

## Coin timeline

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Read about the historical coin events in the left-hand column below and then research to find out what else was happening in Australia at that time. Record your findings in the right-hand column. At the end there is space for you to make some predictions about future coin and Australian events.

Coin History	Australian Event
<p><b>1800</b></p> <p>Governor King fixes the price of all foreign coins brought into Australia. These become known as the Proclamation Coins.</p>	<p><b>1800</b></p>
<p><b>1813</b></p> <p>Governor Macquarie has a round piece punched out of 40 000 Spanish dollars. These coins become known as the holey dollar.</p>	<p><b>1813</b></p>
<p><b>1825</b></p> <p>The English Parliament passes the 'Sterling Silver Money Act' making British coins the only recognised currency in Australia.</p>	<p><b>1825</b></p>
<p><b>1849</b></p> <p>In January 1849 gold is first discovered in Victoria and by 1851 a gold rush has begun.</p>	<p><b>1849</b></p>
<p><b>1855</b></p> <p>The first Australian branch of the British Royal Mint is opened in Sydney.</p>	<p><b>1855</b></p>

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<p><b>1910</b></p> <p>In 1909 Federal Parliament passes a bill allowing for Australia's own currency. Then in 1910 the first truly Australian coins are issued.</p>	<p><b>1910</b></p>
<p><b>1963</b></p> <p>The plan to convert to a decimal currency system is announced by the Australian Government.</p>	<p><b>1963</b></p>
<p><b>1965</b></p> <p>The Royal Australian Mint is opened in Canberra.</p>	<p><b>1965</b></p>
<p><b>1966</b></p> <p>Decimal currency is introduced in Australia on 14 February.</p>	<p><b>1966</b></p>
<p><b>1984</b></p> <p>Australia's \$1 coin is introduced.</p>	<p><b>1984</b></p>
<p><b>1988</b></p> <p>Australia's \$2 coin is introduced</p>	<p><b>1988</b></p>

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<b>1992</b> Australia's 1c and 2c coins are taken out of circulation.	<b>1992</b>
<b>2012</b> Australia's first coloured circulating coin is produced.	<b>2012</b>
<b>2013</b> The Mint produces two ground breaking coin designs – a curved \$5 coin showing the night sky, and a triangular \$5 coin to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Parliament House. These were both collector's items.	<b>2013</b>
<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>2050</b>	<b>2050</b>