

SOUTH PACIFIC PERFIN BULLETIN

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Editorial

I hope you have all had a good Christmas break and start to 93. This bulletin should be sent out at the end of January when I get back to work after a few weeks break.

The release of additional updates to Commercial Perfins of Australia will be a great help to those of us who collect in this area. The process of finding new patterns and more information about listed patterns will continue for many years. Reports should continue to be sent to John Mathews and John Grant. The more help they get the better the result.

It seems also an appropriate time to plea for bulletin articles. As well as information about Australian and New Zealand perfins articles/interesting reports about Papuan and NWPI 'OS' perfins will be of interest to many members. One aspect of collecting that most members can supply information about is unusual usages of perfins. As an example can anyone explain the significant usage of perfins on Victorian state issues with Tasmanian postmarks (mainly Launceston). There is still a great deal to be found out about Australian official/semi-official perfins.

Articles do not need to be typewritten or polished, the basic information and appropriate photocopies for illustrations are all that is needed.

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POSTAL AUCTION/ SALE BY TENDER

The Secretary has received only a small (but enthusiastic)response to the notice in the October 1992 issue of the Bulletin about the possibility of the Club running a Sale by Tender / Auction. Nevertheless, it has been decided to run one as we believe it will get good support from both vendors and buyers. It is considered that this may be a more equitable way for all members to have a chance to acquire material (circuit books are usually depleted well before they reach the end of the circuit). It will also allow a better assessment of the market prices fot the benefit of all of us.

The timetable for this first auction in the new series will be:

January 1993 Bulletin - call for material, and guide for vendors April 1993 Bulletin - auction catalogue, and buyers guide July 1993 Bulletin - list of prices realised

Vendors are invited to submit lots to the coordinator:

John Mathews, 21 McConnel Cresc., Kambah ACT 2902 Australia

Guidelines for Submission of Lots are:

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- Lots are to be received at the above address by 15th March 1993 to enable preparation of the catalogue in time for the April Bulletin.
- Material submitted is to be adequately packaged when posted
- 3) Certified mail, etc., for submitted material to be at the vendor's discretion. The Club and auction coordinator cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of material in transit to the coordinator.
- 4) Each lot must be clearly identified, preferrably packaged separately in glassines, envelopes, in stocksheets or on cards etc. Each lot must have a nominated reserve price and a concise, representative description (for the catalogue). (If the vendor provides a separate summary list of lots so identified and described, a signed copy of the list will be returned by the auction coordinator as a receipt for the lots).
- 5) It is considered that it would be to everyone's advantage to set a minimum reserve for any lot at \$2-00 to allow for better lots to be sold as singles, and encourage "bulk" lots of more common material which are not easy to put in a circuit book.
- 6) A vendor's commision of 10% will be deducted from the selling price of each lot (to go towards postage for receipts for material submitted and for forwarding of payments).
- Do not forget to include your name and desired return postal address.

FIRST SUPPLEMENT TO "COMMERCIAL PERFINS OF AUSTRALIA"

The first supplement to "Commercial Perfins of Australia" by John Grant and John Mathews is enclosed with this issue of the Bulletin. It covers new patterns beginning with the letters A and B. Included in this supplement are many contributions from PCNZA members and other buyers of the book.

Rarities for these new patterns should provisionally be regarded as "R" unless otherwise indicated.

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by David Andersen

In the past I've frequently been told that there is little or no published information about perfins. Fortunately this is not the case, although much of it is hard to obtain.

While it is possible to collect perfins without the aid of a catalogue or other literature an extra dimension is added to a collection if you have some idea of what you have and some background to the area. Scarcity ratings can be helpful in working out how much it is reasonable to pay for an item. If you are going to exhibit or write articles about perfins you need to have the more basic literature in the area so that you are not rediscovering what is already known (a most frequent occurance in philately as much of what is published is not readily available nor are there many substantial public collections of philatelic literature).

This article refers only to literature published about perfins and does not consider such sources as business directories and old phone books that many collectors find useful to identify users of patterns.

Catalogues and Handbooks Specifically about Perfins

There exists a very broad range of catalogues listing the perfins of single countries. Most countries have had a catalogue of sorts produced at some stage covering the perfins from that country. Below is a list of <u>some</u> of the catalogues that are still available.

Available from the <u>Perfins Club</u> (US) c/- Jackie Ryan, 301 South Hine St., Waukesha WI 53188 USA. Jackie will quote price including postage (Nonmembers pay extra).

<u>Austrian Perfins</u> by J Nussbickle 1991 <u>Bavaria Catalogue of Perfins</u> by J Needham 1990 <u>Belgium Catalogue of Perfins plus supplements</u> by W Smetsers 1988 <u>Perfins of Ceylon</u> by A Ellis 1988 <u>India Catalogue of Perfins</u> by M Werner 1990 <u>Romania Catalog of Perfins</u> by L Eros 1989 US Perfins Catalog by J Balough 547p & 5 supps

Available from the <u>Perfin Society</u> (UK) c/- John Donner, 28 Fullbrook Way Odiham, Basingstoke Hants RG25 1QG UK

<u>Catalogue of Great Britain Perfins</u> T Edwards & B Lucas 1986-91 price around ±50 (overseas surface mail) it illustrates patterns only (some 18,000) -only 160 copies were produced <u>Tomkins Catalogue of Gb Identified Perfins</u> T Edwards Provides the identifications for the illustrated catalogue above. Updates issued in parts with the Perfin Society Bulletin <u>Railway Perfins of Great Britain</u> Bowman Welsh Perfins T Edwards

Most of these catalogues and a number of others are available from <u>Glass Slipper</u> (Andrew Hall) PO Box 62 York Y01 1YL UK. Glass Slipper has regular postal bids sales of Cinderellas including perfins and a list of publications is included with the catalogue. This is the most comprehensive source for Perfin Catalogues that I have used.

A Perfin Collectors Library Cont.

Most of these catalogues are fairly basic productions, many are looseleaf and most are printed in small numbers only. In general they sell out in a few years and new editions if produced are infrequent. While some are quite expensive due to their size e.g. <u>Catalogue of Great Britain Perfins</u> at around ±50 most cost from US\$5-00 to US\$15-00. Some catalogues include a scarcity rating but by no means all. All illustrate each pattern known and list users identifications if known.

Unfortunately you will not be able to buy these catalogues from your local stamp dealer and it is usually only possible to buy from the publisher or one of the sources listed above. Secondhand copies are rarely available.

In addition to the one country catalogues there are a small number of handbooks devoted to official perfins.

Catalogue of Official Perfins M Thornton 197? about 150 pages Lists officials worldwide, though it is now out of date in some areas it can still be useful. Available from the Perfin Society.

G.B. Official Perfins T Edwards & B Lucas 1984 70 pages Available from the Perfin Society.

Wrigleys textbook and guide to Canadian Officials (Details of the latest edition would be appreciated)

Victorian Government Punctures B Toop 4th ed 1988 (New edition due soon)

Australian Official Perfins D Andersen 1987 (Out of Print)

Journals Specifically about Perfins

There are four english language publications that are available

-Perfins Bulletin published by the Perfins Club (Secretary Ralph W Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden ME 04225 USA) each year 10 issues of some 26 pages each, extensively illustrated. US\$15-00 pa outside US/Canada by surface mail. Highly recommended for worldwide collectors as many issues include part of a catalog from smaller countries in Africa, South America or Europe. Some issues include auctions.

-Perfin Society Bulletin published by the Perfin Society (Secretary/Treasurer Michael Rucklidge 13 Moncrieffe Rd, Sheffield Yorkshire S7 1HQ, UK) 6 issues p.a. of some 20 pages each. Most useful for collectors of British perfins though more general and foreign articles sometimes included. Most issues include auctions and update pages for the Tomkins identities catalogue.

-<u>The Perforator</u> published by the British North America Philatelic Society Canadian Perfins Study Group (Subscription information not known) Excellent publication for collectors of Canadian perfins.

-South Pacific Perfin Bulletin

A Perfin Collectors Library Cont.

In addition a number of other journal relating to perfins are being published - <u>Ancoper</u> (Association Nationale des Collectionneurs de Timbres Perfores, France)

Lochungen (Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Firmen und behardliche Durchlochungen, Germany)

Perfinpost (Perfin Club of the Netherlands)

Journal Articles

Many non-perfin philatelic magazines/journals have occasional articles about perfins some with brief notes, others with in depth articles of significance.

It is not possible to have a subscription to all of the titles that have occasional articles on a normal budget, nor to store them easily. It is also not possible to obtain backissues of most so one must often resort to photocopies. Unfortunately it is also quite difficult to find out about these articles in the first place.

Some Australian titles that have had significant perfin articles at times are Black Swan (W.A.),Stamp Talk (S.A.), Capital Philately (ACT) and the Bulletin of the Australian Commonwealth Collectors Club of New South Wales (ACCCNSW).

(Please advise the Editor of any interesting articles you notice so that a note can go in the Bulletin about the article)

Standard Stamp Catalogues

These in general are poor sources of information about perfins although most do list some perfins, usually officials. For example Gibbons list two Sudanese SG perfins(though with no explanation as to why they don't list the rest), Scott list Canadian OH/MS officials, Yvert list various including Tunisian T dues and Michel lists Bavarian semi-officials and German POL types.

Other Philatelic Books

Quite a number of specialised books have information about perfins in them, sometimes complete chapters devoted to perfins and many can be quite useful. Again very hard to locate.

Indexes to Perfin Literature

Like philately in general there are few indexes to what has been published. Apart from indexes specific to a particular journal the following are quite useful:

<u>Perfin Abstracts</u> published by the Perfin Society (UK) provides 907 abstracts for articles and books on perfins worldwide including a partial listing of the Perfins Bulletin and the Perfins Society Bulletin. The first 500 abstracts were indexed but the rest have not been indexed so are hard to use (I have produced an index for the 407 unindexed abstracts for my own use- let me know if you want a copy). Perfins Abstracts has been suspended for a few years though it appears likely that publication will resume in the near future. A Perfin Collectors Library Cont.

The Library Catalogues produced for the Perfins Club(US) and Perfin Society(UK) do list a large number of catalogues and articles available in their libraries. While foreign members cannot borrow from these libraries the Librarians will photocopy articles etc. at cost.

G/NSW ON AEROGRAMMES

In 1980 the New South Wales Government Printer Mr D West in reply to an inquiry relating to "perforations" made the following statement "Perforations as described above would also have been used on aerograms". He was referring to G/NSW and U/NSW perfins earlier in his letter.

Mr B R Davies, the Under Secretary of the Premiers Dept. in a letter to Alan Salisbury in 1974 mentioned a single G/NSW die for use on aerogrammes and included a sample on a sheet of paper. This sample is the same as the then current G/NSW pattern.

These letters indicate that machinery was available to puncture aerogrammes and possibly other stationary and presumably some were so punctured. However copies of aerogrammes with this puncture have not been reported.

Presumably only a comparatively small number of aerogrammes were so punctured and these would have been sent overseas and this may explain the lack of copies in Australia.

Do aerogrammes punctured G/NSW exist ? Can you help ? Please send any details including if possible a photocopy to the Editor.

STATE OR FEDERAL OS USAGE / NSW OFFICIAL PERFINS USED IN CANBERRA

Alan Andrews commented in a recent letter about the need to know a bit of history about State and Federal Government Departments to explain unusual perfin usage. He gave two examples:

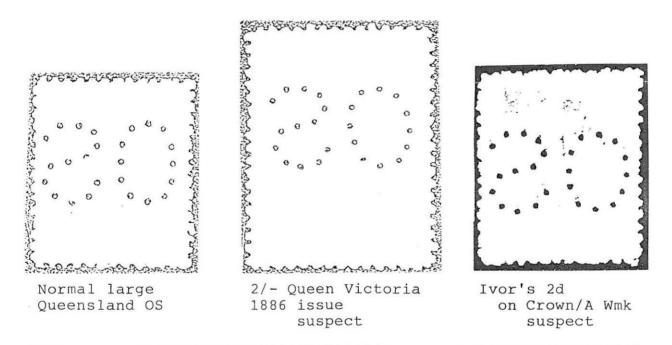
- a) In a recent Postal Bid Sale a lot was described as "OHMS cover front from Port Pirie to Adelaide using KGV 1d red pink G16 Punct. OS CDS Pt Pirie 14 OC 16 Another example of State usage of Federal punctures ... "
 - He pointed out that in 1916 there was a sub collector of Customs stationed at Port Pirie. All customs officers throughout Australia used official stamps up until their discontinuance. If such an envelope as described above lacked the sending departments on the cover it could well have been used by the Customs sub collector.
- b) Official NSW perfins were used in Canberra by the NSW Education Department as this Department was responsible for schools in Canberra. This continued up until the late 1970's. He served on P&C Committees for 15 years during this period and noticed that the mail received from the Canberra office of the Education Department bore G/NSW perfins.

LARGE QUEENSLAND OS - Update no.2

In response to the update in the October 1992 Bulletin Ivor Stockwell has provided additional information that casts some doubt on the status of the large OS reported on the 2/- Queen Victoria 1886 issue.

The 2/- QV 1886 issue OS while about the same size as the normal large Queensland OS does differ in the shape of the letters. The "O" is wider, lopsided and the pin arrangement is significantly different. Ivor supplied a photocopy of a number of large Queensland OS perfins on 1d and 2d issues including a 2d with an "OS" that appears to match that on the 2/- QV 1886 issue. However this 2d issue is on Crown/A watermark paper which was not issued until 1907.

As it is believed that the large Queensland OS perfin was only used from August to October 1905 this does throw some doubt on the authenticity of both of these stamps. If these stamps are fakes they would have been produced a few years ago, predating the current flood of other fake perfins from Queensland in the last few years.



A.G./1831

John Mathews

Further information on these perfins has come from member Wim Tukker in the Netherlands who also sent a photocopy of the relevant page from "Katalog Perfinu z Uzemi Ceskoslovenska" by V Maxa, V fejtek and L Janecek (Prague, 1987).

The sample described by Dr D Pocock (SPPB January 1992) is known used in Prague from 1889 to 1908, and is relatively rare. The sample described by J Mathews (SPPB July 1992) is known used in Prague from 1900 to 1930, and is rated very common, with damage

evident after 1918. The user is identified as "Assicurazioni Generali", an insurance company founded in Trieste in 1831.

DEMISE OF THE 'OS' STAMPS

A couple of passages from the Australian Commonwealth Hansard in the 1930s relating to the abolition of 'OS' perfins and later of 'OS' overprinted stamps are quite interesting. The concern that parliamentarians had not been abusing the system seems to be of much greater importance than the potential for theft and misuse by public servants. Who was trafficking in these stamps? Considering the number of mint OS perfins and overprints on the market somebody was certainly 'liberating' quantities from the purpose for which they were intended. Was anyone ever caught and charged?

From Hansard 12th May 1931 p.1751

" "OS" POSTAGE STAMPS.

Mr. A. GREEN- By way of personal explanation, I direct attention to the following statement which appeared in the Sydney Labor Daily, to-day:-

That some members of Parliament had been in the habit of selling their supplies of "On Service" stamps to philatelists was given by the Post-Master-General (Mr. A. Green) today, as the reason for the abolition of the ordinary postage stamps perforated with the letters "O.S." and supplied free to members of Parliament for official business.

This item of news is alleged to have been furnished to the Labor Daily by its Canberra reprentative yesterday. Since I was in Melbourne yesterday, obviously I could not have supplied this information. Further I made no such statement as is attributed to me. A question was asked of me yesterday by a reporter in Melbourne with regard to the new issue of stamps, and it was suggested that probably some members of Parliament had sold their stamps. I emphatically deny having said that any federal member had sold his "O.S." stamps.

From Hansard 30th March 1933 p.693 (Mr A Green is no longer the Post-Master General)

" "OS" STAMPS

Mr. A. GREEN- Will the Postmaster-General explain the reason for discontinuing the use of overprinted "O.S." stamps and the substitution of ordinary stamps for official purposes? If the department contends that "O.S." stamps lent themselves to trafficking, will the substitution of ordinary stamps which are readily covertible into money prevent that abuse?

Mr. ARCHDALE PARKHILL- Considerable trafficking in "O.S." stamps was taking place, and the overprinting of stamps used for official purposes was not acting as a safeguard against purloining or misuse. If the second portion of the honorable member's question relates to the stamps issued to honorable members, my reply is that I assume that their own principles of honesty will prevent them from using the stamps for purposes other than those for which they are intended.

WANTED TO BUY - Several good copies each of BP.1 (Showing a cancellation date prior to 1 January 1911), JSS.4 and WC&C.1 Please contact Keith Fitchett, 37 MacFarland Crescent, Chifley 2606 Australia.

NEW ZEALAND POSTAL SALE

Barry Clarke has been given a small number of NZ/1900 and THANKYOU New Zealand perfins to sell. Offers will be accepted up until 5th March 1993. Barry indicates that the bank will accept Australian cheques for a fee of 5c(so long as they are not drawn on for three weeks)so Australian members should have no difficulty in paying for lots.

All of the covers listed are postally used so that postmarks vary, but they are reasonable. In addition all appear to have been opened with a letter opener.

Send offers to Barry Clarke, 24 Spedding Rd, Whangarei NZ.

Sec	tion	1 NZ/1990 perfins (Stirling price for single stamp \$5-00)	
Lot	1.	40c Voyaging Canoe on NZ Phil. Fed. cover	
11	2.	vert pair 40c "Games" Kiwi on NZ Phil. Fed. cover	
11	3.	horiz pair 40c "Games" Kiwi on " " " "	
**	4.	as above but on white cover with Fastpost sticker	
	5.	40c "Games" Kiwi vert corner pair with selvedge (upper right)	
π	6.	40c " vert pair bottom stamp not cancelled	
"		40c " " Olympic rings cancel	
T	8.	40c Voyaging Canoe vert. pair with top selvedge	
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cancels. Will sell either as singly or together			
Sect	tion	2 THANKYOU perfins (Stirling price \$2-50 each)	
	10.	2 THANKYOU perfins (Stirling price \$2-50 each) 2c and 3c Gemstone off NZ Philatelic Federation cards	
Lot	10.	2 THANKYOU perfins (Stirling price \$2-50 each)	
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Lot	10. 11. 12.	2 THANKYOU perfins (Stirling price \$2-50 each) 2c and 3c Gemstone off NZ Philatelic Federation cards 1c Gemstone on NZ Phil Fed card -This is the scarest one 1988/89 2c Gemstone on NZ Phil Fed card 1989/90	
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Lot "	10. 11. 12. 13. 14.	2 THANKYOU perfins (Stirling price \$2-50 each) 2c and 3c Gemstone off NZ Philatelic Federation cards 1c Gemstone on NZ Phil Fed card -This is the scarest one 1988/89 2c Gemstone on NZ Phil Fed card 1989/90 3c " " " " " 1990/91 as above	
Lot " "	10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15.	2 THANKYOU perfins (Stirling price \$2-50 each) 2c and 3c Gemstone off NZ Philatelic Federation cards 1c Gemstone on NZ Phil Fed card -This is the scarest one 1988/89 2c Gemstone on NZ Phil Fed card 1989/90 3c " " " " " 1990/91 as above as above	
Lot " " "	10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15.	2 THANKYOU perfins (Stirling price \$2-50 each) 2c and 3c Gemstone off NZ Philatelic Federation cards 1c Gemstone on NZ Phil Fed card -This is the scarest one 1988/89 2c Gemstone on NZ Phil Fed card 1989/90 3c " " " " " 1990/91 as above	

WANTED TO EXCHANGE

Jac M. v.d. HOORN, Roerstraat 69 boven, 1972 VL Ijmuiden, The Netherlands has perfins of USA, England, Germany, Netherlands and other European countries, which he would like to swap for perfins of the following countries:

> Netherlands and colonies Switzerland Australian (older) Levant (Turkey) Japan, China British Colonies (not British)

ARTICLE ON CAPE OF GOOD HOPE OFFICIALS

Perfins of the Cape of Good Hope by Hugh Amoore in SA Philatelist Sept/Nov 1992 p.138-139.

This article summarises the information known about the CGH official perfin , illustrates the only cover known and lists earlier references. A most useful article.

TRAMWAYS PERFIN-THE QUESTIONS CONTINUE by D Andersen

Since the article "Tramways Perfin Revisited" in the July 1990 issue of the bulletin quite a deal of additional information has been provided by Bryan Magee and Bryan Toop.

The situation previously reported relating to the Tramways Board (now Metropolitan Transit Authority, Melbourne) was that there were a number of TB patterns all reputed to have been used by the Board. One set of patterns appeared to have been progressively damaged over the years. However the situation is now somewhat more complex with the reports of additional information.

There appear to be two groups of punctures:

1) <u>Patterns Associated with TB.1 and TB.2</u> (Catalogue numbers from Commercial Perfins of Australia)

TB.1 and TB.2 in the catalogue appear to be similar except for the spacing of the letters. As yet I have still not seen a copy of the TB.1 pattern with the closer letters nor have other collectors indicated they have this pattern. However numerous copies of TB.2 have been seen and reported. A considerable number of patterns with "more complete letters" ie more holes have been found all with the same spacing between the letters T and B. Overlaid these could at first been thought to be a die progressively being damaged until the recent single die pattern was left. But are they? These patterns are illustrated below:

			••••
(6,8)	(4,7)	(4,7)	(4,6)
on 1 1/2d KGV	on 1d KGV green	on 1 1/2d KGV	on 1 1/2d KGV red
red single	small multi	red single	and 2d KGV small
wmk.	wmk p.13.5 etc	wmk.	multi wmk, also
	-		2d on 1/2d KGV
		••• ••	Postmarked 1930
(3,6)	(3,6)	(4,5))
on 1d KGV red	on 1 1/2d K		
small multi	red small m	ulti to 19	98?
wmk p.13.5 etc	wmk p.13.5	etc	

In addition Bryan Toop mentions two further patterns both on 1 1/2d KGV red single wmk issues as below: (not to scale)

2.3	• •		•			
(4,8)	•			(4,6)		
Pmk JE 24	•	•	•			•
		c	•		•	•

Tramway Perfin Cont.

Are all these variations from the one machine? It appears that there are a number of possible solutions.

1) That a machine with the letters TB probably with 7 pins in the "T" and 8 or 10 pins in the "B" was purchased by the Board and progressively damaged and repaired. This theory could be checked by examining the machine in use until recently to see if there are the appropriate number of holes for pins in the base plate etc. It does however seem a bit strange that a great deal of damage occurred soearly in the life of the machine.

2) That the Board had a number of machines produced by a single manufacturer produced to similar specs some of which were damaged. Only one machine continued in use. This possibility appears unlikely

3) That the earlier TB patterns were punctured to order in small quantities as job lots by a stamp perforator i.e. they are Victorian service punctures, and later the Board purchased a single die machine with the most recent pattern from the same supplier who used the same grid for pins in its production.

2) Patterns associated with TB.3 and TB.4

Again a similar number of patterns has been reported. Postmarked copies of all patterns are from Melbourne and they appear to occur on single wmk KGV issues that could predate those patterns found with TB.1 and TB.2 associated group. The last two patterns shown are larger and have more holes than the others but have been included here as the size and spacing of holes appear similar.

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тв.3	TB.4	on 1 1/2d KGV green single wmk	
Y #2		TD TE	:

2 2.2	AMALE.		: :.
270 2008 51	• • • •	: ::	

on 1 1/2d KGV	on 2d KGV	on 1d KGV	on 1d KGV
red single wmk	red single wmk	red single wmk	red single wmk Pmk 1921?

Considering the large number of varieties found of this second group and their similarity to other Victorian Service patterns, in the similarity of the letters to each other, I suspect these may be also Victorian service punctures i.e. punctured to order in small job lots by a stamp perforating company for the Board.

It does appear that the Board initially had stamps punctured to order and at some stage purchased their own machine. However at this stage it is not clear when this machine was bought. Examination of the most recent machine may help. Possibly one of our Melbourne members might follow this up. BACKISSUES OF SOUTH PACIFIC PERIN BULLETIN

Backissues of the bulletin are available from the Secretary John Mathews at \$3-00 per issue postpaid within Australia or A\$3-50 per issue postpaid overseas airmail outside Australia.

PERFIN SOCIETY BULLETIN BACKISSUES

John Mathews reports that the Perfin Society (UK) has sent us a number of backissues of their bulletin in exchange for backissues of the South Pacific Perfin Bulletin that we sent them.

The issues supplied are no.173 (Jan 1978) to no.178 (Nov 1978) and no.233 (Feb 1988) to no.243 (Dec 1989).

RECENT LITERATURE

- <u>Perfin Society Bulletin</u> no.261 Dec 1992 Articles include A Chinese perfin-Paul Davey, The Tobacco Industry & Perfins-Dave Hill, Curved Perfins on GB Stamps-Roy Gault, The Worlds Oldest Perfin?-Horst Brandt, New Identities and Auction no.7 1992.
- Perfins Bulletin v.XLV no.9 October 1992 Articles include Perfins Bulletin--Index Project, Foreign Perfin Census (Instructions and form), Auction #46 and prices realised for Auction #45, State of Michigan Revisited-Douglas Cutler
- Perfins Bulletin v.XLV no.10 Nov/Dec 1992 consisted of the current Perfins Club membership listing.

AUCTION WATCH

Rodney A Perry Public Stamp Auction 6th October 1992

- Lot 381 WESTERN AUSTRALIA OFFICIAL 1854-55 4d blue SG3a full margins close at base punctured for official use est.\$80/100
- Lot 392 AUSTRIA Duplicated range of early perfins in stockleaves (100's) est. \$75/100
- Elcee Stamps Postal Bid Sale no.10 30th November 1992 included a wide range of State and Federal perfins on Australian Kangaroo and KGV issues. Some interesting lots included:

Kangaroos- Small multiple wmk

Lot 127 USED 2/- Maroon 'A' Punct OS/NSW Type A cds G/C FU V/Rare Est. \$70

KGV- Small multi p.13 1/2 x 12 1/2

- Lot 405a USED 2d Surcharge on 1 1/2d Gold/Scar Punct OS/NSW FU V/Rare Est. \$60
- Lot 426 USED 4d Green Olive Punct large OS (12 holes in S) G/C cds Has Crayon mark Ver Rare Est. \$175