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Much of this issue is concerned with the information provided by members in response to earlier articles. The Queensland and South Australian updates both of which were delayed somewhat by unforeseen circumstances appear, the first part of the KGV survey results is revealed and the Tramways Board pattern continues to unravel.

One of the most satisfying aspects of the Editors job is getting the feedback about earlier articles, each contribution adding a bit more to the story or solving a problem. The process of publishing information even if incomplete and so allowing others to contribute is the most speedy way of documenting any area. Such results for an individual collector to obtain would take a lifetime and then still be less complete. Keep up the good work.

However I'm getting a bit short on articles so more contributions would be appreciated.

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DUES .... DUES ... etc.

It's that time of the year again. Geoff has provided a statement for each member as to the issues paid for and the amount due to bring your subscription up to July 1991. These statements are enclosed. Please send Geoff your dues as soon as possible.

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CONSTITUTION

A draft constitution is nearing completion thanks to the expert work of the Grants. You will get a copy when available.

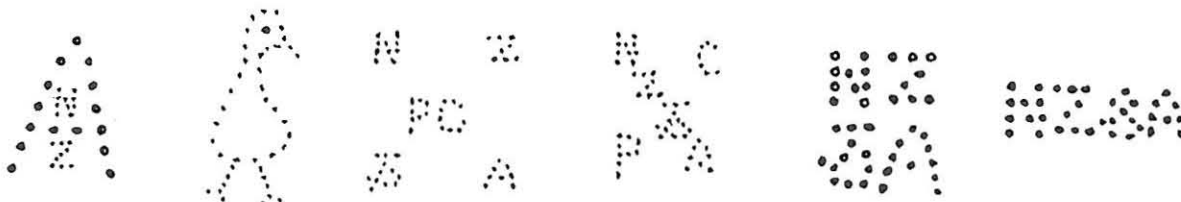
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ADDRESS CHANGE FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER

Please note Geoff's new address c/-Flour Millers Council  
455 Bourke St, Melbourne, Vic 3000  
AUSTRALIA

PATTERN FOR A PERFORATOR

Over the last year or so a number of people have suggested patterns for a Club perforator. One member suggested that any design adopted should reflect the Australian and New Zealand origins and structure of the Club. Ray Everett, one of our British members sent a number of possible designs and these are shown below:



Lindsay Armstrong suggested the Southern Cross or a star representing one of the stars from the Southern Cross.

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WANTED

I Collect all NZ dies on as many different stamps as possible, plus various patterns from other countries with NZ dies e.g. Australia, India, Great Britain. Also collect Australian private and Government perfins and have a collection of assorted covers from NZ, Australia and Great Britain.

Have a big selection of swaps from the following countries-USA, Japan, Hong Kong, France, Hungary, Denmark, Belgium, Switzerland, Canada, Straits Settlements, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Ceylon, Austria, Cuba, India, Uganda, Newfoundland, Spain and Holland. The majority being from Great Britain and about 50 Australian private perfins. If you have anything that I might be interested in please contact me: David Warren  
611 Nelson St. North, Hastings, Hawkes Bay, NZ

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HB/CO on 1d RED

The following additional items were reported:

Two additional KGV 1d red die III issues both with Tasmanian postmarks, one of which had a legible postmark-Launceston 7/10/1919

A number of KGV 1d red die I's were reported with either Launceston or Victorian postmarks. A copy of this perfin on a 6d Roo with a Melbourne postmark 22/2/1917 with no missing pin was also reported

So far all the die III's reported have had Tasmanian postmarks!

KGV SURVEY

The first part of the results for the KGV survey will cover those issues with C OF A watermark. The results for the issues with other watermarks will follow next issue as I am waiting for replies to a couple of queries.

A total of 15 members surveyed their collections and sent in their survey forms. Some of the best collections of State Government officials were surveyed as well as some collections of more modest scope. However there are a number of good collections that I am aware of that were not represented. Nevertheless the results do provide a most useful idea of the scarcity of issues as well as identifying a few previously unreported issues.

It is important to remember when looking at the results that these totals are not an accurate measure of the total number of copies of a particular items but a measure of relative scarcity.

Number of copies	OS/NSW Pos 1	OS (12 holes in S) Pos 1	G/NSW Pos 1	G/NSW Pos 3 (inverted)	G/NSW Pos 4	G/NSW Pos 5 (reversed)	S/C/C	T	W/A Pos 1	W/A Pos 3 (inverted)
ASC										
113 1/2d orange	3	-	38	-	-	-	1	6	6	-
114 1d green	20	10	1282	3	-	3	1	186	647	2
115 1 1/2d br.	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
116 2d red	25	19	1131	3	1	1	10	245	610	1
117 3d blue	3	-	279	2	-	-	-	39	84	-
118 4d olive	-	3	223	2	-	-	-	32	86	-
119 5d brown	1	-	81	3	-	-	-	10	128	-
120 1/4 blue	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	-	-

The interpretation of these figures and their usage to provide some guide to price is a matter on which some will disagree.

Bearing in mind that the survey was of 15 collections only, the following ratings suggest themselves:

- Rare - 1 to 5 copies i.e. only in a few collections
- Scarce- 6 to 20 copies i.e. in most but not all collections
- Fairly Common- 21 to 50 copies i.e. should be fairly easy to obtain
- Very Common- 51 + copies

The apparent scarcity of the SCC pattern may be related to the fact that few collectors are interested in this pattern.

This table shows two expected 'trends' a) the scarcity of inverted and reversed patterns. b) the scarcity of perfins on the 1/2d, 1 1/2d and 1/4 values.

KGV survey cont.

Another aspect of interest is the situation relating to the scarcity of the OS/NSW and OS(12 holes in the S) patterns on the 1d and 2d values. These items have often been regarded as rare but the number of copies reported indicates that while they are fairly scarce it would be quite reasonable for most collectors to obtain copies.

Thankyou to those members who provided the information.

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PRICES NOTICED

in Stamp News Australasia May 1990 p.12 Richard Juzwin Pty Ltd  
Selected items:

Lot no. 4 Complete set(15) Fine mint First wmk perforated OS/NSW. This is probably the finest and only complete set available. Many times scarcer than the ordinary or perf OS issues \$12,000

Lot no.35 1/- Anzac Bottom Left Cnr Blk 4 Perforated G/NSW -no gum-seldom seen,especially in multiple \$225

Is Lot no.4 a record price asked for a set of Australian perfins?

Also found in the same issue of SNA was Postal Bid Sale no.1 from Kimondes,Jeffries & Bryan with a good range of T,G/NSW and VG issues. If your interested in State officials it might be worthwhile keeping an eye on their future sales.

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NEW ZEALAND CIRCUIT

Barry Clarke reports that as at 20/5/1990 the New Zealand circuit has circulated stamps valued at \$1309.45 and sold 41.5 %.

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MALAYSIAN CATALOGUE

Peter Giffen advises he still has a few copies available at A\$5 and he has moved again. His current address is 4 Taree Place Roleystone,WA 6111 Australia.

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NEW ZEALAND 1990

A reminder for those lucky enough to be going to New Zealand 1990. Dont forget the get together for Perfin Collectors on Sunday 26th August. Let us know how it goes.

NEW ZEALAND PERFIN LISTING

We have collated information and illustrated the perfins of New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania and Western Australia in the bulletin and seem to have produced quite useful listings. It is appropriate to turn some attention to the perfins of New Zealand.

The most recent New Zealand perfin catalogue was produced some years ago and has long been unavailable. Since it's publication a number of philatelic perfins have appeared and there have been a number of new discoveries. If we were to produce such a listing it appears likely that this would help stimulate reports of new items and also encourage interest in New Zealand perfins.

It would be most useful to receive comments from members as to the aspects that need to be covered.

Most collectors of New Zealand perfins worldwide collect them on a non specialised basis. These collectors, and I include myself in this group, need a listing and illustration of patterns, user identification, postmarks and usage dates and if possible a scarcity rating. For the specialist New Zealand Perfin collector additional information such as detail about missing pins are of interest. Such information was provided by Robert Samuel in his book New Zealand stamps with Perforated Initials published in 1968.

It is interesting to note the influence of the above book on the collecting habits of NZ perfin collectors and the heavy interest in the foreign perfins with a NZ connection, so engendered.

It would be fairly easy to produce a listing of New Zealand perfins in a similar way to that used for the Australian States and to survey collections to confirm the rarity of patterns. To produce a detailed monograph for the New Zealand specialist will take considerably longer.

A few aspects to consider

- a) Should revenue usage be separated from postal usage ?
- b) How much detail is needed for the British NZ pattern, the only New Zealand official? A very detailed listing may be appropriate here.
- c) Is it better to note varieties, such as missing pins, only and deal with these at a later stage?
- d) Should dates of usage be related to particular locations rather than the pattern in general where a pattern was used at a number of locations?
- e) How much detail is appropriate for the foreign perfins with a New Zealand connection? We have described/illustrated a number of such patterns used in the Australian States previously not listed in the earlier NZ catalogues.

Over to you for your comments.

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MEMBERSHIP

As of 10/7/1990 we had 86 members. Not a bad growth rate.

TRAMWAY PERFIN REVISITED

There has been quite a bit of information provided in response to the article in the January 1990 issue, by Ivor Stockwell, Derek Pocock and John Mathews.

Ivor reports a TB issue with 7 holes in the B on a KGV 1d green small multi watermark p.13 1/2 X 12 1/2 issue. This pattern is illustrated at the right. He suggests that the B may have had 8 pins. From here the story gets harder to follow.

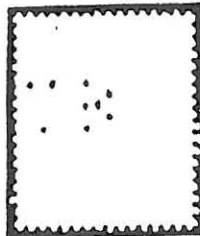


A range of issues with the B having 6 holes were reported:

KGV	1 1/2d	scarlet	small multi watermark	p.14
KGV	1d	green	"	p.13 1/2 x 12 1/2
KGV	1 1/2d	scarlet	"	"
KGV	2d	"	"	"

Again Ivor had a couple of interesting items to report

KGV	1 1/2d	red	single watermark with the 5 hole B
KGV	1 1/2d	red	small multi watermark p.13 1/2 x 12 1/2 with a 3 hole T and a 6 hole B -illustrated below.



Unfortunately dated postmarks do not appear on these items so that we can only guess as to their date of usage.

So far all KGV issues with C of A watermark have had the 5 hole B.

Bearing in mind that the machine used was a single die only it looks like this die suffered repeated damage and was repaired on at least one occasion. A possible sequence for the number of holes in the T and B could be:

4,7 ----> 4,6 ----> 3,6 ----> 4,5

How the single watermark issue fits in is at present uncertain.

Quite a few questions still need to be answered:

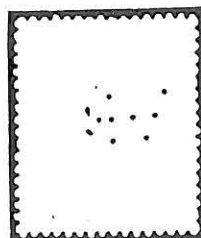
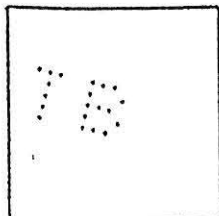
- a) Was there an 8 hole B ?
- b) What was the true sequence of pin damage? We will need postmarked issues to establish this sequence.
- c) What was the original die ?

Two other patterns may have some bearing on this pattern:

Derek writes "Of further interest is the possible identity of the other TB perfin (7,13). I have three copies on stamps of the 1920's and they also show progressive deterioration. A full

Tramway Perfin Revisited cont.

strike on SG77 1 1/2d then deteriorates by missing pins 2 and 4 in the upright of the T as found on SG62 of 1922 and then the 1 1/2d SG61 is missing, in addition, a total of 5 pins in the B." Can anyone confirm the identity of this earlier TB pattern and date the progressive wear of the pins ? Does anyone have a 'missing link' between this pattern and the Tramways Board perfin ?



Judith Sidaway came across the V.B perfin above on a 1d KGV small multi watermark issue that appears to have a similar lettering style to the TB pattern. Does anyone have any information about this one ?

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LITERATURE

Grant J&J "A favourite cover" Capital Philately May 1990.

A NSW 2d Blue QV printed to Private order advertising cover with the HJ/D perfin of Harrison, Jones & Devlin Ltd punched through the envelope is illustrated and described. A scarce and interesting item of postal stationery.

Eros, Laszlo Catalog of Romanian Perfins Perfins Club 1989 39 pages

Lists and illustrates 723 patterns used in Romania. The identity if known, period of usage and relative rarity rating for each perfin is provided. Unlike other Perfin Club productions this one is not designed to be used as an album also. Easier to read than Maxa's Katalog Rumunskych Perfinu published in 1981 as it is in English. Essential if you collect Romanian or world perfins.

Available from Jackie Ryan  
Perfins Club Catalog Sales and Distribution  
301 South Hine Avenue, Waukesha WI 53188 USA

The price to US addresses is US\$5-50. Outside of the US contact Jackie for a quote including postage of your choice.

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AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL IN BRITAIN

Brian Fuller writes relating to the perfins used at Australia House in Britain, the C OF A and C/OF/A patterns, found on British stamps. "As Australia House is an Embassy it probably has Australian sovereignty. Therefore the perfins used should rightfully be classed as Australian perfins. Any debate would be welcomed."

PRIVATE PERFINS OF QUEENSLAND: SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION no.1

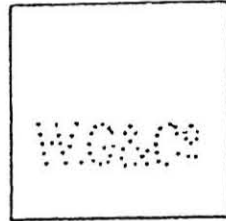
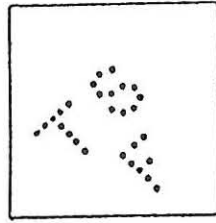
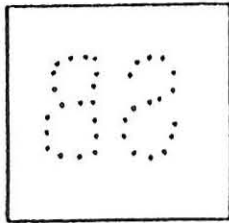
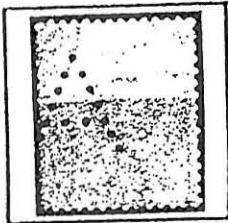
Information additional to that in the original article on Queensland Private Perfins in the South Pacific Perfins Bulletin no.4 has been supplied by a number of collectors. Their contributions are much appreciated.

This article was prepared in December 1988 but due to unforeseen circumstances was not used in the Bulletin then. A small amount of additional information has been added since then.

New Patterns

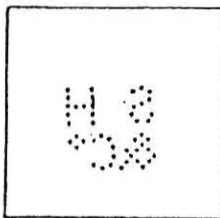
On Postal issues

- A
- SB
- TS/F with a Melbourne postmark
- WG&Co. possible fiscal usage



On Revenues

- SH/&Co found on Adhesive duties 5th series (1893-1901), 6th series (1901-1919) and 8th series (1930's -1965)



All of these patterns have a scarcity rating of A (5 or less copies reported)

Additional Information

- A.E./Co Australian Estates and Mortgage Company, Rockhampton, later postmark 27/3/1911
- ALLEN also postmarked Townsville
- E&/Co. Edwards & Co., Brisbane, later postmark 28/3/1909
- ED also postmarked Townsville
- EM/L Edkins Marsh & Co., Longreach 1908
- K&C Kennard & Cameron, Toowoomba



Private Perfins of Queensland cont.

Additional Information

Mc.P           CORRECTION used by McPhie & Co., Toowoomba not by  
                  McPherson & Co.  
R.R./Co./LTD   Robert Reid & Co., Ltd, Brisbane  
S&G/T           Scholefield Godsall & Weaver, Toowoomba, later  
                  postmark 27/2/1907  
S&H           CORRECTION used by Stewart & Hammant, Brisbane  
SH/&Co          also postmarked Townsville  
TBS Type 1      later postmark 1912  
TBS Type 2      postmarked Brisbane 8/7/1911 to 8/1911  
TCB/&Co         also postmarked Fortitude Valley, earlier postmark  
                  18/5/1908  
VOCO           postmarked 20/3/1903 to 26/5/1911  
WC             postmarked 23/8/1912  
W&Co           Webster & Co., Brisbane, later postmark 19/2/1904

On Revenues

BCC           found on Adhesive duties 7th series (1920-1935) and  
                  8th series (1930's-1965)  
S&H           found on Adhesive duties 4th series (1892-1902) and  
                  7th series (1920-1935)  
SEA           found on Adhesive duties 9th series (1966- )  
TBS Type 1     found on Adhesive duties 8th series (1930's-1965)  
TCB/&Co       found on Railways parcels stamps 4th series (1901-1914)  
VOCO Type 1    found on Adhesive duties 6th series (1901-1919)  
W&Co           found on Adhesive duties 5th series (1893-1901)

CORRECTIONS

BI/&QA/COLD has the earliest recorded usage of a Queensland perfin  
of 1889

N.Z./I.C. was omitted from the census results in error. Its rating  
is E (very common)

Additional Issues with Perfins

A	found on ASC	43
AMPS	"	47
BI/&QA/CoLD	"	27, 33, 52
BMC	"	28
HB	"	49
HSCo	"	47a, 48
I.H	"	44
K&C	"	44
N.Z./I.C.	"	29
N.Z./I.C.	"	41
(fiscal usage)		
SB	"	43
S&H	"	49
SH/&Co	"	34, 47a, 48
TCB/&Co	"	46
TS/F	"	43, 44
W&Co	"	32, 34, 36, 38, 41, 46
W.G&Co..	"	34

Private Perfins of South Australia: Supplementary Information no.1

Information additional to that in the original article on South Australian perfins published in South Pacific Perfins Bulletin no.4 has been supplied by a number of collectors. Additional information from the articles 'South Australian Stamps perforated for Private Use' Stamp Talk August 1986 p.44-47 and February 1987 p.8-11 (indicated in the text by \* ) is included.

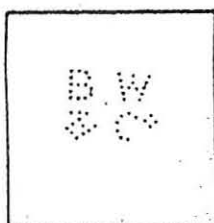
New Patterns

Postage Issues

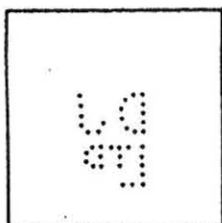
BW/Co		New South Wales postmark, 1912
DJ/LTD	David Jones Ltd., Sydney	New South Wales postmark
FHS	(no illustration)*	
F.F	(no illustration)*	F.H. Faulding (Chemists)
HB/CoLD	(no illustration)*	
OD/C	(no illustration)*	

Revenue Issues

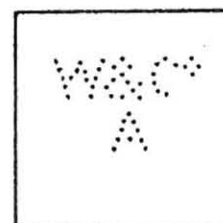
VOCO	(no illustration)*	Vacuum Oil Co.	Duty Stamp 1920-65 series
W.C./R.	(no illustration)*	W.C. Rigby	Railway Parcel Stamps
W&Co/A		Wilkinson & Co.	Duty Stamp 1920-65 series



BW/Co



DJ/LTD



W&Co/A  
(on revenues)

Additional Information

The information provided in the Stamp Talk articles provide a number of identifications of Perfin users at variance with the information already recorded. This is indicated by \* . Further information will be needed to clear up these discrepancies.

A	* Advertiser Newspapers
C&B Type 1	postmarked Glenell 1900, Murray Bridge, Express Railway
D&J/F	postmarked Murray Bridge, earlier postmark 6/11/1884
E.S.W/ &S	E.S. Wigg & Sons
GR/W	later postmark 14/7/1910
GW/A	George Wills, Adelaide /4/1882 to 4/1911
GW/S&Co	G Wood Sons & Co.
HB	* Harrold Brothers, postmarked Murray Bridge, later postmark 27/6/1895
HSCo	* Harris Scarfe & Co.
JM&Co	John Martin & Co. , later postmark 19/11/1906
O.K	* Harrold Colton & Co. (a cover illustrated in <u>Perfins Bulletin</u> Jan 1988 p.20 gives the user as Colton Palmer & Preston Ltd., Adelaide 18/4/1913)
VOCO	earlier postmark Port Adelaide 27/4/1903
W.C./R	W.C. Rigby



EXHIBITING PERFINS by P Engelbrecht

My exhibit consists of 8 frames each containing 16 pages. Each page has as a minimum the following:

- a) the perfin picture
- b) a cover or a card with the identification of the user of the machine in question. If the name is on the reverse I place a photocopy of the name and address (eventually diminished) just above the cover. Under the cover I provide the tariff at the time of posting.
- c) between these two most important items I mount an appropriate number of perfined stamps of that company. Each stamp should have a cancellation that is legible as to place and date. Apart from the cancellation I choose the earliest and the most recent stamps from my collection. Under the stamps I place information as to the earliest and latest known dates of usage for this perfin and if a permit was given by the Postmaster General's Office (1876-1917 in Denmark but after 1917 free) this is noted with the relevant journal number.

This exhibit has achieved a grand silver award in Denmark which is 73 out of a maximum of 100 points (Had I gained 75 points it would have meant a Vermeil award and thereby access to International Exhibitions).

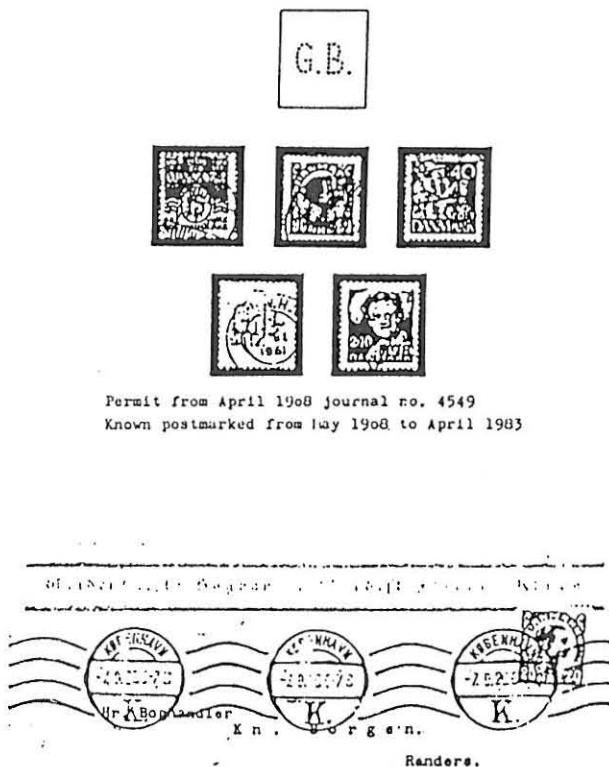
If in doubt as to the quality of the item at hand do not use it -choose only the best. Mounting loose stamps should not be done with black pockets. What you should do is the following: Cut the back of a black pocket into the size just a few millimeters smaller than the stamp. Glue the black paper to the back of a glassine pocket and you will have nice framing without "mourning".

An example of a page so arranged is illustrated at the right (though somewhat reduced in size)

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ANOTHER NEW ZEALAND PERFIN.

Perforated for the Royal 100 Exhibition by J Sloper & Co. Details anyone ?



7.9.1926 - Tariff letter inland postage 1. weightclass 0-50 g - 20 ure

