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1915
Gallipoli
2005 \$1 Fine Silver Proof Coin

Dear Collector

Welcome to the first edition of Mint Issue for 2005 and best wishes for the coming year. We have some very interesting releases in 2005 with a range of themes.

As this year is a special commemoration, marking 60 years since the end of the Second World War, we have a very special theme of *Peace, Coming Home* and *Remembrance* on our coins. Since their release in November these images have been very warmly received and I have received numerous compliments on their design and the relationship to real Australians.

Of note, in 2005 is the 90th commemoration of Gallipoli. The Mint is honouring the Australian and New Zealand people who lost their lives in this conflict with a design on the mintmark \$1 coins as well as a limited mintage silver proof coin.

This year the Mint turns 40 and we will be holding two Open Days on Friday 22 April and Saturday 23 April. This will be a rare opportunity for the public to tour through the production facilities of the Mint and access behind-the-scenes areas. I encourage you to attend and view the facilities where your coins are made and meet the people who bring these delightful products to you.

A major, private Australian collection of gold coins will also be on display throughout the year and is a collector's highlight; well worth investigating the valuable rewards of a diligent and thorough collector.

I look forward to seeing you during our 40th birthday celebrations here at the Mint.



Vivienne Thom
Controller
Royal Australian Mint



coins shown actual size



2005 Fine Silver Proof Year Set

Peace, Coming Home, Remembrance 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War

The Fine Silver Proof Year Set for 2005 features three unique designs on the \$1, 50 cent and 20 cent coins commemorating the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

Beautifully crafted in pure silver and with a limited mintage of only 6500 sets, demand will be high among those who wish to own a reminder of this important time in Australian history.

Royal Australian Mint designers, Wojciech Pietranik and Vladimir Gottwald have been inspired by images from the Second World War and have created timeless reminders of this significant time in three highly valued and unique designs only available in 2005.

Representing *peace*, *coming home* and *remembrance* the designs capture a range of emotions - the joy of peace, the love of family and the reflective mood of remembrance.

The 2005 Fine Silver Proof Year Set bears all the hallmarks of the Royal Australian Mint's renowned commitment to quality, from the immaculately crafted silver proof coins to the exquisite wooden presentation case crafted from rich Jarrah timber.

Each set is accompanied by a numbered Certificate of Authenticity to add further to the beauty and prestige of this limited coin set.

Price (inc GST): \$220.00 801610

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: 6500	

Coins not shown actual size



2005 \$1 Fine Silver Proof Coin

1915 Gallipoli

In the early morning of 25 April 1915, the ANZACs rowed towards the shore of the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. As they reached the beach, the Turks began shooting from the hills. The ANZACs kept on going...

By that first evening 16000 men had been landed - of those over 2000 Australians had been killed or wounded. The whole Gallipoli operation cost 28000 Australian casualties, including over 8700 deaths.

In memory of those brave men who lost their lives at Gallipoli the Royal Australian Mint has proudly minted the 2005 \$1 Fine Silver Proof Coin to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the ANZACs landing on Gallipoli.

Royal Australian Mint designer, Vladimir Gottwald has created a silhouette image of an Australian bugler playing the Last Post as the sun sets over the beaches of Gallipoli.

The beauty of the design lies in its simple message 'Lest We Forget' and is an opportunity for us to remember and honour the sacrifices of the more than 102 000 Australians who have died in wars and conflicts.

The Gallipoli \$1 Fine Silver Proof Coin is limited to a 20 000 mintage and is presented in a stunning case, including a numbered Certificate of Authenticity.

Price (inc GST): \$38.00 801149



Nominal Specifications						
Denomination	Metal	Mass	Diameter	Finish	Mintage	Designer
\$1	Fine Silver (99.9%)	11.66 g	25.00 mm	Proof	20 000	Vladimir Gottwald

Coin not shown actual size

2005 \$1 Mintmark Coin

1915 Gallipoli

The spirit and legend of Gallipoli is acknowledged by the Royal Australian Mint, with the dedication of a \$1 'C' mintmark coin.

The Royal Australian Mint's mintmark series is popular with collectors. The striking of an extra letter on the face of the coin adds to the exclusivity of the piece, and connects it more clearly to a specific place.

The \$1 'C' Mintmark is not released into general circulation and is a great addition to the extensive mintmark collection.

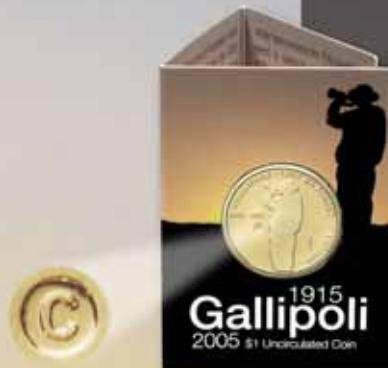
Gallipoli holds a unique place in the hearts of all Australians. It is where, from dawn on 25 April 1915, Australian soldiers leapt from landing boats and fought with determination and spirit.

At that time Australia was a new nation and for the first time Australians from all over the country came together to go into battle. The ANZAC legend was born and the events at Gallipoli form an important part of what it means to be an Australian.

The \$1 Gallipoli mintmark coin represents the ANZAC spirit which means many things to many people including mateship, pride, courage and 'the Australian way'.

Presented in an attractive display card this coin has been proudly minted by the Royal Australian Mint to commemorate the 90th anniversary of Gallipoli.

Price (inc GST): \$2.75 800902



**'C' mintmark
available now**



Nominal Specifications

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

Coins not shown actual size

2005 Coin & Stamp Pack

Australian Tennis Open 1905 - 2005

The Royal Australian Mint and Australia Post have worked together to offer our collectors a superb new coin and stamp issue to celebrate the centenary of Australian tennis.

The Australian Open 1905 – 2005 \$5 uncirculated coin designed by the Royal Australian Mint's renowned designer, Wojciech Pietranik, presents a contemporary design of a tennis player in mid-serve with the Melbourne skyline etched onto the background.

A fitting tribute to this popular sport, this piece is presented in a high-gloss sleeve depicting both the old grass courts at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club and the new and current venue, the Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne.

Australia Post has included two stamps designed especially for this centenary celebration.

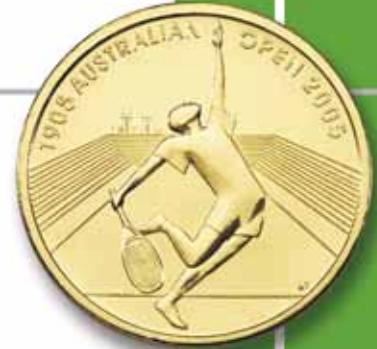
The 50 cent stamp features a male tennis player at the Warehousemen's Cricket Ground in Albert Park, Melbourne where the first tournament was staged in 1905. The \$1.80 stamp features a female player against the background of a tennis match being played at Melbourne Park, the current venue for the Australian Open.

This package represents excellent value for the numismatic and philatelic collector and for tennis fans who wish to celebrate one hundred years of tennis in Australia.

Price (inc GST): \$14.95 800791

Nominal Specifications					
Denomination	Metal	Mass	Diameter	Finish	Designer
\$5	Al/Zn/Bronze	20.00 g	38.74 mm	Uncirculated	Wojciech Pietranik

Coin not shown actual size

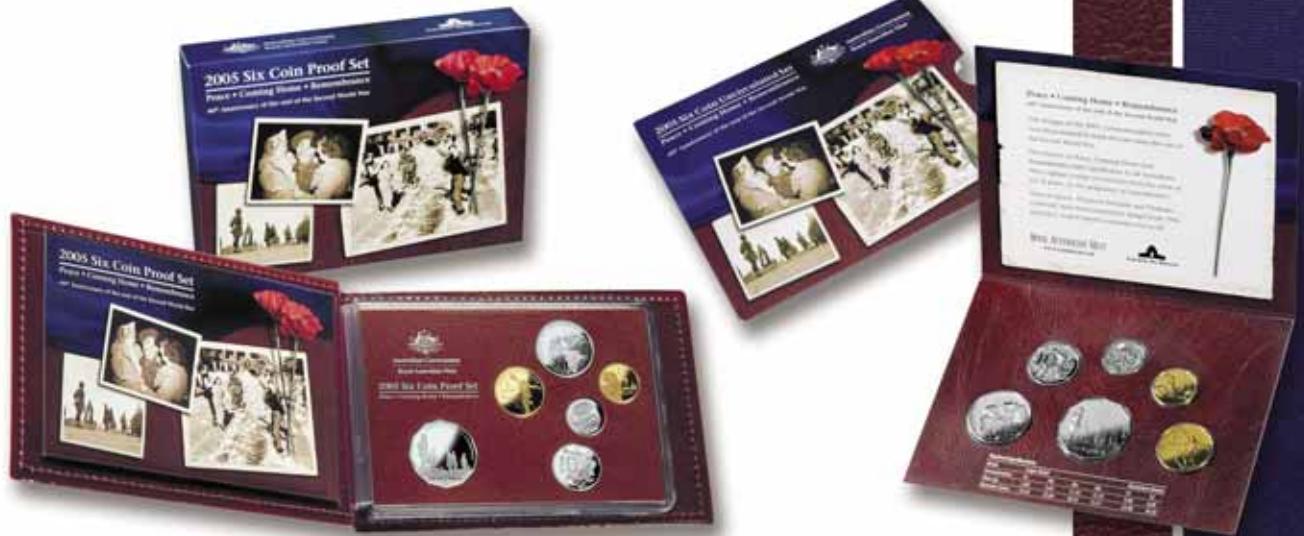


2005 Six Coin Sets

Peace, Coming Home, Remembrance 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War

These significant year sets are available in the proof or uncirculated finish. The proof version is of course struck to the Mint's exacting proof standards and is housed in a striking wallet-style holder.

The collection of uncirculated coins are packaged in blister packaging and finished with an attractive coin holder and envelope.



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

Coins not shown actual size

Price (inc GST):
Proof - \$80.00 801410
Unc - \$23.50 801540

2004 50c Student Design

Proof and uncirculated coins

In May 2003 Primary Schools throughout Australia were invited to enter their best designs in the Royal Australian Mint's national design competition. The theme of the design competition was 'Australia' and over 2 500 entries were received.

John Serrano, a Year 5/6 student (2003) at St Peter's Primary School, East Keilor, Victoria, created the winning design with artwork that reflects the character of three of our most recognisable bush characters – the wombat, the lorikeet and the koala.

The artwork has a sense of warmth and attention to detail that made it a clear choice for judges. John's initials have been incorporated on the reverse of this coin as recognition of his achievement.

The design has been reproduced in an uncirculated version presented in a colourful display card while the stunning proof version, with a limited mintage of 12 500, is presented in a bright leather-look case.

Price (inc GST):

Proof - \$66.00 800042

Uncirculated - \$4.95 801504

Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Metal	Mass	Diameter	Finish	Mintage
50c	Fine Silver 99.9%	18.24 g	31.51 mm	Proof	12 500
50c	Cupro-Nickel	15.55 g	31.51 mm	Uncirculated	Unlimited
Designer	John Serrano				

Coins not shown actual size



Gold Coin Series – Rare Birds

2004 Australian Rainforest Cassowary

Beautiful yet dangerous, the Cassowary is one of our most fascinating bird species. Sadly, due to the influence of humans and introduced species the Cassowary faces an uncertain future with fewer than 1500 remaining in the wild.

To honour this important creature and to draw awareness to its plight, the Royal Australian Mint is proud to introduce the 2004 gold proof Cassowary coins. Crafted from 99.99% pure gold, this piece is available in either a \$200 half troy oz or a \$150 one third troy oz version and presented in a fine Jarrah case.

The Cassowary forms part of a three-year series based on Australian Rare Birds. The Malleefowl will be featured in 2005 and the South-eastern Red-tailed Black Cockatoo will complete the series in 2006.

\$150 Proof Case



\$200 Proof Case



Nominal Specifications

Denomination	Metal	Mass	Diameter	Finish	Mintage*	Designer
\$150	24 ct Gold	1/3 troy oz	25.00 mm	Proof	2,500	Wojciech Pietranik
\$200	24 ct Gold	1/2 troy oz	30.00 mm	Proof	2,500	Wojciech Pietranik

* Note: within this mintage a limited quantity of coins will be released in the three coin display case.

Coins not shown actual size

Price (inc GST):

\$650.00

800084



Price (inc GST):

\$450.00

800074



Premium

2005 Wedding Coin Collection

Gem Uncirculated

We all know how difficult it can be to find a truly unique and personal wedding gift, whether it is for the bride and groom or 'thank-you' gifts to the wedding party. Thankfully, the Wedding Coin Collection from the Royal Australian Mint offers exactly that. The set features a special plaque to allow your own personal inscription and this year, the collection contains the commemorative designs that mark 60 years since the end of the Second World War.



Price (inc GST):

Gem Uncirculated - \$77.00 801130

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
Finish	Gem Uncirculated					

2005 Baby Coin Sets

Proof and uncirculated sets

What a special day it is to welcome a new baby to the world. The Baby Coin Set from the Royal Australian Mint is a truly thoughtful and unique gift for Mum, Dad and bub. The 2005 Baby Coin Set is no exception, featuring the three commemorative coins to mark 60 years since the end of the Second World War.

The sets are available in a proof or uncirculated version with a koala design medallion that allows for personal engraving.

The packaging artwork has been created by respected water colourist Roland Harvey and possesses warmth and humour that will delight the lucky child and proud parents. The packaging can be personalised with the child's family tree and birth details.

Price (inc GST):

Proof - \$95.00 801409

Uncirculated - \$30.50 801541

Nominal Specifications: See 2005 Year Set

Finish: Proof or Uncirculated



Medallions shown
actual size

The Fiordland Crested Penguin

New Zealand proof and uncirculated coins

The Fiordland Crested Penguin is one of New Zealand's most endangered penguins with an estimated world population of 1 500 pairs. It is also the most timid, standing an average 40 centimetres high and weighing approximately four kilograms.

Penguins never fail to capture our imagination and the Fiordland Crested Penguin with its bright yellow crest is no exception. The bright yellow crest starts at the base of the bill, extends over the eye and droops down the back of the head. Their yellow crests and raucous squawks distinguish them in the water.

In 2005, the Fiordland Crested Penguin is featured on the New Zealand \$5 coin and is available separately as a 99.9% silver coin with a proof or uncirculated finish. The coin also forms part of the 2005 seven coin year sets along with the standard New Zealand circulating currency, again available in a proof or uncirculated finish.

Minted by the Royal Australian Mint for New Zealand Post.

Price (inc GST):

\$5 Proof Coin - \$80.00 802014

Proof Set - \$121.00 802010

\$5 Uncirculated Coin - \$25.00 802024

Uncirculated Set - \$44.00 802015

Nominal Specifications									
Metal	Cupro Nickel				Aluminium Bronze		Fine Silver (proof)	Cupro Nickel (unc)	
Denomination	5c	10c	20c	50c	\$1	\$2	\$5	\$5	
Mass (g)	2.83	5.66	11.31	13.61	8.00	10.00	28.28	27.22	
Diameter (mm)	19.43	23.62	28.58	31.75	23.00	26.50	38.74	38.74	

Coin not shown actual size



2005 \$1 Silver Kangaroo

\$1 proof and frosted uncirculated coins

Every year the Royal Australian Mint kangaroo coins receive favourable comments from Australia and the world-over. In 2005 we are proud to present this alluring design from Wojciech Pietranik that encompasses another great Australian icon. The bounding kangaroo is once again featured with the stars of the Southern Cross incorporated into the background, creating a stunning contemporary piece.

Once again, the coins are available in a proof or frosted uncirculated finish. The proof coin is magnificently packaged and is accompanied by a numbered Certificate of Authenticity verifying this limited mintage proof coin.

The frosted uncirculated coin is housed in an attractive display card format.



Nominal Specifications

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

Coins shown actual size

Price (inc GST):

Proof - \$54.00 800719

Frosted - \$24.60 800705

Australian Banknotes

Currency note products available are first and last prefix notes from general circulation print runs for all denominations printed in a year.

First and last prefix 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 is not critical. Please note that 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 currency notes please visit the RBA's website 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).



2004 Masterpieces in Silver

20 Years of the Australian Dollar Coin

The first \$1 coin was introduced into Australia's decimal currency 20 years ago captivating the general public as it replaced the well-loved dollar note.

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the release of the \$1 coin, the Royal Australian Mint has reproduced original Test Pieces and designs of the \$1 coin never before seen by the Australian public.



Price (inc GST): \$195.00 801910

Nominal Specifications						
Denomination:	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
Design:	Imperial Lion - Test Piece	Five Kangaroos	Wombat	Waltzing Matilda	Dollar Decade	Five Kangaroos
	Previously Unreleased	Previously Unreleased	Previously Unreleased	Enhanced 2004 Re-strike	Enhanced 2004 Re-strike	Standard Circulating Design
Mass:	5.60 g	5.79 g	11.66 g	11.66 g	11.66 g	31.64 g
Diameter:	21.40 mm	23.80 mm	25.00 mm	25.00 mm	25.00 mm	40.00 mm
Shape:	Equilateral	Scalloped	Round	Round	Round	Round
	Curved Heptagon					
Finish: Proof	Mintage: 18 000		Metal: Fine Silver 99.9%			

Coins not shown actual size

Imperial Lion – test piece



Dollar Decade – enhanced restrike



Waltzing Matilda – enhanced restrike



Five Kangaroos – a unique 40 mm coin with standard circulating design



Wombat – previously unreleased



Five Kangaroos – previously unreleased



Off the Presses



In 2005 the Royal Australian Mint will celebrate its 40th birthday and there will be plenty of celebrations.

Events include:

- Quartermaster Display running from February to August 2005. This is the most comprehensive private collection of Australian gold coins in the world.
- Open House Friday 22 April and Saturday 23 April 2005.
- Experience a tour through factory areas normally closed to the public and enjoy lots of fun family entertainment.

Detailed information on the events will be available over the coming months at our website www.ramint.gov.au.

Proposed release schedule 2005 (subject to change)

January 2005:

- \$1 'C' Mintmark - 90th Anniversary of Gallipoli
- \$1 Fine Silver Proof Coin - 90th Anniversary of Gallipoli
- Fine Silver Year Set - 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War
- \$5 Coin and Stamp Pack - Centenary of Australian Tennis Open 1905 - 2005

February 2005:

- \$1 Silver Proof Subscription Coin - 1855 Sydney Half Sovereign (separate mail out)

March 2005:

- Commonwealth Games 2006 Coin Program - launch and 1st release (separate mail out)

May 2005:

- \$1 'S' and 'B' Mintmark - 90th Anniversary of Gallipoli
- Six Coin Gold Set - 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War
- \$1 Selectively Gold Plated Silver Kangaroo
- Commonwealth Games 2006 Coin Program - 2nd release

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