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FINALE COIN



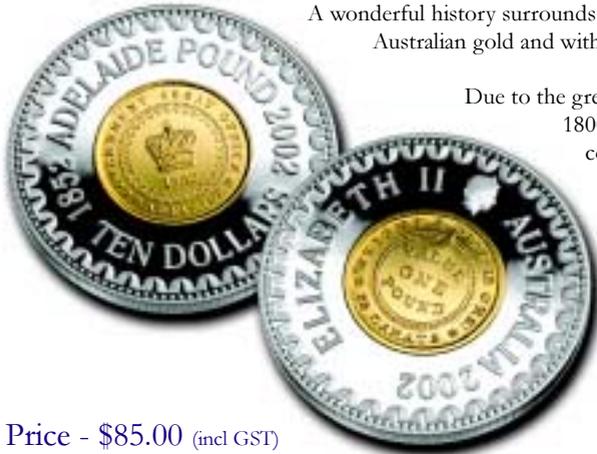
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT

Adelaide Pound

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A Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Australia's First Gold Coin

A wonderful history surrounds this coin. It was the first gold coin struck in Australia using Australian gold and with a design and dies that were produced locally.



Due to the great shortage of coins in the colony of South Australia in the mid 1800s, the local colonial government authorised the Adelaide Pound coins to be struck. The government did not have time to seek

Royal Assent prior to the issue of the coinage due to the dire shortage, so it was struck on the authority of the Governor.

While Royal Assent was requested, letters sent by ship took months to arrive at their destinations. Approval was

eventually received from London, but by that time supplies of Sovereigns had arrived. Instructions were given that the

Adelaide Pounds be re-called and melted down and as the Pound had a gold content higher than its face value, this was in fact already occurring. So very few coins remain to this day and are much sought after by collectors.

Price - \$85.00 (incl GST)

The original dies were produced by Adelaide jeweller, Joshua Payne. The first die cracked after approximately only 50 coins had been produced. These coins are known as the "Type I" Adelaide Pound. The effect of the cracked die is visible on the upper left section of the coin. It is thought that less than 30 exist today.

Modern technology has enabled the Mint to scan a genuine Adelaide Pound coin as well as a restrike (both of which are in the Mint's National Collection), using state of the art technology. The reduction punch was then cut directly by the Mint's recently acquired computer engraving machine. How technology has changed since that first die was made 150 years ago! The commemorative coin features the image of the obverse and reverse of the "Type I" Adelaide Pound struck on a gold plated silver centre, which is the exact diameter of the original Adelaide Pound. It is surrounded by a ring of pure silver. Overall this 60.50 grams pure silver proof coin is 50 mm in diameter. It is in fact the largest coin yet produced by the Mint.

The coin is housed in a beautiful presentation case and outer box cover, doing justice to this historical and prestigious issue. A numbered Certificate of Authenticity is included in a booklet giving the history of events that lead up to the striking of this coin. This is the final Certificate of Authenticity signed by the Controller, Mr Graeme Moffatt, before his retirement. The standard image of Her Majesty appears on the Obverse of the coin, but in a departure for the Mint, in a smaller format and in the upper section of the fine silver outer ring.

The 150th anniversary of our first locally produced gold coin enables collectors today to own a commemorative coin, with the design taken directly from an original Adelaide Pound.

Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Metal	Mass (grams)	Diameter (mm)	Finish	Mintage
\$10	Fine Silver (99.9%)	60.50	50.00	Proof	10 000
	Centre ring plated with 24 ct Gold				



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Floral Emblems

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The Floral Emblem of the Northern Territory



Prices (incl GST):

\$150 Proof - \$580.85

\$100 Proof - \$350.34

\$100 Uncirculated - \$260.44

Lapel Badge - \$14.95

This year the focus of this annual series turns to the floral emblem of the Northern Territory - Sturt's Desert Rose, adopted as the Territory's floral emblem in 1974. The flower, with its botanical name *Gossypium sturtianum*, is named after the inland explorer Captain Charles Sturt.

The Desert Rose grows in rocky soil and stony slopes of dry creek beds throughout arid regions of Australia and blooms in winter bearing a resemblance to the hibiscus.

As usual, there are three coins in this year's issue: the half troy ounce proof coin that comes in a Tasmanian Blackwood presentation case, the one-third troy ounce proof coin and the same size, uncirculated version. Both of these versions come housed in burgundy coloured presentation cases and all three are presented in tastefully designed outer boxes.

Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Mass	Metal	Mintage	Diameter	Finish
\$150	1/2 Troy Ounce	24 ct Gold	1 500	30.00 mm	Proof
\$100	1/3 Troy Ounce	24 ct Gold	2 500	25.00 mm	Proof
\$100	1/3 Troy Ounce	24 ct Gold	3 000	25.00 mm	Uncirc





Finale Coin

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The Year of the Outback 'Finale' Hologram Coin

Even more impressive than the 2001 'Finale' coin, Australia's second only 'hologram' (Optical Variable Device or OVD) coin features the stunning outback scene that has been the centrepiece of the issues for the Year of the Outback. With improved technology, this year the OVD itself is bigger and the image more radiant than the first 'hologram' coin.

The OVD is based on photographs of The Olgas and with the wonder of OVD technology you can see The Olgas bathed in soft morning light. As you move the coin, the image of The Olgas reddens with the heat of the day and late afternoon. Then moving the coin again The Olgas disappear into the twilight of an outback night. (For best visual effect view the coin under fluorescent lighting, ideally with the tube approximately parallel to the horizontal centreline of the coin).



Price - \$79.50 (incl GST)

This coin excited the CSIRO and our own technical experts, and it is one that will keep our collectors thrilled as they not only admire the beauty of the coin, but also how the OVD shows The Olgas in different light.

The change in the colour of the image is the result of minute ridges struck into the surface of the coin itself by the use of special 'shims' or small metal plates that act like dies when the coin is struck in the press. These ridges, or 'diffraction grating', cause the light that strikes the surface to be split into its component colours, according to the spacing of the ridges in different parts of the images.

Packed in a presentation case with a numbered certificate, the mintage of this coin has been increased to 15 000, due to the massive demand experienced last year, when many orders unfortunately could not be fulfilled. This coin is a wonderful addition to your collection and an interesting aspect of the development of coining technology.



Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Metal	Mass (grams)	Diameter (mm)	Finish	Mintage
\$5	Fine Silver (99.9%)	36.31	38.74	Proof	15 000

Queen Mother

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The Mint's tribute to the Queen Mother has been well received both, within Australia and overseas.

The coin design is based on her first visit to Australia with her husband, the Duke of York, for the Official Opening of Australia's, then new, Parliament House in Canberra. The Queen Mother's image on the coin is taken from a picture of her while attending the Adelaide Cup Races at the Morphettville Racecourse in May 1927. Surrounding the central image of the Queen Mother is a circle of 'Elizabeth of Glamis' rose blooms intertwined with wattle blossoms. Stuart Devlin was specially commissioned by the Mint to design this coin. Of numismatic interest is the finish on the obverse where the Mint's die polishers themselves decided to add something special to this coin. The obverse design differs from the standard proof coins in that the Queen's tiara and earrings have a polished finish.

The \$5 coin is accompanied by a 16 page booklet on her life.

Nominal Specifications

Denomination	\$5
Metal	Fine Silver
(99.9%)	
Mass	One Troy
Ounce	
Diameter (mm)	40.00
Finish	Proof

Mintage 30 000

Designer Stuart Devlin



Price - \$45.00 (incl GST)

Voyages into History



A set that has been many months in the making, these four proof silver coins commemorate four vessels that altered the course of Australian history. The set commemorates the first European vessel that sighted the Australian landmass in 1606, the Duyfken, HMB Endeavour that mapped Australia's east coast, HMS Sirius that led the First Fleet to Australia and then, HMS Investigator that was the first vessel to circumnavigate Australia 200 years ago.

The international mintage of this set is limited to only 10 000. This historical release opens up a world of rediscovery for Australians of the 21st century, as we read the stories of these ships that left their mark on this nation, either in discovery, or by ushering in the European settlement of Australia.

The four, Crown sized proof coins included in the presentation case are accompanied by a replica of a naval captain's sash badge, similar to that which would have been worn by Matthew Flinders.



Price - \$165.00 (incl GST)

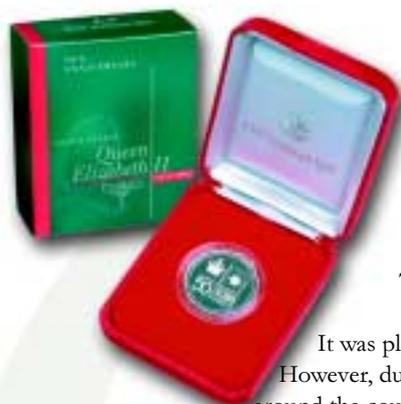
Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Metal	Mass (grams)	Diameter (mm)	Finish	Mintage
\$5	Pure Silver (99.9%)	36.31	38.74	Proof	10 000 sets
Designer	Vladimir Gottwald				



*Facing Page: Photography courtesy of Andrew Frolows (Australian National Maritime Museum)





This beautiful gold and silver Accession Set has a mintage of only 2002. The proof one troy ounce gold coin and proof silver coin reflect both a modern and a traditional design on the two coins. The highly symbolic design on the gold coin with the ghosted image of the late King George VI and the crown positioned between the images of the deceased King and the young Queen, portrays the accession in a symbolic way. The silver coin shows a very modern approach in the portrayal of the design. Not only a small masterpiece of art, but also an important aspect of our history is portrayed here. The proof silver coin continues to be in great demand.

It was planned that the 50c coin would go into circulation sometime in 2002. However, due to the large number of 50c coins already in circulation or in vaults around the country and with stocks of year 2001 and 2002 dated 50c coins still in our vaults, total expected public demand for circulating 50c coins will not be able to absorb a further large release of 50c coins. We regret to advise that despite our best intentions at the beginning of the year, the 50c Accession coin will therefore not go into circulation.

Price (incl GST):

Set - \$1295.00

Silver - \$60.00



Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Metal	Mass	Diameter (mm)	Finish	Mintage	Designer
\$100	24 ct Gold (99.99%)	One Troy Ounce	34.00	Proof	2002 Sets	Peter Soobik
50c	Fine Silver (99.9%)	18.24 grams	31.51	Proof	17 500	Peter Soobik



Year of the Outback

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Final Mint Issue Appearance



This will be the final time that Mint Issue features the 2002 Year Sets. If you have not obtained your sets or the proof silver \$1 coin, we recommend that you do not delay much longer. The beautiful coins in the proof set, with the \$1 coin in colour pay tribute to the Outback and the men and women who live and work there. The Uncirculated Six Coin Set remains a very popular issue. A worthwhile addition to your collection as well as a wonderful and very Australian gift for friends and family.

The \$1 mintmark coin for Canberra, Sydney and Brisbane are available; the Melbourne mintmark coin will be available at the Melbourne Coin Show and in the November Mint Issue together with the other three mintmark coins.



Price (incl GST):	
Proof Set	- \$73.76
Uncirculated Set	- \$22.70
\$1 Silver Proof	SOLD OUT
\$1 Mintmark	- \$2.50
Lapel Badge	- \$18.95



*See all nominal specifications on back page

THE WEDDING COLLECTION

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This set of year 2002 coins struck as Gem Uncirculated is designed specifically to be a gift that will commemorate the wedding of a person dear to you – an heirloom in the making. The coins are presented in a very special presentation case and together with the luxurious outer packaging make a very appropriate gift for that special couple. (In answer to many queries, yes, a 2003 Wedding Coin Collection will be issued next year).

Nominal Specifications

Alloy	Cupro Nickel				Al/Bronze	
	5c	10c	20c	50c	\$1	\$2
Denomination	5c	10c	20c	50c	\$1	\$2
Mass (grams)	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
Finish	Gem Uncirculated					



Price (incl GST) - \$69.50

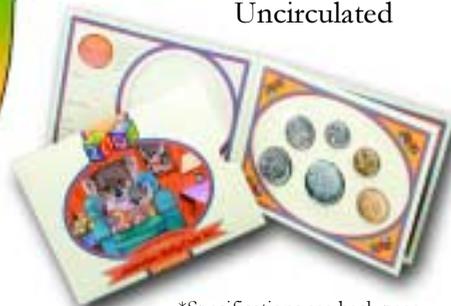
AUSTRALIAN BABY SETS

2002 PROOF & UNCIRCULATED SETS



A wonderful memento of a baby's birth and something that will become an heirloom in time. If you or someone in your family is expecting a baby, or if you have friends who are, this is the gift to last a lifetime.

Price (incl GST):
 Proof - \$89.50
 Uncirculated - \$29.33



*Specifications see back page

Silver Kangaroo

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2002 \$1 Silver Coin



This will be the final time that Mark Nodea's Kangaroo design features in Mint Issue. Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Silver Kangaroo Coin and the second in our series of Aboriginal designs of Australia's favourite animal. The coin is available in both, proof and frosted uncirculated finishes. Apart from collecting the coin yourself, it makes an economical and 'easy to carry' gift for friends, whether overseas or local.



Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Metal	Mass	Diameter (mm)	Finish
\$1	Fine Silver (99.9%)	One Troy Ounce	40.00	Proof
\$1	Fine Silver (99.9%)	One Troy Ounce	40.00	FRUNC
Designer	Mark Nodea			

Price (incl GST):

Proof - \$48.00

FRUNC - \$21.67

Battle of Sunda Strait

28th Feb - 1st March 1942

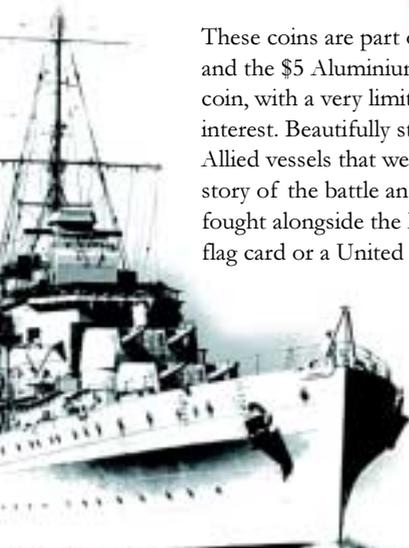
These coins are part of the Mint's bi-annual issue of the bimetal '\$5 for \$5' coins and the \$5 Aluminium Bronze Proof coins based on the same theme. The proof coin, with a very limited mintage of only 15 000 is a coin that has an international interest. Beautifully struck, the proof coin shows the foresections of the two Allied vessels that were involved in this sea battle. The '\$5 for \$5' coin tells the story of the battle and the coin design is of the bell of the USS Houston, which fought alongside the HMAS Perth. The same coin comes either in an Australian flag card or a United States flag card.

Prices (incl GST): Proof - \$35.00

\$5 Bimetallic - \$5.00

Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Metal	Mass (grams)	Diameter (mm)	Finish	Mintage
\$5	Aluminium Bronze	28.00	38.74	Proof	15 000
\$5	Centre : Al/Br	10.60	28.00	Unc	
Unlimited					
Designer	Outer Ring: Stainless Steel Inner Core: Aluminium				



New Distribution Arrangements

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) is responsible for the production and issue of Australia's banknotes. As many of our collectors know, the RBA, through its subsidiary, Note Printing Australia Ltd (NPA), has provided a limited numismatic program, based on first and last prefix banknotes from general circulation print runs.

As collectors on NPA's mailing list will be aware, the RBA has appointed the Mint as its distributor of numismatic banknotes. We welcome to Mint Issue those collectors of banknotes who might not have received Mint Issue before and look forward to supplying banknotes to add to your collection.

Of particular interest to banknote collectors is the latest print run of the \$20 note, which is now available to order. This note has been slightly modified to include the printed names of Mary Reibey and John Flynn below their portrait. This is also the first note to bear the signature of the current Secretary to the Treasury, Dr Ken Henry.

Banknote orders will be processed, packed and dispatched separately from coins. Arrangements for ordering, payment and delivery of banknotes for individual collectors are largely unchanged.

Please see the separate order form enclosed with this Mint Issue for details of the ordering procedure.



For more information about banknotes please visit the Reserve Bank's website www.rba.gov.au/currencynotes. If you have a specific question about notes you can speak directly to the Reserve Bank in Sydney on 1800 633 220 (Monday to Friday).



Off the Presses

INCREASED POSTAL RATES

Australia Post has increased the Mint's postal charges as from August 2002. Over the last five years the Mint has absorbed postal increases, but regrets that it can no longer maintain these old postage and handling rates. Increases are applicable from this 'Mint Issue' and we would mention that not all the costs of postage and handling have been passed on and the Mint will continue to absorb a portion of these costs as in the past.

Australia Post have also advised that they will endeavour to do their best to get signed deliveries for 'Receipted' post articles. In other words they can no longer guarantee this. As an alternative to 'Receipted' post, should collectors wish to ensure parcels are only delivered on receipt of a signature, we are introducing a 'Registered' post option to the existing 'Ordinary' post and 'Receipted' post for you to choose from. 'Registered' post includes a minimum insurance on the parcel of \$100 and Australia Post guarantees to obtain a signature on delivery of the parcel.

Nominal Specifications

(See pages 12 & 13)

Alloy	Cupro Nickel				Al/Bronze		Silver
Denomination	5c	10c	20c	50c	\$1	\$2	\$1
Mass (grams)	2.83	5.65	11.30	15.55	9.00	6.60	11.66
Diameter (mm)	19.41	23.60	28.52	31.51	25.00	20.50	25.00



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