Dear Collectors

Welcome to the real start of the new millennium, the centenary of federation and another fascinating year in the world of Australian stamps.

As promised, our 2001 issue programme is smaller than in 2000. Of course our major theme for the year is federation. We will have two issues directly related to the centenary and four issues indirectly related (Centenary of the Army in February, Opening of the Australian Museum in March and the Commonwealth Heads of Government and the Parliamentary Association in September.

Bird lovers will enjoy Desert Birds in June and Raptors in September. We also have two joint issues in 2001, with Hong Kong (June) and Sweden (August).

This year’s programme will also take another look at Australian popular music. In 1998 we featured songs of the 50s, 60s and 70s. Our Rock Australia issue this year will move forward to songs of the 80s and 90s.

So, from defining moments in our nation’s history, to current events that reflect our place in the world today; from our unique flora and fauna to our multicultural society and our world famous popular culture; this year promises another interesting and varied look at Australia and Australians through stamps.

Before moving on to 2001, I would like to call your attention to two items that we were not able to cover in the October-December edition of the Bulletin. The year 2000 presented us with challenges and opportunities right to the very end. Read about our Paralympian of the Year stamp issue and the special sheets of personalised stamps featuring winners in the Paralympic Award categories on pages 10 and 11.

In response to the tremendous interest and support for our Olympic and Paralympic issues we have also published a special collection, Golden Heroes 2000. This exquisite, limited edition book is a wonderful tribute to these modern Australian heroes.

Until next time,

David Maiden, Manager, Philatelic Group

Cover: Swearing in of the first governor-general, Lord Hopetoun, and the Members of the first Federal cabinet, Centennial Park, Sydney 1 January 1901, By permission of the National Library of Australia
This issue continues the series begun with the Towards Federation stamp issue (May 2000). Now we focus on events surrounding the inauguration of the new Commonwealth of Australia. The historical images used convey a sense of the occasion and include photographs of the events, invitations to events and official documents.

**Historical context**

For more than twenty years the colonies had debated the idea of a federation.

After several national conventions and the approval of the constitution by all colonies, the British parliament on 5 July 1900 passed the legislation necessary for Australia to become a federation.

On 1 January 1901 the six separate colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia federated to become the Commonwealth of Australia.

The day was marked by celebrations across the new nation. In Sydney a grand procession – watched by an estimated 250,000 people – culminated in a solemn public ceremony in Centennial Park. The crowd watched the proclamation of the Commonwealth and swearing in of the Governor-General and the interim federal ministry.

The streets of Sydney were decorated lavishly with flags, bunting, branches of eucalypt and electric lights. Ten triumphal arches illustrating aspects of Australian life spanned the road at various points.

The inauguration was followed by a state banquet in Sydney Town Hall and days of celebrations, including picnics, carnivals and fireworks.

Other cities and country towns also built arches. Throughout the country people thronged the decorated streets enjoying the numerous outdoor festivities and joining the many processions.

**Associated products**

Associated products with this issue include first day covers, a booklet of ten self-adhesive stamps, four maximum cards, a stamp pack and a miniature sheet.
For further reading on federation
Visit the website of the National Council for the
Centenary of Federation at www.centenary.gov.au

Set of first day covers

Stamp booklet

Maximum cards
**Design**
The designer has taken an historical approach, focusing on the events of 1 January 1901.

The design has a celebratory feel, capturing the enthusiasm and sense of hope that pervaded events; the notion that Australia was beginning a great new adventure. The stamps, from left to right in the miniature sheet are:

49c **Federation Arch**
This stamp shows the inauguration parade passing through the Wheat Arch and down Bridge Street in Sydney.

The foreground image is a detail from an official programme cover. (Both images are from the Image Library, State Library of NSW.)

$2.00 **National Celebrations**
This stamp shows detail from official programme covers (Image Library, State Library of NSW).

The words ‘Australia Forever’ are from a song written at the time. (National Archives of Australia).

The photograph is of a picnic group at Bunter Creek above Whipstick Station, Whitecliffs, NSW on 1 January 1901 (Image Library, State Library of NSW).

$2.00 **State Banquet**
This stamp shows the cover of the invitation to a State Banquet held in Sydney Town Hall.

The background features a photograph of the banquet itself. (Cover from the Image Library, State Library of NSW; Photograph from the National Library of Australia).

49c **Edmund Barton**
This stamp shows the first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton (later Sir Edmund Barton) taking the oath in the pavilion of Centennial Park.

The background shows the pavilion and crowds. (All images from the National Library of Australia).

The document **PROCLAMATION** covers the top of the stamp. (Image Library, State Library of NSW)

**Miniature sheet**
The background features the inauguration parade passing through the Wheat Arch and down Bridge Street and a line drawing of Federation Pavilion, Centennial Park (both images from Image Library, State Library of NSW).
Technical details

Issue date .........................1 January 2001
Denomination ....................Two x 49c, two x $2.00
Designer ............................Asprey Di Donato
Design, Melbourne
Printer (all) .......................SNP Ausprint
Printing process ..................Lithography
Paper (gummed) .................De La Rue
Paper (self-adhesive, booklet) JAC - B90
Sizes (stamps) /Perforations (all)
Two x 49c ............................26 x 37.5 mm/14.6 x 13.86
Two x $2.00 ..........................30 x 50 mm/14 x 14.4
Size, miniature sheet ...........73 x 166 mm
Sheet layout stamps ..........Modules of 50, two panes of 25
National postmark ..............Sydney NSW 2000

Mail order codes

1171067 Stamps four, two x 49c, two x $2.00 ........$4.98
1171142 Miniature sheet, mint............................$4.98
1171143 Miniature sheet, postmarked ..................$4.98
1171182 Booklet of ten x 49c (self-adhesive) ..........$4.90
1171001 Set of first day covers
   (gummed, miniature sheet) [M0] .............$10.56
1171002 First day cover, (gummed) ....................$5.28
1171013 First day cover (miniature sheet) ..........$5.28
1171126 Stamp pack ..............................$10.41
1171220 Maximum cards (four) .......................$7.98

As part of its Centenary of Federation activities, Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra GPOs will open on 1 January 2001 from 10 am to 2 pm for collectors wishing to commemorate this momentous date in Australian history with a special red ink postmark.

Please send requests for special Centenary of Federation postmarking to arrive no later than 29 December 2000 to the Postal Manager at the relevant GPO (GPO Melbourne VIC 3000, Sydney NSW 2001, or Canberra ACT 2601)

The set of Centenary of Federation covers (gummed and miniature sheet) is available for $10.56. Private covers should be sent with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, including appropriate postage and cardboard insert for added protection).

Note: Black ink will be used for nationally available postmarks and covers, including those from the Australian Philatelic Bureau.
Price change effective 1 January 2001

Because of increased costs for non-stamp materials and production costs, prices for stamp packs, maximum cards and first day covers have increased. New prices, calculated as shown below, take affect on 1 January 2001.

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This is the first increase in cover and pack prices since 1 January 1992 when prices were increased by 5c (to 25c and 40c respectively). Maximum card prices were last raised in October 1999 (from 55c to 70c) to coincide with increases in overseas postal rates.

Honour your favourite Paralympian

To celebrate the Australian Paralympic Games 2000, Australia Post gave each of the 438 members of the Australian Paralympic team 20 sheetlets of ten x 45c Paralympic Logo stamps (from the Paralympic Torch issue) with a special decorative border. Each team member’s sheetlets were personalised with the team member’s photo.

A special retail offer also ran from October to 31 December, which allowed retail customers to order sheetlets personalised with their favourite Paralympic team member’s photo at a special, low price of $4.50. Orders were taken through local Post Offices in manner similar for ordering P Stamps.

We would now like to extend this special offer to our Bulletin readers until the end of February 2001.

To take advantage of this extended special offer you may request the necessary forms by email, to pstamps@exceldigital.com.au, or you can call 1800 674 412 and they will help you with your order. These stamps are not available from the Australian Philatelic Bureau.

2001 First Day Cover and Maximum Card Offers

This year there are again special offers for both First Day Covers and Maximum Cards. For detailed information and an order form, please call the Australian Philatelic Bureau.

If you received a 2000 First Day Cover and Maximum Card offer you should already have received an invitation for the 2001 offer. If you have not, you can request an order form from the Australian Philatelic Bureau.

If you have already placed your order for the 2001 offer, you do not need to place a second order.

Delay in distribution of Annual Collections

The inclusion of the Opening Ceremony and Paralympian of the Year issues in the 2000 Collections led to unforeseen distribution delays. However all collections should have been in outlets by the end of November. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Contacting the Australian Philatelic Bureau

Due to the success of our Australian Gold Medallists stamps, our call centre lines were very busy, during September and October 2000. During that time call numbers were up to ten times normal levels. Although we put on extra staff, we realise that some callers had to wait for longer than we would like. We apologise for any inconvenience you may have experienced.

This is also a good time to remind readers of the various ways you can contact the Australian Philatelic Bureau.

Post
Reply Paid 4000*
Australian Philatelic Bureau
PO Box 4000
FERNTREE GULLY VIC 3156
*No stamp required for postage to this address from within Australia

Fax
(03) 9887 0236

Phone
Freecall 1 800 331 794

Email
mailorder@auspost.com.au

The 2000 Popular Stamp Poll appears as an outsert to this edition of the Australian Stamp Bulletin. If you do not receive one, or misplace yours, you can request one from the Australian Philatelic Bureau.
This issue (two stamps, one x 45c, one x $1.35) commemorates Lunar New Year and the start of the Year of the Snake on 24 January 2001.

The design
The stamp design features a snake and the Chinese characters for ‘Year of the Snake’.

The miniature sheet illustrates a very popular Chinese folk-tale. The heroine White Snake is a snake, thousands of years old who has acquired transcendent powers through self-enlightenment and actualisation.

White Snake changes herself into a beautiful young woman, who meets and falls in love with a young man and marries him.

They live happily together until a wicked monk, jealous of their happiness, persuades the man that his wife is an evil creature and his life is in danger.

Thereafter the monk and White Snake – helped by her ally Green Snake – engage in battle and trickery, each wielding their magic powers. White Snake is ultimately triumphant and she and her husband are reunited.

Associated products
This issue includes first day covers, a miniature sheet, postcard, international and domestic PPEs, and a stamp pack which doubles as a greeting card.

Silver foil is used on the stamps, miniature sheet and in the 45c gutter.

Chinese Snake lore
The snake – the sixth creature in the Chinese zodiac – is one of the five noxious creatures. Snakes are thought to be clever and are regarded with some suspicion.

Being born in the Year of the Snake has its rewards. People born in the Year of the Snake are said to be under the sign of wisdom and are believed to be highly intelligent, with active minds.

They are skilful organisers, possess intuitive judgement and are lucky in money matters (except gambling). They have a calm and placid nature, and are generally quiet and contemplative with a good sense of humour.
Domestic and international prepaid envelopes

Year of the Snake silver coin sets from Perth Mint

Lunar New Year coins are on sale at a small number of Post Offices. All coins are 99.9% silver, and each set or individual coin is sold in a presentation case.

The Perth Mint Year of the Snake coins are:

- **Five coin collection**
  - 1 Kilo, 10 oz, 2 oz, 1 oz and 1/2 oz  $1215.00

- **Three coin collection**
  - 2 oz, 1 oz and 1/2 oz coins  $215.60
  - Individual 1 Kilo coin  $678.00
  - Individual 2 oz coin  $112.50
  - Individual 1 oz coin  $59.50

For further availability details contact the Australian Philatelic Bureau on 1 800 331 794

Technical details

- **Issue date** ................. 8 January 2001
- **Denominations** ............ One x 45c, one x $1.35
- **Stamp designer** ............. Luis Chiang, Melbourne
- **Printer** .................... SNP Ausprint
- **Paper** ...................... De La Rue
- **Printing process** .......... Lithography,
- **Stamp size** ................. 37.5 x 26 mm
- **Perforations (all)** ........ 13.86 x 14.6
- **Miniature sheet size** ...... 106 x 70 mm
- **Sheet layout** ............... Sheets of 50, two panes of 25
- **National postmark** ........ Christmas Island Australia 6798

Mail order codes

- 1170067 Stamps, one x 45c, one x $1.35 .......... $1.80
- 1170142 Miniature sheet (mint) .................. $1.80
- 1170143 Miniature sheet (postmarked) .......... $1.80
- 1170170 Pack of five miniature sheets (mint) ... $9.00
- 1170001 Set of two first day covers (MO/CC) .... $4.20
- 1170002 First day cover (gummed) ............... $2.10
- 1170013 First day cover (miniature sheet) ....... $2.10
- 1170241 Gutter strip, ten x 45c .................. $4.50
- 1170242 Gutter strip, ten x $1.35 .................. $13.50
- 1170240 Set of gutter strips, (ten x 45c, 10 x $1.35) $18.00
- 1170250 Stamp pack/Greeting card ............... $2.25
- 1170231 Domestic prepaid envelope .............. $0.54
- 1170232 International prepaid envelope .......... $1.58

Year of the Snake, gutter strip

Stamp pack which doubles as a greeting card

First day cover, miniature sheet
The award for the Paralympian of the Year was presented to Siobhan Paton by the Australian Paralympic Committee on the evening of 30 October at the Australian Paralympic Committee’s Paralympian of the Year Dinner.

Like the Australian Gold Medallists stamp issue, the Paralympian of the Year stamp employs new technology allowing the stamp to be placed on sale within days of the announcement. Prior to the award announcement a template was designed allowing the image of the winning athlete to be placed into it. The process used computer-to-plate technology and the stamps were printed using five colour offset.

There are no associated products for this issue.

Technical details
Issue date ......................31 October 2000
Denominations .........Ten x 45c
Design ......................Stacey Zass Australia Post Design Studio
Print process ..............Lithography
Printer ........................SNP Ausprint
Paper ........................Tullis Russell
Stamp size .................35 x 35 mm
Perforations .................13.86 x 14.6
Sheet layout ..............120 stamps up on full sheet
Special features.............Paralympic Logo
National postmark ..........Sydney NSW 2000
State capital city GPOs had state FDI postmarkers for this issue. Post offices were permitted to apply FDI postmarking to this issue for a period of one month from the date of issue.

Mail order codes
0156255 Stamps (sheetlet of ten x 45c) ...............$4.50

Paralympian Awards
At the Paralympian of the Year dinner, seven subsidiary category winners were also announced. Australia Post produced seven personalised SES sheets, one for each of the winners and have made them available for sale to the public.

The winners were: Timothy Sullivan (Best Male Athlete); Julie Higgins (Best Female Athlete); Heath Francis (Best Junior Male Athlete); Lisa McIntosh (Best Junior Female Athlete); Tania Modra/Sarnya Parker (Best Team); Kevin McIntosh (Best Coach) and Chris Nunn (Merit Award).

The sheets use ‘Australia & Globe’ from the Nature & Nation issue (May 2000). These sheets were produced using the same technology as the Paralympian of the Year stamp, and were offered for sale within days of the awards being announced.
The sheets’ decorative border was designed for the awards by Jo Mure (Australia Post Design Studio). A stamp (with tab) is shown full size above. Sheets and tabs for each of the category winners are shown left (reduced size).

Mail order codes
0154250 Best Male Paralympian ..................$9.00
0154255 Best Female Paralympian ...............$9.00
0154260 Best Junior Male Paralympian ...........$9.00
0154265 Best Junior Female Paralympian ........$9.00
0154270 Best Paralympian Team ..................$9.00
0154275 Best Paralympian Coach ..................$9.00
0154280 Paralympian Merit Award ................$9.00
0156235 Set of seven sheets (one each design) ..$63.00
Golden Heroes 2000 is the ultimate philatelic celebration of the 2000 Sydney Olympic and Paralympic Games. Written by Harry Gordon, official historian for the Australian Olympic Committee, the 56 page book features a two page introduction followed by a two page spread on each Gold Medallists stamp sheetlet, the Paralympian of the Year sheetlet, and the SES sheetlets issued for Best Paralympic Male Female, Junior Male, Junior Female, Team and Coach, and Merit Award winners.

Mr Gordon brings an unsurpassed depth of knowledge and insight to the material. His text is complemented by a stunning photo of the athlete or athletes. The corresponding Gold Medallists (or Paralympian of the Year Sheetlet) completes the spread.

For the subsidiary Paralympian awards (for which Australia Post issued SES sheets of twenty x 45c) the book includes a block of two stamps, each with tab, along with a reduced size image of the full sheet.

This book is destined to be treasured not only today, but for generations to come.

This limited edition* is priced at $245.00. Purchase is by ballot (enclosed) and limited to one per customer. Results of all applications will be notified by mail.

Orders for Golden Heroes 2000 must be sent on the Ballot (enclosed) and paid for separately from any other mail order products.

**Total production - 2000 copies**
- 500 with digital stamps (allocated for corporate presentations)
- 1500 with offset stamps (200 allocated for corporate presentations)
  the balance of 1300 will be available for purchase via ballot.
The bombing of Darwin on 19 February 1942, is the centrepiece of the Northern Territory's federation centenary events.

As part of the Federation Frontline activities, Australia Post is issuing a commemorative pre-stamped envelope. The design was still being finalised at the time of printing.

**Darwin 19 February 1942**

The first attack started at 9.58 am and lasted just over half an hour. It devastated the harbour, airfield and city area. The death toll among civilians and military personnel was 243.

The main target was the harbour. It was particularly crowded with upwards of 45 ships. In minutes the US destroyer Peary was sunk with a loss of 80 lives. The Australian ship Neptuna, loaded with heavy explosives, blew up, killing the ship's captain and 45 crew members. Seventy waterside workers had been unloading the Neptuna and the Barossa. Twenty-two died. Five merchant ships were sunk.

In town the Post Office was hit, nine people were killed. Darwin Hospital was bombed. The Administrator's house was wrecked. At the air base, nine US Kittyhawks were approaching the airfield as the Japanese Zeros flew in. All nine were shot down.

By 10.30 am the first raid was over, but the respite was short lived. At 11.58 am, just as the shocked survivors started emerging from cover and to assess the horrific damage, the attack resumed.

This time the airfield was the primary target. Seven men were killed. The single remaining Kittyhawk was destroyed, along with with a Liberator, three Beechcraft, three US Navy Catalinas, six RAAF Hudsons and a Tiger Moth.
Australia Post recognises the centenary of the formation of the Australian Army with this commemorative issue of two 45c stamps. Along with the stamps and sheetlet, a stamp and coin cover, first day cover, sheetlet pack and set of two maximum cards complete the issue.

**Background**
On 1 January 1901 the Commonwealth of Australia was proclaimed in Centennial Park, Sydney. The new Constitution gave the Commonwealth shared powers with the States in post and telegraph, and exclusive power in such matters as defence, customs, currency and Federal territories. Although the naval and military forces of each state were transferred to the control of the Commonwealth on 1 March 1901, until the Defence Act of 22 October 1903 these troops continued to be administered by the relevant State Acts.

Military forces at the Commonwealth’s disposal in 1901 numbered 28,923 (of whom just 1,457 were permanent soldiers). The ‘new’ army’s first operational activity occurred in the Boer War when those contingents raised after Federation were organised into eight battalions.

Major General Sir Edward ‘Curly’ Hutton, former Commandant of the New South Wales Forces was chosen to head the Commonwealth forces and to organise the six colonial forces into a homogeneous federal force.

In June 1911 the Royal Military College at Duntroon was established to meet the demand for more and better trained officers. The first regular force of any size, the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) was formed in 1914 after the outbreak of World War I. Between the two wars the army reverted to a mainly civilian militia although it retained the structure and organisation of the AIF. In the years following World War II Australia developed its first regular army (supplemented by the Citizen Military Force).

The Army is a successful national institution with two important areas of engagement and service. These are operations (defence activity, including peace-keeping) and assistance to the community (for example, flood/fire relief, aboriginal health and community building). Its mission is “to serve the Nation by providing land forces to promote the security of Australia and protect its people and interests”.

**Design**
The stamps illustrate the Army’s historical and contemporary roles and the nature of its service over a century which has seen dramatic changes in Australia and throughout the world. The Army’s Rising Sun Badge and “100 years of service” appear on the products in this issue.
Historical (left)
This stamp uses two images from World War II. The main image – a photograph by Norman Brown – is the forward command post of the 29th/46th Battalion in New Guinea in 1943 (AWM no: 16297). Shown are signalman Charles Byrne and G. Walker.

The smaller image, in the upper left of the stamp, is of the Light Horse brigade on parade in 1940 (AWM no: 001329).

Contemporary (right)
The main image on this stamp – a photograph by Mr George Gittoes – is of Trooper Jon Church carrying a child in Rwanda (1995) where he served as part of a United Nations peace keeping exercise. Tragically Trooper Church was killed in the Black Hawk accident in Townsville in 1996.

The smaller image in the upper right of the stamp shows officers on the Commando Officer Selection course in July 1997 at Marangaroo Barracks, Lithgow NSW.

The sheetlet’s selvedge features images of the 13th Australian Light Horse in France in 1918 (AWM no: E02979) and of a soldier greeting the dawn in Balibo.

Stamp and coin cover
The reverse of the aluminium-bronze one dollar coin features the Army’s Rising Sun badge (sculpted by Vladimir Gottwald). The obverse features Ian Rank-Broadley’s effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Mail order codes
1173067 Stamps (two x 45c) ..............................................$0.90
1173201 Sheetlet (ten x 45c) ..............................................$4.50
1173250 Stamp and coin cover .............................................$7.85
1173002 First day cover ....................................................$1.20
1173130 Sheetlet pack .................................................$4.95
1173220 Maximum cards (two) ..........................................$2.40
This is the fifth and last issue in the series of definitive marine life stamps for the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. The stamps continue the design treatment of previous issues.

Each of the four 45c stamps feature a fish found in the island waters.

**The stamps (clockwise from top left)**

**Wideband Fusilier (Pterocaesio lativittata)**
Fusiliers are usually blue and yellow, with a relatively slender shape and a forked caudal fin.

**Striped Surgeonfish (Acanthurus lineatus)**
This striking fish is marked by numerous yellow to orange, blue and white longitudinal lines.

**Indo-Pacific Sergeant (Abudefduf vaigiensis)**
This member of the damselfish family is characterised by five black to dark blue broad vertical bands.

**Orangeband Surgeonfish (Acanthurus olivaceus)**
The orange streak behind the eye of this reef fish can vary from yellow-orange to orange-red. Immature fish are entirely lemon yellow.

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Technical details

- **Issue date**: 8 February 2001
- **Denomination**: Se-tenant block of four x 45c
- **Illustrator**: Michael Baker, Perth
- **Paper**: De La Rue
- **Printer**: McPhersons
- **Printing process**: Lithography
- **Stamp size**: 37.5 x 26 mm
- **Perforations**: 13.86 x 14.6
- **Sheet layout**: Modules of 50, two panes of 25

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The Cocos (Keeling) Islands comprise two coral atolls situated in the Indian Ocean approximately 2770 km north-west of Perth. The warm, tropical waters are home to abundant marine life, including a rich variety of brightly coloured fish.

Surgeonfish are named for a sharp scalpel-like spine on each side of the base of the tail. When the spine is erected at right angles to the body it presents a formidable defensive weapon.

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<td>Gutter strip (ten x 45c)</td>
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No special text or design in gutter
This release of seven definitive postage paid envelopes (PPEs) features paintings by Aboriginal schoolchildren participating in the Indigenous Global Art Exchange programme.

**Indigenous Global Art Exchange**
The exchange is part of the First Peoples’ Project, organised under the auspices of I*EARN (International Education and Resource Network). I*EARN is a telecommunications network linking thousands of students and teachers in more than 60 countries in collaborative project work. The participants use e-mail, electronic conferences and the World Wide Web.

Students from schools in Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory participate in the world-wide projects. Paintings from the exchange will be on display at the new Museum of Victoria during March 2001. Children from Bairnsdale Primary School will do a dance at the opening and artists will work with the children at weekends.

**Further information**
Or e-mail: iearnoz@iearn.org.au

**Technical details**
Issue date .....................15 February 2001
Denominations .................Four x 54c, $1.19, $2.37 $2.70
Artists ..........................Jarrah Bundle; Marlee Bundle; Rhiannon Hayes; Grattan Mullet; Johnson Nabegeyo; Basil Sandsbury; Andrea Ugle
Designer ........................Beth McKinlay, Australia Post Design Studio
Printer ..........................Mercury Walch, Hobart
Printing process .................Lithography
There is no national first day of issue postmark for this issue, the Australian Philatelic Bureau’s postmark impression will be used.

**Mail order codes**
1193226  Set of seven prepaid envelopes (mint) ..........................$8.42
1193227  Set of seven prepaid envelopes (postmarked) [MO] ......................$8.42
In June of 1947 – following the end of World War II – the Australian Women’s Army Service was disbanded. In 1950 the three women’s services were re-established by the Australian Government and on 13 July 1950 Cabinet gave approval for the formation of a women’s army.

Colonel Kathleen Best RRC became the founding director of what became known as the Women’s Royal Australian Army Corps. The day she commenced duties (12 February 1951) came to be celebrated as Corps Day.

More than 10,000 women served Australia with distinction and dedication in the WRAAC regular corps, the Citizen Military Reserve and later the Army Reserve.

The WRAAC was disbanded in 1984. This followed moves in the 70s to align male and female training and duties, and the transfer (or direct enlistment) of new recruits in to employer corps in the 80s.

This pre-stamped envelope commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Women’s Royal Australian Army Corps.

**Design**
The stamp area features the WRAAC badge on a red background. The body of the cover features Geoffrey Mainwaring’s portrait of Colonel Kathleen Best with photographic images of WRAAC members undertaking various duties.

**Mail Order code**
1194134 WRAAC PSE (mint) .................................................$0.54
1194144 WRAAC PSE (postmarked) .....................................$0.54
National Postmark ..........................................................Liverpool NSW 2170

**Celebrations**
The WRAAC Association has planned special events and reunions around the country. The history of the WRAAC will also be published in 2001. For information about these activities contact Mrs Ettie Gray, Secretary 2001 Committee, Phone (02) 9605 3106

The following will be included in Seven Seas’ 2001 Supplements and optional pages. Seven Seas’ pages are only available from stamp dealers and from Seven Seas.

**Centenary of Federation 1 January 2001**
Supplement • 2 x 49c gummed stamps • 2 x $2 gummed stamps • 2 x 49c gutter pairs • 2 x 49c s/a stamps from booklet (booklet supplied) • miniature sheet
Optional Pages • s/a booklet • 4 se-tenant pairs x 49c • 2 x 4 different blocks of 4 x 49c

**Australian Legends 25 January 2001**
Supplement • 2 x 45c stamps from sheetlet • 2 x 45c s/a from booklet (booklet supplied)
Optional Pages • sheetlet 10 x 45c • s/a booklet 10 x 45c

**Centenary of the Army 15 February 2001**
Supplement • 2 x 45c stamps from sheetlet
Optional Pages • sheetlet 10 x 45c

**Christmas Island**
Lunar New Year - Year of the Snake 8 January 2001
Supplement • 1 x 45c, 1 x $1.35 stamps • miniature sheet • gutter strip 10 x 45c

**Cocos (Keeling) Islands**
Marine Life 8 February 2001
Supplement • block of 4 x 45c • gutter block of 4 x 45c

**In retrospect**
The Paralympian of the Year issue was added after the closing date for Bulletin 257/257A

Paralympian of the Year 31 October 2000
Mail order codes
0154235 Supplement • single 45c stamp .............$0.45
0154236 Optional Pages • sheetlet of 10 x 45c ....$4.50
A century of federation - creating a nation
24 February – 27 May 2001
Guest curated by Ann Wookey assisted by Georgia Cribb
Essayist Dr Ian Hoskins, Sydney
Design team - Cathleen Cram, Georgia Cribb, Ann Wookey
Design consultant - Shaun Gurton

Sydney’s Federation celebrations of early January 1901 included a General Post Office festooned in lights. These spectacular decorations dominated the night skies. In this exhibition, Australia Post marks this event – a hundred years on. Australian stamps, both before and after federation, have reflected Australian society and people. This rich visual resource gives rise to a kaleidoscopic experience of the nation’s achievements since 1889. Like the original event, the exhibition is colourful, fun and celebratory.

Court of Honour
Registration envelopes were sold to the public by each Australian colony (or state) and later by the Commonwealth for posting registered mail. The envelopes were manufactured with thicker paper for better protection of the letter’s contents. The denomination on the stamp impression generally represented either the combined cost of the registration fee and basic letter rate, or the registration fee alone, in which case additional stamps for letter postage had to be added.

Kangaroo & Map: ‘an advertisement for Australia’

Tour schedule update
We will continue to update Bulletin readers about tour dates and venues for this fascinating exhibition as it tours Australia.

Keep your eyes open for local news, as regional post offices plan to take an active part supporting the travelling exhibition. Look for information about special events for philatelists, students and Australia Post staff and family members.

Tour dates
15 December 2000 to 15 March 2001
Geelong Geelong Wool Museum
6 July - 24 August 2001
Hobart Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery
4 Sept - 4 Nov 2001
Launceston Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery

The rare and beautiful exhibition catalogue
You can purchase this special philatelic exhibition catalogue by mail order from the Australian Philatelic Bureau

1017260 The rare and the beautiful: exhibition catalogue ..................................$25.00

New Philatelic Seminar Series
Mark your diary now and join us for the first in a series of seminars on philately, presented by stamp experts and making use of the extensive resources of the National Philatelic Collection.

Seminar I features well known philatelic historian, Richard Breckon talking about Australian Stamp Engraving

When: 2.00 to 4.00 pm
Saturday 10 Feb 2001
Where: Post Master Gallery
321 Exhibition St
MELBOURNE 3000
Cost (GST included)
$10.00 per head
$6.00 students & pensioners

For bookings and further information contact
John Link
Phone 03 9204 7727
Fax 03 9204 7743
E-mail: John.Link@auspost.com.au
Gregorian Millennium 2001 bi-metal coin
This gold and silver coin celebrates the true start of the new millennium with a design that continues the timekeeping theme from last year. The coin has a fine silver centrepiece incorporating colour and a fine gold surround. The hands of the chronograph indicate 08:00am, the time in Perth when the new millennium starts at 00:00 GMT.

Australia 2001 Silver Millennium coin
The one oz silver coin’s celestial theme depicts heavenly bodies used to measure time, including Cleopatra’s Needle, Sirius the morning star, and the Sun.

Centenary of Federation bi-metal coin
This Dr Stuart Devlin designed bi-metal gold coin contains a seven-pointed star-shaped fine gold centrepiece within a fine silver surround. The reverse combines the floral emblems of the six States and the Northern Territory and the Federal Coat of Arms of Australia.

Centenary of Federation – Holey Dollar & Dump set
This Dr Stuart Devlin designed two-in-one set, features a seven-pointed, star shaped ‘Dump’ that fits within the Holey Dollar. Official badges of six the States and the Northern Territory are shown on the Holey Dollar’s reverse. The central, star-shaped ‘Dump’ features Parliament House, Canberra.

All of the above feature the effigy of Queen Elizabeth II on the obverse and are supplied in attractive presentation cases with a serial-numbered certificate of authenticity.

Mail order codes
1113310 Gregorian Millennium 2001 bi-metal coin $332.00
1113311 Australia 2001 Silver Millennium coin ..........$60.00
1113312 Centenary of Federation bi-metal coin........$325.00
1113313 Centenary of Federation – Holey Dollar & Dump set .......................$95.00

New from the Royal Australian Mint (not shown)
This uncirculated, aluminium bronze $1 ‘C’ mintmark coin will commemorate the Centenary of the Australian Army. The Rising Sun Badge (sculptured by Vladimir Gottwald) appears on the reverse. Ian Rank-Broadley’s effigy of Queen Elizabeth II is on the obverse. The coin, which is presented in an illustrated coin folder, will be available in early January from participating post offices.

Mail order code
1113293 Centenary of the Army .........................$2.15

For details of the coins pictured below, refer to the October-December 2000 Bulletin (No 257)
## New Issues

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### 8 January Lunar New Year, Year of the Snake

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A complete list of issues on sale is not included here. Details of current issues may be obtained from the Australian Philatelic Bureau (Freecall 1800 331 794).

[MO] – Available by mail order only
[MO/CC] – Available by mail order and from Collector’s Corner outlets
Also Available

**Australian Gold Medallists Album Set**
- 0140260 Offset sheetlets, stock sheets + Gold Medallists album $96.00
- 0146301 Offset Set (sheetlets only) $72.00
- 0134301 Ian Thorpe, Swimming, Men's 200 m Freestyle $4.50
- 0134302 Swimming, Men's 4 x 200 m Freestyle Relay $4.50
- 0134303 Shooting, Michael Diamond, Men's Trap $4.50
- 0134304 Equestrian, Team 3 Day Event $4.50
- 0134305 Susie O'Neill, Swimming, Women's 200 m Freestyle $4.50
- 0134306 Swimming, Men's 4 x 200 m Freestyle Relay $4.50
- 0134307 Simon Fairweather, Archery, Men's Individual $4.50
- 0134308 Cycling, Men's Madison $4.50
- 0134309 Grant Hackett, Swimming, Men's 1500m Freestyle $4.50
- 0134310 Water Polo, Women's $4.50
- 0134311 Beach Volleyball Women's $4.50
- 0134312 Cathy Freeman, Athletics, Women's 400 m $4.50
- 0134313 Lauren Burns, Taekwando: Women's under 49 kg $4.50
- 0134314 Hockey: Women's $4.50
- 0134315 Sailing, Women's 470$ $4.50
- 0134316 Sailing, Men's 470$ $4.50

**Album Sheets**
- 3 July Paralympics withdrawal 31 Jul 2001
  - 1117067 Stamps, gummed (two x 45c, three x 49c) $2.37
  - 1117200 Stamps, self-adhesive (two x 45c) $0.90
  - 1117209 Stamps, self-adhesive 45c (roll of 100) $45.00
  - 1117182 Stamps, self-adhesive, 49c (booklet of 10) $4.90
  - 1117241 Gutter strips, ten x 45c (traffic lights in gutter) $4.50
  - 1117242 Gutter strips, ten x 49c (traffic lights in gutter) $4.90
  - 1117240 Set of gutter strips (ten x 45c, ten x 49c) (traffic lights in gutter) [MO] $9.40
  - 1117126 Stamp pack, gummed $2.77
  - 1117223 Collector pack [MO/CC] $4.50
  - 1117220 Maximum cards $5.87

**Books and Accessories**
- 0903270 First day cover album binder $10.00
- 0906251 New binder (to hold album stock sheets) $17.95
- 0903271 Album stock sheets – two strip (set of ten) FDC $10.25
- 0903272 Album stock sheets – five strip (set of ten) $10.25
- 0903273 Album stock sheets – six strip (set of ten) $10.25
- 0903274 Album stock sheets – seven strip (set of ten) $10.25
- 0903275 Album stock sheets – mixed strip (set of ten) $10.25

**Contact the Australian Philatelic Bureau for information about availability of digital sheetlets or digital sheetlet sets**

Freecall 1 800 331 794
The Collection of 2000 Australian Stamps
Don’t miss your chance to own this extraordinary collection of Australian stamps.

From cover to cover, every element of this collection reflects the historic nature of the year past.

For collectors, the year 2000 was a year of firsts: the first stamp range designed for International postage and the first stamps issued to celebrate each Gold Medal won by an Australian individual or team at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

It was a year to commemorate events past: the lead up to federation, 50th anniversary of the Korean War, and the Centenary of the first Australian Victoria Cross.

It was a year to celebrate events present: the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

And it was a year of lasts, the last Anzacs.

The inclusion of the limited edition, composite sheet, which comprises one each of the 16 Australian Gold Medallists stamps and the Opening Ceremony stamp, makes this collection a ‘must have’ for collectors. The wide range of subjects makes it an ideal gift for anyone with an interest in Australian culture and history.

The Paralympian of the Year stamp will be included in both the Deluxe and Executive editions of the 2000 Collection of Australian Stamps. With a total face value – stamps, miniature sheets and special inclusions – of $76.52, whether you purchase the deluxe or executive edition, the collection is exceptionally good value.

The Australian Territories Collection 2000
This four-page collection features background information and stamps for all issues released for the Australian Antarctic Territory, Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands during 2000.

Album sheets ensure the stamps are easy to collect. The collector’s choice range has binders to will hold your Territories collection.

The Territories Collection 2000 represents excellent value at only $13.50.

Mail Order Codes
1101171 Collection of 2000 Australian Stamps Deluxe edition ..........................................$87.50
1101214 Collection of 2000 Australian Stamps Executive edition ....................................$117.50
1101194 Territories Collection 2000 ......................$13.50