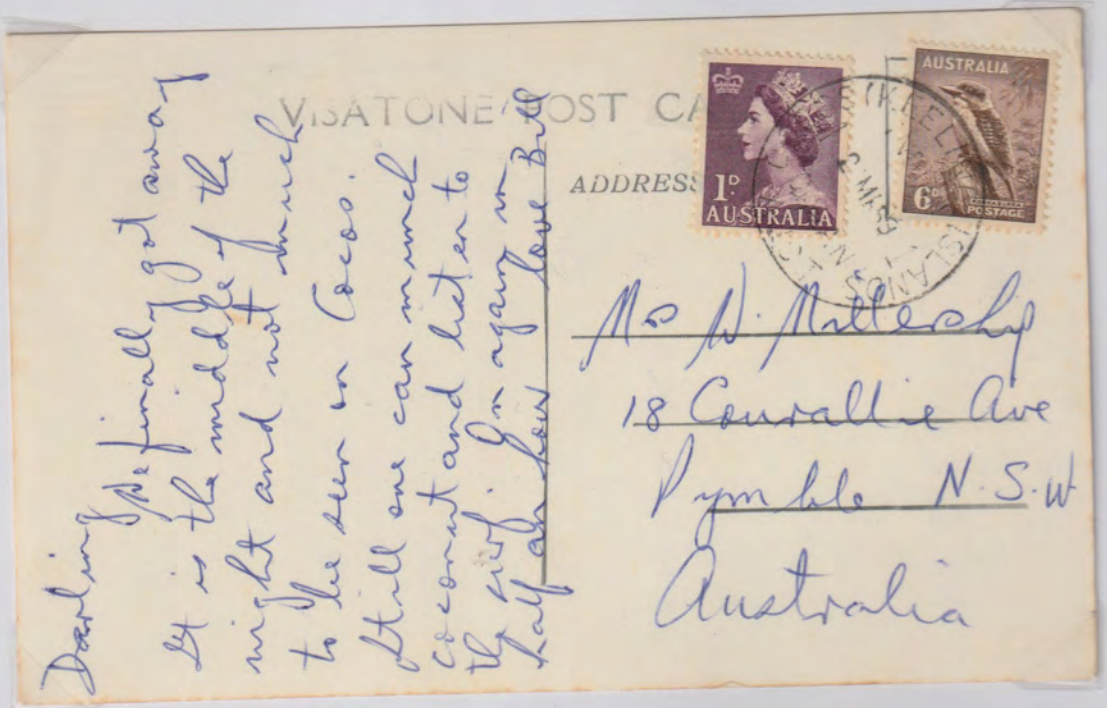


QANTAS EMPIRE AIRWAYS

Cocos (Keeling) Islands 1 21 March 1959



COCOS (KEELING) ISLAND STAMPS



First day cover
Cocos (Keeling) Islands 2 11 June 1963

TECHNICAL DATA

The stamps were engraved and recess-printed on unwatermarked paper at the Note Printing Branch, Reserve Bank of Australia, Melbourne. Sheet content of the 3d., 8d., 1/- and 2/- stamps is 60 and of the 5d. and 2/3, 80. Values, colours and approximate sizes of the stamps are :

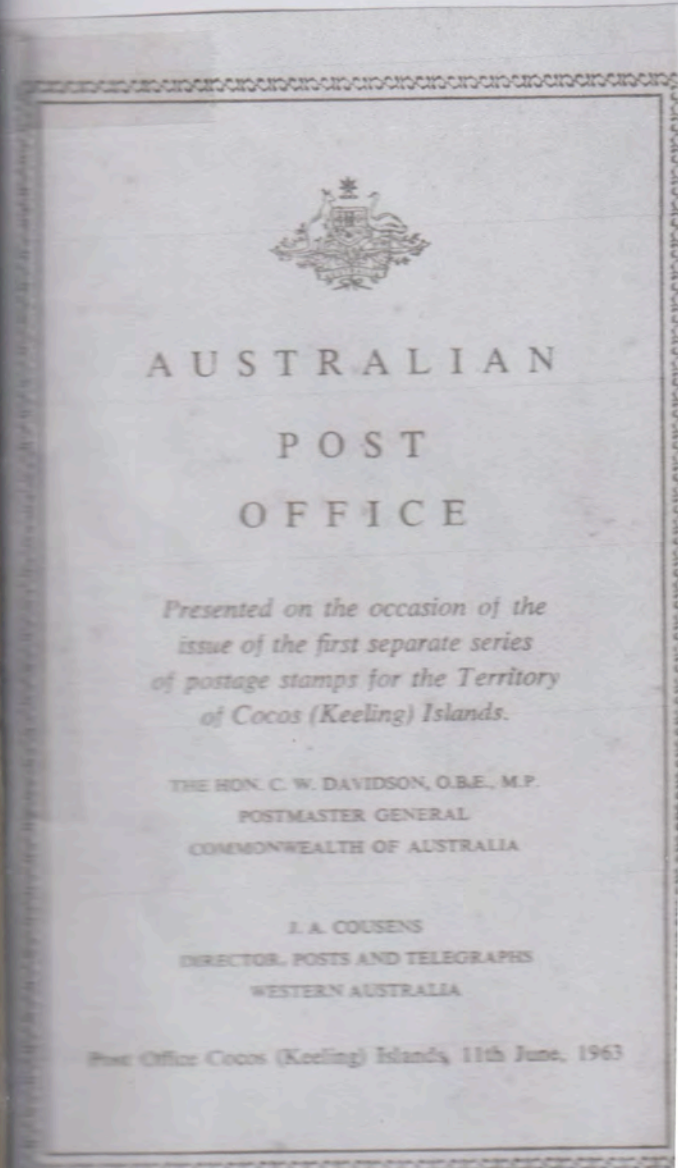
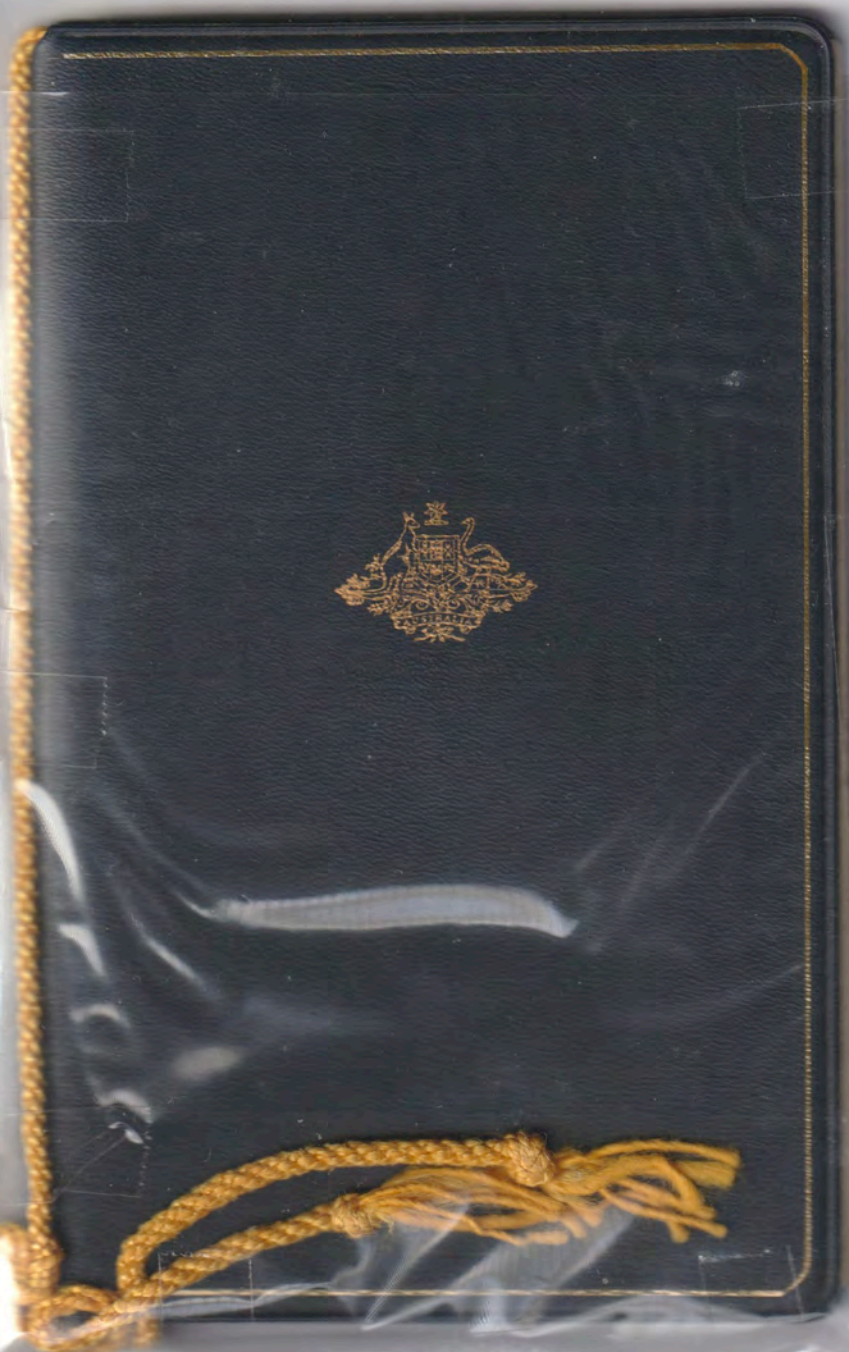
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| 3d. brown-purple Copra Industry | 28 x 24 mm. |
| 5d. blue Superconstellation Aircraft | 37.5 x 24 mm. |
| 8d. red Map of Islands | 24 x 28 mm. |
| 1/- green Coco palms | 28 x 24 mm. |
| 2/- purple Native Dukongs | 24 x 28 mm. |
| 2/3 green White Tern | 37.5 x 24 mm. |

AUSTRALIAN POST OFFICE



COCOS (KEELING) ISLAND STAMPS 11 JUNE 1963

Official Australian Post Office souvenir containing mint and used blocks of four stamps of each value presented to John Clunies Ross.



QANTAS FIRST DAY COVERS

6,363 first day covers (including QANTAS covers) were sent to Mauritius and 6,317 were sent to South Africa.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Aust 2 Indian Ocean 11 June 1963, Port Louis 19 June

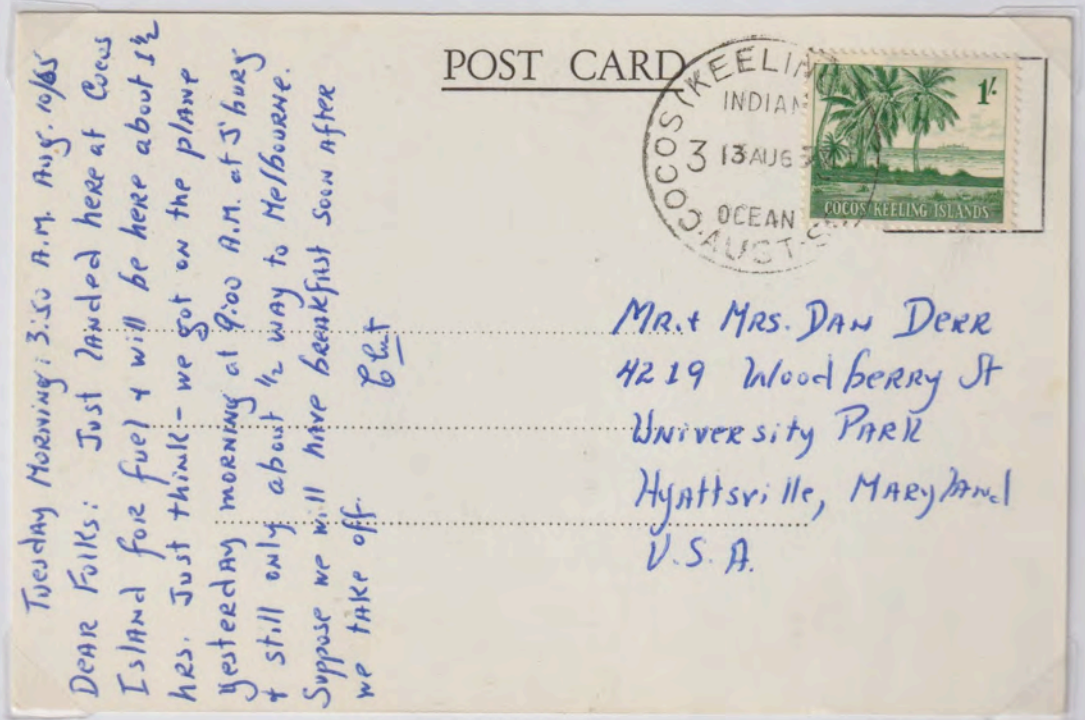


Cocos (Keeling) Islands Aust 2 Indian Ocean 11 June 1963, Sydney 12 June

PICTURE POSTCARDS

Given the remote and exotic location of Cocos, it may be expected that transit passenger would be keen to send a picture postcard souvenir of their visit. However, only 10 PPC have been recorded used in the pre-decimal period (3 between 1952 and 1954). Greetings from Cocos Island. Philatelically overfranked.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands 3 Indian Ocean 31 March 1964



Cocos (Keeling Islands) 3 Indian Ocean 13 August 1965

1/- postcard rate to USA. Only recorded correct use of 1/- stamp.

PPC of Airport sign reading Cocos Island Altitude 10 feet Highest Landmark

PAQUEBOT

Cocos stamp used for a paquebot cover from S.S. Orcades.
Hong Kong 17 July 1963



As Cocos stamps were used at Cocos on this cover from the Antarctic ship Thala Dan, this is not a paquebot cover.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands 3 29 March 1965

INWARDS MAIL

Sender: Gunnar Dahlgrun, Yacht 'Lunkenturs', PR Mauritius
Port Louis 12 October 1964

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION



Mr.
M.J. Murphy
% Marin Base
DCA Direktion Island
COCOS (Keeling) ISLAND
INDIAN OCEAN

C.F. Shaver
2132 Arthur Ave
Belmont California
U.S.A. 94002

Air Mail



Mr. John Clunies-Ross
King of the Cocos Islands
Keeling Islands
Australia



RETURNED FOR 5 CENTS ADDITIONAL POSTAGE TOTAL POSTAGE 25 CENTS.
RATE 25 CENTS PER 1/2 OZ. *all*

Belmont
15 September 1969

ANZAC 1965

The first commemorative stamp issued by Cocos had two printings of 100,000 stamps but the stamps from the second printing were not available for use on first day covers. Although the issue sold out by July 1965, a commercial cover from Cocos using this stamp has not been recorded.

6,720 covers were cancelled on the first day on Cocos although no official covers were produced by the post office.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands 3 Indian Ocean 14 April 1965.



1965 ANZAC

So many covers were processed at Cocos that not all could be stamped on 14 April in time for the flight to Australia. Some covers were held over until the next flight.

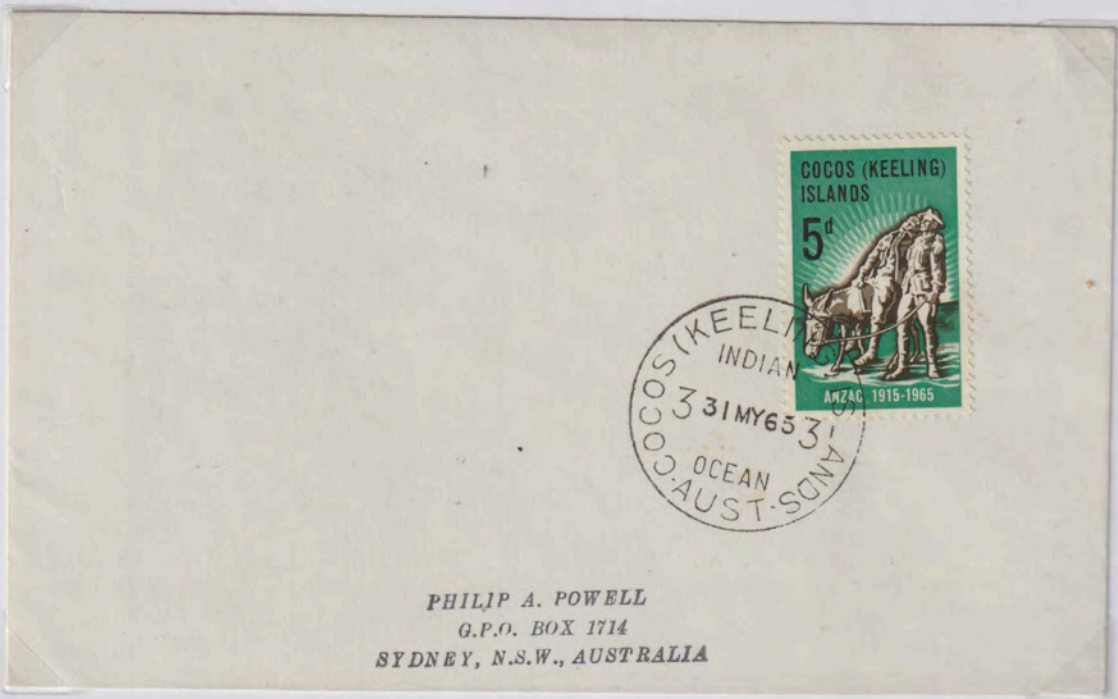
Cocos (Keeling) Islands 3 14 April 1965



Cocos (Keeling) Islands 3 19 April 1965

ANZAC SECOND PRINTING

A second printing with thinner lettering was made in late April but hard to find on cover. These are the only recorded covers with ANZAC stamps used in May 1965. The Cocos stamp was valid for use in Australia but not recognised and taxed. Maryborough 19 May 1965, T 10d, mss 20 May 1965



Cocos (Keeling) Islands 3 31 May 1965

LAST DAY 11 FEBRUARY 1966

11 February 1966 was the last day of sale of the Cocos pre-decimal currency stamps. Unsold stamps (quantity unknown) were withdrawn and destroyed.
Cocos (Keeling) Islands 3 Indian Ocean 11 February 1966



FIRST DAY 14 FEBRUARY 1966

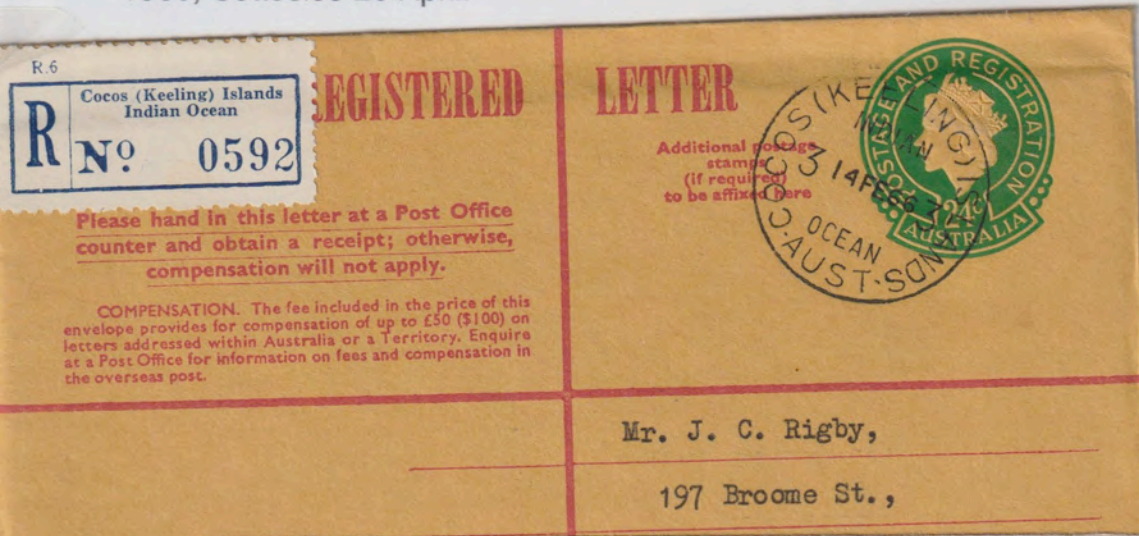
The full range of Australian decimal stamps and stationery (except coils) were supplied to Cocos. The postmaster had difficulty servicing 12,134 first day covers and the last batch was posted on 22 April 1966.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands 3 Indian Ocean 14 February 1966



REGISTRATION

This cover was part of the last batch processed and posted on 22 April, despite having the 14 February postmark. The label continued to be used after the change of currency. Cocos (Keeling) Islands 3 Indian Ocean 14 February 1966, GPO Perth RS6 25 April 1966, Cottesloe 26 April.



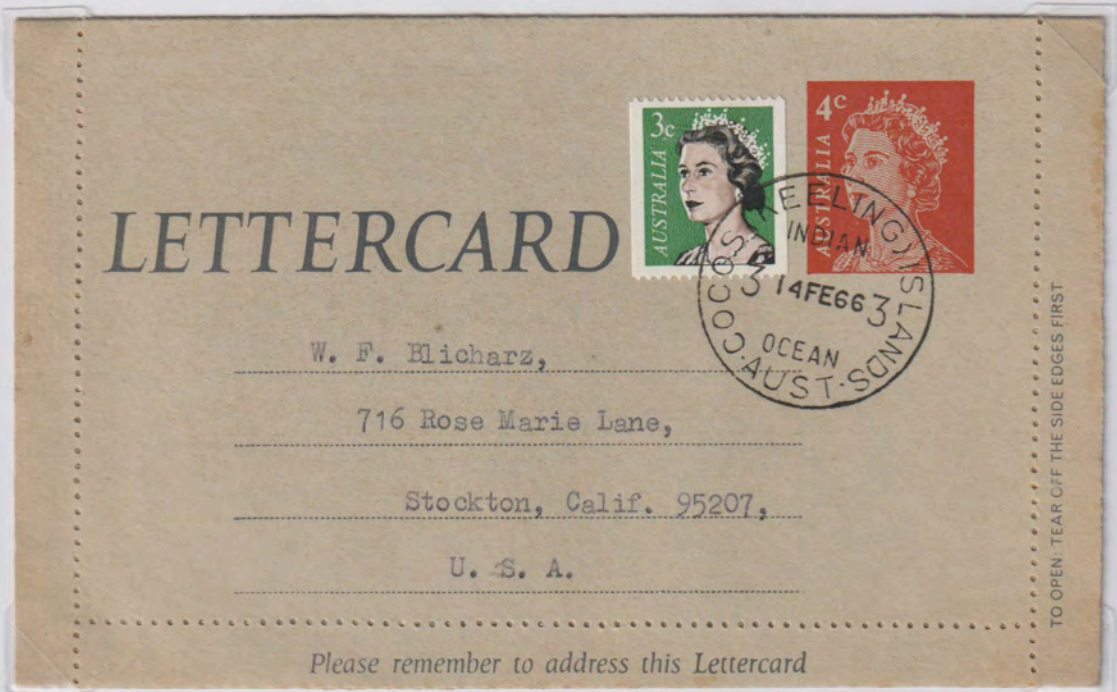
The 10,000 registration labels ordered in 1957 clearly had not been used up by 1966. This cover illustrates the anomaly that Cocos is part of Western Australia for postal purposes but an external territory for Customs purposes.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands 3 Indian Ocean 14 October 1966, Duty Free 1 H.M. Customs cachet, Canberra 18 October.

POSTAL RATES

Overseas surface: Seven cents

Cocos (Keeling) 3 Indian Ocean 14 February 1966



LETTERCARD

W. F. Elcharz,

716 Rose Marie Lane,

Stockton, Calif. 95207,

U. S. A.

Please remember to address this Lettercard

PRINTED MATTER ONLY

Mr. Johannes Brand
2870 Delmonhorst
Marktstr. 3
Germany



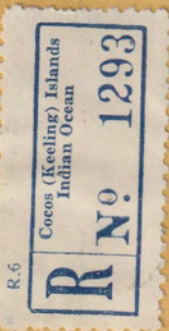
Cocos (Keeling) 1 Indian Ocean 28 March 1966
Overseas surface Printed Matter: Seven cents

POSTAL RATES

Melbourne 26 April 1966

Postage free on postal service

O.H.M.S.



AIRMAIL
SERVICE DES POSTES



Mr. L.J. Tyler,
17 Griffiths St.,
Richmond. E.1.
Victoria.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
IF NOT DELIVERED WITHIN 7 DAYS, RETURN TO
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BY AIR MAIL
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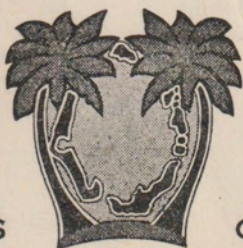
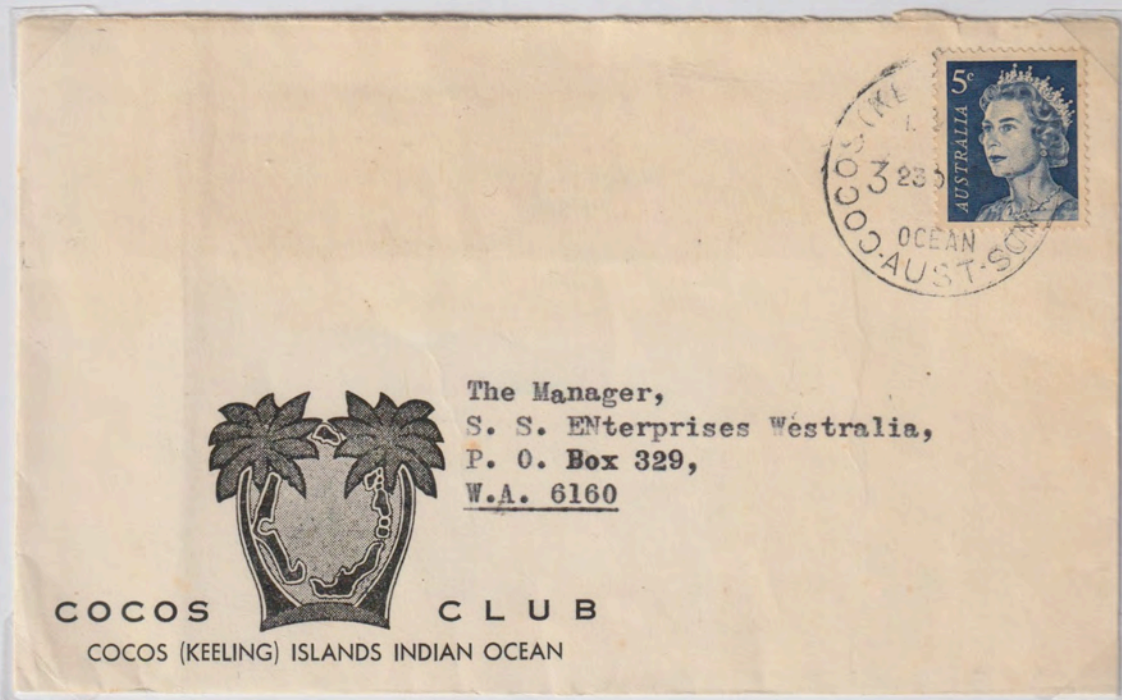
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C. 55. D.*

*The Monastery
100 Vincent Street*

FIVE CENTS

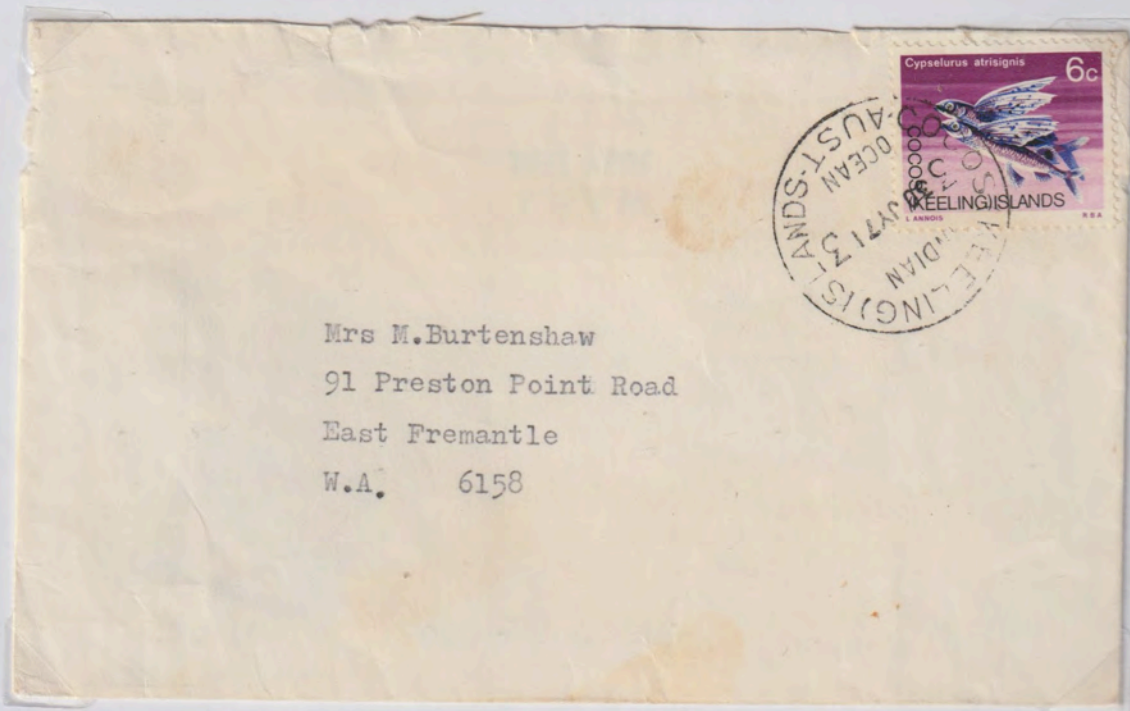
From 1 October 1967 with increments 9 cents, 13 cents

Cocos (Keeling) 3 Indian Ocean 23 October 1969



The Manager,
S. S. Enterprises Westralia,
P. O. Box 329,
W.A. 6160

COCOS CLUB
COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS INDIAN OCEAN



Mrs M. Burtenshaw
91 Preston Point Road
East Fremantle
W.A. 6158

Cocos (Keeling) 3 Indian Ocean 30 July 1971

From 1 October 1970 with increments 12 cents, 18 cents

SIX CENTS