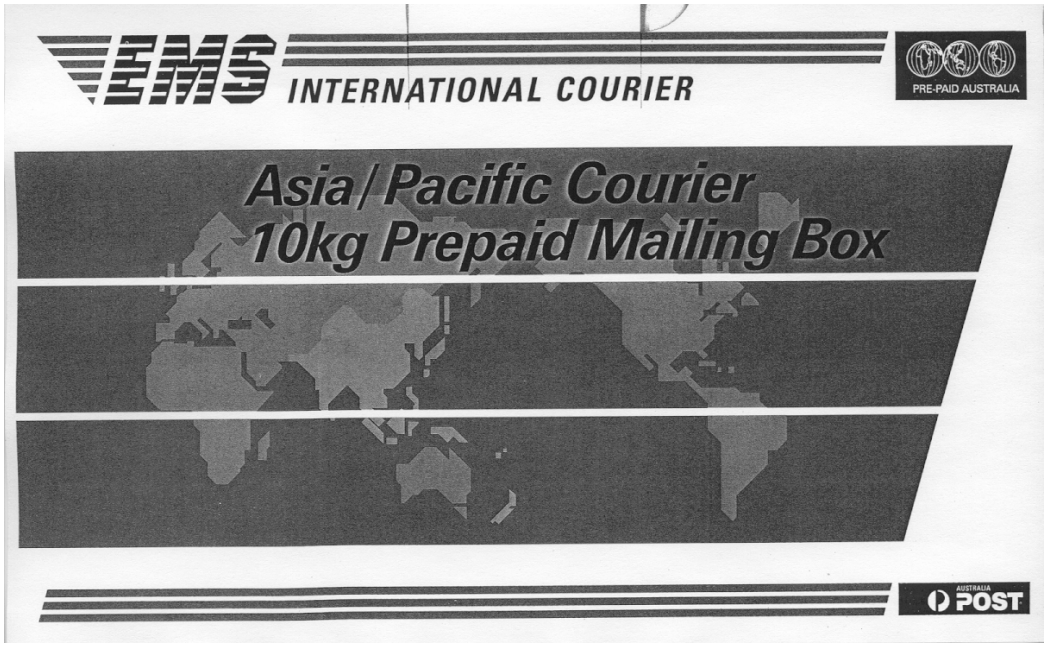
- Introduced 2005
- ‘Prepaid’ only when counter label affixed
- Rate varies depending on destination

EMS International Courier Envelopes



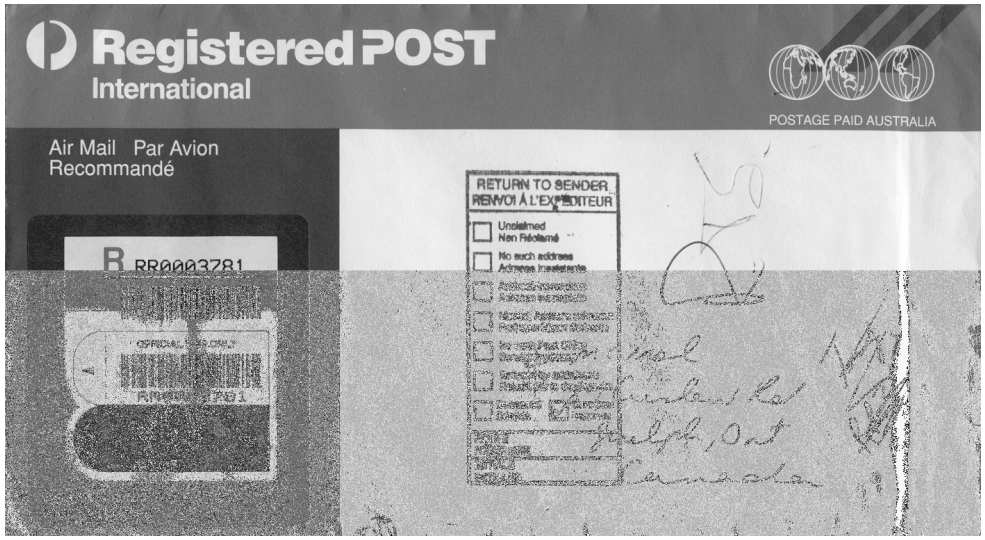
- 2002 two EMS Prepaid Satchels: ($42.00) Asia-Pacific ($60.00) Worldwide.

EMS International Courier Box



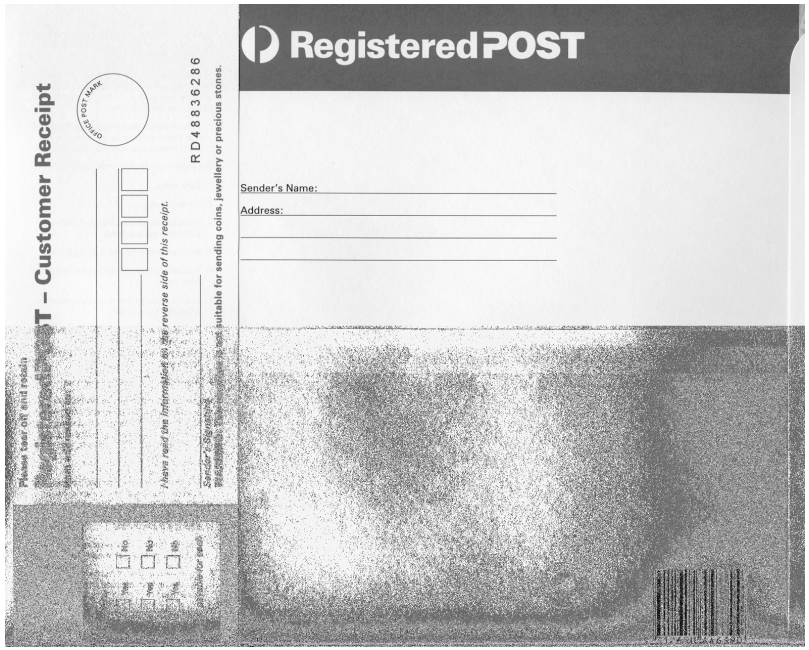
- 2002 10 kg prepaid box Asia Pacific $95

Registered Envelopes



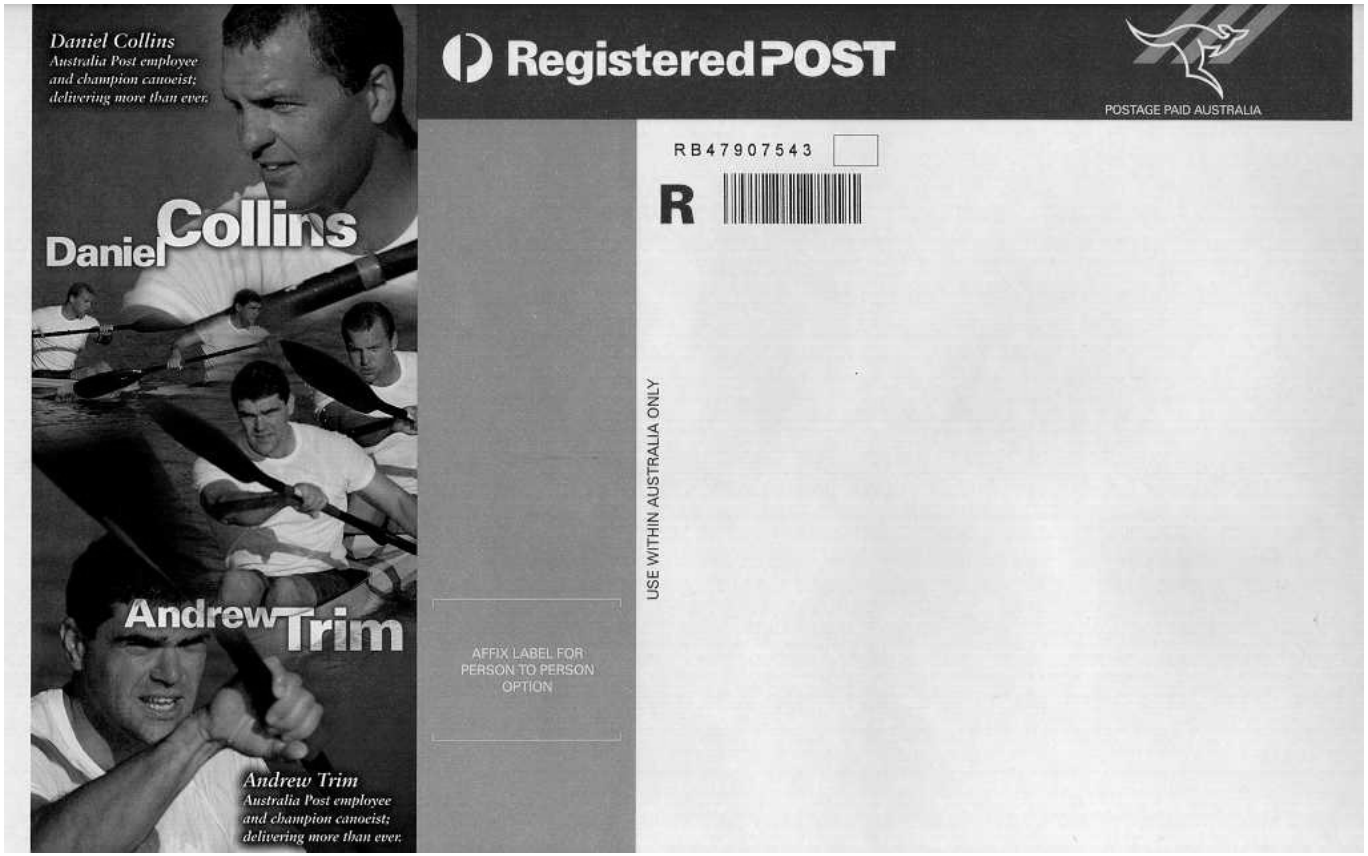
- 1 October 1996 prepaid registered envelopes.
- Two internal envelopes: $2.20 (130 x 240 mm) and $3.20 (240 x 353 mm).
- Two international envelopes : $8 (130 x 240 mm) and $14 (240 x 353 mm).

Registered envelopes



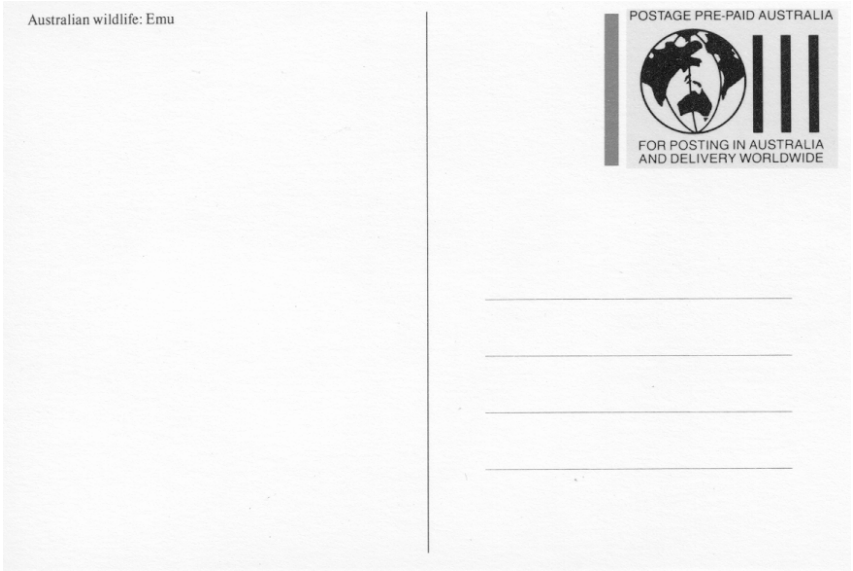
- With Made in Australia Logo
- Without Made in Australia Logo
- New Australia Post Logo
- New Australia Post Logo
- form on side

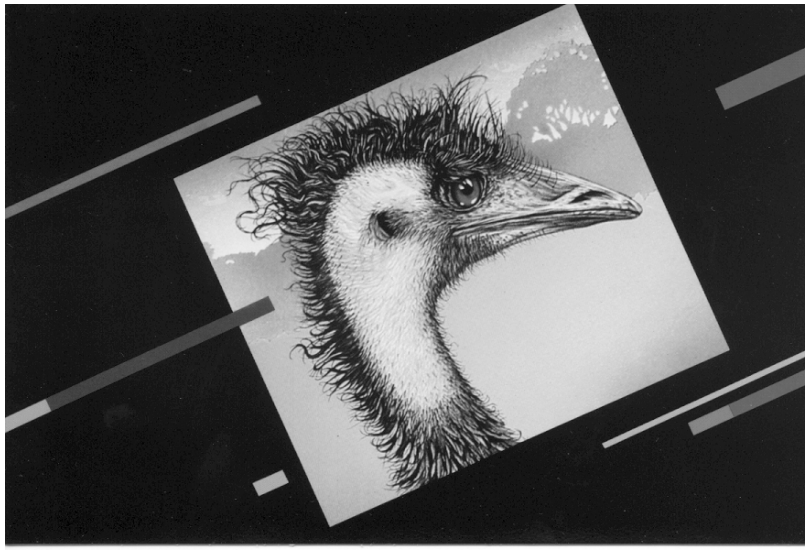
REGISTERED ENVELOPES



- May 2000 Olympic Issue
- ($3.20) Daniel Collins and Andrew Trim

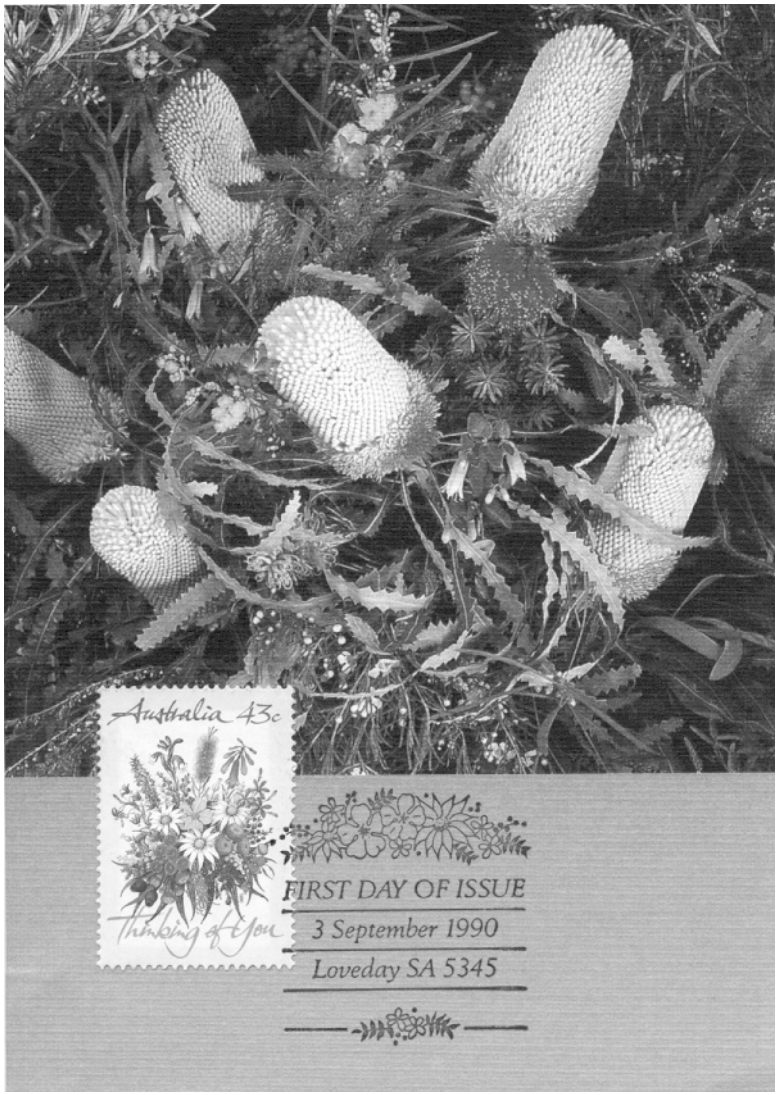
Prepaid Postcards





- 4 January 1988 Bicentennial Exhibition.
- 29 April 1988 5 international cards issued for Expo 88 in Brisbane.

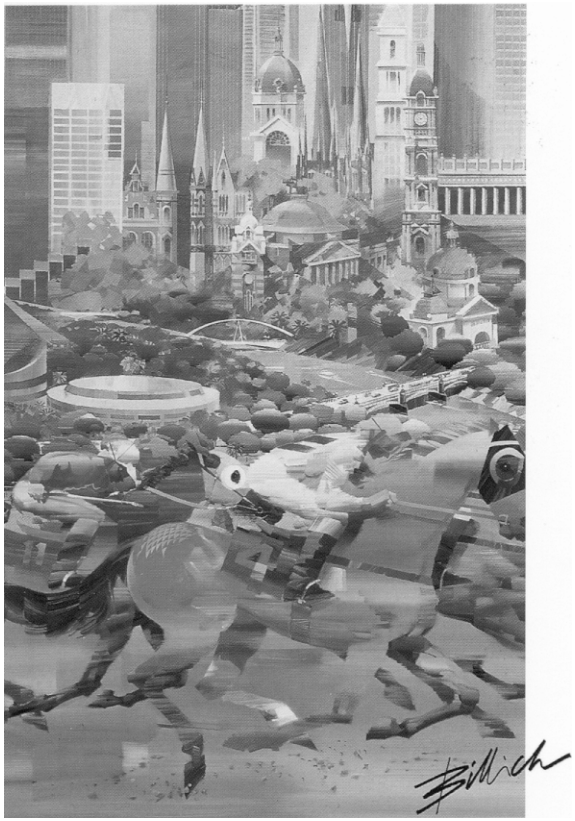
Prepaid Postcards: Maximum Cards

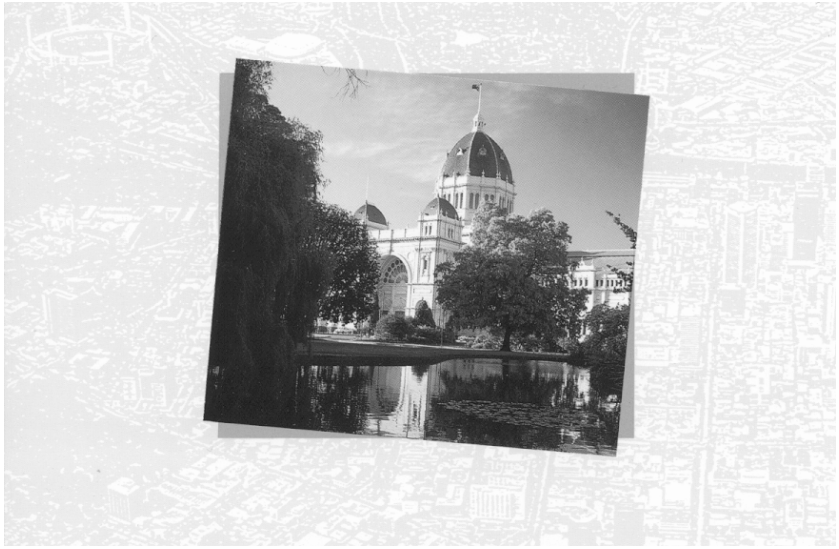




Beginning with the Australia Day issue of 1990, maximum cards issued with stamp issue prepaid postage world-wide.

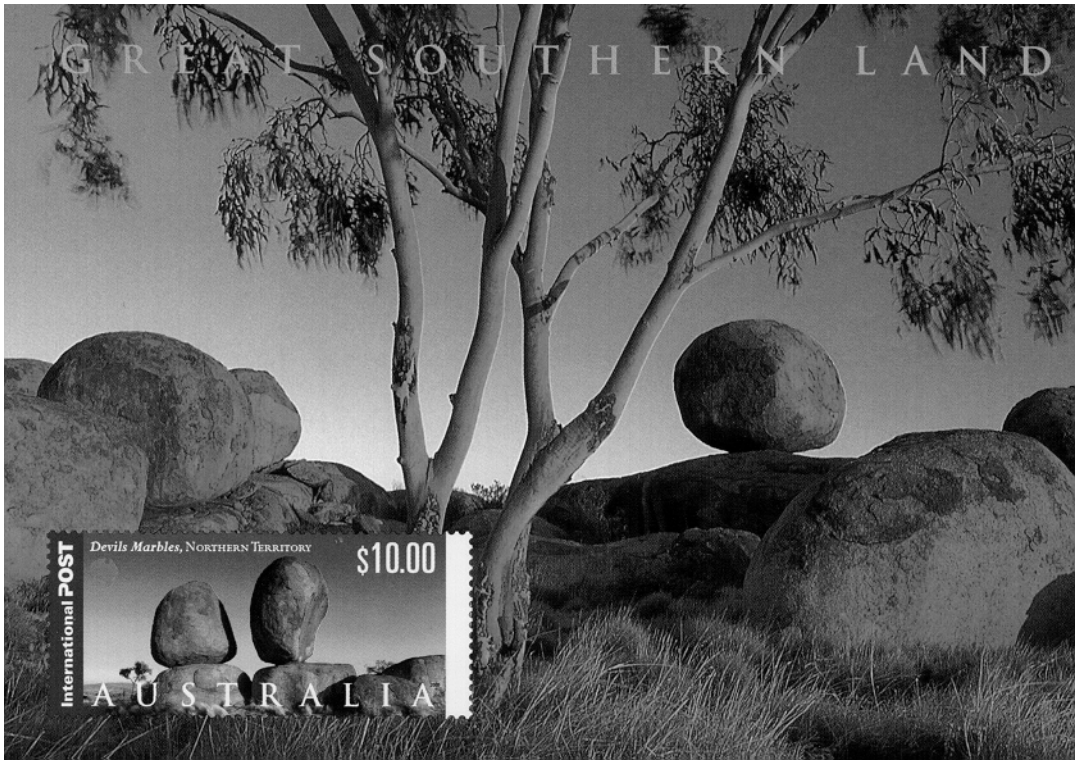
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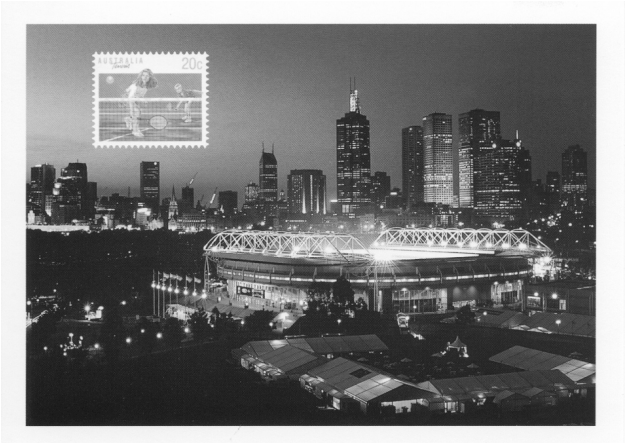
- 22 June 1990 Melbourne bid for the 1996 Olympic Games
- 14 February 1991, a ‘computer-generated’ postcard was issued for sale at the National Philatelic Centre Melbourne.
- 9 October 1993 1993 Spring Racing Carnival in Melbourne.

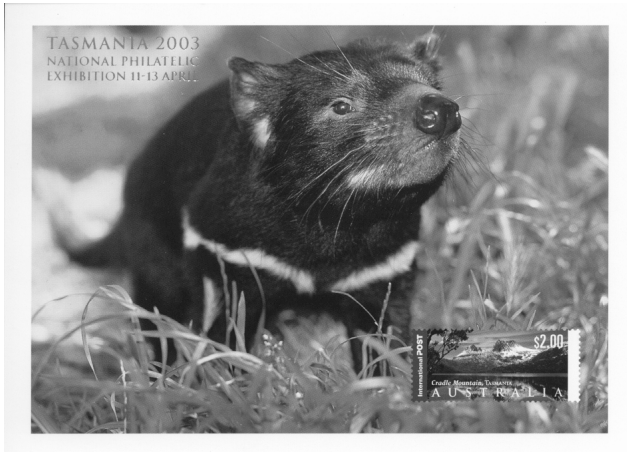
Cards With Printed Stamp Images

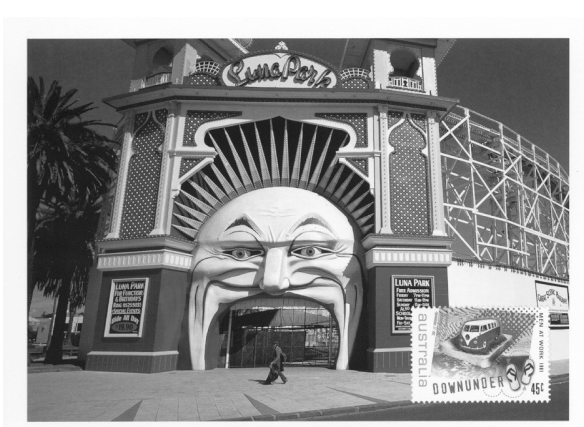


- From the 1994 Australia Day issue, Australia Post began issuing, with some adhesive stamp issues, prepaid postcards which had a printed image of the stamp on the reverse of the card.

Pictorial and Local Cards



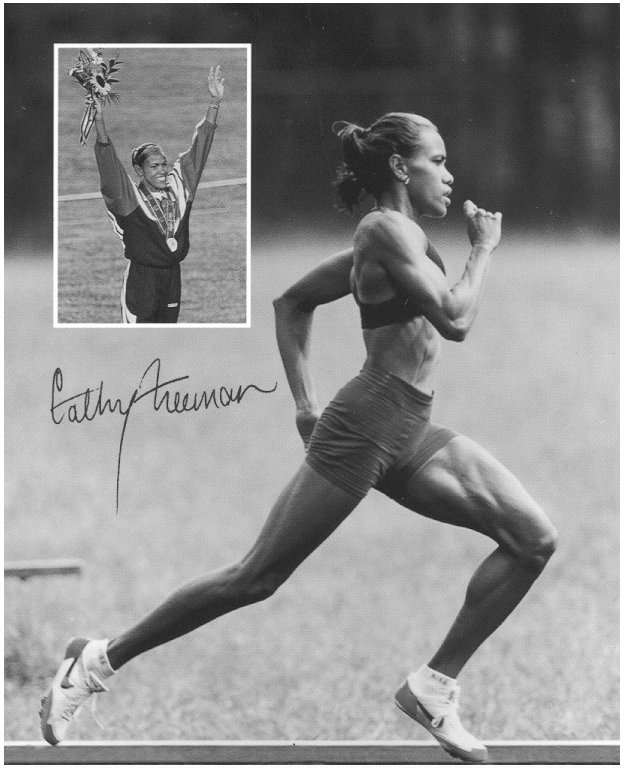


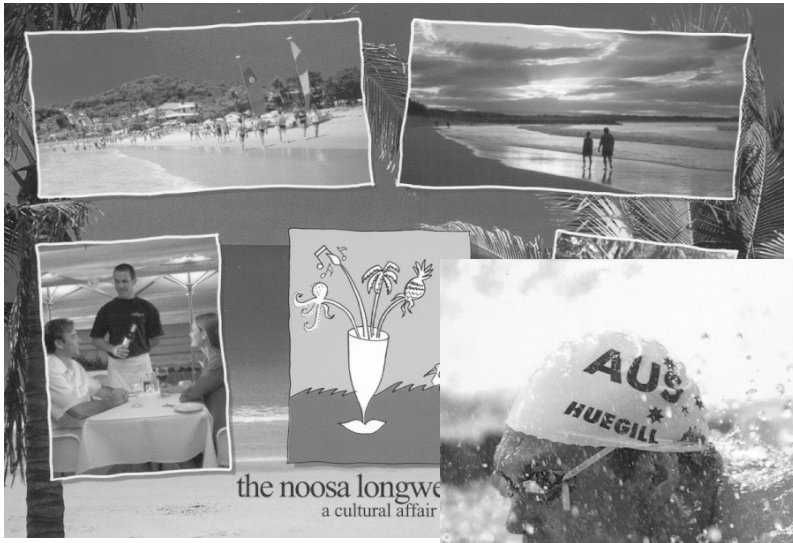




- From 1995 prepaid postcards were issued which were not associated with a current adhesive stamp issue.
- City views, animals
- Localised sale

Marketing Cards









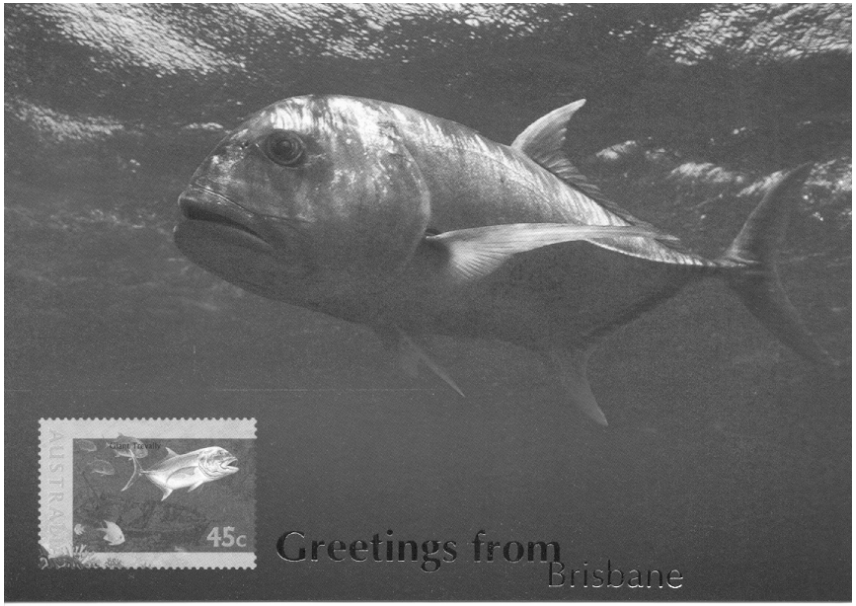
From 1993, the Communications Division of Australia Post began issuing prepaid postcards as a marketing tool.

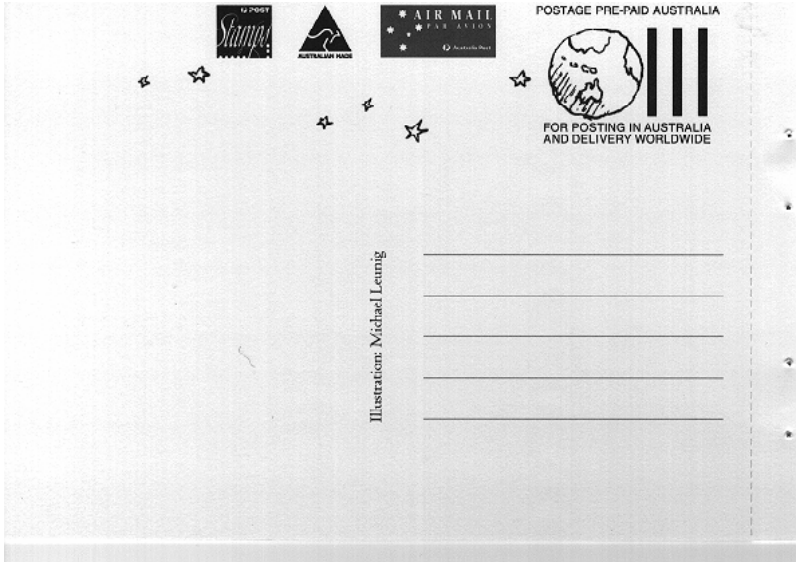
Olympic or Commonwealth Games.

Most cards given away

Prepaid Postcards

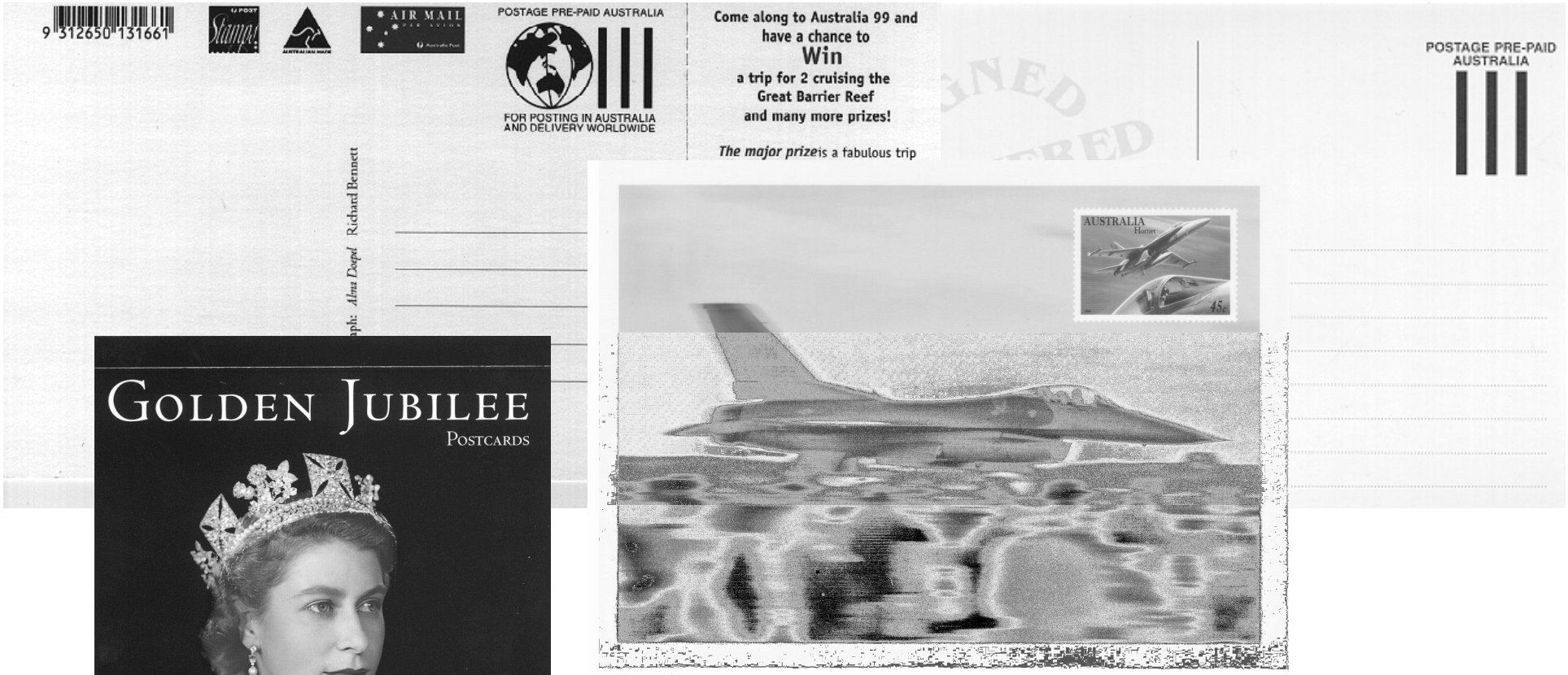






- Lunar New Year cards
- Greetings from …
- Leunig Booklet card

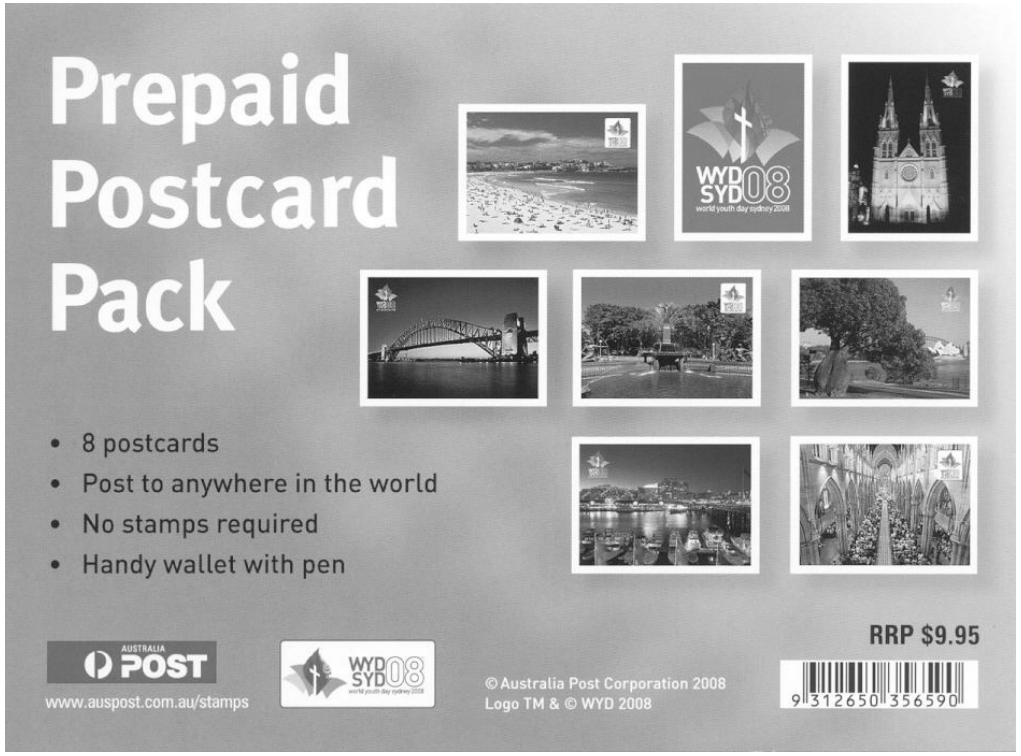
Prepaid Postcards





- Golden Jubilee Postcard booklet
- Australia 99
- Archive Display card
- Avalon Air Show

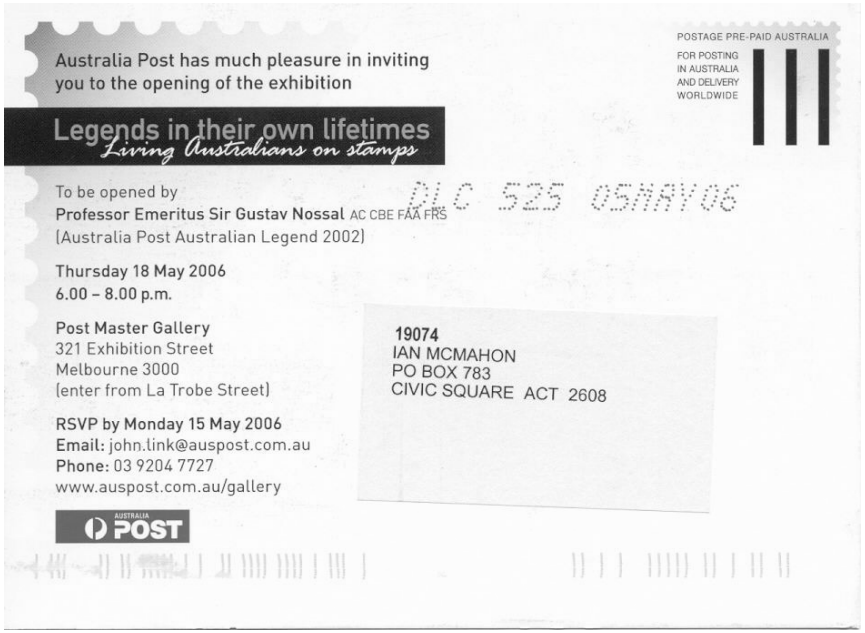
Postcard Packs



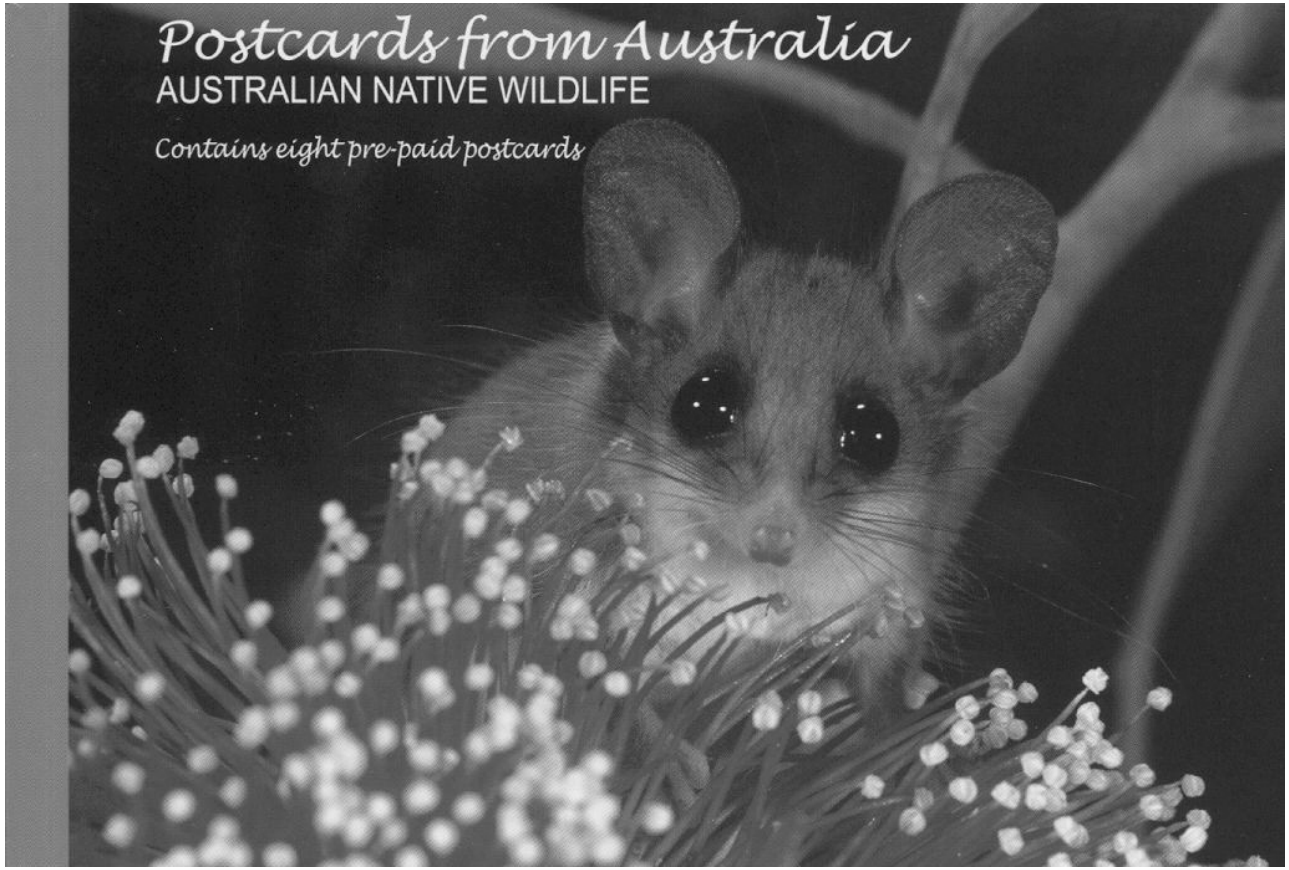
- **Wildlife**
- **World Youth Day Sydney 2008**

Postmaster Gallery Cards





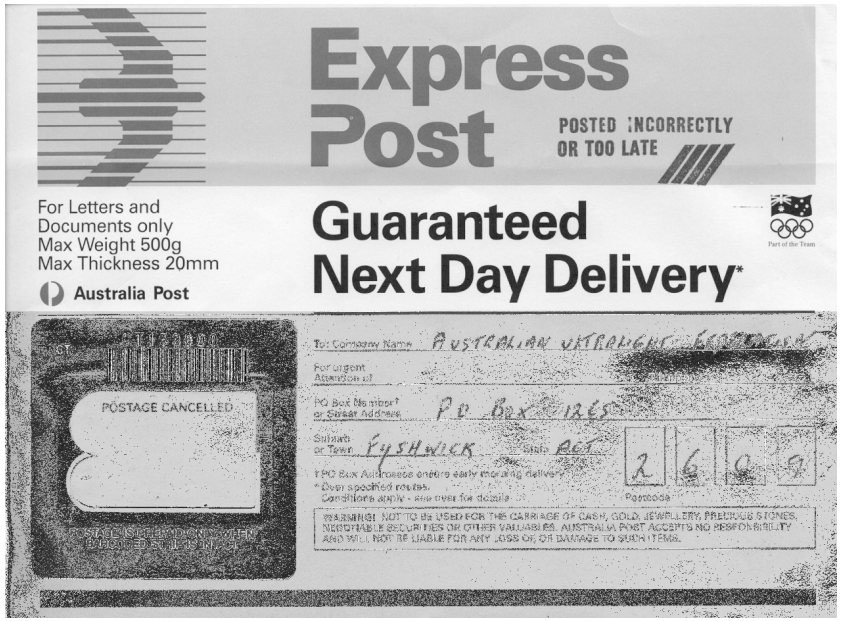
Postcard Booklets



Express Post Envelopes and Satchels

- 1 October 1991 Express Post Envelopes and Satchels for guaranteed overnight delivery between the capital cities. Two envelopes C5 (229mm x 162 mm) envelope $2.80 and a B4 envelope (353 mm x 250 mm) $3.80.

Express Post Envelopes & Satchels



- October 1992, envelopes were issued with state specific text on the reverse
- April 1993, 2 self adhesive tabs.
- April 1992 Plastic satchels ($6.80) 3 kg satchel, ($4.80) 500g satchel

Extra-Large Satchels



- 2003 3kg, 5kg extra large satchels

International Express Envelopes



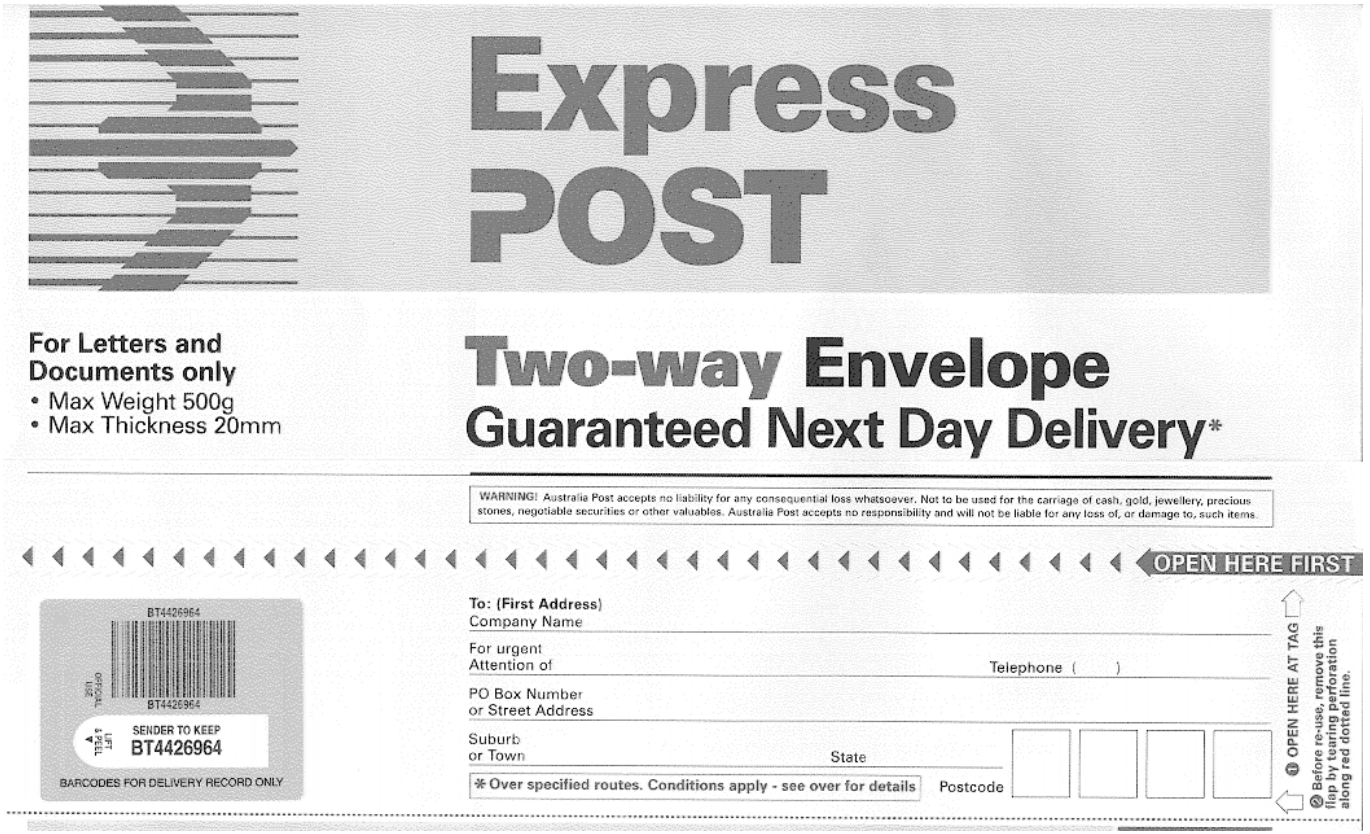
- March 1994 International express post envelopes ($9.80) C5 envelope, ($14.80) B5 envelope

Express Post Envelopes

- July 1994 DL envelope was made available. Originally sold only in bulk quantities.
- Special printings of DL envelopes were used extensively by QANTAS to mail out tickets.
- 2008 satchel - below



Express Post Reply Envelope

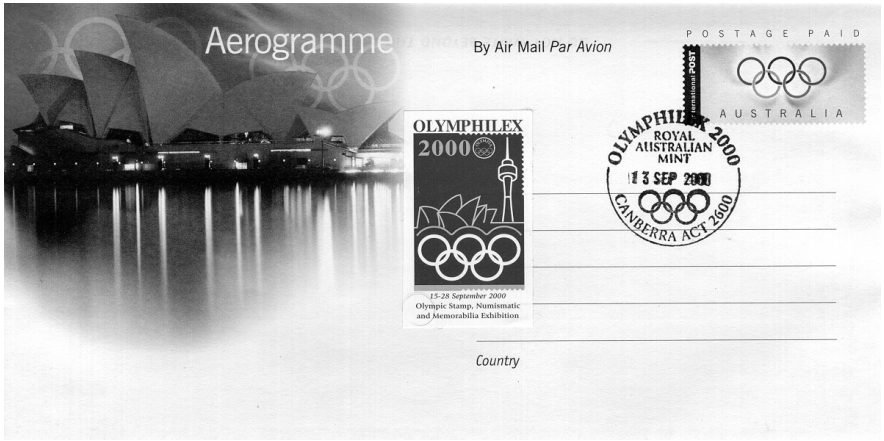


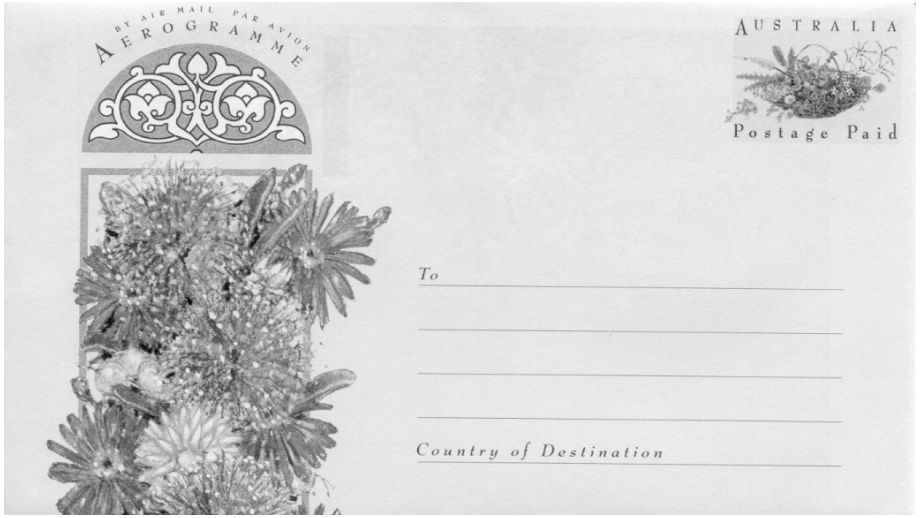
- November 2001 Reply Express Post Envelope ($7)

Extra-Large Satchels



AEROGRAMMES





- The first non-denominated aerogrammes were the 1993 ‘Thinking of You’ and Aerial Views aerogrammes issued on 4 February 1993. The aerogrammes sold for $0.70c except for the larger Sydney Harbour aerogramme which sold for $0.75.