50th Anniversary Snowy Mountains Scheme
Christmas Island Christmas
Sydney 2000 Olympic Games Emblem
Design Australia
This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Snowy Mountains Scheme – a Scheme that became a source of national pride in the post-war years and remains one of the greatest engineering projects undertaken in Australian history.

The Snowy Mountains Scheme is widely regarded to be the most complex, multi-purpose, multi-reservoir hydroscheme in the world. It diverts water through huge dams, 145 kilometres of interconnected trans-mountain tunnels and 80 kilometres of aqueducts that collect and divert water.

Spreading over an area of 8,200 square kilometres, mostly within Kosciuszko National Park in Australia’s Southern Alps, the Scheme provides approximately five per cent of south-eastern Australia’s total energy requirements and around five per cent of the flow to the Murray River. It has the capacity to generate more electricity and contribute much larger amounts of water at times of peak demand or stress.

Water collected and stored by the Snowy Mountains Scheme is used to generate renewable electricity without pollution before being released for irrigation.

Dear Collector,

If you were to conduct a survey of Australian stamps issued in recent years it would show that stamps are becoming more contemporary, in terms of both the design and technology used to produce them and in the subject matter featured. Stamps included in this edition of the Bulletin, such as Design Australia and the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games emblem, illustrate this point well.

The Personalised Stamps trialled so successfully at Australia 99 earlier this year are another example of how stamps have become contemporary icons. I am pleased to say that we will soon make Personalised Stamps available throughout Australia and that you will receive separate, special advice on this initiative.

While there is a conscious effort to make stamps contemporary, we must never forget our colourful history. This Bulletin announces a stamp issue commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Snowy Mountains Scheme – arguably Australia’s greatest engineering feat and a wonderful example of the post-war migration program which laid the basis for our rich and diverse nation today.

There are many lessons we can learn from the experience of the Snowy Mountains Scheme, and Australia Post is proud to play its part in remembering the achievements, both technical and human, of the Scheme. I am sure there are many Australians who, during the 1960s, completed school projects on the Snowy Scheme and poured over maps with such fascinating names as Guthera, Khancoban and Jindabyne. A generation of Australians grew up working on the Snowy or learning about it. I hope our stamps will help a new generation discover and learn from a wonderful piece of our history.

Until next time,

David Maiden,
Manager, Philatelic Group

50th Anniversary
Snowy Mountains Scheme
12 August 1999
50th Anniversary
Snowy Mountains Scheme

The Snowy Mountains Scheme is widely recognised as the birthplace of successful multiculturalism in Australia. Workers from more than 30 countries worked on the Scheme. They came from Australia, Austria, Finland, Jordan, Russia, USA, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Switzerland, Turkey, Estonia, France, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Romania and the Ukraine, to name a few.

During the 25-year construction period, seven regional townships and 100 camps were established throughout the Snowy Mountains region. Some of the townships existed for several years, while others were moved from one site to another as work in each area was completed.

The townships of Adaminaby and Jindabyne were relocated to make way for the rising waters of Lake Eucumbene and Lake Jindabyne. Khancoban, Cabramurra and Tallbingo – towns developed through the Snowy Scheme – are now popular tourist destinations.

The Designs
The stamps show:
• a group of German carpenters (1951), and the Island Bend dam
• an English class for migrant workers at Cooma (1951)
• the Tumut 2 Tailwater Tunnel (1960) and the Eucumbene Dam (1959)
• a driller at the Burn’s Creek heading at the ‘Cooma-Tumut Tunnel’ (1959) and workers engaged in rock bolting in the Tumut 2 Power Station Hall (1959). Rock bolting is a process developed on the Scheme to stabilise tunnels.

The Snowy Mountains appear across the top of each design. The gutter strip also features a Snowy Mountains landscape.

A program of events has been planned to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Scheme. The highlight of the year will be the Reunion Picnic, to be held on the banks of Lake Jindabyne on 17 October 1999. For further information call the White Pages Snowy Search on Freecall 1800 623 776.
MAWSON’S HUTS
PHONEAWAY CARD
COLLECTOR PACK

The Mawson’s Huts Pack is third in the series of Post’s special issue Telstra PhoneAway® Card Collector Packs. It will be released on 12 August 1999 and consists of a $10 PhoneAway® card and four stamps that illustrate the history and drama of life surrounding Mawson’s Huts from origin to restoration. The baltic pine huts were built at Cape Denison as a base camp for Sir Douglas Mawson’s team during their 1911 – 14 expedition to the Australasian Antarctic but fell into disrepair after eighty-five years of exposure to harsh conditions.

036250 Mawson’s Huts PhoneAway® Card Collector Pack..........................$14.00

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Any unused value of the card past the expiry date is non-refundable.

A set of five DL sized pre-stamped envelopes featuring animated illustrations of the vivid beauty and personality of Australian native birds will be released on 12 August.

Illustrated by Crissie Davies of Earth Graphic Design, the five pre-stamped envelopes each feature an Australian native bird.

The Fairy Penguin (Eudyptula minor) is the only type of penguin to breed in Australia. It is the smallest of all penguins – adults are between 33 – 43 centimetres tall and weigh about one kilogram. They are also unique in that they only come ashore at night under the cover of darkness.

Usually found in small groups the Major Mitchell’s Cockatoo (Cacatua leadbeateri), also known as the Pink Cockatoo, spends most of its day feeding on the ground or among the branches of trees or shrubs. In the late afternoon or early morning they go to water holes to drink.

Highly nomadic, the Budgerigar (Melopsittacus undulatus) performs most activities as part of a flock. Budgerigars roost in trees selected along water courses and change their roost site each night. Their diet consists of the seeds of grasses, shrubs, and herbs.

The Splendid Fairy-wren (Malurus splendens) feeds on a wide variety of insects which it catches as it forages, hopping around in loose groups along the ground and through and over small shrubs. In full breeding the male Splendid Fairy-wren is a brilliant incandescent blue.

The Laughing Kookaburra (Dacelo novaeguineae) is the largest of the kingfisher family but, unlike most of its relatives, is sedentary and occupies the same territory year round. Kookaburras eat snakes, lizards, rodents, the odd small bird, crustaceans and frogs as well as various insects and other invertebrates.

Technical details
Issue date........................12 August 1999
Denominations ................Five x 45c
Illustrator..........................Crissie Davies, Earth Graphic Design, Melbourne
Designer ..........................Lisa Christensen, Australia Post Graphic Design Studio
Printer..............................Mercury-Walch
Printing process................Offset lithography
National postmark ............Birdwood SA 5234

Mail order codes
056134 Set of five pre-stamped envelopes (mint)...............................................$2.75
056144 Set of five pre-stamped envelopes (postmarked)........................................$2.75

Birds

12 August 1999

Pre-stamped envelopes
Sydney-based illustrator Nigel Buchanan designed these stamps using the idea of Christmas Island as Santa’s home.

The 40c stamp depicts Santa Claus snoozing in his hammock at the beach. His little helpers, Red Crabs (Gecarcoidea natalis), are tending to his needs – shining his boots and fanning him with a palm leaf.

The second stamp shows Santa sharing his festive fare with the Christmas Island fauna. The 45c stamp features two male Abbott’s Boobies, a pair of Christmas Frigatebirds (Fregata audrei), a Red Crab and an endemic skink (Cryptoblepharus egeriae) at Santa’s dinner table.

On the 95c stamp Santa is captured taking off in his fully-laden sleigh, pulled by a pair of Abbott’s Boobies (Sula abbotti).

Christmas Island Christmas stamps are issued in September so they can be used for items being sent overseas via surface mail.

**Technical details**
- Issue date: 9 September 1999
- Denominations: 40c, 45c, 95c
- Illustrator: Nigel Buchanan
- Designer: Jo Mure, Australia Post
- Printer: McPhersons
- Paper: Tullis Russell
- Printing process: Offset Lithography
- Stamp size: 37.5 mm x 26 mm
- Perforations: 13.86 x 14.6
- Sheet layout: Two panes of 25 stamps
- National postmark: Christmas Island

**Mail order codes**
- 061067: Stamps (40c, 45c, 95c) $1.80
- 061001: First day cover $2.05
- 061240: Set of three gutter strips (MO) $18.00

Australia Post commissioned designs from Tiwi Design, an Aboriginal corporation based at Ngui, Bathurst Island, producing and dealing in work by Tiwi artists in various media. The designs are featured on seven prepaid envelopes to be issued on 9 September.

The Tiwi (meaning ‘we people’) live on Bathurst and Melville Islands, about 100 kilometres north of Darwin. The first European settlement in north Australia, Fort Dundas, was established on Melville Island in 1824, but had been abandoned by 1830. With the settlement of Palmerston (Darwin) in 1869, visitors to the islands became more frequent. In 1911 a Catholic Mission was established on the south-east coast of Bathurst Island.

For thousands of years the Tiwi have lived on these islands with little contact with mainland tribes. Their art does not represent a personal vision, rather the designs and motifs represent a collective vision of experience. Traditionally produced for religious purposes, Tiwi art communicated information about these beliefs.

**Technical details**
- Issue date: 9 September 1999
- Denominations: Four x 55c, $1.10, $2.20, $2.75
- Artists: Maria Jettee Orsto (DL window, C5, C4)
- Jock Puautjimi (C6 plain, C6 window, DL plain, B4)
- Designer: Beth McKinlay, Australia Post
- Printer: Mercury-Walch
- Printing process: Offset Lithography

A national first day of issue postmark has not been produced for this issue. The postmark impression used will be the Australian Philatelic Bureau postmark.

**Mail order codes**
- 057226: Set of seven prepaid envelopes (mint) $8.25
- 057227: Set of seven prepaid envelopes (postmarked) (MO) $8.25

A national first day of issue postmark has not been produced for this issue. The postmark impression used will be the Australian Philatelic Bureau postmark.

**Mail order codes**
- 061057: Stamps (40c, 45c, 95c) $1.80
- 061001: First day cover $2.05
- 061240: Set of three gutter strips (MO) $18.00
- 061241: Gutter strip (ten x 40c) $4.00
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- Designer: Jo Mure, Australia Post
- Graphic Design Studio
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- Paper: Tullis Russell
- Printing process: Offset Lithography

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The Games of the new Millennium will take place in Sydney between 15 September and 1 October 2000. Also known as the ‘Millennium Athlete’, the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games emblem features the figure of an athlete formed by instantly recognisable shapes and colours. The figure symbolises the speed and agility of an athlete moving toward the new Millennium. The colours of the athlete reflect the blue of the harbour, the yellow of the sun and the red of the earth. The three boomerangs comprising the body of the athlete acknowledge the importance of Australia’s indigenous culture.

The running athlete is also representative of the Olympic journey that commenced, for Sydney, when the host city of the 2000 Olympic Games was announced in Monte Carlo on 23 September 1993. This journey will culminate on 15 September 2000, when the world’s best athletes gather at Sydney Olympic Park for the Opening Ceremony for the Games of the XXVII Olympiad.

The stamp, designed by FHA Image Design, features the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games emblem with two of Sydney’s most loved and well-known landmarks – the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

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Sydney 2000 Olympic Games
Stamp Issue Program

The release of the Olympic Torch stamp at Australia 99 earlier this year was the first in Australia Post’s series of stamps to commemorate the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games:
• Olympic Torch – March 1999
  A single stamp featuring the design of the 1956 Olympic Torch stamp issued to celebrate the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games
• Sydney 2000 Olympic Games emblem – September 1999
  This is a single stamp featuring the official emblem of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games
• Panorama of Sydney – June 2000
  A souvenir panorama miniature sheet of Sydney Harbour comprising four stamps
• Olympic Games Sports – August 2000
  Featuring various Olympic sports on a sheetlet of ten stamps
• Joint issue with Greece: flag handover – September 2000
  Depicting the handover of the Olympic flag to the host nation of the 2004 Olympic Games
• Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games – September 2000
  A stamp issue commemorating the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games to be held from 18 to 29 October 2000.

For more information on the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games visit www.sydney.olympic.org

Technical details
Issue date ........................14 September 1999
Denomination ..................45c
Designer ..........................FHA Image Design, Melbourne
Printer ..............................McPhersons
Paper ..............................Tullis Russell
Perforations:.....................14.6 x 13.86
Sheet layout ....................Sheetlet of ten
National postmark ............Sydney NSW 2000

Mail order codes
058017 Stamp (45c) .................................$0.45
058018 Sheetlet of ten ............................$4.50
058019 First day cover ............................$0.70
058103 Sheetlet pack ............................$4.90
058220 Maximum card ............................$1.00

For more information on the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games visit www.sydney.olympic.org
The 1919 flights between Adelaide and Minlaton by Captain Harry Butler in his Bristol monoplane – the ‘Red Devil’ – will be commemorated with re-enactment flights in each direction on 7 August 1999. The flights, organised by the Australian Airmail Society, will be in a light aircraft. Pictorial Postmarks will be used and a cachet applied to all mail carried on the aircraft.

The Australian Airmail Society is arranging the carriage of 500 postcards in each direction. The cards will depict the obverse of the original 1919 postcard and will be endorsed as to which flights they are intended for use on. For example, Adelaide to Minlaton or Minlaton to Adelaide.

Please note: envelopes to be carried on the re-enactment flights must be forwarded under cover in time to reach the Postal Manager, GPO Adelaide SA 5000 by 5 August. Envelopes should be endorsed as to which flights they are intended for use on. For example, Adelaide to Minlaton or Minlaton to Adelaide.

The Australian Airmail Society, GPO Box 954, Adelaide SA 5001. The price for the pair is $10.00 and payment can be made by cheque or money order.

The results
A. Most popular Australian stamp: Ulysses butterfly
B. Second most popular stamp: Orchid
C. Most popular Australian issue: Planet Ocean
D. Least favourite Australian issue: Leunig (voted equal favourite with Ulysses butterfly on the internet)
E. Favourite Territories stamp: 40c Christmas Island Christmas
F. Favourite Territories issue: Christmas Island Marine Life
G. Least favourite Territories issue: Cocos (Keeling) Islands Festive Season
H. Overall favourite stamp: Ulysses butterfly

Thank you to everybody who entered the 1998 Popular Stamp Poll. Particular thanks to those of you who took the time to provide additional comments – we greatly appreciate these as they allow us to plan for the future.

Once again, the Popular Stamp Poll drew a spectacular range of views, yet there were a number of striking leaders in the popularity stakes. The Ulysses Butterfly stamp was the firm favourite. In second place was the Orchid stamp. Interestingly, the Leunig issue rated highly amongst internet voters, but was pronounced the least favourite Australian issue via the traditional ‘postal vote’.

China 1999 World Philatelic Exhibition
21 – 30 August
Australia Post will attend the World Philatelic Exhibition in Beijing, China in August. To mark Australia Post’s participation at this event, a souvenir sheet featuring the set of Butterflies of Australia will be produced.

Queensland Stamp Show ’99
The Queensland Philatelic Council will hold Queensland Stamp Show ’99, its annual state level philatelic exhibition, on 28 and 29 August at QPC House, 18 Coolcree Street, Wynnum (Brisbane) Queensland. The Stamp Show opening hours will be from 9am until 5pm on Saturday 28 August and 9am until 3pm on Sunday 29 August. Admission is free.

The Philatelic Council will produce a special overprint to commemorate the Stamp Show. The overprint will be included on the Coastal Flowers peel and stick sheetlet ($6.00) and the Children’s TV sheetlet ($10.00). Items will be available mint, CTO and on special Queensland Stamp Show ’99 souvenir covers (including specially overprinted Registered Post labels) from the Stamp Show and the Queensland Philatelic Council (refer address next page).
The Wynnum Plaza LPO will be present at the Stamp Show and will have available the Queensland Stamp Show '99 'Teddy Bear' and 'Ipomoea' (Coastal Flower) commemorative postmarks. The postmarks will only be available at the Stamp Show or by mail order from the Postal Manager, Wynnum Plaza Qld 4178.

For more information about the Stamp Show or the special commemorative items, please contact the coordinator at (07) 3262 8810 or write to Queensland Stamp Show '99, QPC, 18 Coolcree Street, Wynnum Qld 4178. Payment for commemorative products listed here can be made by cheque or money order only.

In retrospect

Colour variation in Rugby rolls

There may be some slight colour variation between sections of the self-adhesive rolls of 100 for the 100 Years of Test Rugby Stamp issue. This variation has come about because of the special colour chosen for the denomination and text which was darkened to improve readability once some stamps had already been printed.

Junee Postmark

A number of queries regarding the issue date for the Junee pictorial postmark featuring an historic train have been received. This postmark was first advertised in the March-April Bulletin with an issue date of 8 August, then subsequently in the May-July Bulletin with an issue date of 6 May. The latter date is correct – the issue date was postponed due to production difficulties.

Navigator miniature sheets – imperfect perforations

One of the features of Australia 99 was the opportunity for collectors to obtain a set of imperforate Early Navigators in Australian Waters miniature sheets and perforate them themselves using the machinery at Australia 99. Sheets thus perforated received a special ‘A99’ perfin, located immediately to the left of the block of stamps. This perfin was included specifically to identify those miniature sheets perforated at Australia 99 instead of during the normal perforation process.

Unfortunately, the machine at Australia 99 was briefly left unsupervised and some people took the opportunity to obtain deliberately unusual perforations (e.g. upside down, back to front, etc). Some of these miniature sheets are now on sale in the secondary market.

Australia Post wishes to apologise for the fact that the perforating machine was left unsupervised for a short period of time with the result that these items have been produced. Australia Post wishes to stress to collectors that Navigators miniature sheets which contain the ‘A99’ perfin, and which have non-standard perforations, are not production varieties but are contrived items produced by individuals and have no status with Australia Post.

Northern Beaches Stamp Expo ‘99

Manly-Warringah Philatelic Society and Manly-Warringah Leagues Club Stamp Club will host the Northern Beaches Stamp Expo ‘99 from 4 to 5 September. The Expo will be held in the Federation Parade Hall (1st floor), Brookvale, New South Wales, directly opposite the Manly-Warringah Leagues Club. Opening hours are from 10am to 5pm on 4 September, and 10am to 4pm on 5 September. For further information contact John Pearson on (02) 9974 5707.

Southpex Stamp Show

Southpex Stamp Show will take place on Sunday 12 September at Gosnells Civic Centre, Albany Highway, Gosnells WA. Opening hours are from 10am to 5pm and the show will feature dealers, exhibitions and an auction.

Adelaide Stampex ‘99

5 – 7 November

Australia Post will be present at the National Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Adelaide from 5-7 November 1999 inclusive. The exhibition will be held in the Ridley Pavilion at the Wayville Showgrounds and up to 30 stamp dealers will be in attendance.

Ordering of postmarks

All items which are accompanied by a mail order code are available from the Australian Philatelic Bureau. Where an item does not have a mail-order code, it can only be ordered directly from the post office indicated.

A commemorative Replica Card will be available from the Stampex ‘99 committee. The Replica Card features the 1955 3 1/2d stamp. This is available from Adelaide Stampex ‘99 for $5.00 plus $1.50 for postage and packing for up to 20 cards. A new SA postcard will also be released by Australia Post for the exhibition which will be overprinted by the Adelaide Stampex ‘99 Committee. This will be available for $2.00 plus $1.50 postage and packing. Mail orders for these two items can be sent to Adelaide Stampex ‘99, PO Box 83, Ingle Farm SA 5093. Payment by cheque or money order will be accepted.

For just $50.00 you can be a member of the Supporters’ Club. The membership is limited to 100 and benefits include a special lounge at the exhibition, free entry to the exhibition, free catalogue, $5.00 discount from your Palmares ticket plus an overprinted Prestige Leunig Booklet which will only be available to Supporters’ Club members.

Stay tuned for more details in the October-December Stamp Bulletin.

For philatelic queries, contact your nearest philatelic office.

Sydney (02) 9299 1215
Melbourne (03) 9204 7736
Brisbane (07) 3405 1438
Adelaide (08) 8216 2367
Perth (08) 9237 5902
Hobart (03) 6234 1284
**Postmarks**

**Ordering postmark impressions by mail**
Please forward fully stamped and addressed covers, under pre-paid outer envelopes, to post office addresses listed on these pages.
- Endorse cover in the top left corner with the name of the postmark required.
- Orders must be lodged before the last day of use of the postmark.

**National FDI Postmarks and Commemorative Postmarks**
- These may be ordered from the Australian Philatelic Bureau.
- A minimum base-rate 45c stamp is required to obtain a postmark impression.
- Serviced covers are 70c each, unless otherwise specified.

**Permanent Pictorial Postmarks**
Impressions of permanent pictorial postmarkers are available from the post offices in the following listing. Stamps to a minimum value of 45c should be affixed to private covers.

**Commemorative Postmarks**
Australian residents should send their orders to the addresses noted in these listings. Overseas collectors may obtain commemorative postmark impressions by forwarding orders to the Australian Philatelic Bureau. Commemorative postmarks will be held by the Bureau for three months. All orders should be accompanied by payment of 70c per cover, unless specified otherwise.

A commemorative postmark was produced for the 150th Anniversary of Horsham on 30 June. Impressions are still available from the Postal Manager Horsham Vic 3400.

The Sovereign Hill Ballarat Vic 3350 permanent pictorial postmark, featuring a stagecoach, has been modified slightly. This change takes effect from 2 August 1999. Impressions from the Postal Manager, Sovereign Hill Ballarat Vic 3350.

A commemorative pictorial postmark marking 60 years of the Country Women’s Association (CWA) in South Australia will be available from 14 September. The postmark features the South Australian CWA badge and will be used on special commemorative envelopes developed by the Country Women’s Association. The envelope features a hand-painted reproduction of the historic home of the state headquarters, known as ‘the Club’, and is affixed with a 45c Farming stamp and cancelled with the commemorative postmark. Please forward orders directly to the South Australian Country Women’s Association, 40 Dequetteville Terrace, Kent Town SA 5067 by 1 September 1999. The cost of the complete envelope is $3.50 (including $1.00 postage and handling). Payment by cheque or money order only. The postmark is also available from the Adelaide GPO SA 5001.

To celebrate 100 years of the Kalgoorlie Public Building on 29 September 1999 a commemorative postmarker will be in use. Impressions will be available from the Postal Manager Kalgoorlie WA 6430.

**National FDI Postmarks**
First day covers, serviced with national first day of issue postmarks, are available from all First Day of Issue Post Offices and by mail order from the Australian Philatelic Bureau for four weeks.

Private covers can only be serviced:
- at the designated post office on the day of issue or
- by the Bureau if covers are received prior to the first day of issue.

**Associated Postmarks**
The following associated postmarks may appeal to thematic collectors. Orders should be sent to the relevant post office.

12 August
50th Anniversary Snowy Mountains Scheme
- Cooma NSW 2630

12 August
Birds pre-stamped envelopes
- Birdwood SA 5234

9 September
Christmas Island Christmas
- Christmas Island Australia 6798

14 September
Sydney 2000 Olympic Games emblem
- Sydney NSW 2000

16 September
Design Australia
- Sydney NSW 2000

12 August
Bird’s pre-stamped envelopes
- Adelaide GPO SA 5001 Piping Shrike

12 August
50th Anniversary Snowy Mountains Scheme
- Leigh Creek SA 5751 Construction

14 September
Sydney 2000 Olympic Games emblem
- Kensington Park SA 5068 Sportsground

034255 Horsham 150th Anniversary Postmark ........................................ $0.70

034255 Centenary Kalgoorlie Public Building Postmark ................. $0.70

058255 Christmas Island Christmas Postmark ............................... $0.70

016155 Bird Creek 50th Anniversary Snowy Mountains Postmark ........ $0.70

035255 Birdunna 150th Anniversary Postmark ............................. $0.70

**Associated Postmarks and Permanent Pictorial Postmarks**
- These should be ordered directly from the post office concerned.
- A minimum base-rate 45c stamp is required to obtain a postmark impression.
- Serviced covers are 70c each, unless otherwise specified.
Australia Post sells stamps and other philatelic products issued by Fiji, Nauru, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands and Western Samoa. Australia Post deals only in agency countries’ mint stock. Orders for first day covers and postmarked material should be directed to the bureau concerned.

Stamps from these countries are available by mail order only. All new issues available from Australia Post carry a 25% service charge. Agency countries’ issues in this Bulletin include the 25% service charge. Conversion rates as at 7 June 1999 apply.

To inquire about a standing order for agency countries’ stamps, please contact the Australian Philatelic Bureau on Freecall 1800 331 784. Alternatively, you may order direct from the bureau of the country concerned. Addresses are shown below.

**AFGHA**

**Mail order address:**
The Philatelic Bureau
AFGHANA

**NAURU**

**Mail order address:**
The Philatelic Bureau
NAURU
CENTRAL PACIFIC

Nauru uses Australian currency. There is no charge for servicing or postage on mail orders. All consignments are sent by registered mail.

**Australia 99 Maritime Heritage**

A souvenir sheet depicting maritime vessels from Nauru’s past and present was released on 19 March. The souvenir sheet also features the gold Australia 99 logo.

**Stamp details:**

- **Issue date (Aust):** 12 August 1999
- **Souvenir sheet value:** $4.50 ($A5.60)
- **Souvenir sheet size:** 131 mm x 174 mm
- **Printer:** Southern Colour Print, NZ
- **Designer:** Mary Butterfield
- **Withdrawal date:** 30 September 1999

**NORFOLK ISLAND**

**Mail order address:**
Bureau Manager
The Philatelic Bureau
NORFOLK ISLAND 2899
SOUTH PACIFIC
www.stamps.gov.nf

**Year of the Rabbit**

A souvenir sheet celebrating the Year of the Rabbit was released on 9 February.

**Stamp details:**

- **Issue date (Aust):** 12 August 1999
- **Souvenir sheet value:** 95c ($A1.20)
- **Souvenir sheet size:** 100 mm x 85 mm
- **Printer:** Cartor Security Printers
- **Designer:** George Bennett
- **Withdrawal date:** 31 December 1999

**PACIFIC BLACK DUCK – IBRA ’99**

A Pacific Black Duck souvenir sheet was released on 27 April for IBRA ’99.

**Stamp details:**

- **Issue date (Aust):** 12 August 1999
- **Souvenir sheet value:** $2.50 ($A3.10)
- **Souvenir sheet size:** 100 mm x 85 mm
- **Printer:** Southern Colour Print, NZ
- **Designer:** Tracey Yager
- **Withdrawal date:** 31 December 1999

**PROVIDENCE PETREL**

A souvenir sheet and three stamps featuring the Providence Petrel were released on 27 May.

**Stamp details:**

- **Issue date (Aust):** 12 August 1999
- **Souvenir sheet value:** $0.85 ($A1.10)
- **Souvenir sheet size:** 36 mm x 26 mm
- **Printer:** South Pacific Banknotes
- **Designer:** Tracey Yager
- **Withdrawal date:** 31 December 1999
The winning voters

Congratulations to the following people who were the first twenty to have their names drawn in the Stamp Poll competition. They each receive a 1998 Annual Collection.

A. Hemmings (NSW), E. Barry (WA), A. Hackett (NSW), R. Hwang (QLD), R. Owen (VIC), J. Tai (VIC), G. Aust (VIC), B.E. Sanderson (NSW), C. Gilmore (NSW), A. Stanley (QLD), A. Nebiussi (VIC), K.M. Anderson (SA), F. Ercmen-Miller (QLD), H.W. Menadue (VIC), T. Kent (NSW), R. Fraser (NSW), K. Leigh (VIC), L. Lay (NSW), B. Bromhead (NSW), L. Stephens (VIC).
Behind the inanimate objects of our everyday life lies a very complex design process, often involving many people—designers, clients, technical experts, builders, engineers, manufacturers, printers and ultimately, consumers. The late 20th century is characterised by mass production and a consumer society, and in this context design has developed dramatically.

The Design Australia stamp issue will coincide with the Sydney Design 99 international design congress and exhibition to be held in Sydney from 27 to 29 September 1999. The stamps reflect the major design disciplines—graphic design, industrial and product design, textile and fashion design, interior design and architecture—to be featured at the conference.

$1.35 – possum skin textile
The textile, Possum Skin, was designed by Euphemia Bostock. It was selected for the stamp for its bold, graphic quality. Possum Skin was developed by Euphemia from her cultural memory and her instinctive reaction to the carved and natural imagery of her indigenous people. Possum Skin was directly influenced by a viewing of a possum skin cloak at the National Museum of Victoria.

$1.50 – rmit storey hall
Designed by architects Ashton Raggatt McDougall, Storey Hall forms part of the RMIT University. Storey Hall was commissioned in 1992 with the explicit design aim of creating a building which could express RMIT’s goal of being at the forefront of technical and professional education and real world research. It includes exhibition space and an art gallery, a 750-seat auditorium, foyers and seminar rooms, student gallery, café and basement lecture theatre.

The original hall was built by the Hibernian Irish Catholic community in 1887. The green theme throughout the complex acknowledges the building’s Irish roots and the flag (green, white and purple) of the radical feminist organisation—the Women’s Political Association—which occupied the hall from 1916.

$0.90 – embryo chair
The Embryo Chair was designed by Marc Newson in 1988 and has been described as ‘based on a voluptuous three dimensional figure-eight ... perky animated yet streamlined and mechanically sleek. Elegantly taut, its single seat/back structure appears to float around the aluminium tripod infrastructure, creating a sense of lightweight but voluminous presence’. It was put into production by the Japanese company, Idee.

The names of the designers will be printed in the selvedge of the stamps.
The fifth issue of aluminium bronze Olympic Coins, which celebrates Badminton, Fencing, Shooting and Table Tennis, will be released in late September. Sixteen coins from the set have been released to date: Canoeing/Kayaking, Handball, Softball, Wrestling, Archery, Athletics, Gymnastics, Hockey, Sailing, Weightlifting, Cycling, Football, Triathlon, Tennis, Taekwondo and Basketball. After the September release, eight more aluminium bronze coins will be released in stages up to the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

GOLD AND SILVER COINS
A high quality series of gold and silver coins reflecting the unique elements of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games are also available from Post Offices and through the Australian Philatelic Bureau. The coins depict the sporting goals (gold coins) and unique culture and flora and fauna (silver coins) of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. The September release is the fifth in the series of gold and silver Olympic Coins. The silver coins in this issue are Reaching the World II and Koala and Flora, and the special gold coin – Preparation II.

Previously released Olympic Coins (aluminium bronze, silver and gold) are still available*. Enquire at your Post Office or through the Australian Philatelic Bureau.

Photographs of the September release gold and silver coins were not available at the time of publishing.

*Journey Begins gold coin sold out.
Australian Commonwealth Stamps
We continue our displays of rare philatelic material, focusing on artwork and on dies used for printing stamps selected from each decade from the 1910s to the 1990s. These displays incorporate pages from the National Philatelic Collection and the Chapman Collection of Australian Commonwealth stamps.

The new exhibit includes entries from the stamp design competitions conducted in 1911 and 1928, designs associated with the Zoological definitive stamps of the 1930s, and Frank Manley’s winning Hereford Bull design from the 1946 stamp design competition. Included in modern stamp artwork are unadopted designs for the 1977 Test Cricket Centenary stamps by Geoff La Gerche and Brian Clinton’s adopted Collingwood design for the 1996 AFL Centenary stamps.

The philatelic pages feature rare single-colour proofs of the high-value kangaroo stamps, examples of the 1914 unissued 2d and 1/- engraved stamps and die proofs of the 1928 3d Kookaburra stamps, as well as the rare imperforate miniature sheet.

Court of Honour
Registration envelopes in use a century ago are featured in the Court of Honour. These envelopes were manufactured using thicker paper to protect valuable enclosures and then impressed with stamps representing the cost of registration and letter postage. Examples of each Australian State’s registration envelopes, as well as proofs of early Commonwealth types, are shown in the exhibit.

1999 Exhibition Program
Letter to Picasso
The Stamp in Contemporary Art
Pablo Picasso not only painted the tickets and labels that surrounded him in his cubist paintings, but he also started to paste them on his pictures. Like tickets, labels and notes, the stamp is with us every day – associated with correspondence that carries important messages. The stamp also stands for the possibility of travel, and several of the works in Letter to Picasso are the results of journeys or reflections on the passage of time. This fascinating exhibition features stamps and mail art produced by many important contemporary Australian artists.

Hours of opening
Tuesday–Friday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
Monday 12.00 pm – 5.00 pm
The Post Master Gallery is in the National Philatelic Centre, 321 Exhibition Street (cnr La Trobe), Melbourne Victoria 3000.

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COMPREHENSIVE COLOUR CATALOGUE OF AUSTRALIAN STAMPS
The 2nd edition of the Comprehensive Colour Catalogue of Australian Stamps is now available through Australia Post and provides an extensive catalogue of Australian, Australian Colonies and Australian Antarctic Territory stamps. The new catalogue contains listings and colour illustrations of Australian Commonwealth Pre Decimal and Decimal stamps issued from 1978 up to the end of March 1999.

Issue date, quantity printed (where available), perforations, designer, printer, printing process, sheet format and other notes are included for each stamp issue featured.

An exciting new feature of the catalogue is the spring wire binding which makes it possible for the catalogue to remain completely flat when open.

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SEVEN SEAS SUPPLEMENTS
The following will be included in Seven Seas’ 1999 Supplemen ts and Optional Pages. Seven Seas’ pages are only available from stamp dealers and from Seven Seas.

50th Anniversary Snowy Mountains Scheme Supplement
• Four x 45c single gummed stamps
• Four x 45c single peel & stick stamps
• Two gutter pairs gummed stamps
• Optional pages
• Gutter strip of ten with silhouette
• Four blocks of four gummed stamps
• Peel & stick strip of four
• Peel & stick collector pack

China 99
Optional page
• Butterflies souvenir sheet

Sydney 2000 Olympic Games emblem Supplement
• Single 45c stamp
• Optional page
• Sheetlet of ten x 45c stamps

Design Australia
Supplement
• Four single gummed stamps

Christmas Island Christmas Supplement
• Three single gummed stamps

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