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Physical description

Varnished cedar balloon-backed chair with a brown leather padded seat. The front two legs are turned and ornate while the back two are plain. "MB 5 17" is engraved above the front right leg and "VR Sep 1874" around a royal crown is engraved on the back right leg. A white sticker with "HF 26 (6)" written in black ink and a smaller label printed with "Y416 6" are stuck on top of the chair back, which has broken off, but is kept with the chair.

Statement of significance

This collection consists of 87 items from the New South Wales historical section of Australia Post. The items range from furnishings that were used for the opening of the Sydney GPO in 1874 to telephones, signs, posters, and postal boxes. The material covers a period of over one hundred years of postal service in Australia.

Object information

What

Type	Chairs
Collection	Australia Post Historical collection
Dimensions	W 500mm x H 890mm x D 530mm
Material	Wood , Leather , Varnish , Textile - non specific , Metal - non specific

When

Date made	1873-1874	Date of restoration	1960-1970
		Re-upholstered in the 1960s	
Period of use	1874-1999		

Who

User	Postmaster General's Department
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Where

Place of use

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[Sydney, New South Wales, Australia](#)

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