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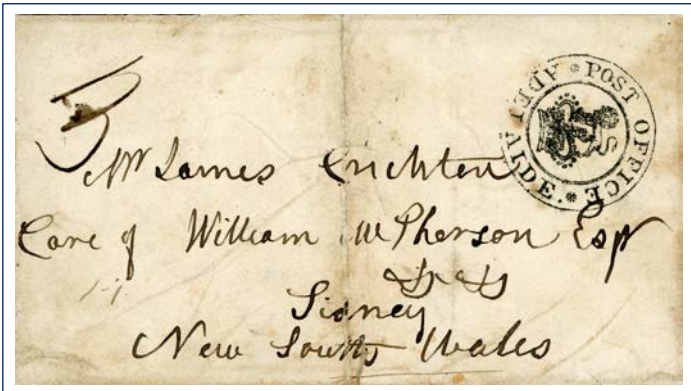
South Australia postal history shown to Royal

A superb display and presentation of the postal history of South Australia from 1837 to 1891 was given by Pat Grimwood-Taylor to the members of The Royal Philatelic Society London on 6 April. Her display dealt with both the internal mail and mail to overseas destinations by the various possible routes.

Among the fine covers on show was one sent from Adelaide on 6 September 1838, arriving at Sydney, New South Wales, on 4 February 1839, and bearing the first postmark of South Australia, the Crown and Lion with 'POST OFFICE ADELAIDE'. Also shown was a Gold Escort cover, with an intaglio 'GOLD ESCORT' seal, the only recorded example. From February 1852 to December 1853 bullion was transported from Mount Alexander, Victoria, to Adelaide. The cover was sent in August 1852 from Bendigo, Victoria, to Gawler, South Australia, via Adelaide.

In giving the vote of thanks, Nigel Gooch FRPSL, commented that the beauty of the 'Royal' is that it covers such a 'wide range of interests', as typified by the 'wonderful selection of items' that had been on display.

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The first postmark of Adelaide on a cover sent on 6 Sep 1838.



A 'Gold Escort' cover of 1852.



Frank Walton RDP FRPSL, President of The Royal Philatelic Society London, thanks Pat Grimwood-Taylor for her display.

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