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CHRISTMAS

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

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Dear Collectors

Welcome to the Christmas edition of *Stamp Bulletin Australia*.

In keeping with a tradition of more than 50 years, we have produced some fantastic stamps to celebrate the 2009 Christmas season. Well-known Australian designer Mike Heine has captured aspects of the traditional Nativity story using a stylish modern design approach. For those who prefer a non-religious festive stamp, we have released a second Christmas issue. The stamps in the Merry Christmas issue have been designed to reflect this joyous season, with various visual elements representing the celebrations that are so much a part of our lives at this time of year.

If you'd like to send a personalised stamp with your greeting cards, you can do this via the Australia Post Personalised Stamp™ service (see the back page of this *Bulletin* for details on this service). A photo of your family or the grandchildren in the tab of a stamp is a popular way to produce a novel greeting at this time of year.

As we have done at the close of past years, we are again asking you to tell us what your favourite stamp issue was from the 2009 program. Please take the time, if you can, to let us know your thoughts on our stamp designs, as it helps us shape our future stamp programs. Besides this, you'll go in the draw to win some great prizes. Choosing a favourite issue can be difficult and this year is no exception, as we have released a great range of stamp designs throughout 2009.

It is, of course, fast approaching that time of year when we have to start thinking of the perfect gifts for those important people in our lives. On pages 14 and 15 we give you a sneak peak at some of the special gift ideas coming up in the new *Impressions* catalogue.

In "Talking Stamps" this month, Richard Breckon kindly shares his knowledge of Australia's early pictorial definitive stamps. I'm sure you will find Richard's latest article fascinating.

I do hope you enjoy this *Bulletin* and all the stamp issues we have released in 2009. Please have a safe and joyful festive season.

Noel Leahy, Manager, Philatelic Group

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## AFL AND NRL PREMIERS FOR 2009

### GAME OVER! OFFICIAL LICENSED PRODUCT

A souvenir stamp sheet and premiers medallion cover honouring the 2009 Grand Final winning teams for the AFL and NRL.

**AFL 2009 PREMIERS**  
souvenir stamp sheet  
1514565 \$15.95 EACH



**AFL 2009 PREMIERS**  
**MEDALLION COVER**  
1514564 \$19.95 EACH  
LIMITED EDITION OF 10,000

**NRL 2009 PREMIERS**  
souvenir stamp sheet  
1514567 \$15.95 EACH



**NRL 2009 PREMIERS**  
**MEDALLION COVER**  
1514566 \$19.95 EACH  
LIMITED EDITION OF 10,000

50c..... Mary with Baby Jesus  
\$1.25..... Three Wise Men

## CHRISTMAS 2009

2 NOVEMBER 2009

First day of issue  
2 November 2009  
St Marys TAS 7215



1624142 Minisheet

This year's Christmas issue again shows scenes from the religious story of the Nativity. The Virgin Mary tenderly cradles the Baby Jesus on the 50 cent stamp. The \$1.25 design depicts the three Magi or Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar offering precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child. Of the four gospels, only those of Matthew and Luke provide an account of the birth of Christ and their versions vary considerably. Matthew, for instance, relates Joseph's reaction to Mary's pregnancy and the arrival of the Wise Men from the east after the birth of the child. Luke's verses include the circumstances leading Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and the worship of the shepherds.

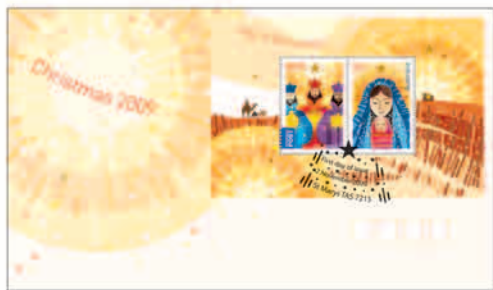
The designer Mike Heine uses a symmetrical approach and a retro style for this stamp issue. Rhythmic linear shapes add dimension and texture to each of the stamps and the selvedge of the minisheet. The result is a modern, clean and highly colourful stamp issue reflecting the joyful celebration of this important Christian celebration.

### Issue Highlights

Along with first day covers, maxicards and an aerogramme, this issue includes a minisheet and stamp pack. To make sending your Christmas cards that little bit easier there is also a self-adhesive booklet of 20 x 50 cent stamps, including card-only stickers and a self-adhesive sheetlet of five x \$1.25 stamps.

1624220 Maxicards (2)





1624013 First day cover (minisheet)



1624002 First day cover (gummed)



1624155 Aerogramme



1624126 Stamp pack

"CARD ONLY" stickers included



1624182 Booklet (20 x 50c)

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date .....	2 November 2009
FDI withdrawal date .....	30 November 2009
Denominations .....	1 x 50c, 1 x \$1.25
Stamp design .....	Mike Heine
Product design .....	Sharon Rodziewicz, Australia Post Design Studio
Printer .....	McKellar, Aerogramme – Geon
Paper (gummed/s-a) .....	Tullis Russell/B100 s/a
Printing process .....	Lithography
Stamp size .....	26mm x 37.5mm
Perforations .....	14.6 x 13.86
Minisheet size .....	106mm x 70mm
Sheet layout .....	Modules of 50
National postmark .....	St Marys, Tas 7215



1624122 Self-adhesive sheetlet (5 x \$1.25)

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

2 NOVEMBER 2009



- 50c..... Star
- 50c..... Christmas Tree
- 50c..... Santa's Hat
- 50c..... Christmas Bell
- 50c..... Christmas Stocking



1625240 Gutter strip



1625182  
Booklet (10 x 50c)



1625122  
DL sheetlet (10 x 50c)

Around a third of Australians do not identify themselves as Christians, but many still celebrate Christmas every year. This stamp issue, which features familiar symbols of the Christmas season, offers a secular alternative to the religious stamps focusing on the biblical Nativity story. The fir tree, baubles, candy canes, wrapped gifts, stocking and Santa Claus hat, while owing elements of their origins to the Christian tradition, are now firmly associated with popular celebrations during the festive season.

The evergreen Christmas tree, often a fir or spruce, is said to be symbolic of everlasting life, or Christian salvation. It is believed that a tree was first erected at Christmas time in Germany in the 16th century.

Also originating in Germany was the practice of decorating the tree with ornaments such as glass baubles. The striped candy canes that sometimes hang from the Christmas tree also seem to be a German tradition that was adopted in the USA in the mid-19th century.

The tradition of giving a wrapped present or filling a stocking recalls the original gifts of the Magi to the Christ Child in the Nativity story. Pealing church bells announce the birth of Christ, while candles are lit during Advent. While the figure of Santa Claus ultimately derives from Saint Nicholas, the modern version of the white-bearded man in a red suit owes more to 19th-century American cartoons.



1625002 First day cover (gummed)



1625300 Prestige first day cover

## Issue Highlights

This stamp issue presents a delightful limited-edition prestige first day cover complete with a Christmas tree ornament and red-foiled postmark. There is a self-adhesive sheetlet of 10, featuring a beautiful special finish, and a mixed self-adhesive booklet of 10 x 50 cent stamps, both of which include all five stamp designs. A set of Christmas cards also complements this issue, with specially designed envelopes and a sheetlet of 10 self-adhesive stamps. A gift sticker set to help personalise all your Christmas gifts completes the range of products available with this issue.

The 2009 Merry Christmas sheetlet will be printed using flexographic combination technology. The sheetlet will feature four-colour process print on both the stamp and the background image. The process images will be enhanced with a flexographic spot gloss varnish that will highlight features on both the stamp and the background image. To complement this varnish, and add an element of "Christmas sparkle" to the sheetlet, we will be printing a silver cold foil on selected areas of the sheetlet and overprinting this with a yellow PMS spot colour to create a golden foil effect on the stamp images. The stamps will, of course, also include the required phosphor tagging. All of these processes will be produced in one press pass.



1625350 Box of self-adhesive gift labels  
(50 labels, 5 designs)

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

with a sheetlet of 10 stamps

**VALID FOR  
POSTAGE IN  
AUSTRALIA**



1625351 Christmas cards and DL sheetlet (10 x 50c)

1625126  
Stamp pack



## TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date .....	2 November 2009
FDI withdrawal date .....	30 November 2009
Denominations .....	5 x 50c
Stamp/product design .....	Dong Ung, Australia Post Design Studio
Printer .....	Energi Print (Litho) and Pemara (Flexo)
Paper (gummed/s-a) .....	Tullis Russell/B100 s/a/WLK1 B100
Printing process .....	Lithography and Flexo (s/a sheetlet of 10)
Stamp size .....	26mm x 37.5mm
Perforations .....	13.86 x 14.6
Sheet layout .....	Modules of 50
Special feature .....	Sheetlet of 10 – spot varnish and cold foil Decorative gutter
National postmark .....	Merrylands, NSW 2160



1625220 Maxicards (5)

Visit the website for our range of Personalised Christmas stamps [auspost.com.au/pstamps](http://auspost.com.au/pstamps)



# CHRISTMAS ISLAND CHRISTMAS

2 NOVEMBER 2009



\$1.25.....Christmas Island  
Frigatebird



**First Day of Issue**  
2 November 2009  
Christmas Island WA 6798



1627002 First day cover



1627122  
Self-adhesive sheetlet (5 x \$1.25)

## Christmas Island card-rate stamps!

This previously released self-adhesive booklet of 50c stamps is still available and includes "card only" stickers.



1592182 Booklet (10 x 50c)

Last year Rob Kiely illustrated two stamps for the Christmas Island Christmas stamp issue. Rob's humorous illustrations playfully animated some of the critters for which the island is known, principally its Red Crab and Robber Crab. This year we commissioned Rob to create a new design to add to this light-hearted Christmas series.

Once again Rob has turned his "brush" to the endemic fauna of the Indian Ocean island, with the Christmas Island Frigatebird (*Fregata andrewsi*) the target of his comic style. Wearing Santa's hat, the bird stands proudly with his stash of gifts, accompanied by a small coterie of marine friends. The male frigatebird is known for the skin pouch on its throat, which becomes inflated as part of its showy courtship ritual. The grand pouch on Rob's frigatebird signals not so much the season of love but the season of giving, resembling a festive Christmas bauble.

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date .....	2 November 2009
FDI withdrawal date .....	30 November 2009
Denominations .....	1 x \$1.25
Stamp illustration .....	Rob Kiely
Typography .....	John White, Australia Post Design Studio
Printer (gummed & s/a) .....	Energi Print
Paper (gummed) .....	Tullis Russell
..... (self-adhesive) .....	B100 s/a stamp paper
Printing process .....	Lithography
Stamp size .....	26mm x 37.5mm
Perforations .....	14.6 x 13.86
Sheet layout .....	Modules of 50, s/a sheetlet of 5
National postmark .....	Christmas Island, WA 6798



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RRP

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**200**  
years

# AUSTRALIAN FILM INSTITUTE

AVAILABLE DECEMBER 2009



In January 2009, four of Australia's greatest acting talents were honoured with the Australia Post Australian Legends Award. Nicole Kidman, Russell Crowe, Geoffrey Rush and Cate Blanchett joined other famous Australians, such as Sir Donald Bradman, Dame Joan Sutherland, Arthur Boyd and Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, who have appeared on Australian postage stamps.

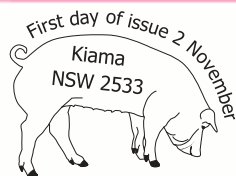
In August 2009, Geoffrey Rush was also awarded the Australian film industry's highest accolade by the AFI. Rush was the recipient of the Raymond Longford Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Australian Screen Industry, an award that recognises this great actor's outstanding contribution to Australia's screen culture.

This year also marks the centenary of the births of two remarkable Australian-born screen icons, Errol Flynn and Chips Rafferty. Flynn was born in Hobart, Tasmania and at 24 landed his first acting role in the United Kingdom. He went on to become a Hollywood celebrity, typecast for his swashbuckling roles and well known for his wicked ways. He appeared in more than 20 films and penned three books, including his autobiography. Rafferty was born John William Pilbeam Goffage in Broken Hill, New South Wales. As the quintessential laconic Australian, Rafferty appeared in Australian films such as *Eureka Stockade* and *The Overlanders*. He also appeared with Elvis Presley in 1967 in the Hollywood musical film *Double Trouble*.

This special collector pack includes four miniature sheets featuring Australian Legends of the Screen, Geoffrey Rush, Errol Flynn and Chips Rafferty. **1514611 \$12.95**

## AUSTRALIAN PIG BREEDERS ASSOCIATION CENTENARY

2 NOVEMBER 2009



The Australian Pig Breeders Association began as a group of Berkshire breeders that formed the Pig Society in 1909 for the registration of their stud pigs and for the advancement of pig husbandry in Australia. The industry contributes significantly to the Australian economy and provides many jobs for workers in the agricultural sector. Because of stringent quarantine regulations, Australia's stud pigs have low disease risk and animals have been exported to many parts of the world as foundation breeding stock and to improve existing herds. Today Australian pig breeding is an internationally competitive industry, due in no small part to the efforts of the Australian Pig Breeders Association over the last century.



0491134 Pre-stamped envelope (mint)

0491144 Pre-stamped envelope (postmarked)—shown

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date ..... 2 November 2009  
PSE ..... Australian Pig Breeders Association Centenary  
Denominations ..... 1 x 65c  
Product design ..... Sharon Rodziewicz,  
Australia Post Design Studio  
Printer ..... GEON, Tasmania  
Printing process ..... Lithography  
National postmark ..... Kiama, NSW 2533

# SOUVENIR STAMP SHEETS

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**1514570 Souvenir Stamp Sheet \$15.95**

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**1514610 Souvenir Stamp Sheet \$15.95**



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**1514603 Souvenir Stamp Sheet \$15.95**





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2 NOVEMBER 2009



## THE PERFECT COMPANION TO YOUR COLLECTION!

The *2009 Collection of Australian Stamps* is much more than a record of all Australian gummed stamp issues and miniature sheets released through the year. Each stamp issue is accompanied by the story behind the issue. The handsome illustrated book is housed in a matching slipcase.

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*100 Days of Stamps* is a collection of 100 stamps, each with a unique story behind it. The collection is a tribute to the art of stamp collecting and the stories that lie behind each stamp.

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Exclusive sheetlet featuring the Australian stamp of the Norfolk Island Green Parrot (*Cyanoramphus cookii*) from the Species at Risk stamp issue.

1626171  
2009 Annual collection  
\$99.95



## 2009 COLLECTION OF AUSTRALIAN STAMPS

The executive edition of the 2009 *Collection of Australian Stamps* features a gold-foil-embossed leatherette cover and matching slipcase, gilt-edged pages and metal corner protectors, and is limited to 8,000 copies.

1626214  
Executive edition  
\$134.95



## THE AUSTRALIAN TERRITORIES COLLECTION OF STAMPS 2009

Includes:

- 2009 Lunar New Year
- Cocos (Keeling) Islands – 400 Years
- AAT: South Magnetic Pole 1909-2009
- AAT: Poles and Glaciers
- Christmas Island Christmas
- Species at Risk – joint territories issue

**The  
Australian  
Territories  
Collection of  
Stamps 2009**  
**\$24.95**

1626194



## A PREVIEW OF SOMETHING TO ADD TO YOUR **COLLECTION** OR TO **TREASURE**



### **South Magnetic Pole 1909–2009 Imperforate Miniature Sheet, Explorers Coin and Commemorative Flight Cover**

This South Magnetic Pole presentation folder contains a translucent pearl-foiled imperforate miniature sheet, which is exclusive to this product. Limited to 500, it also includes a cover produced for carriage on the commemorative flight. An added feature is the \$5 silver proof Royal Australian Mint coin featuring the Antarctic explorers.



### **Barbie™ Folder**

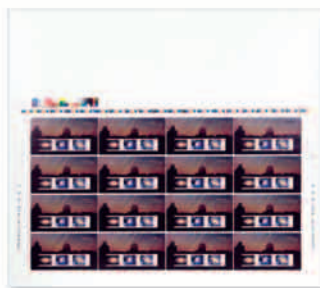
Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Barbie™ with this vibrant and unique stamp and coin presentation pack. The pack features a special sheetlet of 10 Barbie™ stamps from the Classic Toys stamp issue. Each stamp is printed with a silver-foiled Barbie™ silhouette. The silhouette is also shown in the top right and lower left corners of the sheetlet selvedge. The Perth Mint silver proof Barbie™ coin forms part of this product.

**Limited edition of 500, individually numbered**



### **Songbirds Gold-foil Stamps**

This display case holds four nine-carat gold-foil stamps cased in hard capsules. The gold stamps have been produced by Vanessa Australia and are based on the designs of the Australian Songbirds stamp issue. Also included are the four Australian Songbirds stamps matching gold-foil stamps. Limited to 1,000, this item will be popular with collectors.



### **Stargazing Imperforate Sheet**

The Stargazing miniature sheet houses stamp designs showing the sombrero galaxy, reflection nebula M78 and spiral galaxy M83. This uncut imperforate print sheet comprises 16 of these minisheets, creating nothing less than a stellar impact. It comes in an acid-free tube and with a certificate of authenticity.

**Limited edition of 750, individually numbered**

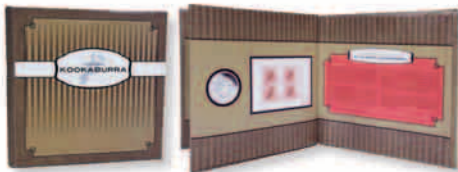


**INCLUDES EXCLUSIVE  
STAMP SHEETLET  
PRINTED USING BOTH  
OFFSET AND INTALIO**

### Celebrating 200 Years Collection

This collection is beautifully presented in a hardback leather-look folder and case, featuring the philatelic and numismatic product range produced by Australia Post, The Perth Mint and the Royal Australian Mint to mark the bicentenary of postal services in Australia. Together these products (stamps, postal numismatic covers, stamp-coins and other commemorative coins) tell the story of the 200-year journey of Australia's postal system. The folder also contains an exclusive sheetlet with a block of four Kangaroo and Map stamps from the Australia's Favourite Stamps issue. The sheetlet is printed using both offset and intaglio: the original £2 Kangaroo and Map design, the new denomination, title, year date and signature of Australia Post Managing Director Graeme John have been printed using intaglio.

**The collection is limited to 300, which have been individually numbered.**



### Kookaburra Folder Block of Four Stamps and Bullion Coin

Limited to 750, this Kookaburra folder features a bullion coin produced by The Perth Mint. The individually numbered folder also holds an exclusive minisheet of 6d claret Kookaburra stamps from the Favourite Stamps issue.

**\*Impressions  
products are  
available for order  
by Australian  
residents only.**



### Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers International Collection

Over 2009 and 2010, many postal administrations worldwide are issuing stamps to promote the preservation of polar regions and glaciers. Australia Post participated in this philatelic program, titled Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers, releasing its stamp issue in March 2009. This folder brings together stamps from the countries that have, to this time, supported the cause, helping raise public awareness of the importance of and threat to polar regions and glaciers.





1514591  
Australian  
Citizenship  
\$1 Unc. Coin  
**\$12.95 each**



1514588  
2010 FIFA World Cup  
South Africa™  
1oz Silver Proof Coin  
**\$97.50 each**



1514589  
2010 FIFA World Cup  
South Africa™  
0.5g Gold Coin  
**\$80.00 each**



1514584  
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Coin Program  
Space \$1 Unc. Coin Set  
**\$79.95 each**



1514577  
2009 Turtle Dreaming  
1oz Silver Rectangle Coin  
**\$65.00 each**







## Australian Government Royal Australian Mint

1514595  
40th Anniversary of Moon Landing  
50c Unc. Pad-printed Coin  
**\$9.95**



1514425  
2009 Wedding Set  
Gem Unc. Coins  
**\$95.00 each**

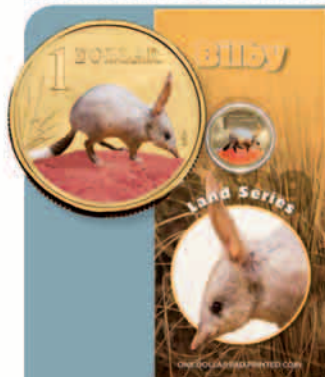
## DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR 2009 YEAR SETS



1514427  
2009 Blinky Bill  
Baby Unc. Set  
**\$35.00 each**



1514426  
2009 Blinky Bill  
Baby Proof Set  
**\$120.00 each**



2009 Land Series  
\$1 Frosted Unc. Pad-printed Coins:  
1514529 Bilby **\$14.95 each**  
1514530 Frilled Lizard **\$14.95 each**



Obverse and  
reverse shown.



1514598  
International Year of Astronomy  
\$5 Meteorite Fine Silver Proof Coin  
**\$155.00 each**

# STAMP SHOWS AND EVENTS

## LAUNPEX 2009 (Tas) NATIONAL ONE FRAME EXHIBITION

**30 October to 2 November 2009**

This event will run from 10am to 8pm on Friday and Sunday, 10am to 5pm on Saturday and 9am to 4pm on Monday at the Max Fry Hall, Gorge Road, Trevallyn. Admission is \$5. Dealers will attend and refreshments will be available. Telephone 03 6344 3676 or visit the website for information about the event and details of the special souvenir covers on sale:

**[www.launphilatelic.freeservers.com](http://www.launphilatelic.freeservers.com)**

## WEST SYDNEY STAMP AND COIN SHOW (NSW)

**1 November 2009**

This event will run from 9.30am to 3.30pm at Dooleys Club, Church Street, Lidcombe. Admission is \$2. Local and interstate dealers will attend, with FREE valuations available. Contact Steve on 0432 540 760 for more information.

## CAMPBELLTOWN "FISHER'S GHOST" STAMP FAIR (NSW)

**1 November 2009**

This event will run from 10am to 3.30pm at the Campbelltown Civic Centre, Queen Street, Campbelltown. Admission is FREE. Light refreshments will be available, along with two "sale by tenders" commencing at 11.30am and 2pm respectively. There will be a numbered overprinted minisheet available for sale onsite or by mail order while stocks last. Orders should be sent to Mario Saliba, PO Box 478, Campbelltown, NSW 2560 or email

**[mario.saliba@elections.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mario.saliba@elections.nsw.gov.au)**

## APTA MELBOURNE STAMP AND COLLECTABLES FAIR (Vic)

**14 to 15 November 2009**

This event will be held at the Malvern Town Hall, corner of High St and Glenferrie Rd, Malvern, on the weekend of 14 and 15 November 2009. Hours are 10am to 5pm on both days. Local and interstate dealers will attend to buy and sell, and the event will feature FREE valuations and lucky door prizes. A limited-edition show overprint (minisheet and booklet with matched numbers) will be available at the show for \$32. Postage & handling fee of \$3 applies for mail orders. Admission for adults is \$5, children FREE. Enquiries should be directed to APTA on 03 9878 4664 or by email to **[publicity@apta.com.au](mailto:publicity@apta.com.au)**.

## WAGGA STAMP AND COIN FAIR (NSW)

**21 to 22 November 2009**

This event will be hosted by the Wagga Stamp Club Inc at the Sturt Public School Hall, White Avenue, Koorlingal. Hours are 9am to 4pm each day and admission is FREE. Dealers will attend to buy, sell and to offer valuations. For information please contact the secretary on 02 6922 3393.

## ILLAWARRA STAMP AND COIN SHOW (NSW)

**28 November 2009**

This event will run from 10am to 3.30pm at the Master Builders Club, Church Street, Wollongong. Admission is \$2. Local and interstate dealers will attend with FREE valuations available. Contact Steve on 0432 540 760 for more information.

## CORRECTIONS

### Australian Bush Babies stamp issue

The photograph for the \$2.90 stamp credit should read "Brushtail Possum, Narelle Power".

### Heritage Post Offices Domestic Postage-paid envelopes

The C6 size x 65c envelope features the Goulburn, NSW, Post Office and the B4 size x \$2.90 envelope features Warwick, Qld, Post Office.

### Australia Post – 200 Years Everyday People

Stamp subject "Vinko Romanik" was incorrectly spelt on the maxicard and in *Stamp Bulletin* No.300.

## DON'T MISS OUT! 2009 Baby Coin Card

The baby coin card includes a 2009 \$1 Uncirculated bounding Kangaroo coin from the Royal Australian Mint.

You can also personalise the card for a lasting memento of baby's first years.

1514454 **\$12.95 each**



## FIRST DAY OF ISSUE POSTMARKS

### Christmas

2 November 2009  
St Marys, Tas 7215

### Merry Christmas

2 November 2009  
Merrylands, NSW 2160

### Christmas Island Christmas

2 November 2009  
Christmas Island, WA 6798

### Australian Pig Breeders

### Association Centenary

2 November 2009  
Kiama, NSW 2533

## TEMPORARY POSTMARKS

### Adelaide GPO SA 5000

A pictorial postmark was released 23 October 2009 with the words "First National Philatelic Pub Crawl." The event will contribute toward the "Raise the Roof Fund", which has been organised to raise funds for the replacement of the SA Philatelic House roof. The image is of a Firkin beer barrel. The postmark will be available from the Postal Manager, Adelaide GPO, SA 5000 until 31 December 2009.

### Launceston Tas 7250

A pictorial postmark will be released on 30 October 2009 with the words "2009 LAUNPEX" to celebrate the National One Frame Exhibition. The postmark will be available until 2 November 2009. Impressions available from the Postal Manager, Launceston Post Office, Tas 7250.

## CHAPMAN COLLECTION

Australia Post recently put the Chapman Collection online. To view: <http://ehive.com/account/3514>

### Kingston Tas 7050

A replacement first day of issue pictorial postmark will be available on 1 November 2009. The image is of a seal head and the Antarctic landscape. The postmark will be used for the first day of issue only. Impressions will be available from the Postal Manager, Kingston Post Office, Tas 7050.

### Kingston Tas 7050

A replacement pictorial postmark will be available on 1 November 2009. The image is of a seal in front of the Antarctic landscape. The postmark will be used for the first day of issue only. Impressions will be available from the Postal Manager, Kingston Post Office, Tas 7050.

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# IN RETROSPECT

## PICTORIAL POSTMARKS

### Perth WA 6000

A replacement postmark for the Philatelic Sales Centre in WA was issued on 4 August 2009. The postmark is held at 66 St George's Terrace, Perth WA. The original postmark had become unserviceable and was decommissioned on 16 July 2009. Impressions of the replacement postmark are available from the Postal Manager, 66 St George's Terrace, Perth, WA 6000.

## PERMANENT POSTMARK

### Moonbi NSW 2353

Postmark features The Big Chook Impressions available from Postal Manager, Moonbi Post Office, NSW 2353

### Korumburra Vic 3950

Postmark features a new image of Coal Trucks and a Miner in reference to the Historical Village "Coal Creek" which is situated in Korumburra. Impressions available from the Korumburra Post Office 3950

### Ceduna SA 5690

A pictorial postmark was released 21 September 2009 celebrating Ceduna as "Australia's Oyster Capital". The image is of an open oyster shell. The postmark will be available from the Postal Manager, Ceduna Post Office, SA 5690 until 31 December 2009.

## TEMPORARY POSTMARKS

### Moora WA 6510

A pictorial postmark commemorating the Centenary of the Shire of Moora 1909–2009 was released on 21 August 2009. Impressions will be available from the Moora Post Office until 31 December 2009.

### Ballarat Vic 3350

A pictorial postmark celebrating 150 years of service to the community by the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute was available from Monday 27 July 2009 for six weeks from the Ballarat Post Office. The postmark used the legal entity spelling of "Ballaarat".

# TALKING STAMPS

WITH RICHARD BRECKON

## Early pictorial definitive stamps

In November 1930, the Australian Post Office began developing new pictorial definitive stamps, to replace the existing values of the Kangaroo and Map stamps ranging from 6d to £2. The new high-denomination stamps would be printed by intaglio. (Stamps below 6d would continue to be printed by the letterpress process.)

The Note Printing Branch prepared various stamp designs, four of which were chosen by the Post Office for further development – a Lyrebird, Kookaburra, Platypus and Kangaroo. However, the Lyrebird and Kookaburra designs were the only stamps to be issued in the new series.

A 1s. Lyrebird stamp was issued in March 1932, followed by a 6d Kookaburra stamp three months later. The 1s. stamp was printed intaglio, but the 6d was switched to letterpress production as an economy measure. Following a change of government in January 1932, a new Postmaster-General ordered the change, as well as deferring the issue of further new definitive stamps.

Apart from the above definitive stamps, stamps were introduced to pay the extra postage for sending mail by air. Australia's first air mail stamp, featuring a typical pastoral scene, was issued in May 1929. It was a 3d denomination to pay the half ounce (14g) air mail fee additional to ordinary postage. A 6d air mail stamp was issued in November 1931, adapted from the Kingsford Smith commemorative design issued earlier that year. The two stamps remained current until 1936, when the use of distinctive air mail stamps was ended.

On 10 December 1934 a regular air service commenced between Australia and England, taking about 10 days to carry mail, compared

to about 35 days by ship. The postage for air mail letters to Great Britain was 1s.6d per half ounce and a stamp of this value was issued featuring the Greek god Hermes crossing the western and eastern hemispheres. (It was Hermes' task to carry messages for the other gods.) Although chiefly for air mail use, the 1s.6d stamp features the standard "Postage" inscription.

Following the accession of King George VI, an entirely new definitive stamp series was developed for issue during 1937 and 1938. Rotary intaglio printing presses installed a few years earlier in the Note Printing Branch made it practicable for all stamps to be printed intaglio, including the vast quantities of the base rate and other low-value definitive stamps.

The first definitive stamps issued were royal portraits on the commonly used 1d and 2d values, coinciding with the King's coronation in May 1937. The 1d stamp featured Queen Elizabeth (the Queen Mother) and the 2d stamp George VI in admiral's uniform. The stamps attracted much public criticism; the "spider-like" lettering and haloes around the portraits making them look unfinished. As a result, re-engraved versions of the two stamps were re-issued in 1938, with thicker lettering and haloes removed. The admiral portrait of the King was also used on 1½d, 3d and 1s.4d stamps.

The next group of new definitive stamps comprised the zoological designs: Kangaroo (½d), Koala (4d), Merino (5d), Kookaburra (6d), Platypus (9d) and Lyrebird (1s.). All the stamps were long-serving – the ½d Kangaroo remained current until 1966; and the other zoological stamps were withdrawn at stages during the 1950s.



1d (green) Queen Elizabeth stamps, die 1 and die 2 types.

The final group are 5s., 10s. and £1 denominations, known as the "Robes" stamps, as the designs feature George VI and Queen Elizabeth in their coronation robes. Perhaps the Robes stamps were a concession for an earlier decision not to issue coronation commemoratives.

Changes to the definitive stamp range followed the introduction of a ½d war tax in December 1941. The war tax applied to each article of mail, increasing basic letter postage to 2½d, foreign countries' letter postage to 3½d and registered letters to 5½d. As it was not possible to issue new stamps immediately, existing stocks of 2d, 3d and 5d stamps were overprinted with the new values, 2½d, 3½d and 5½d, respectively. Permanent stamps in the new values were issued in early 1942, featuring the King alongside Australian motifs – eucalypt leaves and gumnuts (2½d) and Blue Wrens (3½d). The 5½d stamp featuring an Emu was an addition to the zoological series.

A combination of Australian motifs and royal portraits was applied to new definitive stamps issued from 1942 to 1944: Queen Elizabeth shown with a Fushia (1d) and with a Flannel Flower (1½d); and George VI with a eucalypt tree (2d). Following the 1941 war tax, and to accord with the Universal Postal Union's "colour rule", certain stamps serving for overseas postal use were re-issued in new colours and the colours of other stamps changed to avoid confusion.



# SEVEN SEAS

The following will be included in Seven Seas 2009 supplements and optional pages. Seven Seas pages are only available from stamp dealers and Seven Seas. Products for Seven Seas pages  
 • No CTO • Partial returns for refunds not accepted.

**2 November 2009**

**Christmas 2009**

Supplement design set  
 miniature sheet  
 Options self-adhesive booklet  
 self-adhesive sheetlet

**2 November 2009**

**Merry Christmas**

Supplement design set  
 self-adhesive booklet  
 DL self-adhesive sheetlet  
 Options self-adhesive booklet  
 gutter strip with design

**2 November 2009**

**Christmas Island Christmas**

Supplement design set  
 Options nil

*In the case of self-adhesive stamps, Australia Post will supply collector packs, full booklets or sheetlets only.*

**Mail order codes**

<b>1625235</b>	<b>Australian Supplement</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>
<b>1625236</b>	<b>Australian Optional</b>	<b>\$31.25</b>
<b>1625238</b>	<b>Christmas Island Supplement</b>	<b>\$1.25</b>

## COLLECTING ACCESSORIES



### Australia Post

#### 12 x 1 Stock Sheets

Set of 12 x 1 panel stock sheets.

0903328 **\$12.95**



### Australia Post First Day Cover

#### Stock Sheets

Set of 12 x 2 panel stock sheets for first day cover album.

0903271 **\$12.95**



### A4 32-page Leatherette Stock Book

This premium black, 32-page stock book is perfect for storing your stamp collection. It comes with a leatherette slipcase and each page features clear acrylic interleaving. Stamps not included.

0306391 **\$75.00**



### Australia

#### Post First Day

#### Cover Album

First Day Cover album featuring burgundy leatherette finish.

0903270 **\$10.00**

# NEW ISSUES

Mail order (retail)	Product description	Price	Planned withdrawal date
2 November 2009	Christmas 2009		
1624067 (37604)	Stamps (1 x 50c, 1 x \$1.25)	\$1.75	30 May 2010
1624142 (37602)	Minisheet	\$1.75	30 May 2010
1624002 (37614)	First day cover (gummed)	\$2.05	30 November 2009
1624013 (37615)	First day cover (minisheet)	\$2.05	30 November 2009
1624005 (37613)	First day cover (blank)	\$0.30	30 May 2010
1624126 (37616)	Stamp pack	\$3.95	30 May 2010
1624220 (37617)	Maxicard set (2)	\$3.25	30 May 2010
1624155 (37600)	Aerogramme	\$1.25	30 May 2010
1624241 (37608)	Gutter (10 x 50c – no design)	\$5.00	30 May 2010
1624242 (37612)	Gutter (10 x \$1.25 – no design)	\$12.50	30 May 2010
1624182 (37596)	Booklet (20 x 50c)	\$10.00	30 May 2010
1624250	Chequebook (20 x 20 x 50c)	\$200.00	30 May 2010
1624122 (37598)	Self-adhesive sheetlet (5 x \$1.25)	\$6.25	30 May 2010
2 November 2009	Merry Christmas		
1625067 (37618)	Stamps (5 x 50c)	\$2.50	30 May 2010
1625002 (37624)	First day cover (gummed)	\$2.80	30 November 2009
1625005 (37623)	First day cover (blank)	\$0.30	30 May 2010
1625300 (37646)	Prestige first day cover	\$9.95	30 May 2010
1625126 (37625)	Stamp pack	\$2.95	30 May 2010
1625220 (37626)	Maxicard set (5)	\$6.25	30 May 2010
1625240 (37622)	Gutter (10 x 50c – with design)	\$5.00	30 May 2010
1625182 (37619)	Booklet (10 x 50c)	\$5.00	30 May 2010
1625250	Chequebook (20 x 10 x 50c)	\$100.00	30 May 2010
1625122 (37627)	DL sheetlet (10 x 50c) self-adhesive	\$5.00	30 May 2010
1625351 (37629)	Christmas cards with DL sheetlet	\$9.99	30 May 2010
1625350 (37630)	Box of self-adhesive gift labels (50 labels)	\$4.95	to be advised
2 November 2009	Christmas Island Christmas		
1627067 (37631)	Stamps (1 x \$1.25)	\$1.25	30 May 2010
1627002 (37640)	First day cover	\$1.55	30 November 2009
1627005 (37639)	First day cover (blank)	\$0.30	30 May 2010
1627122 (37632)	Self-adhesive sheetlet (5 x \$1.25)	\$6.25	30 May 2010
1627240 (37638)	Gutter (10 x \$1.25 – no design)	\$12.50	30 May 2010
1592182 (36287)*	Booklet (10 x 50c)	\$5.00	30 May 2010
1592304*	Chequebook (20 x 10 x 50c)	\$100.00	30 May 2010
<b>* previously released 31 October 2008</b>			
2 November 2009	Australian Pig Breeders Association Centenary		
0491134 (37641)	Pre-stamped envelope (mint)	\$0.65	30 May 2010
0491144 (37642)	Pre-stamped envelope (postmarked)	\$0.65	30 November 2009
December 2009	Australian Film Institute		
1514611 (37802)	AFI Awards Special Stamp Pack	\$12.95	30 June 2010

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1514454 (36593)	2009 Baby Coin Card	\$12.95	–
<b>PERTH MINT (PM)</b>			
1514584 (37562)	2009 Young Collectors Coin program Space \$1 Unc. Coins	\$79.95	–
1514588 (37567)	2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™ 1oz Silver Proof Coin	\$97.50	–
1514589 (37568)	2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™ 0.5g Gold Coin	\$80.00	–
1514591 (37569)	Australian Citizenship \$1 Unc. coin	\$12.95	–
1514577 (37557)	2009 Turtle Dreaming: 1oz Silver Rectangle Coin	\$65.00	–
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1514595 (37576)*	40th Anniversary Moon Landing 50c Unc. Pad-printed Coin	\$9.95	–
1514425 (36553)*	2009 Wedding Set Gem Unc. Coins	\$95.00	–
1514427 (36552)*	2009 Blinky Bill Baby Unc. Set	\$35.00	–
1514426 (36551)*	2009 Blinky Bill Baby Proof Set	\$120.00	–
1514529 (37023)*	2009 Land Series – \$1 Frost Unc. Pad-printed: Bilby	\$14.95	–
1514530 (37024)*	2009 Land Series – \$1 Frost Unc. Pad-printed: Filled Lizard	\$14.95	–
1514598 (37580)*	Year of Astronomy \$5 Meteorite Fine Silver Proof Coin	\$155.00	–
<b>* previously released earlier 2009</b>			
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1626214 (37544)	2009 Collection of Australian Stamps (executive)	\$134.95	31 December 2010
1626194 (37545)	The Australian Territories Collection of Stamps 2009	\$24.95	31 December 2010
1514564 (37490)	AFL Premiers medallion cover	\$19.95	to be advised
1514565 (37488)	AFL Premiers souvenir stamp sheet	\$15.95	to be advised
1514566 (37491)	NRL Premiers medallion cover	\$19.95	to be advised
1514567 (37489)	NRL Premiers souvenir stamp sheet	\$15.95	to be advised
1514570 (36317)	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince™ souvenir stamp sheet	\$15.95	to be advised
1514602 (37644)	Mark Webber souvenir stamp sheet	\$15.95	to be advised
1514601 (37586)	Help Save the Tasmanian Devil Fund souvenir stamp sheet	\$15.95	to be advised
1514603 (37582)	Australia Post – Uniforms souvenir stamp sheet	\$15.95	to be advised
1514610 (37552)	Princess Margaret Hospital for Children Centenary SSS	\$15.95	to be advised

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1514559	Contemporary Christmas (with postage)	\$9.99	–
1514568	Christmas Festivities (with postage)	\$9.99	–
1514569	Christmas Time (with postage)	\$9.99	–
1514559	Celebrate (with postage)	\$9.99	–
1514607	Gifts and Wishes (with postage)	\$9.99	–
1514606	Merry Christmas (with postage)	\$9.99	–
1514608	Bush Nativity (with postage)	\$9.99	–
1514609	Christmas Island – Critters (with postage)	\$9.99	–
1514410	Mickey Mouse (with postage – PPEs)	\$12.95	–
1514409	Muppets (with postage – PPEs)	\$12.95	–
Christmas essentials			
0306266	Christmas Storybook set	\$9.99	–
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