

## BULLETIN OF THE PAPUAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY, PORT MORESBY

PATRON: HH THE ADMINISTRATOR, BRIGADIER D M CLELAND

The attendance at our Annual General Meeting on 6th June was not as high as usual, however it was possible to get most of our business done without difficulty.

The new Executives for 1955-56 were elected as follows:

President:	Mr E Douglas
Vice President:	Mr E Billinge
Treasurer:	Miss G Paulig
Secretary:	Mr R d'Arx

It was decided that three instead of two committee members should be elected and nominations being put to the vote, the following were elected:

Mrs Y Beadel
Mrs S Billinge
Mr R Kelly

Our regular Monday meetings not being convenient for some of the members, the ballot to determine an alternate night was conducted. However, since the attendance was not representative, no final decision could be made. Quite a few ballot papers are still outstanding, so for a preliminary determination we have chosen the SECOND TUESDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH, since it is desirable to advise members of the date of the next meeting in this issue of the magazine. However, for the meeting after the 12th July another day may be chosen, if the complete ballot returns show a more favourable evening. Yvonne Beadel has very kindly agreed to have the meetings continued at her home in Four Mile, which is very much appreciated by all members.

Only one new member has joined our ranks this month:

No 27	Mrs Rosser	Port Moresby
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The Editor and Printer of this journal, who besides being your President is also fairly busy as Exchange Secretary, wishes to know if some kind soul could relieve him of this added responsibility and produce future editions of STAMP NEWS. Now that the ice is broken and the general idea of its purpose has emerged, it should be easy to follow on. Take pity on a poor overworked fellow and volunteer your services. We provide the stencils and get the copies run off; all you have to do is to write the monthly copy and type-cut the two stencils.

Next meeting, which is on Tuesday 12th July, will be an Auction Night. Please submit many lots, not too expensive as this frightens off those bidders who like to invest small amounts only. Bring them in boxes, mounted on cards, bundles of covers, bags of unsorted (as if any of us would be such fools!) pieces on paper, but also singles and sets. We shall have no reserve price, so if your lot does

It is the intention to produce an 8 page magazine for our next issue and members are earnestly requested to contribute some paragraphs. We would like to make it an extra special anniversary number - the Papuan Philatelic Society is now more than a year old, and going stronger than ever.

At our last meeting mention was made of buying up good lots or kiloware on behalf of the Club to give our less advanced members the basic material for exchange and thus enable them to increase their own collection without having to buy each individual stamp, which is always uneconomical. Will those members who are interested in such a venture please contact the Secretary.

#### POST OFFICE RELEASES

RELIEF No 2 continues in use in KAVIENG

RELIEF No 3 continues in use in SAMARAI

RELIEF No 1 is intended for use in MINJ when that Post Office opens for business. No date available as yet.

#### PAPUA and NEW GUINEA CHIT CHAT

The only items of interest brought to our notice this month are some irregularities in dates originating from one or more of the Port Moresby post marks. They are:

An envelope bearing the current 3½d Papua & New Guinea stamp, and clearly post marked 7 May 42, and two envelopes bearing "Nov 56" and "Sept 65" post marks.

It has now been found that one of the older Port Moresby post markers had a loose date pin.

Under normal Post Office system it is only possible for these irregularities to occur through a mechanical defect, as they use a Post Mark Day Book and as the post markers are changed daily, they are recorded, and any errors can be corrected before being put into use on the desk.

News is very short this month; let's hope there will be something of interest for our next issue, until then

POSTMARK SUPPLEMENT

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The details shown in illustration 'A' are identical for January releases of Rabaul and Lae (time incorporated) and Samarai, Madang, Kavieng and Konedobu postmarkers. (We have it on relatively good authority that a bundle of postmarkers held by Port Moresby Post Office, are also of identical pattern to Illustration 'A').



A

This system is a complete departure from previous postmarks eg:

- Type 1 Buin & Port Moresby
- Type 1a Ihu & Popondetta
- Type 2 Lac & Port Moresby

It is only right that we should accept the postmark type-numbers as listed by Max Bulley, but we can make suggestions for amendment or addition.

The new postmarkers fall very closely within the category of Type 1, but because of their regularity it would not be out of order to suggest that they be classified as a new type ie Type 3.

Unfortunately Max did not give us much room for expansion when in "Philately from Australia" (Sept 54) he labelled the postmarker from Port Moresby with time incorporated - "NEW TYPE".

With the introduction of "time" postmarkers, the January type number now calls for a sub-division.

We suggest that the postmarker with date only be Type 3, and with time added to Type 3t.



Type 3



Type 3t

The result of discussion between Max Bulley and Ray Kelly has produced the following:

- Type 1 As listed November Stamp News.
- Type 1a " " " " "
- Type 2 Date line figures and inscription 4mm approx
- Type 2a " " " " " 3½mm "



There are 5 postmarkers in use at Port Moresby, comprising 2 only Type 2, and 3 only Type 2a.

Type 2	(Small)	Registered letter counter
"	(Large)	Philatelic Section: 1 Accounts Section
Type 2a	(Small)	Parcels Office
"	"	(Large) General Counter
"	"	" Money Order Office

Plus of course PMT in use in Mail Room.

Money Order Office

The postmarker used on most FDCs (20 Oct 52) is the same as for Coronation Day Flight (2 June 53) cancelled in Sydney GPO, but it is different from any of those listed above.

This postmarker only seems to appear on special occasions. If by chance it is still in existence, let's hope it is brought into use in the near future for another special occasion.



Special  
Occasion  
Postmarker?

For those people interested, it is a Type 2a, almost identical to the postmarker currently in use on the General Council.

Incidentally, Type 1, 1a, 3, 3t, Relief Nos 1-6, Postage Paid at Port Moresby and Postal Dept (C 3 etc) P.-N.G all measure approximately 30½mms diameter, whereas the Type 2, 2a, and Port Moresby with time included (PMT) measure 29½mm approximately.



To overcome the problem of "New Types", we recommend that the PMT postmark be known as Type 2t.

### Type 1p

With the accepted and suggested types now listed, we believe that all postmarkers excepting Reliefs and Postage Pairs have been classified.

At the time of writing, there is only one relief in use. (MINJ), opened with Relief No 1 on 24 February 1956).

We will go a step further and suggest that the Postage Pairs from Port Moresby (Dec 1946), Madangs, Rabaul and Lae 17 Aug and Samarai (14 Sept 51) be known as Type 1p.

## CORRECTIONS

It has been brought to our notice that the dates given in January Stamps News for the withdrawal of Relief No 3 from Samarai (23 Jan 56) and Relief No 2 from Kavieng (24 Jan 56) were actually the dates received back in Port Moresby.

The correct date for the withdrawal of Relief No 3 and first use of new Samarai postmarker was 19 January 1956.

With respect to Relief No 2 and new Kavieng postmarker, there is some doubt as to whether this was 16 January or 20 January. We now believe it was the 16th: can anyone verify this date?

Our dates shown for Madang, Radaul (now known to be midday in date mentioned) and Lae (2.30 pm) are all correct.

A suggestion has been made that perhaps we were a bit hasty in putting into print our remarks on the Konedobu postmark.

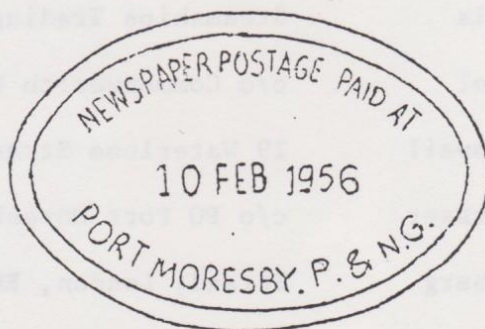
It is strange that all copies received by us were as illustrated, yet many other collectors had perfect reproductions during the same period.



The Postal Dept found that a faulty section of counter (being used occasionally) was responsible for the illegible cancellations. This section has now been boycotted, hence the relatively clear copies now witnessed.

We also illustrate the Newspaper Postage Paid at Port Moresby, which until 10 February 1956 was relatively scarce. With the introduction of no "Official Free" mail, this postmark is now being used on Government Gazettes, etc and will become more plentiful.

These postmarkers were first used at Port Moresby, Madang, Rabaul and Lae on 8th September 1950. Lea received a replacement postmarker which was put into use on 3rd November 1955.



The complete list of postmarkers from Papua and New Guinea is now:

Type 1, 1a, 1p, 2, 2a, 3, 3t and Reliefs.

We shall be pleased to hear from any of our members with suggestions for amendment etc.