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The end of WWI - honoured in silver

Sure to be highly sought after as we mark the centenary of the end of WWI, these official legal tender sterling silver coins honour the centenary of the Battle of Hamel and the signing of the Armistice respectively. Worldwide mintage restricted to a mere 5,000!

- → Issued to commemorate the end of World War I
- → Struck to Proof quality from 25g of sterling silver
- → Exclusive, with the mintage restricted to just 5,000
- → Official Solomon Islands legal tender – spans 40mm
- → Each coin set in a case with a numbered Certificate



2018 \$10 CENTENARY OF WWI SILVER PROOF PAIR Official Issue Price

\$198 17580

Cook's Voyage of Discovery -



This outstanding tribute to Captain James Cook is underpinned by strictly limited availability, impeccable presentation and, perhaps most of all, the breathtaking Ultra High Relief quality of the coins.

Honouring the 250th anniversary of Cook's first Voyage of Discovery, the collection comprises three Cook Islands legal tender coins. Depicting the departure of the Endeavour in 1768, Cook monitoring the Transit of Venus in 1769 and charting of the Southern Seas in 1770, the designs are brought to life through a combination of Ultra High Relief Proof quality and multiple finishes. Coins that must be seen to be believed, the depth and detail in the superbly balanced reverse motifs is exceptional.

A splendid presentation, with each 3-coin collection housed in a timber case with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity, the 2018 \$5 Captain Cook Ultra High Relief Proof Set is also extremely exclusive. Sure to stir up interest with maritime buffs and coin collectors across the globe, the mintage is just 500!

2018 \$5 CAPTAIN COOK ULTRA HIGH RELIEF 10z SILVER PROOF SET Official Issue Price



in stunning Ultra High Relief!







Struck to breathtaking Ultra High Relief Proof quality, and underpinned by multiple finishes, each 99.9% silver coin is defined by the extraordinary depth and detail in the designs.

Each coin bears a unique commemorative obverse based on the original compass used by Captain Cook!

- → Comprises three Ultra High Relief Proof 1oz 99.9% pure silver coins
- → Superbly designed and extremely exclusive – worldwide mintage set at just 500!
- → An official Cook Islands legal tender issue, each coin spans 38.60mm
- → Beautifully presented within a timber case, housed in an illustrated outer box
- Complete with an individually serialnumbered Certificate of Authenticity





Poignant in Proof...

The exquisite quality of the coins, the outstanding presentation, the powerful theme, the inclusion of a one-year-only type...the 2018 Proof Set is among the finest of the RAM's 1966-2018 Proof Set Series.

Headlined by the 2018 Armistice \$1, this set forms a poignant tribute to the end of WWI. As with the 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c and \$2, the Armistice \$1 is struck to the finest Proof standard under strictly controlled conditions — it literally shines with quality. Housed in a case set within an eye-catching outer box, the 6-coin 2018 Proof Set deserves a place in every collection.

2018 PROOF SET Official Issue Price



DOUBLE BONUS POINTS APPLY!



Not-issued-for-circulation \$1!

Whilst sure to be targeted as an affordable commemoration of the conclusion of WWI, the RAM's 2018 Mint Set is sure to spark huge demand for one other very good reason. The Armistice \$1!

United with the 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c and \$2, each bearing the classic design for its denomination, the \$1 is a unique, one-year-only type. Crucially, this superbly designed coin will not be issued for circulation and will never be found in change! As the Armistice \$1 is essential for a complete collection, the 2018 Mint Set is simply a must-have — especially at an Official Issue Price of just \$25!

2018 MINT SET Official Issue Price \$**25**

DOUBLE BONUS POINTS APPLY!



BUY THE 2018 PROOF & MINT SET PAIR FOR \$125 AND... Receive the 2014 \$1 WWI Centenary Coin Pack FREE!

Promotion period ends at 11.59pm (AEDT) on 31/12/2017.

17579



The birth of a new era!

Featuring a new theme, new presentation and – for the first time since 2003 – a full-colour coin, the Possum Magic 2018 Baby Proof Set represents the birth of a new era for this ever-popular series.

The most prestigious way to celebrate the arrival of the 2018 baby, and therefore the perfect gift, this superbly presented RAM set comprises six Australian legal tender Proof coins from the 5c to \$2. The first full-colour coin in the Baby Proof Set since the Australia's Volunteers \$1 in 2003, the highlight is the Possum Magic 50c — a coin that will only be found in this set!

2018 BABY PROOF SET Official Issue Price





Unique Possum Magic 50c

Whilst this enchanting new set will be targeted by those seeking a symbolic, meaningful gift to celebrate the arrival of the 2018 baby, the RAM's 2018 Baby Mint Set will also be sought after by collectors. Why? Because it includes a unique, fully struck-up Possum Magic 50c!

Not to be issued for circulation and never to be found in change, the Possum Magic 50c is a must-have for a complete collection – and it's exclusive to this set! United with the 5c, 10c, 20c, \$1 and \$2, the presence of this key type will ensure tremendous demand for this official, affordable BU quality set.

2018 BABY MINT SET Official Issue Price





Perfect Possum Partner!

The perfect partner for either of the above sets, secure the 2017 Possum Magic 8-Coin Set for just \$19.95!

2017 POSSUM MAGIC 8-COIN SET

\$19⁹⁵

Includes FOURTEEN not-issued-for-circulation types!



A must-have for decimal collectors, the RAM's 2017 Legends of the ANZACs Collection features FOURTEEN not-issued-for-circulation types!

Struck to Unc quality, each unique Australian legal tender type honours one of the medals awarded to Australians over our long, rich military history. The collection comprises ten 28.50mm 20c and four 32.60mm 25c coins, with each coin set in a RAM card. A fine presentation, the complete set is housed in a RAM folder.

2017 20c & 25c LEGENDS OF THE ANZACS 14-COIN COLLECTION

\$129⁹⁵
16597





Perfect Partner

The compulsory complement to the coin at right, the RAM's 2017 \$2 Remembrance Day C Mintmark Unc is important, official and very affordable. Set in an official RAM pack.

2017 \$2 REMEMBRANCE DAY C MINTMARK AL-BR UNC Official Issue Price \$**15** 17606



Must-have full-colour \$2

Set in a credit card-style pack created by Downies, this is your chance to add the 2017 Remembrance Day \$2 to your collection in strictly Uncirculated quality.

2017 \$2 REMEMBRANCE DAY AL-BR COIN PACK





Limited edition just 8,000!

Headlined by the RAM's full-colour \$2 Remembrance Day Unc, united with an official Australian \$1 stamp, this Australia Post PNC is very exclusive. Just 8,000 issued!

2017 \$2 REMEMBRANCE DAY PNC















Complete Privymark Collection!

Issued at the ANDA Shows in Perth, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney respectively, the 4-coin 2017 \$1 Roos Money Expo Set is now COMPLETE!

Comprising the P, B, S & M Privymark Unc \$1 coins issued at the four Money Expos held in 2017, this strictly Uncirculated set is most notable for the limited availability. Australian legal tender, the mintage is a mere 3,000! For a limited time only, the set is now \$5 off regular retail – and you'll get a FREE COLLECTION FOLDER valued at \$5 as well!





2017 \$1 MOB OF ROOS MONEY EXPO COMPLETE SET W/FOLDER

\$7480

Valued at \$85 - SAVE \$10!



Strictly limited to a mintage of 3,000, and set in an official RAM pack, the last 2017 Money Expo Roos Privymark \$1 is now available! Complete your collection!

2017 \$1 SYDNEY MONEY EXPO S PRIVYMARK AL-BR UNC

\$**19**⁹⁵



Highlighted by the Perth Mint's unique Australian legal tender \$1, and taken from a limited edition of 750, this overprinted Sydney Money Expo PNC sold out instantly!

2017 \$1 WOMEN IN WAR SYDNEY MONEY EXPO PNC \$35 17612



Astonishingly affordable, this 99.99% silver Australian legal tender coin is also astonishingly exclusive. Set in a Sydney Money Expo pack, the mintage is just 1,500!

2018 25c YEAR OF THE DOG 1/4oz SILVER BU \$37⁵⁰



1914 to 1918 - WWI Centenary Sovereigns

An irresistible opportunity to own a golden piece of Australia's wartime history, this spectacular 5-coin Gold Sovereign Set forms a unique, powerful link to the Australians who marched off to the 1914-18 First World War.

Set in a timber case with a Certificate of Authenticity, this prestigious collection comprises five Australian 22-carat gold sovereigns — dated 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918 respectively. Struck at the branches of the Royal Mint in Sydney, Perth and Melbourne — mints of our choice — the coins are presented in Extremely Fine to about Uncirculated condition. With WWI sovereigns in great demand, you must act now!

1914-18 WWI GOLD SOVEREIGN 5-COIN SET EF-aUNC \$**4,475**

Mintmarks of our choice.

The Complete Australian WWI Sovereign Collection

Prestigious, scarce and comprehensive, this set comprises an example of EVERY Australian Gold Sovereign issue from WWI.

Sovereigns were struck at the Melbourne, Sydney and Perth Mints in each year from 1914 to 1918 – distinguished by M, S and P mintmarks. That means there were FIFTEEN different Australian sovereign issues

struck during WWI, and this set features every one! Crucially, this includes several very scarce issues. The 1916 S, M & P sovereigns are very tough-tofind, with the 1917 M & P equally difficult to track down.

Indeed, the complete date & mintmark 15-coin set is seldom seen on the market – making this rare opportunity extremely important.

1914-18 COMPLETE MINTMARK SOVEREIGN COLLECTION EF-aunc (15 coins)

\$14,995 14365



Swiss Bank Hoard – the cream of the crop!

Gold Rush history you can hold in your hands, the famous Sydney Mint Sovereign is an essential component of every Australian collection. Cherry-picked from the Swiss Bank Sovereign Hoard — an amazing cache of Australian gold found in a bank vault in Switzerland — we have the 1866 and last date 1870 Sydney Mint Sovereigns available in premium grade Extremely Fine!

Australia's first sovereign type, struck as a direct result of the Gold Rush, the Sydney Mint Sovereign was originally deemed as official legal tender in New South Wales only. Notwithstanding this, the coin was quickly accepted in other Australian colonies and, indeed, as far afield as Britain, India, Hong Kong and Newfoundland!

As a result, Britain was forced to declare Sydney Mint Sovereigns to be legal tender beyond the colonies in 1866, transforming the coin from circulating currency to international commodity. With sovereigns traded extensively across the globe (to satisfy international debt after WWI, for example) it is actually not that surprising that large hoard finds occur in seemingly unlikely places – such as a bank vault in Switzerland.

Very scarce in the upper echelons of quality, we have 1866 and 1870 Sydney Mint Sovereigns from the Swiss Bank Hoard available in Extremely Fine.

BUY BOTH AND SAVE \$200!



The first of its kind!

The first British legal tender Remembrance Day coin, this poignant full-colour £5 has captured the imagination of collectors across the globe.

Struck to the peak of Proof quality from 28.28g of sterling silver, and superbly enhanced with colour, the 38.61mm diameter 2017 £5 Remembrance Day Silver Proof is also surprisingly exclusive. With the mintage just 5,000, and our allocation as official Mint distributor strictly limited, we recommend immediate action.

2017 £5 REMEMBRANCE DAY SILVER PROOF

\$**149**





Fantastic value-for-money

Giving everyone the chance to enjoy firsthand one of the finest designs to emerge from Britain in years, the Royal Mint has also issued the 2017 £5 Remembrance Day BU!

Unusually for a British Brilliant Uncirculated coin, this unique £5 type carries the same stunning blood red poppy motif as the Silver Proof – beautifully accommodated by the broad 38.61mm flan. Well within your reach at \$37.50, each coin is set in an official Royal Mint pack detailing Remembrance Day traditions.

2017 £5 REMEMBRANCE DAY CU-NI BU \$37⁵⁰

Important, emotive and futuristic

An affordable tribute to those who served in 'one of the bloodiest battles in human history', this 28.40mm legal tender £2 honours Britain's Pals Battalions that debuted at the Battle of the Somme in 1916.

2016 £2 THE ARMY CU-NI BU

\$24⁹⁵





Just 120 in existence!

With the number in existence believed to be 120, the 1935 ANZAC 1/- Stamp Rare Perforation Variety is one of Australian philatelics' glamour stamps. Seldom seen, this unissued rarity is distinguished by the unusual perforation format.

The Rare Perforation Variety was produced with a perf gauge of 13½ and 12½. Thus, instead of having 13 points at the top and 15 at the side, as per the standard 1935 1/- ANZAC Stamp, it has 16 points at the top and 18 at the side! This style was used on the 2d ANZAC stamps, but different printing methods meant the 1/- had never been

seen in this format – until 1988. This rarity emerged following the dispersal of a collection once owned by Government Printer John Ash.

A spectacular opportunity, we have two premium quality examples of the 1935 ANZAC 1/- Stamp Rare Perforation Variety in stock. Graded Mint Unhinged (MUH), this great Australian philatelic rarity is presented with a Certificate of Authenticity.

1935 1/- ANZAC STAMP RARE PERF VARIETY MUH \$3,**950**

Official Gallipoli Tribute

A crucial issue for those interested in Australia's rich military heritage, or the nation's philatelic history, the first stamps to honour the Gallipoli Campaign in 1915 were issued in 1935.

Marking the 20th anniversary of Australia's ill-fated Baptism of Fire, the 2d Red & 1/- Black stamps somewhat perplexingly depicted London's Cenotaph – not exactly a very Australian design! Always highly sought after, these early predecimal 1/- & 2d commemorative stamps are scarce today — particularly in the upper echelons of quality! Both are genuinely tough-to-find in MUH condition, as presented here.

1935 2d & 1/- ANZAC Pair muh \$159 AG830





A horse called ANZAC!

Paradoxically, the only other Australian philatelic commemoratives issued in 1935 are more pertinent to Australia than the Gallipoli 20th anniversary stamps! Commemorating the Silver Jubilee of King George V, the 2d, 3d & 2/- stamps all feature the King on a horse he

received from Australia – a horse named ANZAC! All three stamps are scarce in MUH, with the 2/- especially elusive in top grade.

1935 2d, 3d & 2/- JUBILEE TRIO MUH

\$159 AG831



Figure 8 frenzy!

As you would expect, the release of the world's very first Figure 8-shaped legal tender coin has created frenzied demand worldwide.

A groundbreaking work of modern minting, this Australian legal tender coin is a must-have for those seeking that 'something different' for their collection.

Also a spellbinding gift, each 40.50mm x 70mm, 99.99% silver 2oz coin is set in a Perth Mint acrylic case with a Certificate confirming the mintage of 8,888.

2018 \$2 FIGURE EIGHT DRAGON 20z SILVER ANTIQUE Official Issue Price



Money Toad in gold!

Struck from 99.99% silver, and enhanced with 24-carat gold, this eye-catching Tuvalu legal tender coin forms a dramatic tribute to the Money Toad – an ancient Chinese symbol of good luck.

Depicting the Money Toad sitting upon a pile of coins, with coins in its mouth, this money-laden good luck charm looks magnificent highlighted by the world's favourite precious metal. Taken from a mintage of 5,000, each 40.60mm coin is set in an official case with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity.

2018 \$1 CHINESE MONEY TOAD GILDED 102 SILVER BU Official Issue Price

\$**95**



Dazzling Dragon

Graced with a dramatic design, with the dragon leaping from the reverse in a burst of glorious full-colour, the Perth Mint's 2018 \$1 Chinese New Year 1oz Silver BU represents a phenomenal fusion of detail and perspective.

A sizzling celebration of the dawn of the New Year in the Chinese Lunar Calendar, this 40.60mm 1oz 99.99% silver Tuvalu legal tender coin is also extremely exclusive. The mintage has been set at a mere 5,000 coins, with each coin set in a display case with a Certificate.

2018 \$1 CHINESE NEW YEAR 10z SILVER BU Official Issue Price

\$79



Official 2018 Commonwealth Games tribute

A lasting keepsake of what is sure to be a tremendous event for Australian sport, this unique Australian legal tender coin from the Royal Australian Mint is an official commemoration of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. Struck to the RAM's rigorous Uncirculated standard, and bearing a fascinating design upon its 40mm flan, this 99.9% pure 1oz silver coin is also very exclusive. Taken from a mintage of 5,000, each coin is set within official RAM packaging.

2018 \$1 COMMONWEALTH GAMES 10z SILVER UNC Official Issue Price





A fine acquisition for anyone with a love of the world's favourite precious metal, this beautifully designed 99.99% gold Proof forms a truly prestigious tribute to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games — and an exclusive one! The worldwide mintage has been restricted to a mere 1,000! Presented within an official Royal Australian Mint case, the 2018 \$50 Commonwealth Games 1/2oz Gold Proof is accompanied by an individually numbered Certificate of Authenticity.

2018 \$50 COMMONWEALTH GAMES 1/20z GOLD PROOF Official Issue Price





Not issued for circulation!

Graced with an eye-catching depiction of Borobi – the official Mascot of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games – this Australian legal tender \$1 Unc will not be issued for circulation and will never be found in change.

2018 \$1 COMMONWEALTH GAMES MASCOT AL-BR UNC Official Issue Price \$**15** 16381





- Australia's first threepence dates
- Edward VII (1910) & George V (1911)
- Strong Fine to Very Fine quality

1910 & 1911 THREEPENCE PAIR F-VF

\$39 17671





- Australia's first two sixpence dates
- Perfect partner for 3d pair at left
- Scarce yet surprisingly affordable

1910 & 1911 SIXPENCE PAIR FINE

\$59 17672





- Comprises four 3d from 1925 to 1928
- Pleasing Fine to Very Fine condition
- Top value! Just \$7.25 per coin!

1925-28 THREFPENCE SET FINE-VE (4 COINS)







- The final three George V 3d dates
- Graded Fine to Very Fine missing from many collections in this quality

1934-1936 THREEPENCE TRIO FINE-VF







- Last three 6d before the Great Depression
- Offered in Fine to VF condition
- A bargain at \$39.95 given the quality

1926-28 SIXPENCE TRIO FINE-VF







- The last 6d dates of King George V
- First three 6d after the Great Depression
- Presented in Fine to Very Fine

1934-1936 SIXPENCE TRIO FINE-VF





- Issued in the first year of WWII
- High-grade examples, the few George VI 1939 3d available are in allnc

1939 THREEPENCE aUNC







- Unites Melbourne 3d (no mintmark) with San Francisco (S) & Denver (D) 3d
- Melbourne 3d is a key George VI date

1942, 1942D, 1942S THREEPENCE COMPLETE MINTMARK SET VF-EF







- Includes very last George VI 3d date
- Also features first Elizabeth II 3d.
- In premium grade Extremely Fine

1952 & 1953 THREEPENCE PAIR EF





The Mornington Silver Hoard!

Part of a phenomenal predecimal silver find, discovered in a town on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula, we are delighted to present the 1925-46 Florin 10-Coin Collection!

The ultimate safeguard against disaster, precious metals have been hoarded during periods of turmoil since time immemorial. The first half of the 20th century was defined by seemingly unending turmoil, with the world lurching from war to depression and back to war. In Australia, many gold and silver hoards secreted away during these troubled times have been found over the years. Stashed away from the 1920s to 1940s, the Mornington Silver Hoard is just such a find.

With the hoard comprising a huge quantity of silver, we have managed to put together a number of 10-coin florin sets. Highlighted by several important dates, the set includes the George V 1925, 1926, 1927 Canberra, 1931 & 1936 florins, as well as the George VI 1938, 1940, 1941, 1942 & 1946 florins.

As we acquired the entire Mornington Silver Hoard, we are able to pass on some super-sized hoard savings to our clients. Pay just \$199 for the 10-coin set! Better yet, you will also receive a FREE COIN ALBUM VALUED AT \$15!

1925-46 FLORIN 10-COIN COLLECTION AVE CIRC

\$199 17680



FREE COIN ALBUM with every collection!



Massive masterpiece of modern minting

The 2011 \$24 da Vinci Codex 24-Coin Silver Proof Set is among the most prestigious, most breathtaking collector issues we have ever offered. Taken from a limited edition of just 100, and measuring a massive 166.80mm x 240mm, this collection comprises TWENTY-FOUR interlinked, edgeless 42.5g 99.9% silver coins. That's more than a KILO of 99.9% pure silver!

- → Includes 24 interlocking, full-colour 42.5g silver Niue legal tender coins
- → Measuring 166.80mm x 240mm, each set comprises over a KILO of 99.9% silver
- → Strictly limited edition of 100 sets, from a worldwide mintage of 500
- → The 24 coins are individually numbered with all numbers matching
- → Includes information booklet with numbered Certificate of Authenticity





2011 \$24 DA VINCI CODEX 24-COIN SILVER PROOF SET

\$3,650 14581







Glass rose window lights up!

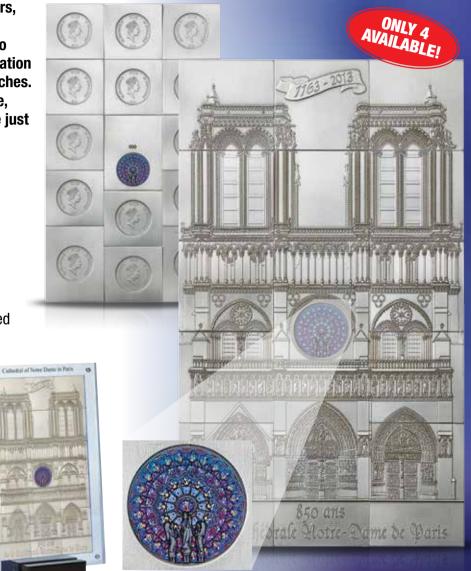
Comprising fifteen 99.9% pure silver bars, and featuring a glass rose window that lights up, the 2014 \$140 Notre Dame Kilo 14-Coin Silver Set is a captivating recreation of one of the world's most famous churches. A breathtaking numismatic masterpiece, measuring 268mm x 157.5mm, we have just FOUR available!

- → Struck from a huge ONE KILO of 99.9% pure silver
- → Includes fourteen coins and a spectacular centrepiece
- → Official legal tender of Niue, the set measures 268mm x 157.5mm
- → Glass window centrepiece lights up! Rechargeable batteries and USB included
- → Each set individually numbered presented in a timber case with a Certificate of Authenticity
- → Worldwide mintage just 250 sets



To see this thrilling release in action, check out the video at www.downies.com

2014 \$140 NOTRE DAME KILO 14-COIN SILVER SET \$3,995 13190



One-year-only Coronation Privymark!

Issued for the 65th anniversary of the Coronation of Elizabeth II, and bearing a one-year-only privymark, Britain's 2018 Sovereign Gold Proof has naturally inspired huge demand.

Struck to Proof quality, this prestigious 22-carat gold coin features the St George & the Dragon motif upon the reverse. An utterly unique type, Pistrucci's neo-classical masterpiece is joined by a

one-year-only 65th anniversary privymark! Taken from a limited edition of 10,500 coins – each set in an official case with a numbered Certificate – we were delighted to receive an allocation by virtue of our status as official Royal Mint distributor.

With that tiny allocation already severely depleted due to demand, we highly recommend immediate action.



2018 SOVEREIGN GOLD PROOF





Limited edition just 2,500!

Graced with the Coronation 65th anniversary privymark, the 2018 Half Sovereign Gold Proof is as exclusive as it is eye-catching. The limited edition is a mere 2,500! With a sell-out assured, our allocation has been limited to a handful of coins — each set in an official case with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity. Don't miss this opportunity!

2018 HALF SOVEREIGN GOLD PROOF





Exclusive and affordable

The smallest member of Britain's Sovereign Family, the 2018 Quarter Sovereign Gold Proof represents an affordable opportunity for you to play a part in this world-famous series — but you will have to be quick. Bearing the unique 65th anniversary privymark upon the reverse, this exquisite coin has a limited edition of just 2,500!

2018 QUARTER SOVEREIGN GOLD PROOF



Unique, rare, historic...

Issued only in 1887, to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the long-reigning Queen Victoria, we are delighted to present the rare, historic 1887 Gold Double Sovereign.

Highly sought after due to its unique status, the imposing 28.40mm, 15.97g Gold Double Sovereign is also targeted for its rarity. A one-year-only issue, the Royal Mint's 1887 Double Sovereign had a tiny mintage of 91,000. Unlike many commemoratives of the era, this important coin was a

genuine circulation issue, and can be tough-to-find in premium grade.

Featuring the short-lived Jubilee portrait by Joseph Boehm, and set in a case with a Certificate of Authenticity, we have just two examples available — both in good Very Fine quality.

1887 DOUBLE SOVEREIGN gVF \$1,995



One-year-only 1902 Double Sovereign!

The consummate complement to the coin above, we also have three examples of the Edward VII 1902 Gold Double Sovereign available!

Struck at the Royal Mint in London from 15.97g of 22-carat gold, the 1902 Double Sovereign was issued for Edward's Coronation.

Spanning 28.40mm, this imposing one-year-only type is rare today – in large part due to the tiny number stuck. The mintage was halted at just 46,000!

As with the 1887 Double Sovereign, this 115-year-old Edward VII commemorative was issued for circulation, and is therefore tough-to-find in good Very Fine, as here. A must-have for those with a passion for the world's most famous gold coin, each 1902 Double Sovereign is set in a case with a Certificate of Authenticity.

1902 DOUBLE SOVEREIGN aVF \$2,495





Bright Bugs in Gem BU!

A quintessentially Australian release, bursting with colour, the Royal Australian Mint's 2014 \$1 Bright Bugs Series is a genuine collector favourite. Presented here in breathtaking Gem Brilliant Uncirculated condition, it will never be more sought after than right now!

Officially assessed by leading 3rd party verifiers PCGS, the six coins of the 2014 \$1 Bright Bugs Series have been graded at an astonishingly high MS68 — on a scale that only goes up the MS70! This is the equivalent of Gem Brilliant Uncirculated quality, and we have never seen finer examples. We have a tiny number of these amazingly high-grade

complete 2014 \$1 Bright Bugs Sets in stock – do not delay your order.

2014 \$1 BRIGHT BUGS COMPLETE SET GEM BU (MS68) \$395 SL481

A fine catch in Gem BU!

The perfect partner for the 2014 \$1 Bright Bugs Complete Set above, we also have a tiny number of 2006-07 \$1 Ocean Series Complete Sets available — also in stunning Gem Brilliant Uncirculated quality!

Among the first regular \$1 coins enhanced with colour by the RAM, the \$1 Ocean Series made quite a splash when unveiled over a decade ago. A remarkable opportunity, available to only a handful of our clients, this is your chance to secure the finest examples of these much-admired coins that we have seen. Officially assessed by PCGS, these unique, one-year-only types

have been graded from MS66-MS68 – the equivalent of Gem Brilliant Uncirculated condition. Immediate action a must!

2006-07 \$1 OCEAN SERIES COMPLETE SET GEM BU (MS66-68)

\$345 SL479













The finest we have seen!

Finding the RAM's 2016 Olympic and Paralympic \$2 coins is tough under any circumstances. Finding these scarce, low-mintage full-colour commemoratives in Unc is extremely difficult. And securing them in Choice Unc? Impossible! Unless you talk to Downies!

A phenomenal opportunity for the serious decimal collector, we have been able to secure a tiny number of these unique, one-year-only types in truly exceptional condition. Officially

2016 \$2 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC & Paralypic Team Complete Set Choice UNC (MS65)

\$345 SL487 graded by PCGS at MS65 – the equivalent of Choice Uncirculated quality – these are the finest 2016 Olympic and Paralympic \$2 coins we have ever seen.

Will you be one of the few to own these important, sought after commemoratives in Choice Unc? Considering the incredible quality of the coins, and given that our stock is strictly limited, the race is on!





We have a **HUGE** range of **PCGS-graded coins** online!

Check out www.downies.com/PCGS

The Coins of the Proclamation Era

Early colonial Australia had no official currency system. Rum was used as currency, with a system of barter and exchange supplemented by a few coins from overseas. It was impossible to determine the relative values of those coins until Governor King assigned fixed values on November 19, 1800. Known as the Proclamation of 1800, King's inspired enactment is considered Australia's first official currency system.



Circulating widely in
Australia during the earliest
days after Settlement,
the King George III 1799
Halfpenny was crucial
for small, day-to-day
transactions in the currencystarved penal colony.



Notable for the superb portrait of the long-reigning George III (1760-1820), as well as the armorial grandeur of the reverse, the 1787 Silver Sixpence circulated extensively in the colony of New South Wales.

1799 HALFPENNY F-VF

\$**65** AK094

1787 SIXPENCE VF

\$135 AF690



Struck in the year the First Fleet sailed from England, the 1787 Silver Shilling was included in Australia's first official currency system — Governor Philip Gidley King's Currency Proclamation of 1800.



The world's leading trade coin of the 17th and 18th centuries, the Silver 8 Reales was the key coin of the Proclamation of 1800 – and the coin used to create the legendary 1813 Holey Dollar & Dump.

1787 SHILLING VF

\$175 AE779

SPANISH-AMERICAN 8 REALES FINE

\$**245**



1797 CARTWHEEL PENNY FAIR

The trigger for the Currency Proclamation of 1800, the 1797 Cartwheel Penny was the first coin exported to the colony of New South Wales — and therefore Australia's first official coin!

> **\$24**95 AH112



1797 CARTWHEEL TWOPENCE VF

Spanning a massive 41mm in diameter, and weighing in at a hefty 2oz, the Proclamation Era King George III 1797 Cartwheel Twopence is the largest coin to have circulated on Australian shores.

> \$245 AE833

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Star of the 70th Anniversary celebrations!

A masterwork of modern minting, defined by the unusually shaped flan, the 2017 \$1 Royal Star 70th Wedding Anniversary 1oz Silver Proof has proved exceptionally popular. Indeed, this stunning 40mm x 40mm legal tender coin is on the cusp of a sell-out!

Struck to Proof quality from 99.9% silver, we have a tiny number of coins remaining in stock – each set in a timber case with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity confirming the mintage of 900.

2017 \$1 ROYAL STAR 70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 1oz SILVER PROOF Official Issue Price \$199 16310



Superb presentation

Set within a beautifully illustrated envelope, and united with an Australian \$2.95c stamp, the Perth Mint's 30.60mm Australian legal tender 70th wedding anniversary \$1 is unique to this PNC!

2017 \$1 ROYAL WEDDING 70th ANNIVERSARY PNC Official Issue Price

\$**17**⁹⁵



Mintage just 5,000

Struck to Proof quality from 99.9% silver, this eye-catching 50c type forms a memorable tribute to the 70th anniversary of Elizabeth II and Prince Philip – and an exclusive one! Mintage just 5,000!

2017 50c 70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SILVER PROOF
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