

# Mint Issue



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**Fine Silver Proof**  
2004 Year Set



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## Dear Collector

Welcome to the May edition of Mint Issue. As always, we have been busy preparing new products and participating in various activities to bring you closer to coin collecting.

I am pleased to bring you our 2004 Silver Year Set, a collection of our beautiful circulating coins mastercrafted in silver. Our Mint has been developing a strong tradition in crafting coin sets in precious metals and I am sure this set will be a pleasure to all.

With excitement growing for the Athens Olympic Games there has been huge interest in our 'The Journey Continues – Sydney to Athens' Coins, launched in March. Sarah Paton and Regan Harrison, two of the Australian swimmers selected for the Athens Games helped promote the coins and minted a coin each here at the Mint in Canberra.

Early this year the Mint established a new record with a very fast sell-out of the Adelaide to Darwin proof coin, highlighting the growing demand for coins and collectables. Our call centre was busy from the minute we opened, with many callers on-hold while we were inundated with calls. This is a timely opportunity for me to remind all our customers that we also offer internet and fax order facilities. Both methods are quick, secure and effective.

The Royal Australian Mint will be attending The Australasian Numismatic Dealers Association Fair in Brisbane from May 21st to May 23rd. The Mintmark machine will be on site for collectors to press their very own 'B' Mintmark \$1 Eureka coin plus we will have a wide range of our product on sale. Hope to see you there.

Vivienne Thom  
Controller  
Royal Australian Mint

## 2004 Fine Silver Proof Year Set

Australia's coins are among the most beautiful in the world, featuring artwork that reflects the natural splendour of our fauna and culture with rare style and grace. Now, due to popular demand, the Royal Australian Mint is releasing a 2004 proof set collection of these sought after coins, crafted in pure silver, for the collector who appreciates quality and who seeks to acquire an important part of our cultural heritage.

The set includes all of our standard coins, which in turn portray an echidna, a lyrebird, a platypus, our Coat of Arms, a group of kangaroos and a dignified Aboriginal elder. These well-known and well-loved designs hold a special place in our everyday lives and our hearts.

Finished to a standard of the highest calibre and presented in a Tasmanian Oak box, this 2004 Silver Proof Year Set will remain a treasured part of any collection for years to come.



**Price (inc GST):  
\$220.00**

Nominal Specifications						
Denomination	5c	10c	20c	50c	\$1	\$2
Mass	3.24 g	6.57 g	13.36 g	18.24 g	11.66 g	8.55 g
Diameter	19.41 mm	23.60 mm	28.52 mm	31.51 mm	25.00 mm	20.50 mm
Metal: Fine Silver (99.9%)				Finish: Proof	Mintage: 6 500	

Coins shown actual size



## 2004 Selectively Gold Plated Silver Kangaroo

A very special release, the 2004 \$1 Selectively Gold Plated Silver Kangaroo coin captures the strength and beauty of one of our most treasured natural icons.

Designed by the renowned Wojciech Pietranik, this coin communicates a sense of dynamic motion and poise, with a carefully balanced geometric background and clever cues to the setting sun. At once elegant and powerful, the artwork comes to life when the 24ct gold plating catches a glimpse of light and glows in rich, splendid tones. The obverse of this important collector coin features the effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by Ian Rank-Broadley.

Limited to a mintage of just 12 500 this coin is crafted to the highest standards and makes a thoughtful gift for the astute collector or visitor to our country.

**Price (inc GST): \$74.50**



### Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Metal	Selective Plating	Mass	Diameter	Finish	Mintage	Designer
\$1	Fine Silver (99.9%)	Gold (99.99%)	One Troy Ounce	40.00 mm	Frunc	12 500	Wojciech Pietranik

Coin not shown actual size

## 2004 Tasmanian Bicentennial Coin

*"If I was obliged to emigrate I certainly should prefer this place: the climate and aspect of the country almost alone would determine me...All on board like this place better than Sydney."* - Charles Darwin

Tasmania holds a special attraction for all who visit her shores and this fine coin has been minted in her honour. Struck to commemorate the Bicentenary of European settlement of the Island State, this \$5 Fine Silver Proof Coin was designed by Vladimir Gottwald. The design captures the spirit of sea travel and exploration, the rich cultural heritage of Tasmania and the rugged beauty of her flora.

The centrepiece of the coin is a commanding image of the Lady Nelson, sails full against the ocean breeze, cutting through the ocean. Other highlights include a map of the State and meticulously rendered Leatherwood blooms which are native to the island. This precious coin is presented in a beautifully crafted Tasmanian Oak box.

Demand for this special release is sure to be high with a very limited mintage of just 7 500.

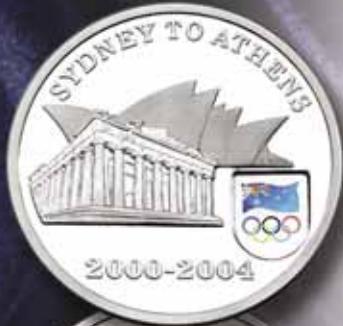
**Price (inc GST): \$79.50**



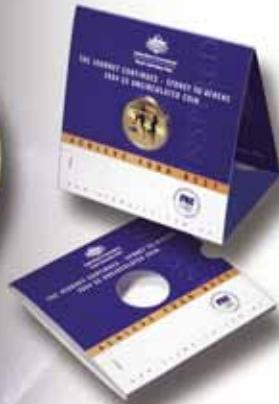
### Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Metal	Mass	Diameter	Finish	Mintage	Designer
\$5	Fine Silver (99.9%)	36.31 g	38.74 mm	Proof	7 500	Vladimir Gottwald

Coin not shown actual size



**Price (inc GST):  
Proof - \$85.00**



**Price (inc GST):  
Unc - \$14.95**

## The Journey Continues Sydney to Athens

**World first for an Olympic coin –  
AOC logo in hologram format**

To celebrate Australia's involvement in the Athens Olympic Games, The Royal Australian Mint is very proud to announce the release of a special Olympic coin series designed by Wojciech Pietranik.

The \$5 fine silver proof hologram coin features a carefully rendered image of the Sydney Opera House and the Parthenon with the AOC logo magnificently presented in hologram form. The coin is presented in a highly detailed silver case complete with a deep royal blue lining and finished with a metallic silver Olympic Wreath.

The \$5 uncirculated bronze coin features an ancient Greek athlete and an Indigenous spear thrower and is presented in an attractive and practical display card.

These coins pay a sparkling tribute to the principles of the Olympics and honour two cultures united in the pursuit of excellence.

**Licensing arrangements limit the sale of  
these products to Australia only**



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*By purchasing this Official Licensed Product you are supporting the development of Australian Sport through the efforts of the Australian Olympic Committee. Enjoy your purchase!*

### Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Metal	Mass	Diameter	Finish	Mintage
\$5	Ag (99.9%)	36.31 g	38.74 mm	Proof	15 000
\$5	Al/Zn/Bronze	20.00 g	38.74 mm	Uncirculated	Unlimited
Designer	Wojciech Pietranik				

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# 2004 Eureka Stockade

## \$1 Silver Proof Coin

*"We swear by the Southern Cross to stand truly by each other and fight to defend our rights and liberties."*

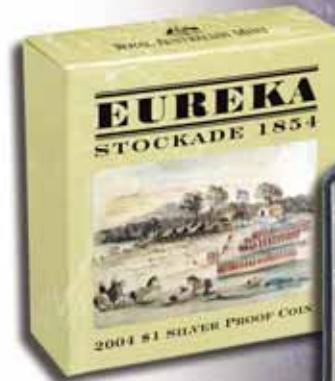
In the dusty Victorian goldfields of 1854, this was the oath uttered by a group of miners under the starry flag of rebellion. Angered by unfair government treatment, the group of miners, led by Peter Lalor, prepared for battle behind a barricade constructed from pikes, posts and overturned carts.

Then, at daybreak on Sunday 3 December 1854, the course of Australian history took a sharp and bloody turn, when Victorian Government troops stormed the stockade in a well manned, well armed surprise attack. As the flag of the Southern Cross flew overhead, sounds of the bitter conflict rang out through the Victorian bushland. When the last shot had been fired, thirty miners and five soldiers lay mortally wounded.

The 2004 Eureka Stockade \$1 Silver Proof Coin commemorates the struggle of this day with a poignant design from Wojciech Pietranik and pays tribute to an event which shaped the character of our democracy and our concept of liberty.

Stocks are limited, don't miss your chance to secure this stunning coin.

**Price (inc GST): \$38.00**



### Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Metal	Mass	Diameter	Finish	Mintage	Designer
\$1	Fine Silver (99.9%)	11.66 g	25.00 mm	Proof	20 000	Wojciech Pietranik

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## 2004 Eureka Stockade

### \$1 mintmark coins

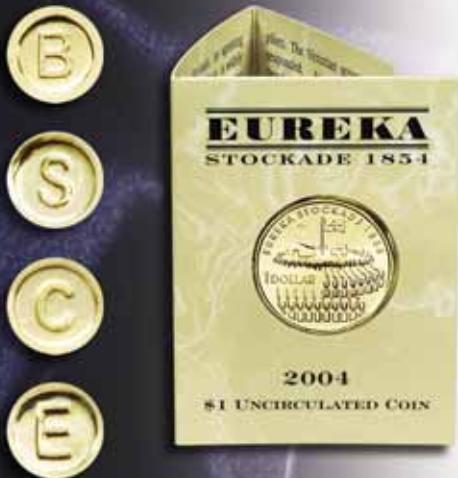
To commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Eureka Stockade, the Royal Australian Mint is currently offering special mintmark versions of the important 2004 Eureka Stockade \$1 coin. The Royal Australian Mint began its mintmarking tradition in 1993. Collectors and enthusiasts will note that striking an extra letter into the face of the coin adds to the exclusivity of the piece, and connects it more clearly to a specific place. For example, on 1 January 2004, visitors to the Mint Gallery were invited to strike the letter 'C' on their aluminium bronze Eureka Stockade coins to signify that the mintmark had been applied in Canberra.

This year, the tradition continues as we offer two new additions to the mintmark family. A coin with an 'S' for Sydney, and a coin with a 'B' for Brisbane.

The Eureka \$1 'E' mintmark coin was officially launched at the Eureka Centre, Ballarat, Victoria on 27 February 2004. Built to remember the birthplace of the Australian Spirit and all that embodies a 'fair go' for all, the Eureka Centre provides a focus for contemplation and reflection on a struggle which is widely considered to be one of the most significant events in Australian history.

These intriguing \$1 Mintmark Eureka Stockade coins are now available to all collectors with a choice of the 'B', 'S', 'C' or 'E' mintmark. They are presented in a customary three panel card, which features a detail of the painting that inspired the coin design, and a concise story of the event.

**Price (inc GST): \$2.75**



#### Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Metal	Mass	Diameter	Finish	Mintage	Designer
\$1	Aluminium Bronze	9.00 g	25.00 mm	Uncirculated	Unlimited	Wojciech Pietranik

Coins not shown actual size

# 2004 Eureka Stockade

## Limited Edition Montage

The Eureka Stockade rebellion was the culmination of a rich tapestry of social and political forces, represented here in vivid detail in the very rare 2004 Eureka Stockade montage. Michael and Marie Salmon have crafted this magnificent piece in careful consultation with the Eureka Centre and the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery to ensure historical accuracy and artistic integrity. Comprising a thoughtful collection of coins, stamps and images, the artwork also includes a specially struck medallion, hand-polished, and limited to an exclusive mintage of just 150. Another highlight is an authentic gold nugget, sourced from the goldfields of Ballarat, each piece unique in size,

weight and form. The nugget rests upon a copy of an authentic 1854 gold miner's licence and highlights the historical significance of this important document. The two-toned gold leaf frame measures 744 mm x 555 mm and all elements are of archival quality.

To mark the 150th anniversary of the rebellion, just 150 Eureka Stockade Montages will be made, making this piece highly exclusive and unique. Each montage is supplied with the edition number of the silver coin certificate matching the edition of the work. The designer and the Controller of the Mint personally sign the Certificate of Authenticity.

***Hurry – the montage is selling fast  
Fewer than 50 remain***



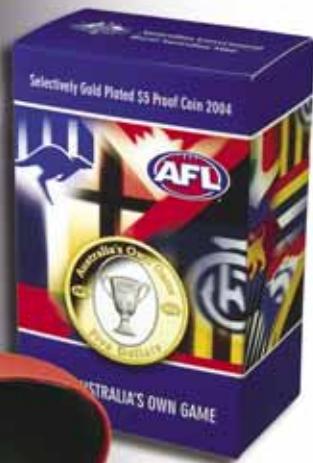
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centre 1300 652 020**

Artist's Proof

**Price (inc GST): \$2295.00**



## 2004 AFL – Australia's Own Game Selectively Gold Plated \$5 Proof Coin

With a following that borders on the religious, Australian Rules football is a shining part of our sporting culture that inspires loyalty, passion and pride in players and fans alike. From the anticipation of pre-season matches to the energy and thrill of a grand final, this game captures our imagination like no other.

To celebrate the tremendous contribution AFL makes to the character of our nation, the Royal Australian Mint has crafted the 'Australia's Own Game' coin. A fitting tribute to our beloved winter code, this piece is presented in an ingenious football shaped case. The highly polished face of the coin features the Premiership Cup, surrounded by deep gold plating complete with the official AFL logo.

With a stunning, contemporary packaging design, this is the perfect gift for the collector, the sports enthusiast, or anyone who appreciates a game that is unique to Australia and the world.

**Price (inc GST): \$59.50**

#### Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Metal	Selective Plating	Mass	Diameter	Finish	Mintage
\$5	Cupro-Nickel	Gold (99.99%)	27.25 g	38.74 mm	Proof	20 000

Coin not shown actual size

# 2004 Silver Kangaroo

## Proof & Frosted Uncirculated Coins

A dramatic and powerful symbol of Australia, the kangaroo has been captured here in mid flight by renowned artist Wojciech Pietranik. This design captures the essence of the Australian outback, with captivating cues to the horizon and the setting sun. Combining graceful organic form and contemporary design elements, the Silver Kangaroo \$1 coin has a style which is at once confident, sensitive and finely balanced.

The coin is manufactured to a meticulous standard and comes in two distinctive and highly desirable formats – proof finish or frosted uncirculated. Both make exceptional gifts in either a beautifully crafted presentation box (for the proof version) or an attractive presentation sleeve (for the frosted uncirculated version). The contemporary design on the packaging reflects the ochre hues of the Australian desert.

Importantly, for the first time, the 2004 \$1 Fine Silver Kangaroo Proof Coin will include a numbered Certificate of Authenticity. Just 12 500 will be made making this a highly prized collector's item worldwide. Demand has been very high, only limited numbers remain.

### Price (inc GST):

**Proof - \$54.00**

**Fruunc - \$24.60**



#### Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Metal	Mass	Diameter	Finish	Mintage	Designer
\$1	Fine Silver (99.9%)	One Troy Ounce	40.00 mm	Proof	12 500	Wojciech Pietranik
\$1	Fine Silver (99.9%)	One Troy Ounce	40.00 mm	Frosted Uncirculated	Unlimited	Wojciech Pietranik

Coins not shown actual size



## Premium 2003 Masterpieces in Silver

### Port Phillip Patterns

#### Featuring for the final time in Mint Issue

Opening the case of the 2003 Masterpieces in Silver Coin Set is a special event. Gradually, these highly polished proof coins are revealed, set in a deep black case with a rich silk lining. The overall impression is one of flawless quality and unreserved brilliance. This is truly one of our most precious sets, featuring original designs by Vladimir Gottwald, based on the theme 'Port Phillip Patterns'.

With a very limited mintage of just 10 000, these coins have a rich historic significance. The designs are based on those first seen on the original coins of the colony in Port Phillip Bay in 1853. Importantly, a collector can now own a full set of these Kangaroo Office Patterns for a more realistic price than original versions, which were minted from pure gold.

**Price (inc GST): \$160.00**

#### Nominal Specifications

Metal	Fine Silver (99.9%)			
Denomination	\$1	\$2	\$5	\$10
Diameter (mm)	28.52	32.50	38.74	38.74
Mass (grams)	13.36	18.22	36.31	36.31
Finish	Proof			
Mintage	10 000			
Sculptor	Vladimir Gottwald			

Coins not shown actual size

## 2004 Proof Year Set

### The World's first Proof Year Set featuring a hologram \$1 coin

We value our coins not only for what they represent in monetary value, but also what they symbolise – our people, culture and fauna.

Now the Mint has brought together our beloved original coin designs in the stunning 2004 Proof Year Set. The highlight is a \$1 coin with the familiar five kangaroos, featured in holographic format – a world first for a year set. The five kangaroos appear multi coloured, iridescent holograms, conveying the impression of dazzling colour and movement. The coin truly comes alive!

Naturally, these coins are struck to the Mint's exacting proof standards and are packaged in durable and attractive display folders.

**Price (inc GST): \$80.00**

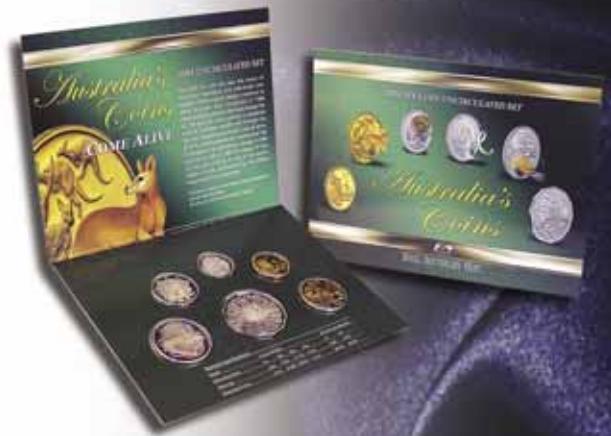
## 2004 Uncirculated Year Set

The 2004 Uncirculated Year Set comprises Australia's six original design circulating coins, in an eye-catching display card that fits into a sleeve. A tasteful gift that anyone would love to receive, this set celebrates the unique character of our fauna and Australian culture.

**Price (inc GST): \$23.50**

#### Nominal Specifications

Metal	Cupro Nickel				Aluminium Bronze	
Denomination	5c	10c	20c	50c	\$1	\$2
Mass (g)	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



## 2004 Baby Coin Sets

### Proof & Uncirculated Coins

What better gift for baby than a 2004 Baby Coin Set from the Royal Australian Mint? With packaging artwork created by respected water colourist Roland Harvey, these pieces possess a warmth and humour that will delight the lucky child.

The sets are available in two unique editions – a proof set featuring the \$1 hologram coin or an uncirculated set. The centrepiece of both sets is the charming new koala design medallion, available in fine silver in the proof set or an equally endearing base metal design in the uncirculated set.

These sets remain a treasured part of any collection, great or small.

**Price (inc GST):**

**Proof - \$95.00    Uncirculated - \$30.50**

Nominal Specifications: See 2004 Year Set

Finish: Proof or Uncirculated

## 2004 Wedding Coin Collection

### Gem Uncirculated

A fitting gift for the most special of occasions, the 2004 Wedding Coin Collection has been crafted to impeccable standards. Struck to gem uncirculated finish, these coins sparkle in their presentation case with rare brilliance. The case itself is a work of art, featuring a rich cream outer casing and deep velvet insert and includes a special plaque to allow your own personal inscription. Whether the set is for the happy couple, 'thank you' gifts to the wedding party or a special memento of the day, your words can be permanently included.

**Price (inc GST): \$73.00**

Nominal Specifications: See 2004 Year Set

Finish: Gem Uncirculated



# Australian Banknotes

This Mint Issue we are pleased to offer a number of new 2003 dated products. These are the last prefix (EA 03) \$5 note, the first prefix (AA 03) and last prefix (DA 03) \$20 notes and the first prefix (AA 03) and last prefix (DA 03) \$50 notes. Please note that the 2003 \$50 note is the first \$50 note to be printed with a Macfarlane/Henry signature combination, and to incorporate the printed names of the people appearing on the note.

We remind readers that the numismatic notes available are first and last prefix banknotes from general circulation print runs for all denominations printed in a year. These notes attract a small premium above face value and GST is payable. Standard uncirculated notes are also available (at face value) and these are intended to satisfy the public's demand for crisp new notes where the serial number prefix or year is not critical. Please note we are not able to satisfy requests for notes with specific or consecutive serial numbers, be they numismatic or standard uncirculated notes.

For details of the notes that are available to order, their prices and how to order them, please see the separate order form enclosed with this Mint Issue.

For general information about banknotes please visit the RBA's website [www.rba.gov.au/currencynotes](http://www.rba.gov.au/currencynotes). If you have any specific or general questions about banknotes that cannot be answered after visiting the RBA's website, you can speak directly to the RBA in Sydney on 1800 633 220 (Monday to Friday).





# Premium

## Floral Emblems Gold Series

### Australian Capital Territory's Royal Bluebell

The Royal Bluebell, emblem of the Australian Capital Territory is the centrepiece of this impressive design by Horst Hahne, which marks the culmination of a magnificent nine year Gold Series.

The series showcases some of the Royal Australian Mint's finest work. With superb designs and first rate craftsmanship these coins are only minted in very low numbers.

Choose between a \$150 face value, half Troy ounce proof coin in an exquisite Tasmanian Blackwood presentation case or a \$100 value, one-third Troy ounce coin which is available in either a proof or uncirculated finish. Both \$100 coins are presented in an attractive burgundy coloured case.

#### Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Mass (troy ounce)	Metal	Mintage	Diameter (mm)	Finish
\$150	1/2	24 ct Gold	1 500	30.00	Proof
\$100	1/3	24 ct Gold	2 500	25.00	Proof
\$100	1/3	24 ct Gold	3 000	25.00	Uncirculated

#### Price (inc GST):

<b>\$150 Proof</b>	<b>- \$580.85</b>
<b>\$100 Proof</b>	<b>- \$350.34</b>
<b>\$100 Uncirculated</b>	<b>- \$285.63</b>
<b>Lapel Badge</b>	<b>- \$14.95</b>



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