

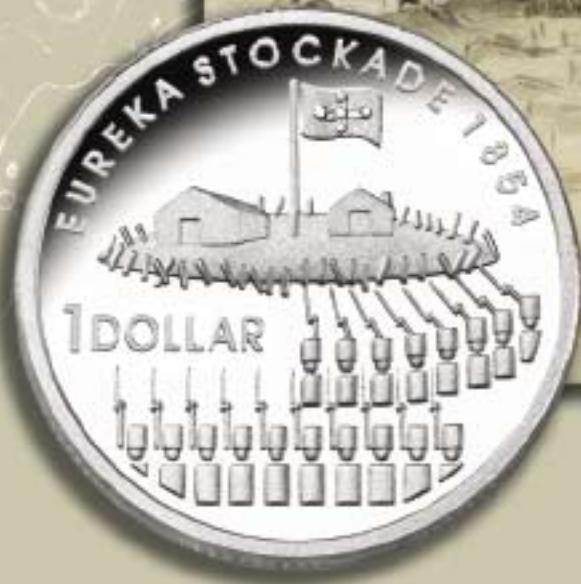
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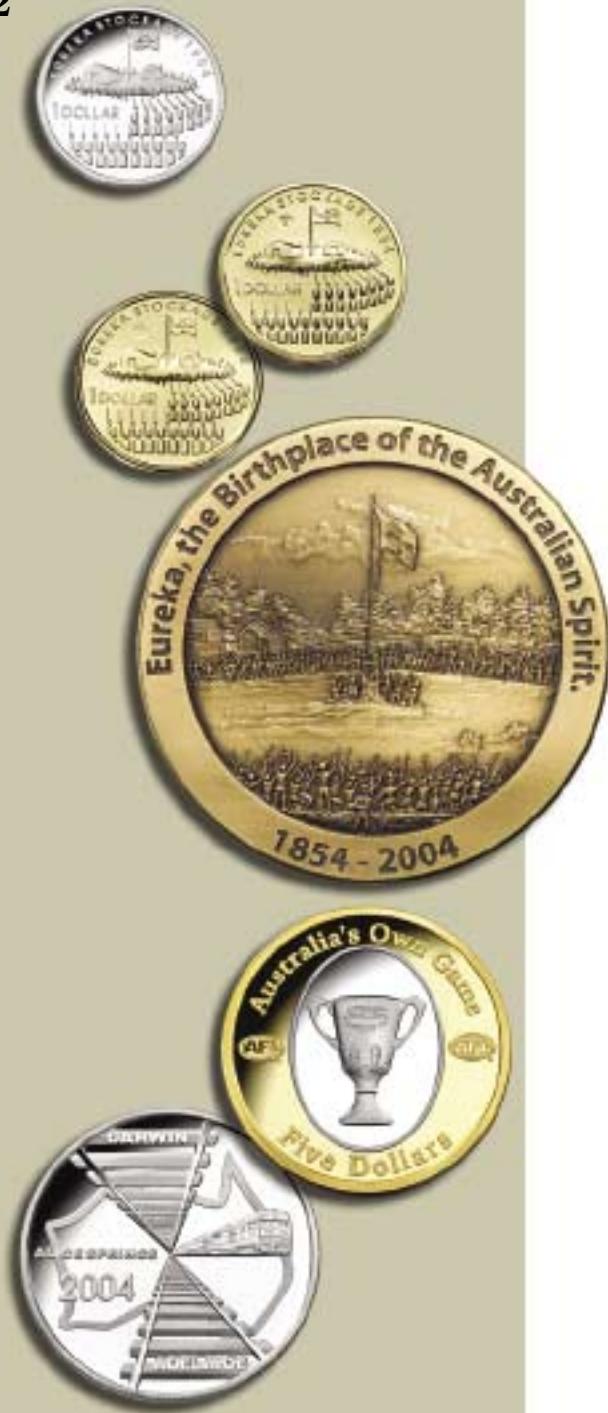
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EUREKA
STOCKADE 1854



Dear Collector

The elements of design and craftsmanship are important to the Royal Australian Mint in selecting and delivering premium quality products. Our current range offers a select choice to collectors and people interested in coins for a variety of reasons. For those of you building your collections, those seeking a special gift for many varied occasions or for those just seeking a small token of beauty the choices are quite enticing. I hope you enjoy browsing through this Mint Issue.

In this issue, the first of the year, we commemorate and mark the 150th anniversary of the Eureka Stockade, a major event in the history of the nation. It is significant national events like this, plus, the historic opening of the Adelaide to Darwin rail link in January earlier this year, that are important to include in our design range. In addition, and in keeping with our philosophy of developing and innovating cutting-edge technologies we deliver exciting new products, such as the holographic \$1 coin in our 2004 Proof Year Sets. All major achievements that our designers craft into images for you to enjoy and treasure.

Early this year we welcomed to the Mint Michael Hollamby, from Waikerie, South Australia. On his 'Secrets of the Mint' tour, Michael discovered a different world in terms of a behind-the-scenes glimpse at how our coins are made. A process of craftsmanship that Michael described as intriguing and one that the Mint is happy to share with visitors here in Canberra.

For any of you who may be in Sydney during the Royal Easter Show the Mint will be releasing the 'S' mintmark. We will have a special minting machine at our stand at the show and I welcome you to call in and chat to our staff, preview our products and perhaps mint your own 'S' mintmark coin.

V. Thom

Vivienne Thom

Controller
Royal Australian Mint

2004 Eureka Stockade

\$1 Silver Proof Coin

This 2004 fine silver proof coin commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Eureka Stockade, which took place on 3 December 1854 in Ballarat, Victoria.

The Eureka Stockade, an uprising of gold miners at Ballarat, is widely viewed as the most dramatic event experienced on Australian soil in the 19th Century.

Miners resented the dear and discriminatory taxes they had to pay and also the high-handed tactics of the authorities. Late in 1854, in deepening tension, crowds of protesters gathered beneath a new revolutionary flag of dark blue and white: the flag of the southern cross.

Behind a long fenced barricade, the more ardent rebels hoarded firearms and manufactured iron pikes. The Victorian Government responded. At daybreak on Sunday 3 December on foot and horseback, its men stormed the stockade.

During the brief battle at least 30 miners and five soldiers were killed. The miners' leader, Peter Lalor, lost his left arm. The government placed the rebels on trial in Melbourne, but the juries refused to convict them.

Eureka still fires the imagination of many Australians. They insist that it accelerated the rise of democracy, but on this question the debate is never ending.

Nominal Specifications

Denomination	\$1
Metal	Fine Silver (99.9%)
Mass	11.66 grams
Diameter	25.00 mm
Finish	Proof
Mintage	20 000
Designer	Wojciech Pietranik

Price (inc GST): \$38.00



2004 Eureka Stockade

\$1 Mintmark Coins

On 1 January 2004 visitors to the Mint Visitors' Gallery began striking 'C' for Canberra on the \$1 aluminium bronze coin with its distinctive contemporary design capturing the 1854 Eureka Stockade. This mintmark has been a tradition since 1993.

The official launch of the \$1 coins to mark the 150th anniversary of the Eureka Stockade took place at the Eureka Centre, Ballarat, Victoria on 27 February 2004.

The Eureka Centre is situated on the site of the historic reserve located on part of the original Eureka Lead where the violent uprising, considered one of the most significant events in the evolution of Australian democracy, took place. Now considered the birthplace of the Australian spirit and all that embodies 'fairness' and a 'fair go' for all, the Eureka Centre provides a dramatic focus for contemplation and reflection.

Authenticating the theme and connecting the coin with this historic location, a feature of the launch was the striking of the letter 'E' for Eureka on the aluminium bronze \$1 coin creating a unique mintmark.

This is the first time in the history of the Royal Australian Mint's mintmarks that 'E' has been struck on a coin.

Both mintmark coins are now available to all collectors. They are presented in the customary three panel card, which features a detail of the painting which inspired the design, and a concise story of the event.



Nominal Specifications

Denomination	\$1
Metal	Aluminium Bronze
Mass	9.00 grams
Diameter	25.00 mm
Finish	Uncirculated
Mintage	Unlimited
Designer	Wojciech Pietranik

Price (inc GST): \$2.75

2004 Eureka Stockade

Montage

This unique and very limited edition montage (just 150 to be issued) has been created by the Royal Australian Mint to mark the 150th anniversary of the Eureka Stockade. The montage comprises coins, stamps and images, all highlighting aspects of the Eureka Stockade.

The design has been crafted by Michael and Marie Salmon in consultation with the Eureka Centre and the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery to ensure the historical significance recreated through the images and objects. The unique features include the Mint's exclusively struck medallion, each individually hand-polished and strictly limited to the 150 incorporated in the montage design.

The relevance of the 1854 gold miner's licence has been emphasised with the inclusion of a gold nugget source from the Ballarat gold fields. Each nugget is unique in its size, weight and form. The two toned gold leaf frame measures 744 mm x 555 mm and all elements are of archival quality.

Each limited edition 150 Years Eureka Montage is supplied with the edition number of the silver coin certificate matching the edition of the montage. The Certificate of Authenticity is signed by the montage designer and Controller of the Mint.

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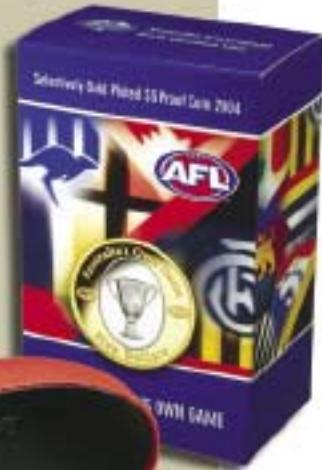
Price (inc GST):
\$2295.00

Actual size Eureka Medallion



Artist's Proof





2004 AFL - Australia's Own Game

Selectively Gold Plated \$5 Proof Coin

Capturing the spirit of the nation

As part of an Australian collection or purely for the love of sport the AFL selectively gold plated \$5 Proof Coin will capture the attention of many.

With a central image of the Australian Football League Premiership Cup and an enticing gold band this proof collector coin honours a home-grown sport.

AFL is the only major sport developed within Australia while other popular sports were developed overseas.

This is the first time the Mint has applied selective gold plating to the outer ring, achieving an authentic representation of the Premiership Cup.

The red leather ball is synonymous with AFL and the presentation case has been specifically designed to represent the football unique to 'Aussie Rules'.

Nominal Specifications

Denomination	\$5
Metal	Cupro-Nickel
Selective Plating	Gold (99.9%)
Mass	27.25 grams
Diameter	38.74 mm
Finish	Proof
	Selectively Gold Plated
Mintage	20 000

Price (inc GST): \$59.50

2004 Adelaide to Darwin Railway

\$5 Silver Proof Coin

To commemorate the inauguration of the rail extension from Adelaide to Darwin the Royal Australian Mint has released a \$5 Silver Proof Coin. A limited edition of 12,500 coins will be available giving Australians an opportunity to mark this historical event.

For the first time in Australian history the north and south will be linked by rail, providing a transcontinental trade route connecting southern Australia with Asian business markets. The line will also provide one of the world's most extraordinary train travel experiences through the heart of Australia.

The silver proof coin captures the vastness of the land with the rail lines disappearing in the distance, while linking the three major cities of Darwin, Alice Springs and Adelaide. The coin was designed by the Mint's own designer, Wojciech Pietranik. A numbered Certificate of Authenticity is also included.



Nominal Specifications

Denomination	\$5
Metal	Fine Silver (99.9%)
Mass	One Troy Ounce
Diameter	40.00 mm
Finish	Proof
Mintage	12 500
Designer	Wojciech Pietranik

Price (inc GST): \$68.50

coins shown
to scale



2004 Proof Year Set

Australia & the World's first Proof Year Set featuring a hologram \$1 coin

Popular demand sees the return of the instantly recognisable and well-loved original designs of our circulating decimal currency to our 2004 Year Sets. The last time these six designs featured together in a Year Set was in 1990, and they've 'come alive' again in 2004!

Every Australian interacts with these coins on a daily basis. We value our coins not only for what they represent in monetary value, but also what they symbolise - our people, culture and fauna. It is also rare to find another country in the world whose coins tell such an interesting story and bear such a close relationship to its people, magnificence and natural beauty.

The highlight of this proof set is the \$1 coin with the familiar five kangaroos, featured in holographic format. The Mint has produced the world's first Proof Year Set featuring a hologram \$1 coin. The five kangaroos on the \$1 coin appear as multi-coloured, iridescent holograms, conveying the impression of dazzling colour and movement. This stunning coin truly comes alive!

All the coins in the 2004 Proof Year Set are struck to the Mint's exacting proof finish standards and are packaged in durable and attractive display folders. A Proof Year Set from the Royal Australian Mint will provide a glittering testament to the beauty of Australia's coins for generations to come.



Nominal Specifications

Metal	Cupro Nickel				Aluminium Bronze	
	5c	10c	20c	50c	\$1	\$2
Denomination	5c	10c	20c	50c	\$1	\$2
Mass (g)	2.83	5.65	11.30	15.55	9.00	6.60
Diameter (mm)	19.41	23.60	28.52	31.51	25.00	20.50

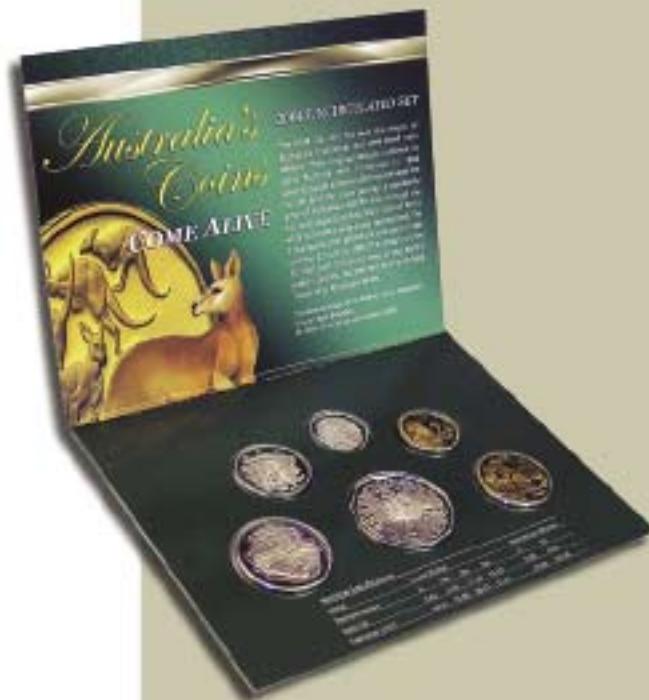
Price (inc GST): \$80.00

2004 Uncirculated Year Set

As the Royal Australian Mint's most popular issue, the Uncirculated Year Sets have previously set a high standard that each year we try to improve upon. This year is no exception, as we introduce to you our 2004 Uncirculated Year Set, with the theme of 'Australia's Coins'. The set comprises Australia's six original design circulating coins, set in an eye-catching display card that fits into a sleeve.

Whether you are an experienced collector or new to the hobby of numismatics, or just looking for an original and affordable gift for friends, family or visitors from overseas – this set offers an opportunity to own a set of Australia's cherished original coin designs. Each coin tells a story and gives an insight into why Australia is such a wonderful place to live – these stories are what makes Australia's coins 'come alive'.

Every 2004 Uncirculated Year Set is struck to a resplendent, detailed finish and will inspire the imagination of Australians for years to come.



Nominal Specifications

Metal	Cupro Nickel		Aluminium Bronze			
	5c	10c	20c	50c	\$1	\$2
Mass (g)	2.83	5.65	11.30	15.55	9.00	6.60
Diameter (mm)	19.41	23.60	28.52	31.51	25.00	20.50

Price (inc GST): \$23.50



2004 Silver Kangaroo

Proof & Frosted Uncirculated Coins

What could be more naturally Australian than this year's image featuring the iconic 'roo' silhouetted against the outback horizon and the orb of the sun. This contemporary design exudes both power and grace on our 2004 Fine Silver Kangaroo Dollar.

Designer Wojciech Pietranik has captured the spirit uniquely suitable for the 12th annual release. He has woven traditional and modern qualities into his design, accentuating the superior craftsmanship of the Mint's coins. It marks a change in direction from the Aboriginal design trilogy from 2001 to 2003.

Renowned among collectors throughout the world this year's Silver Kangaroo is an excellent collector piece and also a uniquely Australian gift.

For the first time the \$1 Fine Silver Kangaroo Proof Coin will include a numbered Certificate of Authenticity. Just 12,500 proof coins will be available.

You'll also find the \$1 Fine Silver Kangaroo available as a frosted uncirculated coin. With its captivating frosted finish it is one of our most popular products.

Nominal Specifications

Denomination	\$1
Metal	Fine Silver (99.9%)
Mass	One Troy Ounce
Diameter	40.00 mm
Finish	Proof / Frosted Uncirculated
Mintage (Proof)	12 500
Mintage (Fruhc)	Unlimited
Designer	Wojciech Pietranik

Price (inc GST):

Proof - **\$54.00**

Fruhc - **\$24.60**

2004 Baby Coin Sets

Proof & Uncirculated Coins

This year you will find special packaging for our 2004 Baby Coin Sets with the real stars of the set, our Australian coins, featuring the first designs of our decimal coinage.

Renowned water colourist Roland Harvey has created delightful animal characters perfectly suited to frame the packaging of the Mint's 2004 Baby Coin Sets. Roland's unique sense of characterisation and humour will delight the beholder time after time.

Secure your own time capsule for baby with either a Proof Set featuring the \$1 hologram coin or an Uncirculated Set. You'll find both Baby Sets feature a medallion with a new koala design. Choose either a fine silver medallion in the Proof Set or an equally delightful base metal design in the Uncirculated Set.

Limited numbers of 2003 Baby Proof and Uncirculated Sets are still available from the Mint.

Nominal Specifications

Metal	Cupro Nickel				Aluminium Bronze	
	5c	10c	20c	50c	\$1	\$2
Denomination	5c	10c	20c	50c	\$1	\$2
Mass (g)	2.83	5.65	11.30	15.55	9.00	6.60
Diameter (mm)	19.41	23.60	28.52	31.51	25.00	20.50

Price (inc GST):

Proof - \$95.00

Uncirculated - \$30.50



2004 Wedding Coin Collection

Gem Uncirculated



Weddings are special. And they deserve a special gift like this year's Wedding Collection. Dazzling brilliant the Australian coin set has been struck to gem uncirculated finish, which is close to proof coin quality.

Naturally, the Mint has ensured presentation is eminently suitable for the occasion and to showcase the coin set. With a lavish cream coloured outer case and burgundy velvet lining it is a gift of distinction and a brilliant display.

Another reason to consider the Wedding Coin Collection is the inclusion of a plaque, enabling you to personalise an inscription. So, whether the set is for the happy couple, 'thank-you' gifts to the wedding party or a special memento of the day, your own words can be permanently included.

A unique time capsule and suitable to mark every following anniversary.

Wedding Sets for 2003 will be available from the Mint for a very limited time.

Nominal Specifications

Metal	Cupro Nickel				Aluminium Bronze	
	5c	10c	20c	50c	\$1	\$2
Denomination	5c	10c	20c	50c	\$1	\$2
Mass (g)	2.83	5.65	11.30	15.55	9.00	6.60
Diameter (mm)	19.41	23.60	28.52	31.51	25.00	20.50

Price (inc GST): \$73.00

2003 Masterpieces in Silver

Port Phillip Patterns

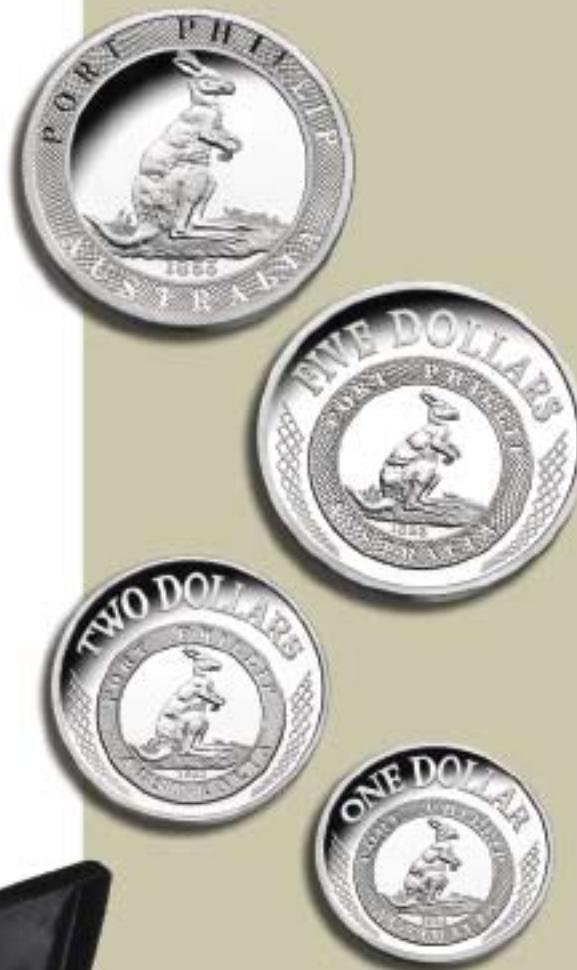
Four stunning fine silver proof coins set off to perfection by a plush black presentation case make up this elegant numismatic set known as the 2003 Masterpieces in Silver. The set features the Port Phillip Patterns sculpted by Vladimir Gottwald, designer in-residence at the Royal Australian Mint.

The silver replicas incorporated in each masterpiece enable each collector to own a full set of the original Kangaroo Office Patterns, with their designs as close to the original as possible. While the original Patterns were in gold, the use of gold for these coins would make this set too expensive for most collectors to own.

The in-demand collectors set has a very limited mintage of just 10,000. The set is selling fast and we expect to place a 'sold out' sign very soon on this edition.

Nominal Specifications

Metal	Fine Silver (99.9%)			
Denomination	\$1	\$2	\$5	\$10
Diameter (mm)	28.52	32.50	38.74	38.74
Mass (grams)	13.36	18.22	36.31	36.31
Finish	Proof			
Mintage	10 000			
Sculptor	Vladimir Gottwald			



Price (inc GST): \$160.00



Floral Emblems Gold Series

Australian Capital Territory's Royal Bluebell

The final release in this magnificent nine year gold series

The Royal Bluebell, emblem of the Australian Capital Territory, makes the much anticipated 'finale' release of the nine year gold series.

Collectors will note the very low mintage, the high quality designs and the superb craftsmanship of the gold series coins.

Three coins make up this year's release, in-keeping with previous years. The denominations include a \$150 face value, half Troy ounce proof coin, superb in a Tasmanian Blackwood presentation case; a \$100 face value, one-third Troy ounce proof and uncirculated coins. Both the \$100 coins are presented in burgundy coloured presentation cases.

Nominal Specifications

Denomination	\$150	\$100	\$100
Mass (troy ounce)	1/2	1/3	1/3
Metal	24 ct Gold	24 ct Gold	24 ct Gold
Mintage	1500	2500	3000
Diameter (mm)	30.00	25.00	25.00
Finish	Proof	Proof	Uncirculated
Designer	Horst Hahne		

Price (inc GST):

\$150 Proof - \$580.85

\$100 Proof - \$350.34

\$100 Uncirculated - \$285.63

Lapel Badge - \$14.95

New Zealand \$5 Proof & Uncirculated Coins

Due to popular demand only limited numbers of the \$5 proof and uncirculated coins are available. The \$5 features a beautiful depiction of the world's rarest seabird, The Chatham Island Taiko. This rare, nocturnal seabird can only be found on the Chatham Islands (800 km east of New Zealand) and the entire population is thought to number only 120 individuals. The Chatham Island Taiko was believed to be extinct until it was dramatically re-discovered in 1978 and efforts are being made to bring it back from the brink of extinction.

Nominal Specifications

Denomination	\$5	\$5
Metal	Fine Silver (99.9%)	Cupro Nickel
Mass (g)	28.28	27.22
Diameter (mm)	38.74	38.74
Finish	Proof	Uncirculated
Mintage	3000	3000

Price (inc GST):

\$5 Proof Coin - \$80.00

\$5 Uncirculated Coin - \$25.00

Australian Banknotes

It is now over 12 months since the Mint took over the distribution of numismatic and standard uncirculated notes for the Reserve Bank of Australia. The Mint continues to receive a great response to the products being offered and thanks banknote collectors for their support during this time.

We remind readers that the numismatic notes available are first and last prefix banknotes from general circulation print runs for all denominations printed in a year. These notes attract a small premium above face value and GST is payable. Standard uncirculated notes are also available (at face value) and these are intended to satisfy the public's demand for crisp new notes where the serial number prefix or year is not critical. Please note we are not able to satisfy requests for notes with specific or consecutive serial numbers, be they numismatic or standard uncirculated notes.

For details of the notes that are available to order, their prices and how to order them, please see the separate order form enclosed with this Mint Issue.

For general information about banknotes please visit the RBA's website www.rba.gov.au/currencynotes. If you have any specific or general questions about banknotes that cannot be answered after visiting the RBA's website, you can speak directly to the RBA in Sydney on 1800 633 220 (Monday to Friday).



Off the Presses

Discover the Treasures of the National Coin Collection

This proof set is part of a display tracing the history of Australian proof coins which can be found in the exhibition 'Treasures from the National Coin Collection' at the Royal Australian Mint Visitors Gallery. This exhibition is updated regularly and, like all areas of the Visitors Gallery, entry for the general public is free of charge. The gallery is open 9 am – 4 pm weekdays and 10 am – 4 pm weekends and public holidays (closed Christmas and Good Friday).

The 1916 proof set (shown top right) is just one of the many interesting exhibits that can be seen in the Visitors Gallery. 1910 heralded the issue of the first distinctive Commonwealth coins with the issue of silver 2s, 1s, 6d and 3d pieces. However, these were struck in London and it was not until 1916 that all the coins were produced by the Melbourne Mint. To celebrate these first truly Australian coins, special proof sets were issued in the velvet lined boxes. Proof coins of the day did not have frosting and their appearance was more like modern uncirculated coins. The coins had the mint mark 'M' under the date.



1916 Proof Set

Sydney Royal Easter Show

The Mint will be hosting a stand at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney in April this year.

The popular mintmarking machine will be on the stand and collectors will have the opportunity to personally stamp the 'S' mintmark on the pre-minted \$1 aluminium bronze Eureka Stockade coin.

Sydney to Athens - coming soon!

Register your interest to be the first to preview the stunning Sydney to Athens coins including the \$5 silver proof coin, the \$5 uncirculated coin and the exclusive three coin set. Register before 12 March 2004 via email preview@ramint.gov.au, phone 1300 652 020 or fax your contact details to 02 6202 6925. More information will be distributed in late March. Coins will be released on 26 March 2004.



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