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FUTURE OF OUR FOREST HISTORY

Forest history seems such a new field in Australia when compared to studies in other countries or other fields. It is only thirteen years since Les Carron published his seminal work, *A history of forestry in Australia*, and a decade since the Australian Forest History Society was formed. Yet, there have been important changes in that short time; these have been written, books published – two this month by members – and public histories have proliferated in the Regional Forest Agreement process. The Society too has evolved and is starting its new phase as a formally constituted body. It is time to turn our thoughts from the past for a while and consider the future of Australian forest history – in these columns or at our conference and Annual General Meeting at Gympie in April. What should be the research agenda for the next decade? And how should we, as a Society, advance Australian forest history?

It is remarkable, looking back over our work so far, how much of it has been concentrated on the 13 million hectares of state forests and timber reserves and how little attention has been given to the other 143 million hectares of forests and woodlands. There are clearly new woods for us to explore, but difficulties ahead too in finding ways to research and write their history without the wealth of official records we have relied on for state forestry. Perhaps we shall turn, as Pfeil, the famous German professor, advised a century ago, and 'Ask the trees!'

Although we have drawn heavily on the public record, the continued preservation and proper archiving of its many documentary and photographic sources is causing concern to members in several States. As a formally constituted body, it would now be possible for the Society to gather the views of members and express an opinion on such matters to the appropriate authorities, should members wish to do so. Incorporation also provides us with the legal framework to seek public funds or private donations and legacies to advance the purposes of the Society. For example, the preparation and dissemination of bibliographies, statistical databases, archival guides or the publication of selected source materials, might well be properly advanced by such a means.

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Queensland Timber Board is 60

The Queensland Timber Board's publication, *Timber Talk*, contains an article on the Board's history to mark its 60th anniversary.

The Board was inaugurated on 4 July 1938 as the Queensland Industry Stabilisation Board in a joint meeting of the Combined Country Sawmillers and Timber Merchants' Association and the Brisbane Timber Merchants' Association. Its purpose was to fix the wholesale and retail prices of timber and the terms and conditions of trade.

A widening role was reflected by changing the name to the 'Queensland Timber Board' in 1962. It lobbied on behalf of the industry throughout the environmental conflicts. In 1996 it entered an innovative phase of trying to work with the conservation movement.

ESTIS/AusTIS

The article on the Queensland Timber Board's history reminds us of the need for thorough histories of various industrial organisations. Although we are fortunate enough to have histories of some of the companies, like Bowen & Pomeroy's, Bunnings and Hynes for example, relatively little has been written of the State and national organisations.

The Eastern States Timber Industry Stabilisation Conference (ESTIS) which became the Australian Timber Industry Stabilisation Conference (AusTIS) is one which warrants further research and publication. At present there are two unpublished papers, one written about 1979 by Aileen Wells and the other by W.R. Hindmarsh written about 1984.

ESTIS was formed in 1943 as a joint forestry-industry body in the belief that both foresters and millers had a vital interest in a stable industry. E.H.F. Swain was the driving force in getting the first meeting going in Sydney in 1943 which was attended by representatives of the Associated Country Sawmillers of NSW, the Queensland Timber Industry Stabilisation Board, and the NSW, Victorian and Queensland forest services. Tasmania joined the next year. Annual conferences were held 'to cement the closest relationship between the Forestry Services and the industry so that they may the better perform their respective functions.' The early conferences focused on economics – especially systems of stumpage appraisal, mill licensing and imports – and on the reservation and management of state forests.

In 1959 membership was expanded to include the forest services and sawmilling organisations in all the

States and Territories and the name changed to 'AusTIS'. AusTIS continued at least into the 1980s but its role and manner of influencing policies was probably overtaken by other lobbying and co-ordinating bodies.

Australian Forest Development Institute and Australian Forest Growers

The Australian Forest Development Institute (AFDI) started, and has remained, as a voluntary organisation which represents private forestry and tree growing. It changed its name to Australian Forest Growers in 1990.

The origins of AFDI came from a group of Sydney poplar growers who formed the Forestry Development Institute in 1965 and were mostly based in the Colo district. Their main concerns were marketing, technical information and taxation provisions at State and Federal levels. The first President was H.J. Green followed in 1967 by Alan Guymer. Both were active poplar growers. The legal entity, Australian Forest Development Institute was incorporated as a company in 1969 following increasing interest and membership. Special mention should be made of Dr. John Kerridge who was a prominent Sydney psychiatrist, the first poplar planter in the Colo district and a founding member. He lost his life in 1970 in a car accident returning from his Colo plantations.

Only two pine growers, John Curvers and Peter Gausson were members in the first years but they were very influential in providing the Institute's future directions. AFDI's legal charter and memorandum of association were put in place in 1969. Peter Gausson was President from 1970 to 1982 in the formative years of the organisation.

In 1975 the Private Forest Owners Association was amalgamated into the Institute. The Association had been born after the *Sirex* wood wasp was found on mainland Australia in 1960. All the major industrial pine growing companies in southern Australia were members. Geoff Chandler of A.P.M. Forests Pty Ltd was Chairman. Its purpose was to raise money on a levy system to aid the Introduction of parasites by CSIRO and State forest services. Amalgamation occurred when the Association, under its Chairman at the time, Michael Hall, accepted the need for a private forestry viewpoint to be put to Governments.

(This is an edited extract of notes on these organisations by Michael Hall who has prepared an index to the Australian Forest Grower - Ed.)

Conference up-date

Australia's Ever-changing Forests IV

Gympie, Queensland, 18-22 April 1999

Field tour to Fraser Island, 22-25 April

Expressions of interest and offers to present 25 papers have flowed in showing that our fourth national conference will be well attended. We expect about 60 people at Gympie including people from Austria, Germany, New Zealand, South Africa and the USA.

Peter Holzworth and John Huth have developed an interesting itinerary for our trip to Imbil forest and plantation on the Tuesday. They have even hired a special rail-motor to get us there.

The tour of Fraser Island has a limit of 40 people and judging from interest so far will be fully booked. We will be staying in the Eurong Resort near the National Park headquarters.

The Registration form, included with this Newsletter, gives further details.

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Research – recent and in progress

Eumundi district in Queensland

Erica Long researched the timber history of the Pine Rivers District which takes up most of Cheryl Kernow's new seat. Erica is now looking at the history of Eumundi as a forestry town for a thesis in the Department of History at the University of Queensland.

The Eumundi district in the hinterland of the Sunshine Coast was recognised as a place of environmental importance to both the Aboriginal and settler communities. The social and economic history of the Eumundi District was influenced by its topography and environment, which was also deemed to be suited to dairying and banana growing. The district has a long history of timber activity. Extensive vine scrub, cedar, bunya and hoop pine, hardwoods and other commercial species such as duboisia and citriodora were notable. Timber reserves, State forests and beauty spots were set aside. As demand for

softwoods waned timber activity diversified.

Infrastructure was late in developing with the north-south railway line being linked in 1891. Many roads were built for the removal of timber, which was also taken to the Maroochy River.

Eumundi's timber history is reflected in its cultural landscape. A memorial park recognises this and many of the landmark buildings were constructed from local materials. However, the most outstanding feature of the town are the heritage listed memorial trees. Planted to commemorate the district's soldiers who did not return from World War I in ceremonies during and just after the war, their importance to the community is indicated by their care and the renaming of the main street to Memorial Drive.

Erica Long would be interested if anyone could shed any further light on the duboisia and citrus oil industries, they seem to be very speculative.

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**Lindsay Dixon Pryor, AO, DSc,
FTS, FIFA**
26 October 1915-17 August 1998

Those of us who knew Lindsay Pryor were saddened to learn of his death on August 17 at the age of 82, but all of us who either live in or visit Canberra also take delight in the trees he planted and the landscapes he created. The Australian National Botanic Gardens, the War Memorial, the surrounds of Lake Burley Griffin and much of central Canberra remains as evidence of his work.

The first part of his career was spent with ACT Parks and Gardens being 14 years as its Director. The second part was as the foundation Professor of Botany at The Australian National University, and the third in a very notional retirement in continuing his work on eucalypt hybridisation and plantations for which he was internationally recognised.

News of members

We welcome *David Cameron, Frank Curtin, Erica Long, Paul Star* and *Jennifer Tracey* as new members to the Society.

Since retiring from the NSW forest service *Frank Curtin* has been active in ensuring that the service's photographic collection was preserved. He reports that the State Archives Office has been asked for advice on storage and indexing.

Paul Star is a historian from Dunedin in New Zealand. He completed his PhD thesis (1997) on the topic 'From acclimatisation to preservation: colonists and the natural world in Southern New Zealand 1860-1894'.

Jennifer Tracey is studying the landscape history of a property in north-east Victoria for her PhD in the Cultural Heritage Research Centre at the University of Canberra. We wish *Michael Tracey* a speedy return to good health and are glad to hear that he and Jenny intend to come to the Gympie conference.

Terry Birtles is heading to the University of Leicester in England in December for seven months to work on issues of regional development.

Elaine van Kempen and *Eric Rolls* are heading to Europe duly equipped with *Oliver Rackham's* 'History of the Countryside' as their guide to Britain.

John Banks has his base in the Swiss Forest Research Institute but has been travelling to conferences and forests in other parts of Europe. While in Austria he visited forests with *Elisabeth Johann*, Leader of the IUFRO Forest History Group.

Just published by AFHS members

Two new forest histories were launched this month in Melbourne and Canberra respectively.

Angela Taylor 1998. *A forester's log: the story of John La Gerche and the Ballarat-Creswick State Forest 1882-1897*. Melbourne University Press.

John La Gerche managed the Ballarat-Creswick State Forest in the late nineteenth century. His pioneering work – he was one of the first generation of foresters in Victoria – helped shape today's forested landscape around the Central Victorian goldfields town of Creswick, the 'home of forestry'.

The survival of La Gerche's Letter Books and Pocket Books allows us a rare insight into a bailiff-forester's burdens in the 1880s and 1890s. In this detailed correspondence between a public servant and his bureaucratic masters lies a human story of an ordinary yet remarkable man caught between overwhelming pressure from above and below.

Angela Taylor reads between the lines to create a beautifully perceptive portrait of a vanishing character type – the truly committed public servant.

Libby Robin 1998. *Defending the Little Desert: the rise of ecological consciousness in Australia*. Melbourne University Press. pp.293. ISBN 0 522 84831 1 \$29.95.

The Little Desert Dispute in Victoria was a watershed in environmental politics. Libby Robin explores the ecology of the campaign and its profound impact on the processes of environmental decision-making. Drawing on interviews with the main protagonists on all sides, she offers an account of the nuances of the coalition that assembled to save the Little Desert, and highlights the neglected role of an older generation of conservationists in the history of green politics in Australia.

Publications noted

The ecological history of European forests (K. Kirby and C. Watkins eds) ISBN 0-85199-256-0 and *European woods and forests: studies in cultural history* (C. Watkins ed) ISBN 0-85199-257-9, both published by CAB Int.

These two books cover several European countries from medieval times. The volume on cultural history is likely to be of most interest to Australian readers. The declining value of the Australian dollar means that they are now very expensive here. Recent prices were quoted at \$139 for the ecological history (384pp.) and \$111 for the cultural history (256pp.).

Anne and Robin Bailey 1998. *A windy morn of Matlock: the history and archaeological rediscovery of an 1860s Victorian alpine gold mining town.*

Available from Mountain Home Press,
2 Baroona Court, Brighton, Vic 3186
\$30 incl. packing and postage.

This book provides a glimpse of an early mining town and an account of the history of the Yarra Track. After its gold mining period, Matlock became a forestry sub-district with a resident assistant forester.

Light Railways 143, October 1998.

The latest issue of *Light Railways* has an account by Norm Houghton of two tunnels built by a sawmiller, W.R. Henry, in the East Otways for his timber tramway. One was 440 metres long, the other 50 metres. The photos illustrating the article show a cheerful Norm Houghton Junior duly rigged out in Norm's special Otway surveying gear. It is heartening to see another generation of intrepid forest historians exploring this difficult country.

Forest History Today 1998

This annual publication was put out by the (USA) Forest History Society as a service to its members when its major journal, *Forest and Conservation History*, previously known as the *Journal of Forest History*, merged with the journal of the America Society for Environmental History to become *Environmental History*.

When it first appeared, *Forest History Today* was an attractive but rather lightweight magazine of 'photo stories'. This issue has kept the attractive presentation and excellent photographs but has secured several articles of substance. Of particular interest to Australian readers will be a piece on 'Aldo Leopold's legacy to forestry', and two pieces on the start of forestry education in America.

The first describes the Biltmore Forest School run by Carl Schenk on the Vanderbilt forests from 1898 to 1913, and the second describes the College of Forestry at Cornell University headed by Bernhard Fernow which operated from 1898 to 1904, although forestry continued to be taught in the College of Agriculture. Notably, the Biltmore School emphasised practical and technical aspects while Cornell and Yale University, which commenced its forestry course in 1900, emphasised theoretical and scientific studies. We can reflect on similar differences in the early history of forestry education in Australia.

H-Net Unveils New homepage:

<<http://www.h-net.msu.edu>>

H-Net Humanities and Social Sciences OnLine announces a more visually-oriented Homepage with easier access to the main features of the H-Net site. Along the left side of page, most recent H-Net Reviews are showcased in a mini-index with hypertext links to the reviews themselves. Down the right side, 'clickable' icons link to ongoing H-Net projects and services. At top of the page, a sleek new tool bar provides easy navigation to the core H-Net services: discussion networks, reviews, teaching resources, academic announcements, and the job guide. A streamlined version of the navigation bar is prominently displayed throughout the H-Net site.

The new layout also includes a new doorway to the H-Net site. The H-Net Teaching page is a resource for teachers of K-12 and college. H-Net has always offered tools for teachers, but now offers an online section that arranges H-Net's services according to specific lists and affiliations. The H-Net Teaching page is accessible from the navigation bar and therefore from every page. Additional thematic doorways for Women's studies, African studies, as well as other areas of interest, will be available soon. The overall plan is to mine the rich intellectual resources found throughout the 50 000 page website.

The site is thus moving towards increased interactivity. In the individual book reviews, for example, new programming features improve the display of authors' comments, making possible the addition of user comments and even discussion threads from the list themselves. Like the lists themselves, these comments are selected and moderated by the list editors, making a kind of 'moderated interactivity' which combines the best of two media - chat groups and edited scholarly journals.

Several discussion list homepages already incorporate these new interactive features - windows to the most recently published book reviews and list posts, mail-tos for user comments, and easier access to subscription procedures.

Although their looks have changed and their functionality has increased, the URLs remain stable. All your favorite bookmarks will still function.

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Fine music and fine timber: the Kendall National Violin Competition

The Kendall National Violin Competition is a unique competition open to young Australians. The winner of the competition will receive an instrument made from Australian timbers by an Australian master-luthier, Graham Caldersmith. Elaine van Kempen writes that:

'Bob Smith did not need much persuading when she suggested it to him as the perfect vehicle for State Forests of NSW to promote a wonderful use of Australian timber. Dr Douglas Head of Kempsey Timbers quickly fell in behind State Forests as a minor sponsor.'

'It is appropriate that the final will be held in the lovely little timber hall in Kendall which is noted for its marvelous acoustics. Another piece of forest history in the making!'

National Archives of Australia

New centre in Canberra

The old GPO in Canberra has been beautifully refurbished to provide a headquarters for the National Archives, a public display area, an orientation centre and library for new users and a reading room for those reading old government records. It was opened at the beginning of September.

It is a wonderful facility for researchers and is easily accessible, being next to Old Parliament House. The main repository is still at Mitchell, but files are brought over to the reading room by a continuous shuttle service. They usually arrive within 90 minutes of being requested. The reading room is spacious, well lit, quiet and pleasant. There are other rooms for Cabinet records, sound recordings and large documents and plans. Staff are very helpful.

What should be in them?

The National Archives has recently released for public comment a discussion paper on its selection policy for records of archival value. It is titled *Making Choices: Deciding which Commonwealth records to keep for posterity - a discussion paper*.

The paper is at <http://www.naa.gov.au/govserv/techpub/choices/making_choices.htm> and printed copies are available from: Assistant Director-General, Government Services, National Archives of Australia, PO Box 7425, Canberra Mail Centre, ACT 2610

The Archives is seeking comments on its proposed aims of retention and the process of assessing the value of records by 30 November 1998.

Rural History proposal

John Perkins wrote to H-ANZAU:

'I am interested in drawing up a list of scholars and others interested in the neglected area of the rural history of Australasia (social and economic). This is with a view to organising a conference section on the area, either as an adjunct to a conference of the Australian Historical Association (as the mining historians do) or as part of the conference of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science, or both. I would appreciate contact from anyone involved in research relevant to the theme.'

'Although my particular interest is somewhat narrow, being largely confined to the development of pastoralism and agriculture, I would like to see the subject areas covered extended to include rural sociology etc. The idea of a separate conference session was to bring researchers in all these areas together with a view to establishing a journal along the lines of *Rural History* in the UK.'

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The proposal attracted several postings to the H-ANZAU discussion list and considerable interest. Although rural history seems to have been largely focused on agriculture, forest historians might well take an interest. After all, Australian forests are widely spread and found across the continent; those in the 'back paddock' are part of farms, and the huge areas of woodland are used more for grazing than producing timber.

***The People's Forest* National Travelling Exhibition**

Gregg Borschmann has added a national travelling exhibition to the multi-faceted *The People's Forest* project. It is currently at Old Parliament House in Canberra and, depending on funds, is expected to tour the premier State folk festivals and various regional and city galleries.

We first learnt of Gregg's work in collecting and documenting oral histories of people connected with the Australian forests when he presented a paper at our conference in Creswick. His paper, published in the proceedings, revealed the surprisingly large extent of the National Library's oral history collection that is relevance to forests.

Next, he turned his attention to folk music at the National Folk Festival held in Canberra in April this

year. We understand that a CD of forest folk music is being produced.

The People's Forest exhibition is the result of a partnership between the National Library of Australia, the National Film and Sound Archive, the National Folk Festival and funding from Visions of Australia Committee of the Commonwealth Department of the Arts.

It contains very attractive photographic portraits of many of the 88 men and women whose lives are recorded in the sound archive, a short interpretive story of each, and sound and video recordings. The exhibition is most attractively mounted and, in Canberra, is accompanied with a small display of 'bush' furniture.

The exhibition explores both 'Old Ways and New Ways' in which the forests are experienced. I left it feeling that the 'folk' genre seems to identify the 'old ways' with timber workers and the 'new ways' with environmentalists, although sympathetic to both.

We can look forward to *The People's Forest*, the book, being released early next year and hopefully in time for us to see it at our conference in April. Meantime, we can all congratulate Gregg for advancing forest history in such an attractive and innovative way.

John Dargavel

Economic History Congress

Graydon Henning went to Madrid for the 1998 Economic History Congress, originally set down for Seville. The C-43 group is moving towards having environmental history activities more frequently than once every four years when the congress meets. The programme for the forest history session was:

Kwon, P. The patterns and causes of bushfires in Los Angeles, 1940-1996.

Myllyntaus, T. and Ståhl, M. Decline or increase? The volume of timber in the Finnish forests during the 19th and 20th century.

Sale, P. Modern forestry: elitist state science against communal management and unrestricted privatization, Spain 1855-1900.

Satya, L.D. The impact of British colonialism on the land, water and forest people of Berar in the nineteenth century.

Virtanen, S. Forest and forest industry in the Finnish understanding.

Kander, A. Swedish forest development 1800-1900.

The papers are at: <www.ptc.utexas.edu/plains/seville> (login 'C43' password 'environment').

Ordering past Conference Proceedings

John Dargavel (ed) 1997. *Australia's Ever-Changing Forests III: Proceedings of the Third National Conference on Australia's Forest History*. Canberra: Centre for Resource and Environmental Studies, The Australian National University. \$A30 + \$A7.50 handling (\$A15.00 overseas) from Publications Section, Centre for Resource and Environmental Studies, The Australian National University, Canberra, ACT 0200

Details and the list of contents are available at URL: <http://cres.anu.edu.au/publications/everchan.html>

There are only 4 copies left of the proceedings of our second conference, *Australia's Ever-Changing Forests II*, available from CRES at \$25 plus the same handling charge as above.

Book Sale

M.R. Jacobs (Reprint of 1955 edn.). *Growth habits of the Eucalypts*. 262pp. hardback \$20 (usually \$35), soft \$12.50 (\$25)

A classic! This is the first substantial text written on Australian forests. First published in 1955 by the Forestry and Timber Bureau.

Athol Meyer 1985. *The Foresters*. 71pp. soft \$5
A snip! This small book of biographies of the 'Famous Five' - C.E. Lane Poole, N.W. Jolly, E.H.F. Swain, S.L. Kessell and M.R. Jacobs - was written for the Institute of Foresters of Australia in 1985. It includes. It provides a c.v. and perceptive comments for each.

Plus postage and handling \$6 per order to:

The Institute of Foresters of Australia
PO Box 2, Yarralumla, ACT 2600
Tel: (02) 6281 3992, Fax: (02) 6281 4693
Credit card facilities available.

Change of membership period

Membership of the Society has been on a calendar year basis in the past. However, with incorporation it is now appropriate to move to a financial year basis. In order to do so, the coming membership period will be for 18 months from 1 January 1999 to 30 June 2000. Membership fees have been set at:

	New rate 18 months to 30 June 2000	Old rate 12 months to 31 Dec 1998
Australia	\$20	\$15
Overseas	\$30	\$20

Australian Conferences

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*1999 International Symposium on
Society and Resource Management*
Brisbane – 7-10 July 1999

Includes special sessions on aspects of protected areas including changing roles of protected areas, visitors and community relations, indigenous people and community-based management.

Details can be found on the conference web page:
<<http://www.geosp.uq.edu.au/issrm99>>

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Land and Freedom

Australia and New Zealand Law and History Society
Newcastle – 9-11 July 1999

Papers are called for on the connections between law and history. See the Society's web page for details:

<www.law.mq.edu.au/~bruce/anzlhs>

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'Tales of the Century'

Oral History Association of Australia
Melbourne – 2-5 September 1999

A broad range of papers exploring the development of oral history are called for by 11 December.

Contact: Secretary, OHAA (Victorian Branch)
PO Box 267, Foster, Victoria 3960
Tel: (03) 9372 7182 (w); (03) 9438 2791 (h)

International Conferences

African environments, past and present
Oxford, England – 5-8 July 1999

This conference includes a panel on Commonwealth forest history. Convenors: William Bienart and Richard Grove; Contact: JoAnn McGregor, St Antony's College, Oxford OX2 6JF, UK. Fax +44 1865 554465, Email: joann.mcgregor@sant.ox.ac.uk

IUFRO World Congress in 2000

The International Union of Forest Research Organisations (IUFRO) will hold its next congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 7-12 August 2000. Its theme will be 'Forest and Society: the role of research'.

It will consist of plenary, sub-plenary and concurrent group sessions. An information package is being issued in August by:

IUFRO Secretariat
Sechendorff Gudent-Weg
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1130 Wien, AUSTRIA

The Forest History Group will hold several sessions of papers organised under the theme of 'Forests and Society: Conflicts and Change'.

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STOP PRESS

Sue and Rob Bryant are trying to find some old maps of Nambucca State Forest - 533 in NSW dating to around the 1920s. State Forests of NSW Library can not locate them. Can any member help please?

Contact: Sue and Rob Bryant, Tel: (02) 9502 1829, or Simon McCarthy at the Library, (02) 9872 0109.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE 18 MONTH PERIOD TO 30 JUNE 2000

The Australian Forest History Society has resolved to change its subscription period from calendar years to financial years. The change will be effected by making a transitional subscription period of 18 months from 1 January 1999 to 30 June 2000. The subscription for the transitional period has been set at \$20 (overseas \$30 Australian).

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