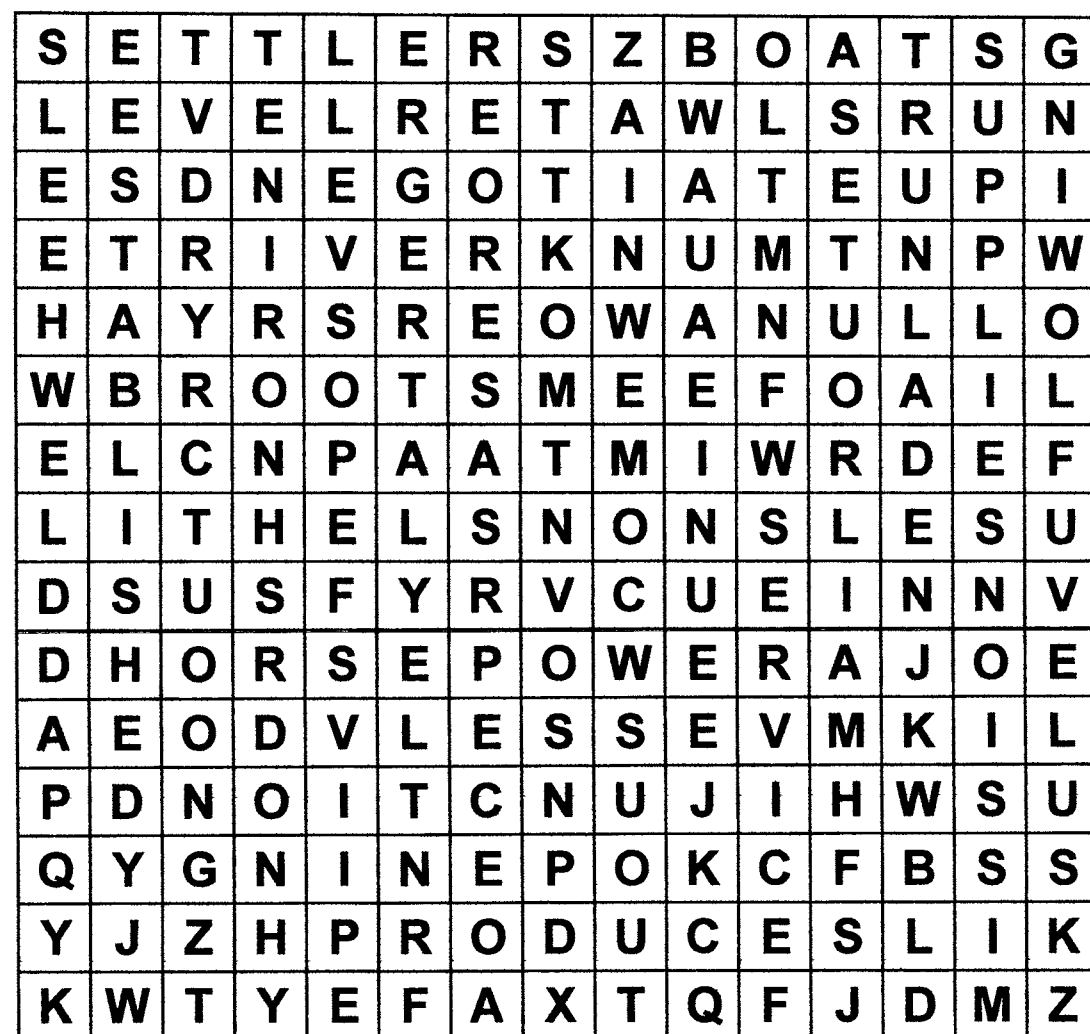


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Prepared by Barbara Bartsch

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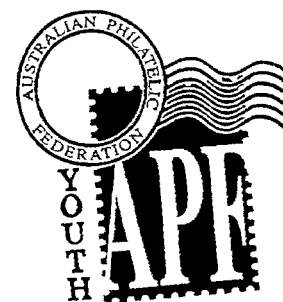
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All these words may be found in the story on pages 4 - 5. Try and find them in the story.

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## Having Fun with Stamps



## YOUTH PHILATELY NEWS

from the Australian Philatelic Federation

Hi Everyone!

**This issue's theme is a truly Australian one on the Murray River Mails.** Tony Presgrave from Goolwa in South Australia wrote the article especially for us. If you are coming to the Adelaide 2010 Show please seek Tony out and ask him any questions you may have about the article. He is an expert and will be delighted to talk to you about this subject.

**Quizzes:** Don't forget to enter our "Stamp Detectives" quiz. You may win some great prizes as a finalist! BTW, if you have any suggestions about the magazine, such as articles you would like to see, please drop me a line and I will send you a packet of stamps for your collection!

**Exhibition News:** The Adelaide Stampshow is on at the Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Grounds, Adelaide from 20 - 22 August and will have a special youth focus. There will be youth exhibits to look at, Youth Leaders to talk to and other youth collectors like you. There will be a seminar on youth exhibiting on the Sunday afternoon and young exhibitors and everyone interested in youth exhibiting is invited! As usual there will be a Youth Corner for all young people to enjoy. Barbara Bartsch and I will be there so don't forget to say "Hallo". Check out the website at [www.adelaidestampex.com/](http://www.adelaidestampex.com/)

Don't forget about the One Frame National Class and the Australasian Challenge at Mandurah in Western Australia from 19-21 November. Check out the website at [www.mandurah2010.com](http://www.mandurah2010.com) The first Australasian Coin Challenge will also be held so if anyone in your family is keen on coin collecting tell them about the website too!

The big International Exhibition, London 2010 is being held from 8-15 May 2010 and it will include a one frame youth class. The next International in Australia will be held in 2013.

Visit the APF Webpage

<http://www.apf.org.au>

The website is [www.australia2013.com](http://www.australia2013.com) Check the youth page thanks to webmaster Yvette Trinidad who is also our WA Youth Officer!

The Sydney Stamp Expo 2011 will be held at the Royal Randwick Racecourse from Thursday 31 March 2011 until Sunday 3 April 2011. Check out the website at [www.sydneystampexpo2011.org.au](http://www.sydneystampexpo2011.org.au)

If you would like to learn how to exhibit or enter the Youth Class in a Show, contact the Youth Officer in your State.

**Competitions:** The FIP Youth Commission's youth competition in philatelic literature is now closed but judging will take place at Portugal 2010, the big International Stamp Show in Lisbon, Portugal on from 1-10 October 2010. The website for the Show is [www.portugal2010](http://www.portugal2010). I will report back on that in our February 2011 issue. The year's going fast isn't it!

Happy Stamping!

Linda

APF Youth Development Officer

Front Cover

The Adelaide GPO

The Adelaide post office has been located on this site since 1851. The present building, is the Adelaide General Post Office, constructed in 1867-72. It accommodated both a post office and a telegraph station, and was built largely to a design by the well-known South Australian architects Edmund Wright and Edward John Woods.

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## FIND THE DIFFERENCES

The stamp was issued for Stamp Day which coincided with a philatelic exhibition in Vientiane, the capital of Laos. The date of issue was November 15 1962. Laos is a mountainous landlocked country which is north of Thailand and west of Vietnam.



Answers

1. Figures in top right corner
2. Figures in bottom left corner
3. Extra small plane
4. Extra wheels on van
5. "DU" missing from right side
6. Only one mail bag
7. Mailman's right foot missing
8. No small palm below big plane
9. Palm behind van's roof
10. "S" missing from POSTES

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• For information about junior stamp clubs in your State, please contact your State youth leader.

• Copies of the APF's junior stamp magazine "The Young Collector" can also be obtained from these people.



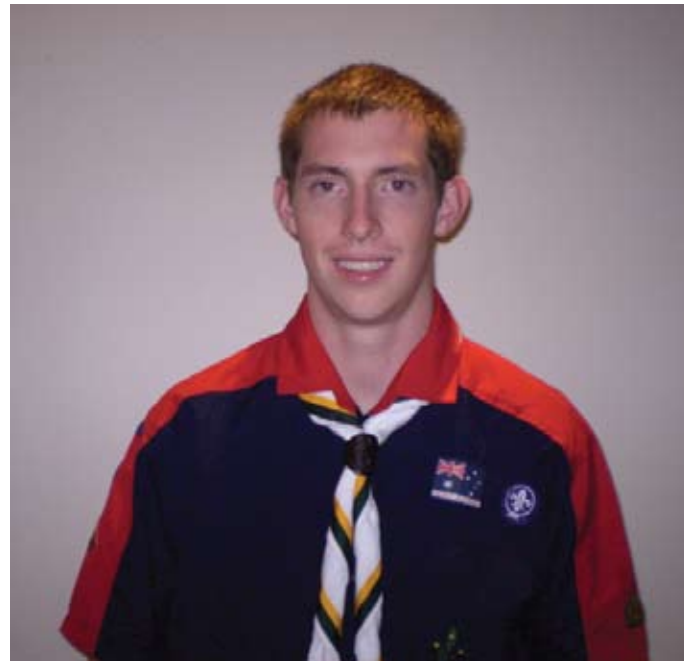
## HAVING FUN WITH STAMPS

By Linda Lee

Having fun with stamps can include preparing displays and exhibits for exhibitions, writing articles on stamps and coming together in a Stamp Club to have fun with the other members.

There were 7 exhibits in the Youth Class at the Canberra Stampshow 2010 which was held in March 2010. The standard was very high. Blake Griffin is pictured below with his Large Silver medal for his entry, "James Cook – The Three Voyages". He also won a special prize, an APTA Stamp Voucher, to spend on more items for his collection. An overseas visitor was very interested in his entry. She provided some extra information about James Cook using citrus fruit on voyages to prevent his sailors from getting scurvy. Seems he used limes as they were the cheapest citrus fruit then. The trials to choose the best method for scurvy prevention were also the first to use control and experimental groups, that is using one group without any changes and other groups with the changes being trialled!

in the FIP Youth Literature Award. They will be judged during Portugal 2010 in Lisbon in October this year. One of the Show's themes was Scouts and Guides and that is why he is wearing his Scout uniform in the photo below!



I always send copies of the Young Collector to David Sinclair in Cape Town, South Africa. He runs the Penny Black Stamp Club at Sea Point in Cape Town and sent us this photograph of some of the members having fun with stamps. It really is a hobby that can be enjoyed anywhere isn't it!



Chris Malam also attended the Show. Although he did not enter the Youth Class this time, some of his articles have been entered

## STAMP DETECTIVES

By Barbara Bartsch

### HISTORIC POST OFFICES

This 1982 set of Historic Post Offices shows seven Post Offices built before 1900. One in each state and the Northern Territory. They are all 27c. Most questions need two answers. Get out your magnifying glasses to check the stamps shown below.

1. This NSW Post Office was built in 1881 for the Black Ridge Gold Diggings. What is the town? And what is the postcode?



2. The Flemington Post Office, built 1890 is famous for its elegant tower. What state is it in? And what is the postcode?



3. This Queensland seaport city Post Office was built in 1892 for £14,368. What is the name of the town? And the postcode?

4. Kingston SE Post Office 5257, was built in 1870 with local stone. What state is it in and how many people can you see?



5. What is the name of the town where the WA 1893 Post Office is built? How many floors does it have?



6. This Tasmanian Post Office with the 3 story high tower was built in 1889. In what City and what postcode? And what can you see in the tower?

7. The Alice Springs old Telegraph Station was built in 1872. Where is it and why was it built?



**Results for issue No 39 Winners will be in our next issue.**

Please note that All entries must be in the entrant's own handwriting.

All entries will receive a prize – And the neatest correct entries will receive winners' prizes. Send your answers to:  
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#### Answers to February 2010 Quiz

- |                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Southern Right Whale | 6. Bottlenosed Dolphin |
| 2. \$1.00               | 7. Spotted Bottlenose  |
| 3. Hourglass Dolphins   | 8. Hourglass Dolphin   |
| 4. Minke Whale          | 9. A Whale             |
| 5. Hourglass Dolphin    | 10. Dusky Dolphin      |



## The Beginning of the River Murray Mail Services

Taken From Tony Presgrave. APR, FRPSL.

In 1851 the South Australian Government offered a prize of £2000 each to the owners of the first two iron steamers of not less than 40 horsepower to negotiate the River Murray from Goolwa to at least the Darling Junction.

In 1853 William Randell built a small vessel which he planned to use as a trading boat on the River Murray. At the same time, Francis Cadell was also constructing a vessel.

Both men set out upstream on their missions unaware of the others' presence, Randell from Mannum and Cadell from Goolwa. Cadell was the first to reach Swan Hill, well above the Darling Junction, but Randell continued on to Maiden's Punt.

Cadell received £2000, but Randell got nothing until a public outcry forced the government to offer him £300.

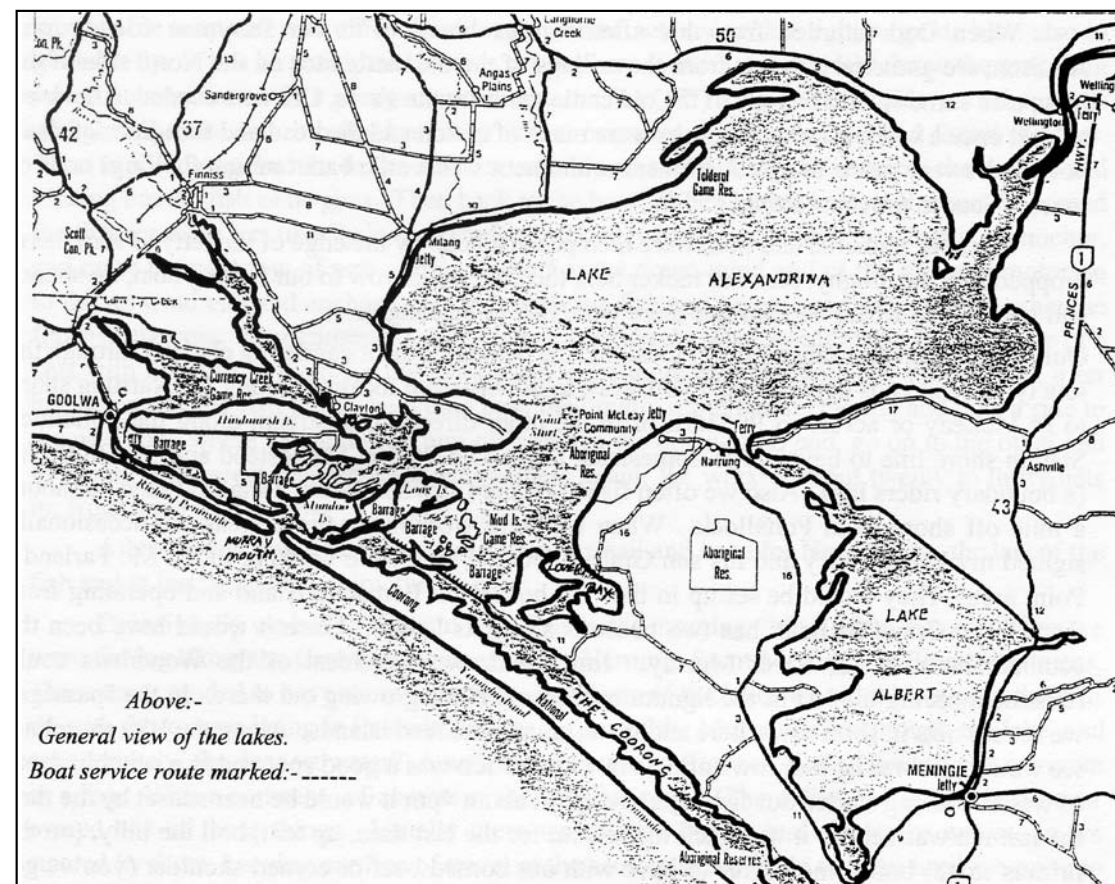
These voyages opened the way for the navigation of the rivers, and the opening up of the surrounding country.

The Murray Darling river system is subject to seasonal flows, and depending on the amount of water flowing in the rivers, the boats either worked constantly along many miles of waterways, or remained tied up when the water level dropped.

In normal seasons the limit of navigation on the River Murray was Goolwa to Albury, a distance of 1468 miles.

The designs of the vessels used on the rivers and are most suited to the conditions on the rivers. They are flat bottomed, and usually draw no more than 2 feet 8 inches unladen. Construction is wood and iron or steel and fitted with side paddle wheels.

Many properties along the rivers relied solely on the river with all supplies coming in by riverboat and all produce being taken out the same way. With supplies and produce going in and out by riverboat, and any mail carried the same way.



At first mail was carried "per favour" by the skipper of a passing vessel, and possibly also delivered by him particularly if the addressee also lived on the river. Later as the trade developed, mail routes were established, and at least one company issued its own stamps.

The River Murray Steam Navigation Company stamps were issued sometime in the 1860s.

With the increase in mails, and in response to requests from settlers for better service, the Post Office administration in South Australia commenced calling tenders for the carriage of mails on the river.

The earliest established route, January 1867, to use the river system, was the Inter-colonial Overland route from Adelaide to Melbourne which operated by road from Adelaide to Milang. The contract was for a three times weekly service each way, and four hours was allowed for the crossing.

In 1868, Point McLeay was added as a port of call, and in 1876 the service was increased to daily.



After the completion of the Inter-colonial Railway between Adelaide and Melbourne in 1886 and its opening on 10 January 1887, the mails were sent by rail, and the service across the lakes reduced to twice a week.

Later mail routes serviced the length of the river until the construction of the Locks – But that is another story.

