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## The First Fleet in silver! Mintage just 788!

Eye-catching, imposing and official, this stunning tribute to the 230th anniversary of the First Fleet is surprisingly exclusive. A dramatic underestimation of demand, the mintage of this brilliant work of numismatic art is a mere 788 coins!

2018 \$5 FIRST FLEET 230th ANNIVERSARY $20 z$ SILVER PROOF Official Issue Price
\$249
17112

Struck to High Relief Proof quality from $20 z$ of $99.9 \%$ silver

Exclusive! Worldwide mintage restricted to just 788 coins!

An imposing precious coin, spanning a whopping 55mm

Presented within a case, set in an illustrated outer box

Includes an individually numbered Certificate of Authenticity

Official Niue legal tender - available at Official Issue Price

## Not-issued-for-circulation type!

An Australian legal tender issue from the Royal Australian Mint, this new 4-coin set forms a unique tribute to Australia's convict heritage, and the 80 -year period of transportation - 1788 to 1868.

An official Australian legal tender tribute to the starting point of Australia's modern history, the 2018 \$1 Rascals \& Ratbags Al-Br Mintmark 4-Coin Set includes a C Mintmark \$1, united with M, P and S Privymark \$1. Representing a not-issued-forcirculation type - a type that will never be found in change - this affordable set is underpinned by the RAM's rigorous Unc standards, and is housed in an official pack.

2018 \$1 RASCALS \& RATBAGS AL-BR MINTMARK/PRIVYMARK 4-COIN SET Official Issue Price
s25 17859


## Straight from the RAM Gallery Press!

Struck on the RAM's gallery press in Canberra, and secured on your behalf by Downies, the new 2018 \$1 Rascals \& Ratbags C Mintmark Unc is also available individually!
The RAM is to be applauded for giving collectors the chance to strike their own 2018 \$1 Rascals \& Ratbags C Mintmark coin on the gallery press. Not every collector can get to Canberra to secure this important release individually, however - and that's where Downies steps in! We have done the leg-work, and as a result, you can own this not-issued-for-circulation type for a mere $\$ 12.95$ ! Brilliantly designed, the 2018 \$1 Rascals \& Ratbags C Mintmark is set in an official RAM pack.

## 2018 \$1 RASCALS \& RATBAGS

 C MINTMARK AL-BR UNC$\$ 12^{95}$ 17858


## Sensational in Silver

Brilliantly designed, the richly symbolic motif of the 2018 \$1 Rascals \& Ratbags Silver Proof looks magnificent when struck to the highest quality from 99.9\% pure silver.

Depicting the convict 'Broad Arrow', set in the roots of a tree growing into a map of Australia with a chain above, this intriguing motif captures the importance of our proud convict heritage to the development of the Australian nation. With the frosted details contrasting brilliantly against the mirror background, this Australian legal tender coin will trigger overwhelming demand.
Exclusive, the $25 \mathrm{~mm}, 11.66 \mathrm{~g}, 2018 \$ 1$ Rascals \& Ratbags Silver Proof is set in a RAM case with a Certificate of Authenticity confirming the mintage of just 5,000 .

2018 \$1 RASCALS \& RATBAGS SILVER PROOF
Official Issue Price

## Mintage a mere 1,500 coins!

The most prestigious Royal Australian Mint tribute to Australia's convict era, the 2018 \$10 Rascals \& Ratbags Gold Proof is a must-have for lovers of the world's favourite precious metal.
Also an essential acquisition for those with a love of the most exclusive Australian numismatic issues, the mintage of this 17.53 mm Australian legal tender coin has been restricted to a mere 1,500 coins! Crafted from $1 / 100 z$ of $99.99 \%$ pure gold, and underpinned by the RAM's exquisite Proof quality, each of those coins is beautifully presented within an official case, united with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity.

| 2018 \$10 RASCALS \& RATBAGS | $\$ 300$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1/100z GOLD PROOF |  |
| Official Issue Price | 17861 |

## The most important annual issues of 2018



Top value at an Official Issue Price of just $\$ 25$, the 2018 Mint Set features six Brilliant Uncirculated coins from 5c to $\$ 2$ - including the not-issued-for-circulation 2018 Armistice $\$ 1$ type!

| 2018 MINT SET | $\$ 25$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Official Issue Price | 17565 |



An affordable, enchanting gift, the 2018 Baby Mint Set is a must-have for collectors. Exclusive to this set, the unique, fully struck-up Possum Magic 50c is not to be issued for circulation!

| 2018 BABY MINT SET | $\$, 5$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Official Issue Price | 17567 |



The unparalleled quality of the coins, the presentation, the powerful theme, the one-year-only 2018 Armistice \$1...the 2018 Proof Set is among the finest of the 1966-2018 Proof Set Series.

| 2018 PROOF SET | $\$ 100$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Official Issue Price | 17566 |



The most prestigious way to celebrate the 2018 baby, the Possum Magic 2018 Baby Proof Set is highlighted by the 50c - the first full-colour coin in the Baby Proof Set since 2003!

| 2018 BABY PROOF SET | $\$ 125$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Official Issue Price | 17568 |



The perfect way to personalise your gift, you can choose either a 'Congratulations' band-wrap, an 'Anniversary' band-wrap or a 'Happy Birthday' band-wrap to adorn your 2018 Celebrations Proof Set!

## The perfect way to celebrate a milestone...

A wonderful way to mark a milestone moment in someone's life, the RAM has launched Australia's first Celebrations Proof Set!

Comprising six coins from the 5c to the $\$ 2$, the 2018 Celebrations Proof Set is housed in a RAM case, then presented in an outer box. Allowing you to personalise your gift, each case includes an engravable plate for a special message. The perfect finishing touch, you can also choose either a 'Congratulations', an 'Anniversary' or a 'Happy Birthday' band-wrap to adorn your set!
$\rightarrow$ Each set comprises six Proof coins from the 5c to \$2
$\rightarrow$ Set in a case with a plaque for the inscription of a personal message
$\rightarrow$ Choose either a 'Congratulations', an 'Anniversary' or a 'Happy Birthday' band-wrap!
$\rightarrow$ Perfect way to mark personal milestones in 2018


2018 CONGRATULATIONS CELEBRATION PROOF SET Official Issue Price 2018 HAPPY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PROOF SET
Official Issue Price

## Celebrating a key milestone in 2018?

If you are looking forward to a key anniversary, special birthday or memorable milestone in 2018 - or know someone who is - then we have the perfect way to mark the occasion!
Whether it's a 30th, 50th or 100th anniversary celebration, the range of Australian legal tender coin sets before you means that Downies has everyone covered. A fantastic way to celebrate a key date in someone's life, we have complete Australian legal tender sets from 1918, 1928, 1938, 1948, 1958, 1968, 1978 and 1988 in stock.

All-encompassing, each set comprises every standard type struck for circulation in the particular year of issue. The 1918 set comprises coins in Good to VG, the 1928 set in VG to Fine, the 1938 set in Good to VG, and the 1948 \& 1958 sets in Fine to VF. The three decimal sets feature coins in strictly Uncirculated condition.
Enhancing its suitability as a gift, each Australian coin collection is housed in an informative, attractive pack - ready to wrap up as the perfect present!



Issued in the final year of WWI, the George V 1918 set features the very scarce 1918 halfpenny and rare 1918M Sixpence - the second lowest mintage sixpence of the 1910-63 Sixpence Series! The set also includes the penny, threepence, shilling \& florin.

1918 6-COIN YEAR SET GOOD-VG

Comprising the copper halfpenny \& penny, as well as the sterling silver threepence, sixpence, low-mintage shilling \& florin, the 1928 set is an original artefact of the George $V$ era, and a tangible keepsake of Australia in the Roaring 20s.

## 1928 6-COIN YEAR SET VG-FINE

An historic collection, the 1938 Year Set features the very first issued Australian halfpenny, penny, threepence, sixpence, shilling and florin dates of the reign of King George VI. A highly desirable set - and a great way to celebrate an 80th birthday!

1938 6-COIN YEAR SET GOOD-VG


The second of only two Five Shillings dates, the 1938 Crown is also one of the nation's lowest mintage issues. Comprising nearly $10 z$ of sterling silver, the 38.50 mm 1938 Crown had a mintage of just 101,600! Imposing, distinctive and scarce, we have a small number in EF.

| 1938 CROWN EF | $\$ 34.5$ |
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|  | $\$ H 231$ |



Issued as Australia recovered from WWII, the 1948 Year Set is headlined by the sixpence - the lowest mintage sixpence of the reign of George VI! The set also includes the halfpenny, penny, threepence \& shilling, with no florin issued in that year.

1948 5-COIN YEAR SET F-VF


This early Queen Elizabeth II set features the 1958 penny, threepence, sixpence, shilling and florin, with no halfpenny issued in that year. In Fine to Very Fine, this 5-coin set would make the perfect 60th birthday or anniversary gift.

1958 5-COIN YEAR SET FINE-VF | \$ 4.5 |
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|  |



The coins of 1968 are extremely scarce in Unc - largely because the RAM did not issue a Mint Set in this year. Seldom set aside at issue, all five coins (1c-20c) are very tough-to-find, and the 1c, 2c \& 20c are the key issues of their denominations.

1968 5-COIN YEAR SET UNC \$399 AB675


A wonderful gift to celebrate a 40th birthday or anniversary, the 1978 Year Set includes Australia's beloved copper 1c and 2c, united with the 5c, 10c, 20c \& 50c. Housed in an attractive pack, every coin is presented in strictly Uncirculated quality!

| 1978 6-COIN YEAR SET UNC | \$,${ }^{95}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | AB685 |



One of Australia's most popular sets, the 1988 Mint Set was issued for the nation's bicentenary. Featuring the Bicentennial 50c \& \$1, Australia's first 8-coin Mint Set also includes the first $\$ 2$ date, plus the 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c \& not-issued-for-circulation 20c.

1988 8-COIN MINT SET UNC $\$ 65$

## Scarce Great War Gold!

The Gold Sovereigns struck during WWI enable the collector to create a powerful connection with those who served Australia with such distinction in "the war to end all wars". An important opportunity, we have a tiny number of complete sovereign trios from 1914 to 1917 available - all in Extremely Fine to about Uncirculated quality!
Uniting the timeless beauty of Pistrucci's St George \& the Dragon reverse with the distinguished features of King George V, all WWI sovereigns are scarce today. Whilst in part due to the low mintages, and the number melted for the gold in the century since struck, the difficulty in tracking down WWI dates is largely due to the fact that these coins are inextricably linked with Australia's Baptism of Fire.
Struck in the years that 330,000 Australians set off overseas to defend the British Empire, these coins represent Australian history you can hold in your hands. Demand during the Centenary of WWI has therefore naturally been extremely strong, and these coins are harder to track down than ever before.
Comprising three sovereigns struck at the branches of the Royal Mint in Melbourne, Perth and Sydney respectively, each trio is set in a timber case with a Certificate of Authenticity.


|  | 1914 M,S,P SOVEREIGN TRIO EF-aUNC | $\$ 2,906$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |



1916 M,S,P SOVEREIGN TRIO EF-aUNC


1827
1917 M,S,P SOVEREIGN TRIO EF-aUNC

## The Sovereigns of 1918

A poignant acquisition as we honour the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, we are delighted to be able to present the COMPLETE 1918 Sovereign Trio in premium grade Extremely Fine to about Uncirculated. Very scarce today, in part due to demand in Britain, which did not strike sovereigns in the last year of the war, we have a tiny number of trios available, as well as a few individual coins - mint of our choice.
$\rightarrow$ Comprises the 1918S, 1918P and 1918M Australian Gold Sovereigns
$\rightarrow$ Premium quality, the three coins grade from Extremely Fine to about Uncirculated
$\rightarrow$ Beautifully presented in a plush timber case, complete with a Certificate of Authenticity
$\rightarrow$ With all three 1918 Sovereigns scarce, we have limited numbers in stock



## Features real jade!

The latest in one of the world's most innovative series, we are delighted to have secured an allocation of the 2018 2000K Lunar Dog Jade $20 z$ Silver Proof!

A truly unique tribute to the Year of the Dog in the Chinese Lunar Calendar, struck from $20 z$ of $99.9 \%$ pure silver, this superbly designed Laos legal tender coin has one key feature - the genuine Burmese jade insert! The perfect complement to the lustrous silver surfaces, the jade ring surrounds an eye-catching depiction of a dog finished in pure gold.
With the mintage a mere 2,888 , and this series so popular worldwide, we have been able to secure just a handful of this majestic 55 mm coin - each set in a case with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity.

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2018 2000K LUNAR DOG JADE \(20 z\) SILVER PROOF
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$\$ 295$
17899


## On the cusp of a sell-out

On the cusp of a sell-out, we have just a few examples of the 2018 \$8 Lunar Dog $50 z$ Silver Proof remaining in stock! Underpinned by the stunning design, lustrous Proof quality, imposing dimensions and superb presentation, this exceptional gold-plated Silver Proof is also defined by the strictly limited availability. Severely depleted due to the predictably strong worldwide demand, the mintage of the 2018 \$8 Lunar Dog $50 z$ Silver Proof is a mere 500 coins.

Perhaps your last opportunity to add this commanding 65 mm precious metal Proof to your collection, each Niue legal tender coin is set in a lavish timber case with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity.

| 2018 \$8 LUNAR DOG 5oz | $\$ 525$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| SILVER PROOF |  |
| Official Issue Price | 15282 |

## Your one \& only opportunity?

A phenomenal fusion of $99.99 \%$ silver and genuine Australian opal, this unique coin forms a breathtaking tribute to the Year of the Dog - and an exclusive one! The worldwide mintage is just 5,000 coins! Commanding the attention of collectors around the globe, the Perth Mint's Lunar Opal Series has been a barnstorming success. With the first two issues in the series - celebrating the Monkey and the Rooster - completely sold out, the opportunity to guarantee supply of this stunning new release must be grasped with both hands.

Indeed, we were only able to offer the Monkey and Rooster Opal coins just once in Money, so this may well be your ONLY opportunity to secure the $2018 \$ 1$ Year of the Dog Opal $10 z$ Silver Proof. Don't miss it.
$\rightarrow$ Includes a dazzling piece of genuine, pure Australian opal
$\rightarrow$ Struck to Proof quality from $10 z$ of $99.99 \%$ pure silver
$\rightarrow$ Mintage restricted to a mere 5,000 coins - sell-out certain
$\rightarrow$ Australian legal tender - measures 36.60 mm in diameter
$\rightarrow$ Set within an official Perth Mint case - with a light in the lid!
$\rightarrow$ Complete with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity

2018 \$1 YEAR OF THE DOG OPAL $10 z$ SLLVER PROOF Official Issue Price
s115 17852

PERTH MINT australia

Authorised Distributor



## 14-sided Dog 50c!

Not issued for circulation, Australia's seventh 14 -sided 50 c coin type is a must-have for a complete collection. Struck to Unc standard, each coin is set in a RAM pack.

## 2018 50c YEAR OF THE DOG TETRA-DECAGON CU-NI BU Official Issue Price



Not found in change
Crucial to those looking to maintain a complete $\$ 1$ collection, the RAM's 2018 \$1 Year of the Dog Unc will not be issued for circulation and will never be found in change!

## 2018 \$1 YEAR OF THE DOG AL-BR UNC

Official Issue Price


## The 1910-64 Predecimal Type Set -

An opportunity for you to build a comprehensive overview of our first national coinage, we are delighted to present Australia's 1910-64 Predecimal Type Sets.
Collecting by 'type' - by design, without reference to date - has long been a popular way to gain a definitive appreciation of our currency. These sets are ideal
for that purpose, as collectively they represent every obverse and reverse type for every denomination from 1910 to 1964. Brilliantly presented within sturdy, illustrated, informative albums, the 4-set collection comprises the Halfpenny \& Penny 10-Coin Type Set, the Threepence \& Sixpence 12-Coin Type Set,
the Shilling \& Florin 12-Coin Type Set and Commemorative Florin \& Crown 5-Coin Type Set. Importantly, the last-mentioned set is headlined by the rare 1934-35 Centenary Florin!

Buy all four sets, create the COMPLETE 39-coin 1910-64 Predecimal Type Set, and SAVE a whopping $\$ 100$ !


For more world coins \& banknotes, visit www.downies.com


- Marks the 60th anniversary of WWII
- Australia's 4th circulating 20c type
- Outstanding value, and Unc quality!

2005 20c WWII ANNVERSARY UNC | $\$ 750$ |
| ---: |
| AK579 |



- Important \$1 type - strictly Unc!
- Low-mintage: not issued for circulation
- Each coin set in an official RAM pack


## 2003 \$1 VIETNAM WAR 30th

 ANNIVERSARY UNC$\$ 45$
AHB9


- Fifth full-colour circulating type
- Inspired by poem In Flanders Fields
- Offered in Unc, in a custom-made pack


## 2015 \$2 REMEMBRANCE DAY

 AL-BR COIN PACK


- Perfect partner for the coin at left
- Poignant depiction of a WWII service
- Unc quality - and just \$7.50 apiece!

2005 50c WWII 60th ANNIVERSARY UNC
$\$ 750$
AK581


- Our third circulating full-colour $\$ 2$
- Essential for a complete collection
- In Unc, housed in a custom-made pack

| 2014 \$2 REMEMBRANCE DAY | $\$ 2495$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| AL-BR COIN PACK | 10680 |



- A crucial one-year-only $\$ 2$ type
- Instantly hoarded out of circulation
- Top value-for-money at just \$10!

2017 \$2 LEST WE FORGET AL-BR COIN PACK


- Australia's most sought after \$1 issue
- Marks 100 years since our first VC
- Not-issued-for-circulation type!

2000 \$1 VICTORIA CROSS CENTENARY UNC


- Honours the centenary of Gallipoli
- Impossible to find in circulation
- Offered in strictly Unc quality

2015 \$2 LEST WE FORGET AL-BR COIN PACK
${ }^{\text {s }} 19^{95}$ 12513


- Poignant 2017 Remembrance Day tribute
- Offered in Uncirculated quality
- Top value-for-money at just $\$ 10$.

2017 \$2 REMEMBRANCE DAY AL-BR COIN PACK

## A fitting finale...

Offering a rich insight into life on the Australian homefront, the Perth Mint's Australian Posters of WWI Silver Proof Collection is complete.

A fitting finale, the concluding coin in this much-admired series pays homage to the Peace Bonds campaigns - created to raise funds for the pensions and resettlement of ex-servicemen after the conflict. Capturing Australia's WWI history in full-colour, the recreation of the Peace Bonds poster is beautifully accommodated by the $47.60 \mathrm{~mm} \times 27.60 \mathrm{~mm}$ rectangular flan.
Official Australian legal tender, each 99.9\% silver Proof is set in a case with a Certificate confirming the mintage of 5,000.

| 2018 \$1 POSTERS OF WWI | $\mathbf{\$ g} 9$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| PEACE BONDS $10 z ~ S I L V E R ~ P R O O F ~$ | 17856 |
| Official Issue Price |  |

See Order Form for previous series releases

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## The end of WWI...

apt commemoration of the end of the First World War. Taken from a mintage of just 5,000 , each coin is set in a case with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity.
$2018 \$ 10$ CENTENARY OF WWI SILVER PROOF PAIR Official Issue Price

17580


## Britain's new 2018 Mint Set!

One of the world's finest BU coin collections, the Royal Mint's annual Mint Set has just been unveiled!
Featuring the eight definitive coins, including the Britannia $£ 2$ and 12 -sided $£ 1$, the 13-coin 2018 Mint Set is distinguished by five unique, one-year-only commemoratives.

Headlined by the imposing $38.61 \mathrm{~mm} £ 5$ Crown, issued for the 5th birthday of Prince George, the set also includes the RAF 100th Anniversary £2, Frankenstein Bicentenary £2, Armistice Centenary £1 and Representation of the People Act Centenary 50p.

A sweeping appreciation of British coinage in 2018, this collection is set within a typically impressive Royal Mint pack.

GB 2018 MINT SET (13 COINS)

## Just a few remaining in stock!

Your last chance to secure this outstanding Brilliant Uncirculated collection, we have a tiny number of the Royal Mint's 2017 Mint Set remaining in stock! Highlighted by FIVE unique, one-year-only
commemoratives and the first 12 -sided $£ 1$ coin, the 13 -coin set is housed in an official pack.

| GB 2017 MINT SET | $\$ 129$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| (13 COINS) | 15864 |



## Pinnacle of British collector coinage

Representing the pinnacle of British numismatics, the Royal Mint's 2018 Proof Set is the epitome of quality, prestige and presentation.
Beautifully presented within lavish Royal Mint packaging, the 2018 Proof Set features 13 coins, with each struck to the finest standards of the Royal Mint. Headlined by FIVE unique commemoratives - the Prince George Birthday $£ 5$, RAF 100th Anniversary £2, Frankenstein Bicentenary £2, Armistice Centenary $£ 1$ and Representation of the People Act Centenary 50 p - the set also includes the eight definitive denominations from the 1 p to the $£ 2$.
Also featuring the Royal Mint Medallion, the 2018 Proof Set is a strictly limited edition, with only 10,000 sets issued worldwide.

GB 2018 PROOF SET (13 COINS)

## Quality, presentation and limited availability

A cracking combination of quality, presentation and limited availability, we have just a few of the 2017 Proof Set in stock. Highlighted by five commemoratives, including TW0 £5 Crowns, the set includes the eight
definitives from the $1 p$ to the $£ 2$. Limited stocks available - immediate action a must!

| GB 2017 PROOF SET | $\$ 349$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| (13 COINS) | 15866 |

## NEW <br> RELEASE

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## Coil Stamps - distinctive, scarce and sought after...

Originating in the 19th century, 'coil' stamps were created for sale through vending machines. Printed in sheet form, the stamps were separated and formed into strips, then made into rolls. Featuring larger perforations to make them easier to tear off, coil stamps are sought
after - as are 'coil joins', where stamps are physically affixed to each other to facilitate the creation of a complete roll. Some coil stamps were also accidentally issued in their original sheet form, and can be secured as Blocks of Four. We have a grand variety of Coil stamps available!


This vertical strip of 1942 1d Queen Mother stamps features clear evidence of the manual join between two of the stamps, to facilitate the creation of a complete roll to be dispensed in a vending machine in Mint Unhinged condition, such 'coil joins' are scarce and highly sought after by collectors.

## 1942 1d BROWN QUEEN MOTHER

 COIL STRIP OF 4 WITH JOIN MUH $\qquad$17911


Scarce coil Block of Four from late in the reign of King George VI - splendid MUH quality!

1951 2d GREEN QUEEN MOTHER COIL BLOCK OF 4 WITH NORMAL BLOCK MUH (8 STAMPS)


In pristine Mint Unhinged condition - as with every stamp issue on this page.

1959 3d GREEN COIL BLOCK OF 4 WITH NORMAL BLOCK MUH (8 STAMPS)


Perfect partner for strip at left, the Princess Elizabeth 1948 1d strip likewise features a 'coil join'.

## 1948 1d PRINCESS ELIZABETH COIL

STRIP OF 4 WITH JOIN MUH


Each large perforation block complete with a normal block - as with each Block of Four on this page.


Seldom offered, the 1959 5d Blue coil is considered very scarce in this format.

1959 5d BLUE COIL BLOCK OF 4 WITH NORMAL BLOCK MUH (8 STAMPS)


Taken from original sheets before separated for the construction of vending machine rolls. Top value!


Surprisingly affordable given the scarcity of Coil Blocks of Four in Mint Unhinged - as here.


Comprises a whopping NINE different Coil strips of four - in strictly Mint Unhinged quality!

## DECIMAL COIL ISSUES STRIP OF 4 <br> COMPLETE SET (36 STAMPS)



A true icon of international philatelics, Britain's 1840 Penny Black was the world's first postage stamp. With a profile that extends well beyond the world of philatelics, the 1840 Penny Black is the world's most famous stamp issue.

Signalling a revolution in communication, the Penny Black was introduced to thwart rampant postal fraud in Britain. The cornerstone of every serious stamp collection, this iconic 177-year-old stamp features a portrait of the young Queen Victoria - crowned just three years before the Penny Black was issued.

Desirable in any condition, we have individual Penny Blacks in Fine Used, as well as a tiny number of this world-famous stamp set on original envelope covers! A landmark opportunity for Downies clients, we recommend immediate action.
$\rightarrow 1840$ Penny Black: world's first stamp!
$\rightarrow$ A crucial international philatelic type
$\rightarrow$ Offered as an individual stamp: tiny number of Penny Black Covers also available
$\rightarrow$ Remarkably affordable, both issues are in pleasing Fine Used condition


1840 PENNY BLACK FINE USED


1840 PENNY BLACK FINE USED ON COVER

For more information or to order, email us at info@downies.com

## The first polymer \$20!

Representing the dawn of a new era in Australian currency history, the 1994 Fraser/Evans $\$ 20$ was the nation's first polymer $\$ 20$. An important element of every collection, we have this 'first issue' type in strictly Uncirculated quality!

With 24 years passing since first issued, it is impossible to secure Australia's first polymer $\$ 20$ from change in premium grade. Following our acquisition of an original bundle, we not only have the pleasure of presenting this key issue in Unc, but can offer both single notes and Consecutive Pairs! Surprisingly affordable, we expect the bundle of 100 notes to be blown away in short order. Don't miss out!



## 2007 \$20 R421aL STEVENS/

 HENRY LAST PREFIX UNC2007 \$20 R421aL STEVENS/HENRY LAST PREFIX CONSEC PAIR UNC
$\$ 125$
16884

## Last Prefix in Unc

Taken from an original RBA bundle of 100, and therefore underpinned by strictly Uncirculated quality, we are delighted to present the 2007 \$20 Stevens/Henry JC07 Last Prefix banknote!

Signifying the end of the print-run for the first year of issue of the Stevens/Henry signature combination, the $2007 \mathrm{JC07} \$ 20$ note is highly sought after in top grade - as with all First and Last Prefix issues. An affordable opportunity to fill that gap in your collection, our acquisition of an original bundle enables us to offer single notes at just $\$ 65$, and Consecutive pairs at $\$ 125$ ! With only 100 notes available, you must act now.

## First \& Last Prefix Pair!

The perfect polymer partners, we have available a tiny number of 2017 \$10 Fraser/Lowe First \& Last Prefix Pairs!

Whether predecimal or decimal, paper or polymer, First and Last Prefix issues are among the most sought after of all Australian banknotes. Denoting the beginning or the end of a signature combination, or an annual print run, these landmark notes are desired for their importance, history and long-term potential - particularly when found in premium condition.
A must-have for serious collectors, we have the AA17 and EA17 Fraser/Lowe $\$ 10$ notes in strictly Uncirculated condition.

| 2017 \$10 LOWE/FRASER FIRST | $\$ 99^{95}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| \& LAST PREFIX PAIR UNC | 17865 |

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Plastic Fantastic! Australia's new \$10!
Underpinned by a host of new features, and new designs of Australian icons Banjo Paterson and Mary Gilmore, the Reserve Bank of Australia's $2017 \$ 10$ Next Generation Unc is an essential component of every collection. The first note with Fraser/Lowe signatures, each Unc $\$ 10$ is set in an RBA folder.

## RBA 2017 \$10 NEXT GENERATION UNC $\$ 16$ <br> Official Issue Price <br> 17149

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reasons, and will not be found on the actual notes.


## Two Generations of the $\$ 10$

Uniting an example of the first Banjo Paterson $\$ 10$ type - first seen in 1993 - with an example of the new $2017 \$ 10$ Lowe/ Fraser note, the RBA 2017 \$10 Two Generations Unc Pair is the perfect keepsake of the transition of the $\$ 10$. In Uncirculated quality, the two notes are united within an RBA folder.

RBA $\$ 10$ TWO GENERATIONS UNC PAIR
${ }^{\$ 3} 0^{50}$
17150

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reasons, and will not be found on the actual notes.

## Genuine coins of Alexander the Great

Establishing an empire that stretched from Gibraltar to India, Alexander the Great is one of history's most famous figures. It doesn't matter whether you collect Ancient coins, to hold a coin of Alexander is to hold the history of western civilisation in your hands.

Struck approximately 2,500 years ago, these genuine Ancient Greek coins give you just that chance. A mouthwatering opportunity, we have three different Alexander types available, with a limited number of Gold Staters, Silver Tetradrachms and Silver Drachms in stock.


## Rare, prestigious and breathtakingly beautiful

A stark illustration that the coinage of the Ancient Greeks was as much art as currency, the Gold Stater is simply stunning to behold when found in high grade. A glorious union of great rarity, rich history and the unique mystique of 'the noble metal', the Alexander the Great Gold Stater is sought after across the globe. Very rare in VF as here!
ALEXANDER THE GREAT
GOLD STATER VF



## The key silver coin of the Ancient World

The cornerstone of many an Ancient collection, the Alexander Silver Tetradrachm was the primary silver denomination of Ancient Greece, and a trusted international trade coin. A thick, weighty, imposing piece, spanning around 25 mm , this powerful silver coin is surprisingly affordable given the extraordinary history it represents.

| ALEXANDER THE GREAT | $\$ 995$ |
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| SILVER TETRADRACHM VF | 11286 |



## A surprisingly affordable artefact of Alexander

Bearing powerful, universal symbols, intended to inspire confidence in the currency and confirm Alexander as absolute ruler, the Silver Drachm features divine hero Herakles on the reverse, with Zeus, King of the Gods, found upon the obverse. Struck nearly 2,500 years ago, this famous Ancient Greek coin represents remarkable value.

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| SILVER DRACHM VF | 13962 |



From the long, pivotal reign of Emperor Justinian I (527-565AD), this beautifully preserved 1,500 -year-old coin has been conservatively graded at Very Fine. A stunning addition to any collection.


Depicting the Emperor Constantine VII and his son Romanus on the reverse, this well-centred, superbly struck 1,000+ year-old Gold Solidus bears a strong portrait of Jesus Christ on the obverse.

CONSTANTINE VII \& ROMANUS I 913-959AD SOLIDUS aVF


A phenomenally affordable opportunity for you to add some genuine Byzantine gold to your collection, this nicely detailed Histamenon of Constantine IX depicts Jesus Christ on the obverse.

CONSTANTINE IX 1042-1055AD HISTAMENON FINE HOLED


This superbly detailed Gold Solidus of Emperor Constans II ( $641-68 \mathrm{AD}$ ) has been assessed and officially graded by leading 3rd party coin verifiers ICG at MS63 - equivalent of 'as struck' EF.

CONSTANS II 641-668AD SOLIDUS ICG MS63


Strangled in his bath on the orders of his wife in 1034AD, Romanus was devoted to the Virgin Mary. Mary is seen crowning the emperor on the reverse, with her son, Jesus Christ, on the obverse.

ROMANUS III 1028-1034AD HISTAMENON aVF


A beautiful, strongly detailed Byzantine gold coin, bearing the portrait of Christ, the single Hyperpyron of Emperor Manuel I (1143-1180AD) we have available has been officially graded at EF45.

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