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EDITORIAL

My work commitments have reduced as our new computer system has been successfully installed, so I should have enough time to edit the Bulletin. In addition I now have a PC at home that will make editing a lot easier and hopefully quicker.

Perfins continue to get a mention in local general philatelic magazines. In the very first issue (July 1996) of the new monthly magazine 'Australasian Stamps' perfins were mentioned more than once. Bill Harley, one of our members, was reported as the first subscriber to this new magazine and briefly commends collecting perfins to others. In addition there was an article '1918 1d Red King George V Die III imperforate at base' by Dr Geoff Kellow describing one of the rarest Australian Commonwealth items which happens to be perforated OS/NSW.

This issue of the Bulletin contains several items that were also published in the temporary Newsletters published in April and July 1996. This is to ensure that there is a more permanent record of them. However most of this issue is new material so hopefully there is something of interest for you.

David Andersen

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

A special "thank you" to the many members who have forwarded their subscription renewals so promptly.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

I am very pleased to be able to welcome David Andersen back as Editor of our Bulletin. David assures me that his other commitments have eased a little for a while, for which we should all be grateful! All members are urged to submit any items of interest, etc., to either David or the Secretary for inclusion in the Bulletin. David would prefer to receive "copy" in electronic form, either on disk or via E-mail, but if you don't have access to such facilities do not be hesitant - handwritten or typewritten material may be sent to the Secretary for conversion. Also, actual items of interest (or photocopies of them) may be sent to the Secretary who will act as "ghost-writer" if required!

The latest Auction catalogue is enclosed with this Bulletin. Even a quick perusal will reveal what an extensive range of material is on offer this time. Many of the reserves are quite conservative. Early bidding is recommended.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

<u>New Zealand Account</u>			
Receipts		Expenditure	
Cash at Bank 30/6/1995	246.71		
Bank interest	18.19		
Subscriptions	127.50		
Auctions	163.60		
Circuit Commission	<u>26.90</u>	Cash at Bank 30/5/96	<u>582.90</u>
Total	582.90		582.90

<u>Australian Account</u>			
Receipts		Expenditure	
Bank balance 1/7/1995	2964.27	Prep & despatch	
Subscriptions incl.		of Bulletins	620.69
\$268.76 in advance	989.57	Postage/stationery	81.40
Bank interest	51.55	Bank & Govt charges	24.02
Term deposit interest	149.83		
Exchange branch	6847.99	Exchange branch	6151.95
Auction 1/95	850.70	Auction 1/95	842.00
Auction 2/95	841.90	Auction 2/95	737.50
		Bank Balance 20/6/1996	<u>4238.25</u>
Total	<u>12695.81</u>	Total	12695.81

Term Deposit Account \$2500 @ 5.75% for 12 months due 6/4/97

Thanks to Barry and Peter for their continuing good work as respective Treasurers.

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members since the last Bulletin (January 1996):

- #151 Dave Elsmore, Springwood, Queensland
 - #152 Richard Peck, Sydney, New South Wales
 - #153 John Foster, Kaitaia, New Zealand
 - #154 James Whitney, Raglan, New Zealand
 - #155 Dr. Arnold Lemmel, Bremervorde, Germany
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PERFIN CLUB NEDERLAND

Wim Tukker, one of our members in the Netherlands, on a recent letter to your Secretary, used as a "seal" a label advertising PERFILEX '97, a Perfins Propaganda Exhibition to be held at the Netherlands PTT Museum in the Hague on March 28,29 and 30, 1997. The exhibition is part of the 10 year anniversary of Perfin Club Nederland. The Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia extends hearty congratulations to Perfin Club Nederland on their anniversary and wishes them great success with their "Perfins Propagandatentoonstelling". We would be most interested to have a report on this exhibition.

MEMBERS' MART

For Sale Due to recent surgery, I have decided to sell my general world perfin collections. Five outstanding country collections are now ready:

Austria, Belgium, Hungary, Romania and Latin America (Argentine to Venezuela)

The Austria and Romania are said to be the best collections of those countries in the world.

Requests are invited for other countries.

Enquiries to: Joe Laura, Jr., 76 Great Hill Drive, West Wareham, Mass. 02576-1251 USA

Wanted to Buy Copy of GB perfin "I.H.C." (GB Cat. # 1160.02) for exhibit.

Please send photocopy and price required to

Barry Clarke, 24 Spedding Road, Whangarei, New Zealand.

Wanted to Buy Lebanese stamps with perfins.

Please contact: Imad El Hert, 92 Abington Cres., Glen Alpine NSW 2580 Australia

"BBRS.1" perfin

It was reported to the authors of "Commercial Perfins of Australia" some time ago that this perfin had been used on New South Wales stamps. An identical perfin is known on GB stamps. Can anyone confirm the NSW usage? Are any postmark dates known?

AUCTION WATCH

There have been many interesting perfin lots in auctions since the last report. Some of the more significant ones are included below: Thanks to Tony Nobilo and Bryan Magee for their contributions to this item.

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| 1. | 4 private + 7 Govt perfin covers (Status Intl., Feb 96) (sold for about twice Est.) | Est \$100 |
| 2. | Perfin collection OS/NSW, VG, WA, GNSW, etc. (750+ total, 500+ on KGV heads) (Aust. Stamp & Coin Co private treaty sale #3, Feb 96) | \$650 |
| 3. | Stockbook with 100's of perf "VG" issues. (Aust. Stamp & Coin Co private treaty sale #3, Feb 96) | \$50 |
| 4. | 9d MacArthur with QICO.1 (Brighton Phil Soc, Vic, March 96) | Res \$8 |
| 5. | Advertising cover with CMF.1 (sold about twice est.)
(Elcee Stamps #20, March 96) | Est \$12 |
| 6. | BP.1 as mirror pair on pair of 4d Roo (Philas Sale #63, March 96) | Est \$30 |
| 7. | Accum. of over 1000 world perfins (no Aust.)
(Philatelics (Aust) Pty Ltd, SAust #118, March 96) | Est \$125 |
| 8. | 8 G/NSW covers from diff depts. (Status Intl, March 96) | Est \$60 |
| 9. | 5 lots of "CofA" on GB stamps. (West Brisbane #99, Apr 96) | Various |
| 10. | 2 lots, each 1 "BP" cover (sold more than twice Est.)
(Teepookana Stamps, Tas, May 96) | Est \$10 |
| 11. | LS.2 on 6d claret Kooka (Teepookana Stamps, Tas, May 96) | Est \$30 |
| 12. | 1882 Qld 4d yellow with BBLD.1 (L'ceston Phil Soc, Tas, #46, May 96) | Res \$1.75 |
| 13. | Censored 1940 Clipper cover to USA with 4 x AC&CO.1
(Rod Perry Sale #177, June 96) | Res n.k. |
| 14. | 1940 Harrington's cover with HLTD.1 (Jimbo's #13, July 96) | Res \$30 |
| 15. | Annotated collection of private perfins, many on better stamps inc. 6d Eng Kooka (3), 9d MacArthur, 2/- Jubilee, etc. (few 100)
(Macray Watson #70, July 96) | Est \$150 |
| 16. | Copy of "Commercial Perfins of Australia" (sold for about twice Est.!)
(Macray Watson #70, July 96) | Est \$30 |
| 17. | 10/- orange Tasmania 'tablet' type revenue used 1931 with "RI/CO". | Est \$10 |
| 18. | AUST. KGV range with "OS" to 5d + State and private perfins (31)
(David Holmes (NZ) auction Sep 96) | Est NZ\$60 |
| 19. | GB KEVII 2/6 perf "BNZ" (David Holmes (NZ) auction Sep 96) | Est NZ\$50 |
| 20. | Several lots of individual NZ perfins
(David Holmes (NZ) Direct Sale, Aug 96) | NZ\$5 to 75 |
| 21. | GB 5/- KGVI defn Perf C/OF/A (Blockside & Gerguson Auction Aug 96) | Res \$80 |
| 22. | Seln. of Perfins with France & Germany- mostly earlier material (few 100) (West Brisbane Sale 100 Aug 96) | Est \$100 |

+ many "OS" lots (prices for this material probably well established)

PERFINS ON CHRISTMAS ISLANDS STAMPS

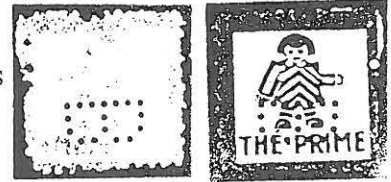
Although there are no perfin users on Christmas Island there are now three different perfin patterns found on Christmas Island stamps.



John Amiet has used both his A and JA patterns on various issues and the Western Australian Stamp Promotion Council has used their W(swan)A pattern also.

B ON 'PRIME' STAMP

A recent acquisition was the label illustrated on the right. What is this label for / from ?



NEW CONFIRMED IDENTITIES John Mathews

Peter and Thelma Parsons have submitted two receipts with perfinned duty stamps affixed. The first is from "George Hudson Pty Limited, Bridge Road, Glebe" and has GH LTD.1 with penscript date 26/6/(19)50. This confirms the identity suggested for this pattern in Appendix 2 of "Commercial Perfins of Australia". The second item is from Prescott Pty. Ltd. and is the first reported example of PLD.1 on a New South Wales Duty Stamp.

L RECEIPT

GEORGE HUDSON PTY. LIMITED $\frac{A}{B}$ **N^o 4427**
 BRIDGE ROAD, GLEBE

RECEIPT NO.	RECEIVED FROM	CASH	CHEQUE	DISCOUNT
550 4427	PEACOCK BROS.		87. 0.10	2. 4. 7

F.E.M.-20747 26/6/50 GEORGE HUDSON PTY. LIMITED
 PER *[Signature]* WITH THANKS

DATE 7 AUG 1947 194

RECEIVED FROM M. Peaceful Peace **Nº 32146**
Boonville

Three POUNDS
three SHILLINGS
three PENCE

PHONE:
M 4001
M 6974

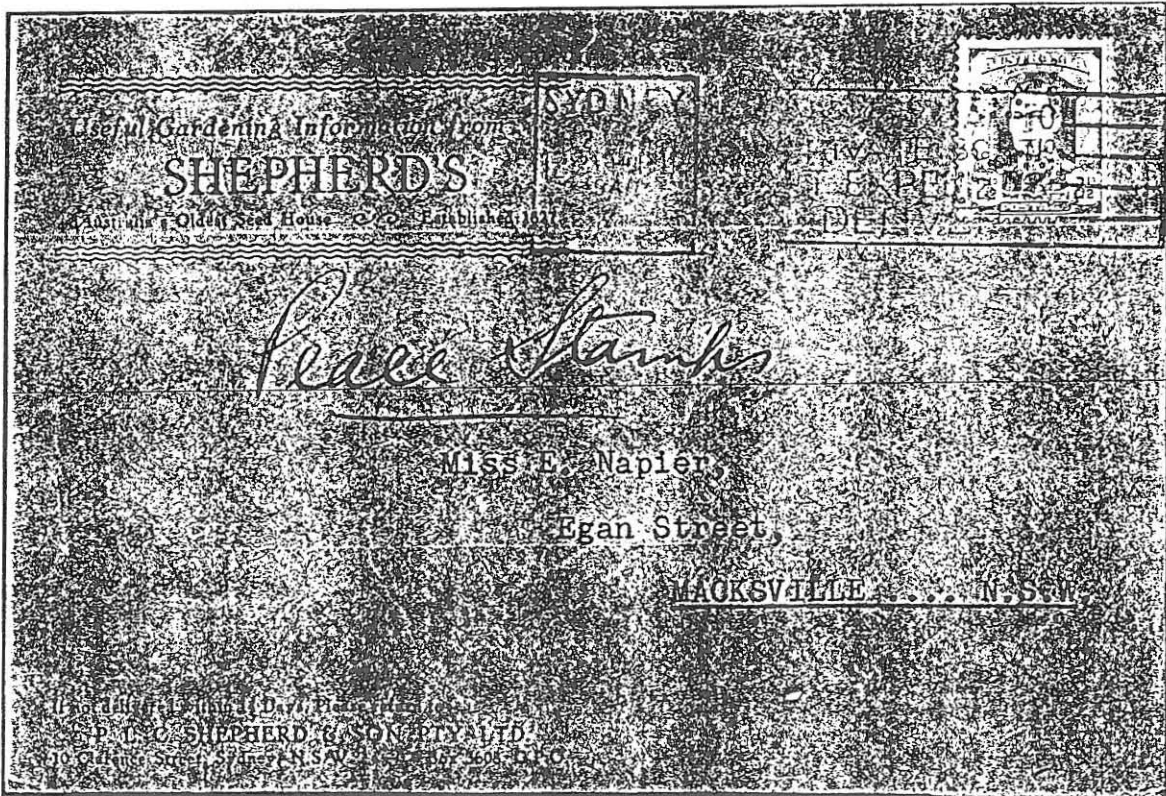
P/L		SALES LEDGER	
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WITH THANKS
PRESCOTT PTY. LIMITED
PER [Signature]

365-375 SUSSEX STREET
SYDNEY

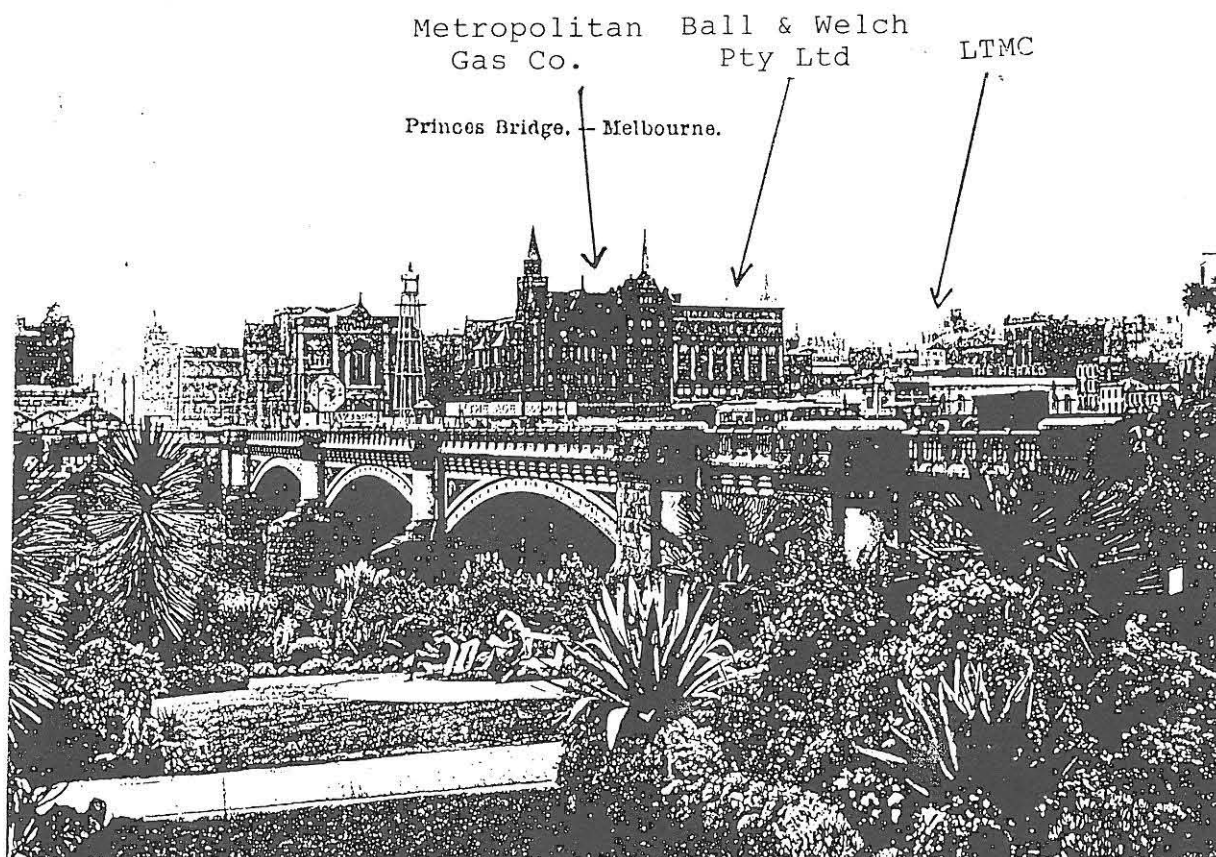
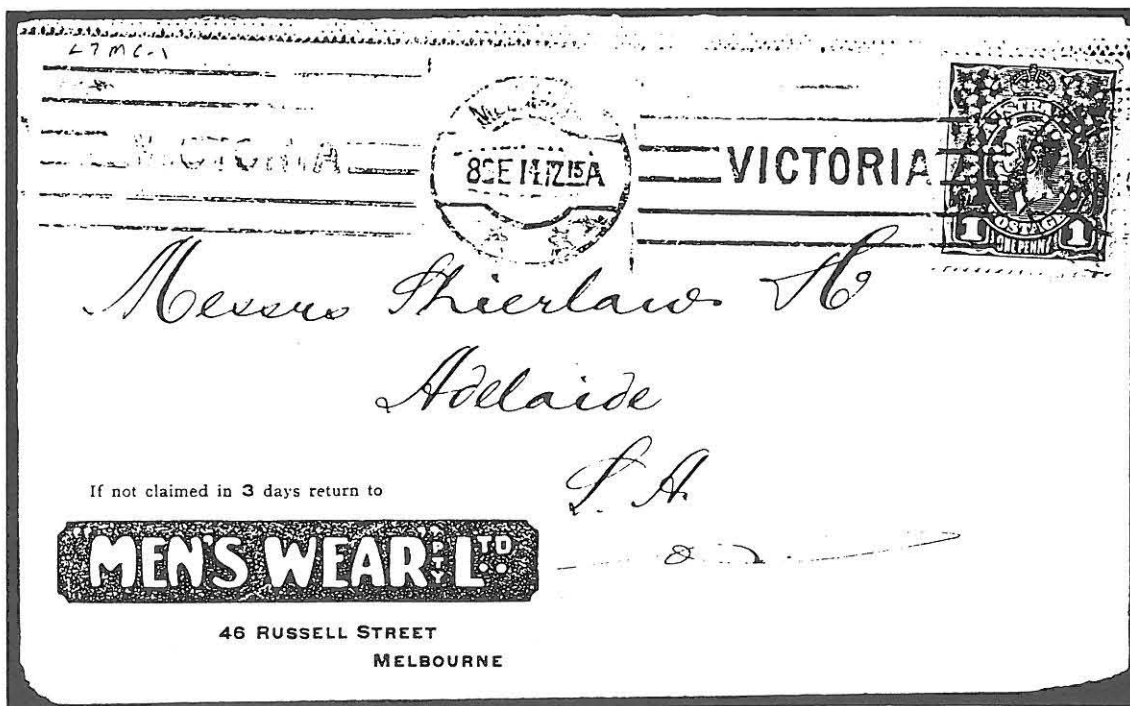
P.R.M.-13348

New information can often come from unexpected sources. Recently, your Secretary bought an envelope, on which an annotation indicated that it had been used for some time as a storage for duplicates of a common predecimal issue. The stamp on the envelope has the perfin S&SLTD.1 and the return address of P.L.C. Shepherd & Son Pty. Ltd., 10 Clarence Street, Sydney, NSW - Box 3608, G.P.O.



Another perfin which had not been identified until recently is LTMC.1. Your Secretary found a postcard some time ago with a view of the Melbourne skyline from across the River Yarra. On scanning along the line of buildings with the aid of a magnifier, I noticed a sign "L T M C" on

one of the buildings. With the aid of a street map and an old Melbourne Directory, it looked as if the building was that of the London Tie Manufacturing Co. Pty. Ltd. Now a proving cover front has turned up with LTMC.1 and the return address of "Mens' Wear Pty. Ltd., 46 Russell Street, Melbourne" - the same address as LTMC (see Appendix 2 of "Commercial Perfins of Australia")!



SOME MORE AUSTRALIAN PRIVATE OVERPRINTS John Mathews

Although they are more likely to have been done to meet part of the cancelling requirement on revenue stamps, private overprints make an interesting study to complement perfins. Overprints and perfins have another association on GB stamps (Postage and Revenue) through many of each having been done by the same firm, Joseph Sloper & Co. Ltd. of London.

In the "Courier" of April 1994 on page 4, Ross Ewington describes some overprints on Tasmanian Duty stamps of the late 1960s. FitzGerald's Department Stores used an overprint "FitzGerald's/7/Stores", and Ross shows varieties in which the "7" is in different positions in the middle section of the overprint. He also shows an "AMPS" overprint of the AMP Society. In a later edition of that magazine, Graham Rowbottom reports two types of "T&G/LIFE" used by Temperance & General Life Insurance Co. and a second type of "AMPS".

Many of us will have seen several types of overprints used by the Myer Emporium in Melbourne. In the 1960s, as I recall, Myers opened a branch store in the new shopping complex at Chadstone, a south-eastern suburb. Bill Harley has discovered the overprint illustrated, specifically for use at the Chadstone store.



The second illustration, also from Bill, shows an overprint for Coles & Garrard Pty Ltd. which comes in more than one colour.

Bryan Magee has also submitted an illustration of an overprint for the New Zealand Loan & Mercantile Agency Co. Ltd. which obliterates a considerable portion of the face of the stamp!. This example certainly points to the use of such overprints as meeting Stamp Duty requirements as distinct from security motives.

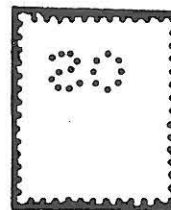
SWANPEX 95 PERFIN

The W(Swan)A perfin of the Western Australian Stamp Promotion Council was used on 5c Framas affixed to the Narrows Bridge, Perth Postage Prepaid Envelope to produce a souvenir for Swanpex 95, held in Perth during October 1995. This perfin has previously been used on Framas for the Gold Centenary Stamp Show, Victoria Quay Fremantle in 1993 and at Swanpex 90.

THE FIRST OS PERFIN ON NEW SOUTH WALES STAMPS

David Andersen

The first OS pattern (S with 10 holes) used by Commonwealth Departments, on New South Wales stamps was used for only a short period and most but not all issues appear to be scarce. The available literature is somewhat contradictory on some points. It would be useful to examine this pattern again and hopefully unearth additional information.



The most significant source of information is Supplement no.5 to the April 1966 issue of the Australian Commonwealth Collectors Club of New South Wales Bulletin edited by N.J. Sheppard "Postage Stamps of New South Wales Punctured for Use in Federal, and State Government Departments".

As far as I am aware there has been little additional new information published since then.

First Usage

As a starting point we can start with the statements from the Australian Post Office Philatelic Bulletin February 1954 p.6-7 "The first punctured OS stamps":

In anticipation of the proclamation of the Postal and Telegraphs Act 1901, which was to come into force on 1st November 1902, the Prime Minister advised all Commonwealth Ministers on 21st October 1902 to issue instructions to their Departments to requisition from the Deputy-Postmaster Generals in their State for stamps punctured 'OS'.

The Deputy Postmaster General in New South Wales advised on 27th October 1902 that the 'OS' punctured stamps would be available after about a fortnight, these stamps being introduced some time in November 1902 .

The earliest usage reported is 24/11/02 by Sheppard (1966).

However E.D.E van Weenan reported in 1915, "I learn from the Government Printer that their date of issue was 24th October 1902, but they cannot trace which Department was the first to use them. it has been stated that the first lot was sent to the military authorities" .

Was the 24th October a misprint for 24th November ? Does anyone have an issue used prior to 24th November 1902?

Machine used

According to N.J. Sheppard this perfin was produced on a machine with a puncturing head of 10 dies in a vertical arrangement, not on a single die machine as suggested by C.F. Williams (1908).

Scarcity

These issues were regarded as extremely rare by C.F. Williams in 1908. He commented that he had only succeeded in collecting the 1/2d, 1d (two shades), 2d, 3d, 6d, and 1/- (two shades). E.D.E van Weenan comments "Cerebus includes in this series the 10/- and 20/- but I have never seen them. Outside of these, the 2 1/2d, 9d on 10d, and 10d are the scarcest. There are two very distinct shades in the 1/2d: blue green and emerald green. With the exception of the three higher values all are on the Crown NSW paper. Varieties exist of the wmk. inverted."

Issues punctured

The following table is based on the article "Postage Stamps of New South Wales punctured for Use in Federal, and State Government Departments" ACCCNSW Bulletin no.5 1966

OS Type A	Positions		
	1	2	4
SG ??? 1867-97 5/- purple wmk 5/- p.12	E		
SG 183 1861-97 5/- red purple p.11x11	C		
1903-08 Crown over NSW			
SG 241a 3d yellow green p.11x11	RL C		
SG 241ac 3d light yellow green p.11x11.5	W		
SG 242a 3d dull green p.11.5x11.5	RL		
SG243 ? 5d green p.11x12	C		
SG243a 5d dark blue green p.11x11	W,E		
1885-86 Fiscals overprinted 'postage' wmk N.S.W (W41)			
SG245a 10/- claret and lilac opt in black p.12	RL		
SG 247a 10/- claret and mauve opt in blue p.12	RL		
1904 Fiscals overprinted postage in dark blue wmk N.S.W. (W44)			
SG 252 10/- claret violet p.12x11	C		
SG 280b 1890 20/- ultramarine Wmk circled 20/- over NSW	C		
1899 Wmk Crown over NSW- Chalk surfaced paper (W40)			

SG 299	1d die 2 carmine p.12x11.5	J		
1902	Wmk Crown over NSW - chalk surfaced paper (W42)			
SG 313	1/2d die 1 blue green p.12x11.5 comb	W,C,A		
SG 314	1d die 2 rose carmine p.12x11.5 comb	W,J,C, A		
SG 314	1d die 2 scarlet	C		
SG 315	2d milky blue	W,J,A		
SG 315	2d cobalt blue	J, C		
SG 316	2 1/2d die 2 dark blue p11.5x12		C?	C?
SG 317	4d orange brown	C		
SG 318	6d yellow orange	W		
SG 319	6d orange	W, C		
SG 321	8d magenta	W, C		
SG 322	9d/10d brownish /orange	RL, C		
SG 323	10d violet	C		
SG 324	1/- purple brown	W, C		
SG 325	1/- maroon	W,C,A **		
1905-10	Wmk Crown over A p.12.5x11.5			
SG 330	1/2d blue green	RL*		
SG 332	1d rose carmine	RL*		
SG 333	2d deep ultramarine	RL*		
SG 334	2 1d prussian blue		RL*	RL*
SG 335	4d orange brown	RL*		
SG 338	6d orange yellow	RL*		

SG 340	8d	magenta	RL*		
SG 344	1/-	purple brown	RL*		

RL - reported by Robson Lowe

C - reported by CF Williams

E - reported by E.D.E. van Weenen (this article updated that of CF Williams so only items additional to the earlier article are recorded here)

J - reported by J Simpfendorfer

W - reported N.J. Sheppard (from H.L. White Collection)

* - should not exist as stamps issued after puncturing head was withdrawn. If these indeed exist it has been suggested that these were punctured per favour

A - my collection

** - inverted wmk

The reports by C.F. Williams, N.J. Sheppard, J Simpfendorfer and E.D.E van Weenan can be accepted as accurate. However some of the issues reported by Robson Lowe are suspect , in particular those on wmk Crown/A. Can other Club members confirm any of the issues reported by Robson Lowe that have not been corroborated by another source ? Any further issues to report ?

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