

About The Mint

The Royal Australian Mint is responsible for producing Australia's circulating coins. It is astonishing to think that every single coin, in the pockets and purses of millions of Australians, was made in a quiet Canberra suburb.

The Mint was officially opened on 22 February 1965 by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh. The actual building is located on Denison Street which was built especially to provide access to the Mint. To this day, the Mint does not have a street number and the postal address is simply Denison Street, Deakin.

Back then, Deakin was on the outskirts of Canberra, but now it is a busy inner southern suburb of the Nation's Capital, close to the city centre and the parliamentary triangle.



The first big job of the Mint was to produce new coins for the introduction of decimal currency on 14 February 1966. Since then, it has produced more than fifteen billion circulating coins. It is now able to produce an amazing two million coins per day!

As well as being responsible for producing Australia's coinage, the Mint produces coins for other countries along with medals, medallions, and tokens for national and international private clients. The Mint is also responsible for maintaining the National Coin Collection which includes examples of all the coins we make plus old and rare coins from Australia and overseas. The collection was last valued at \$24 million!

Visiting the Mint

Have you ever visited the Mint? Perhaps you have been there on a school excursion. If not, the Mint is open for tours in the school holidays. So why not grab your family and friends and join thousands of other students and coin enthusiasts from around Australia who visit the Mint every year?

While you are there, check out the 15,000 five cent coins encased in the staircase that leads to up to the exhibition. How much money is that?



Investigating Australian Coins

In the exhibition area up stairs, there are some really cool things happening, including viewing areas where you can actually see coins being made. You may even spot the Mint robots. And if you are lucky, Titan might perform a dance for you – that is if he is not working, of course!

The Mint is open from 8:30am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday and 10:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.

There are free tours available to the public – check the Mint website (ramint.gov.au) for details. Visitors can even make their own coin (at a cost of \$3 per coin).

