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2018 World Money Fair



The world's biggest coin and note show!

Headlined by the majestic 2018 \$10 Great Barrier Reef 5oz Silver Proof, there was a stunning array of coins unveiled at the 2018 World Money Fair. Our presence at the Show ensured we had access to 'the best of the best', as you will see over the first few pages of your February Money magazine.





The Red-back is back - in GOLD!

Representing a triumphant return for one of the most admired designs in Australian numismatics, this stunning 99.99% pure gold tribute to the iconic Red-Back Spider is eyecatching, prestigious and exclusive. The mintage is just 150 coins!

2018 \$100 RED-BACK SPIDER 10z GOLD PROOF Official Issue Price \$**2,995**

- → Struck from a troy ounce of 99.99% pure, lustrous, prestigious gold
- → Underpinned by exquisite Proof quality – superbly enhanced with colour
- Exclusive! Tiny worldwide mintage restricted to a mere 150 coins!

- → Official legal tender issue of Niue spans 40mm in diameter
- → Set in a lavish timber case with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity



NumisMatters

Proud to represent
Australian numismatics on
the global stage, Downies has
been present at every World
Money Fair since the mid90s. This year was to prove
no exception, as we headed
to Europe to attend the 2018
World Money Fair in Berlin.

Held from the 2nd to the 4th of February, the 2018 World Money Fair was once again a tremendous success. The largest numismatic festival in the world, the 2018 edition brought together more than 300 dealers, issuing authorities and exhibitors from over fifty countries, with perhaps as many as 15,000 collectors attending the extravaganza across the three days. An ideal forum for the exchange of ideas and information on collecting, the Fair is also the perfect platform for coin producers to unveil the latest trends and technological developments.

Downies presence 'on the ground' at such a prestigious event as the 2018 World Money Fair puts us in prime position to secure key Show Product on behalf of our clients — as you will see from the first few pages of your February Money magazine!

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Finished in real GOLD!

Taking the RAM's 2018 Year of the Dog 50c to a new level, this official 2018 World Money Fair release has been finished in pure, genuine GOLD!

Truly eye-catching when finished in the world's favourite precious metal, this new release is just as notable for the limited availability. Set in an official WMF pack, the mintage has been set at 5,000! As a result of our attendance at the 2018 World Money Fair in Berlin, we managed to secure a small number of this affordable coin. Don't miss out!



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Video now available online! downies.com/2018WMF

2018 50c YEAR OF THE DOG TETRADECAGON GOLD PLATED CU-NI UNC \$29⁹⁵





Unique Privymark \$1

The latest in the RAM's World Money Fair 'pictorial privymark' series, the 2018 \$1 Brandenburg Gate Privymark Al-Br Unc will be as sought after as its predecessors.

Graced with a privymark featuring the Brandenburg Gate – one of the world's most famous landmarks – demand for this coin in Germany was huge. We secured an allocation from the mintage of 5,000, but a sell-out is inevitable. Act now, and guarantee supply of this unique, exclusive Australian legal tender type!



2018 \$1 MOB OF ROOS BRANDENBURG GATE PRIVYMARK AL-BR UNC



Natural wonder in silver & gold

An official World Money Fair issue, the 2018 \$10 Great Barrier Reef 5oz Silver Proof is a captivating tribute to one of the world's great natural wonders. With the mintage only 500, however, this spectacular coin will be available for a limited time only. With its predecessors – the 2016 Decimal Changeover and 2017 Emblems of Australia 5oz Silver Proofs – sold out, this opportunity must not be missed.

- → Struck to flawless Proof quality from FIVE OUNCES of 99.9% silver
- → Mintage a mere 500 selectively plated with pure 24-carat gold
- → Official legal tender of Niue measures a massive 65mm in diameter
- → Set in a plush timber case with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity
- → An official 2018 World Money Fair issue set in a WMF outer box





2018 \$10 GREAT BARRIER REEF 50z SILVER PROOF Official Issue Price



Downies is delighted to have secured an allocation of the Royal Australian Mint's 2018 World Money Fair Mint Set!

An official 2018 World Money Fair release, set within a unique World Money Fair outer sleeve, this set is extremely exclusive. The limited edition is a mere 1,250! Given the popularity of the series, this figure is minuscule, and a sell-out is assured. And once gone, this set will simply disappear from the market – as with every WMF Mint Set from 2006 to 2017.

- → Comprises six Australian legal tender coins (5c-\$2)
- → Headlined by the notissued-for-circulation Armistice \$1 type
- → Each coin struck to the RAM's rigorous BU standard
- → Tiny limited edition restricted to a mere 1,250 sets – sell-out certain

- Not available at the RAM, Downies has secured a limited allocation
- → Set in an official RAM pack, with a unique, distinctive WMF outer sleeve!



2018 BERLIN WORLD MONEY FAIR MINT SET

\$49⁹⁵



Australia's 2c in High Relief Silver Proof!

Launched at the World Money Fair in Berlin, this official Australian Show Product from the RAM pays homage to Australia's beloved Frilled-Neck Lizard 2c – in High Relief Silver Proof!

Capturing Stuart Devlin's iconic motif in unparalleled depth and detail, this Australian legal tender 2c silver coin also carries the Maklouf portrait of Elizabeth II – the final effigy used on circulating 2c coins. With the 1,500-coin mintage sure to sell-out at speed, and Downies having secured only a tiny allocation, you must act now.

- → Tiny mintage a mere 1,500– sell-out certain!
- → Comprises one troy ounce of 99.9% pure silver
- Underpinned by the RAM's exquisite High Relief Proof standards
- → Australian legal tender spans 32mm in diameter

- → Carries the second decimal portrait of Elizabeth II, by Raphael Maklouf
- Beautifully presented within an official RAM case, set in an official WMF outer box

2018 2c ORIGINAL DESIGN HIGH RELIEF 1oz SILVER PROOF Official Issue Price

Scarce in any condition



1926 10/- R05 KELL/COLLINS VG-aFINE



A highly sought after note from the Roaring 20s, we have a tiny number available of the 1926 10/-Kell/Collins banknote.

The 1920s saw a remarkable number of short-lived signature combinations appear on Australian banknotes, and the Kell/Collins signature combination was no exception. Ten Shillings notes bearing the Kell/Collins signatures, for example, were printed only from May 2, 1927 to February 1928.

Extremely scarce today, with the high circulation 10/- note withdrawn and destroyed after 14 months in the 1920s on average, we have this iconic Australian predecimal note available in Very Good to about Fine. At less than \$700 apiece, our stocks will be wiped out at speed – do not delay your order!

Remarkable value-for-money!



1928 10/- R07 RIDDLE/ HEATHERSHAW VG-aFINE



First seen in circulation as Australia stood on the cusp of crisis, poised to plunge into the Great Depression, the 1928 10/- Riddle/Heathershaw note is a fundamental component of any serious Australian banknote collection.

Scarce to rare across the grades, and highly sought after regardless of the condition, the 1928 10/-Riddle/Heathershaw is a highly distinctive early predecimal Australian banknote. Graced with the second Ten Shillings design type, each note is also distinguished by the red 'Half Sovereign' overprint.

Grading from Very Good to about Fine, and yours at an astonishingly affordable \$395 apiece, you will never get a better opportunity to secure this key George V banknote.







The first issue bearing Australia's second £1 note design type, the 1923 £1 Miller/Collins is sought after in any grade – and very tough-to-find today. An essential component of any serious Australian banknote collection, we have this 90+ year-old note in highly collectable Fine to good Fine. Representing excellent value-for-money for such an historic 'first-of-its-kind' issue, you must not miss this opportunity.

1923 £1 R23 MILLER/COLLINS FINE-gFINE





As with its predecessor, the Kell/Collins £1, the 1927 £1 Kell/Heathershaw was an extremely short-lived note issue. Indeed, £1 notes during this signature combination were printed only from February 1927 to January 1928! With £1 notes having an average lifespan of around a year in circulation, this key note is understandably scarce. We have five examples of the 1927 £1 Kell/Heathershaw note in Very Good to about Fine.

1927 £1 R25 KELL/HEATHERSHAW VG-afine

\$**795**18063



The 1926 £1 Kell/Collins banknote was among Australia's shortest-lived types. This highly sought after Roaring 20s banknote was issued for just a year, from April 12, 1926 to April 1927! Printed in relatively low numbers, the 1926 £1 Kell/Collins is naturally very scarce, irrespective of the condition. A must-have at \$895 apiece for such a scarce note, we have a few examples available in Fine.

1926 £1 R24 KELL/COLLINS FINE





Desired for the scarcity, the antiquity, the beauty and the powerful link with the Great Depression, the 1927 Riddle/Heathershaw £1 is highly sought after in any grade. A mouth-watering opportunity for any collector, we have this key King George V banknote at a surprisingly affordable \$395! First issued over 90 years ago, and offered in highly collectable Fine to good Fine, we have limited stocks available.

1927 £1 R26 RIDDLE/ HEATHERSHAW FINE-gFINE



From Portugal to Proclamation!

The international flavour of the currency used in the early days of European Settlement in Australia could scarcely be better epitomised than by the Gold Half Johanna. Circulating widely in colonial Australia, the Gold Half Johanna was struck for Portugal in its colonial possession of Brazil!

Although struck in extremely limited numbers, the Portuguese-Brazilian Gold Half Johanna circulated around the world as an internationally accepted trade coin. Naturally enough, this key coin made its way to Britain's new southern outpost, circulating extensively amid the wild mix of foreign currency, rum and worthless promissory notes.

Important enough to be included in the Currency Proclamation of 1800- Australia's first official currency system — at a value of £2, the Portuguese-Brazilian Gold Half Johanna is one of the building blocks upon which the study of numismatics has been built. Sought after for the great beauty, rich history and unquestionable rarity, we have THREE different Half Johanna types available!

BUY ALL \$4,995! SAVE \$290! A genuine artefact of Australia's colonial heritage, we have the seldom seen Gold Half Johanna struck during the long reign of Jose I – King of Portugal from 1750 to 1777. Very scarce irrespective of the grade, and graced with Jose's distinctive portrait on the obverse, we have three examples of this prestigious Proclamation gold type in strong Very Fine condition.

1750-77 4 ESCUDOS JOSEPH I GOLD HALF JOHANNA VF \$1,995 18091



Extremely rare but surprisingly affordable, the Gold Half Johanna was issued in the name of Maria I and her husband Pedro III of Portugal only from 1777 until the death of the latter in 1786. Bearing a conjoined portrait of Maria and Pedro, united with the traditional Portuguese Shield of Arms, we have this short-lived Half Johanna type in Fine to Very Fine quality.

1777-86 4 ESCUDOS MARIA & PEDRO GOLD HALF JOHANNA F-VF

\$1,495 18092



Although Maria collapsed into despair upon the death of Pedro in 1786, and took little part in governmental affairs thereafter, the Gold Half Johanna was struck in her name until her son Joao assumed the regency in 1799. In very impressive condition, the few Half Johannas we have in stock are in strong good Very Fine quality, with excellent detail evident in the designs.

1787-1804 4 ESCUDOS MARIA I GOLD HALF JOHANNA GVF \$1,795 18120



Complete George V Sydney Mint Collection!

Seldom seen on the market, we are delighted to present the 1911-16 Sydney Mint Half Sovereign Complete Collection!

The first few years of the reign of George V were among the most tumultuous of the 20th century, with Europe engulfed by the firestorm of war. Beyond the horror of the carnage, the consequences of WWI were widespread. In particular, the economic impact was huge, with the war ensuring the death of circulating gold currency. Thus, the early years of George V also represent the last years of the Half Sovereign.

Naturally enough, as the last of the historic 1855-1918 Australian series, George V Half Sovereigns are sought after worldwide – particularly Sydney Mint Half Sovereigns. This collection comprises an example of each date in the George V Sydney Mint Series, with the 1911S, 1912S, 1914S, 1915S and 1916S all represented.

Defined by tiny mintages and high circulation rates, these key 'dates' are scarce in high grade – in part due to the number melted for the gold. A fantastic opportunity, we have just three complete sets in VF to about Uncirculated.

1911-16 SYDNEY MINT HALF SOVEREIGN COMPLETE COLLECTION VF-aUNC

\$2,975 14117



The Last Half Sovereign

The last date of the 1855-1918 Australian Half Sovereign Series, the Perth Mint's rare 1918P Half Sovereign is one of Australia's most vital gold coins.

Although Perth Mint records indicate that no half sovereigns were struck in 1918, it is thought that 200 to 300 coins exist. Extremely rare, especially in premium grade as here, this coin is naturally the key to the series. We have just one example of this highly desirable gold rarity available, in seldom seen Extremely Fine quality. Immediate action a must!





Star of the 70th Anniversary celebrations!

A masterwork of modern minting, defined by the unusual flan, the 2017 \$1 Royal Star 70th Wedding Anniversary 1oz Silver Proof has naturally proved very popular. Indeed, this may be your last chance to secure this stunning 40mm x 40mm legal tender coin!

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

2017 \$1 ROYAL STAR 70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 10Z SILVER PROOF Official Issue Price \$199 16310



A Golden Tribute

Eye-catching and exclusive, we are delighted to have secured an allocation of the Royal Engagement Gold-plated Commemorative Medallion!

Struck to Proof quality, and finished in 24-carat gold, this 38.61mm medallion features the initials of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle upon the reverse,

surrounded by an heraldic wreath and crown. A superbly detailed appreciation of Buckingham Palace graces the obverse.

A strictly limited edition, with a mere 4,950 issued, the Royal Engagement Gold-plated Commemorative Medallion is set in a case with a Certificate of Authenticity.

THE ROYAL ENGAGEMENT GOLD PLATED COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION

\$49⁹⁵

Just FOUR in stock!

One of Australia's most popular Royal Family commemoratives, we have managed to track down FOUR of the 2003 \$1 Prince William 21st Birthday 1oz Silver Proof! Taken from a mintage of 12,500 – sold out at speed in 2003 – each 40mm 99.9% silver coin is set in a Perth Mint case with a numbered Certificate. Seldom offered, you must not miss this opportunity!

2003 \$1 PRINCE WILLIAM 1oz SILVER PROOF \$215 AH828



Four Generations of Royalty – official British tributes



An affordable opportunity

Bearing an impressive heraldic design, this new release represents the first time that the Queen, her son the Prince of Wales, her grandson the Duke of Cambridge and her great-grandson Prince George have all been honoured on the same coin.

Enabling everyone to celebrate 'Four Generations of British Royalty',

the Royal Mint has issued this official, affordable British tribute. Fantastic value-for-money, each 38.61mm British legal tender coin is set in an official Royal Mint pack.

2018 £5 FOUR GENERATIONS OF ROYALTY CU-NI BU \$**29**⁹⁵





Striking in silver...

An official British tribute, this richly symbolic Silver Proof from the Royal Mint gives you the chance to honour the Four Generations of the Royal Family in lustrous precious metal.

Struck to the height of Proof quality from 28.28 grams of sterling silver, this official British legal tender coin is surprisingly exclusive.

The mintage has been limited to a crazy 5,000 coins! Spanning 38.61mm in diameter, each Proof coin is set in a Royal Mint case with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity.

2018 £5 FOUR GENERATIONS OF ROYALTY SILVER PROOF

\$**149**

Worldwide mintage just 1,000!

Struck to immaculate Proof quality from a quarter of a troy ounce of 99.9% pure gold, this majestic British legal tender coin forms a prestigious tribute to the Four Generations of British Royalty – and an exclusive one. The mintage has been restricted to just 1,000 coins!

A must-have for anyone with a passion for the world's favourite

precious metal, each 22mm diameter Gold Proof £25 is presented in an official Royal Mint case, accompanied by a numbered Certificate of Authenticity.

2018 £5 FOUR GENERATIONS OF ROYALTY 1/4oz GOLD PROOF





Stunning value at \$14 per full-colour coin!

Honouring the people who played such a key role in the creation of Australia, this collection is eye-catching, exclusive and very affordable. Fantastic value given the limited edition of just 5,000, you pay just \$14 per gold-plated, full-colour coin!

- → Strictly limited edition of just 5,000
- → Includes nine real Australian pennies finished in genuine 24-carat gold!
- → Each penny distinguished by a vibrant enamelled full-colour design
- → Set in a case with a 12-page historical booklet incorporating a Certificate



Shock Captain Cook discovery!

A sought after tribute to the 'Discoverer of the East Coast', we were shocked to recently discover FIVE 2009 \$1 Captain Cook 1oz Silver Proof 4-Coin Sets! Comprising four Perth Mint-struck 40mm 99.9% silver legal tender coins, each uniting a full-colour motif

with a letter of Cook's name, this strictly limited edition (mintage 1,779) has not appeared on the market in years.

2009 \$1 CAPTAIN COOK 1oz 4-COIN SILVER PROOF SET







New High Relief Silver Series launched!



The Roman Empire was one of the greatest superpowers the world has ever known, with its success largely based on the strength, discipline and organisation of its military. The perfect way to start the Perth Mint's new Warfare Series, we are delighted to unveil this exquisitely struck tribute to the Roman Army!

Bringing a fierce battle between Roman soldiers and Celtic warriors to life with High Relief minting, this Tuvalu legal tender issue is sure to continue the unmitigated success of the Mint's rimless Antiqued silver coins. Crafted from 2oz of 99.99% silver, and spanning 40.60mm in diameter, the mintage of 2,000 is sure to be crushed beneath the weight of demand.

In a first for the Mint, the first coin in the Warfare Series is accompanied by 3D goggles and a 360° panoramic illustration of the battle depicted upon the coin. The image can be viewed by tapping a smartphone against the chip on the numbered Certificate, then placing the phone in the 3D VR goggles.

2018 \$2 ANCIENT WARFARE - ROMAN LEGION 20z SILVER ANTIQUE Official Issue Price \$**199**18024

Just 500 complete sets issued

A paragon of purity, prestige and presentation, the 2018 Australian Kangaroo 5-Coin Gold Proof Set illustrates the Perth Mint at its best.

A definitively Australian presentation, this collection comprises five Australian legal tender kangaroo coins – each struck to the pinnacle of Proof quality from 99.99% pure gold. Including the 32.60mm 1oz, 25.60mm 1/2oz, 20.60mm 1/4oz, 16.60mm 1/10oz

and 14.60mm 1/20oz, the 2018 Australian Kangaroo 5-Coin Gold Proof Set is superbly presented within a lavish timber case.

Attesting to the tiny worldwide limited edition of just 500, each set is accompanied by a numbered Certificate of Authenticity.

2018 AUSTRALIAN KANGAROO 5-COIN GOLD PROOF SET

Official Issue Price

\$**5,399**





- Last Australian shillings struck in London
- Sought after keepsakes of World War I
- Scarce, yet surprisingly affordable

1914 & 1915 SHILLING PAIR GOOD-VG

\$84 18171



- Final Aussie florins struck in London
- Scarce, sought after WWI issues
- 1915 has 3rd lowest florin mintage!

1914 & 1915 FLORIN PAIR GOOD-VG

\$99 18172



- Low-mintage Heaton Mint George V dates
- Rare 1914H mintage just 500,000 coins
- Scarce 1915H mintage a mere 750,000

1914H & 1915H FLORIN PAIR GOOD-VG \$129 AR189



- First three florin dates of reign of George V
- Highest denomination coins of WWI era
- Very low mintages all scarce today

1911, 1912, 1913 FLORIN TRIO GOOD-VG \$119 12150



- Issued in last years of WWI
- 2nd and 3rd Australian-struck florins
- Scarce offered in Fine condition

1917 & 1918 FLORIN PAIR FINE

\$**59**



- 2nd lowest mintage George V florin date
- Tiny mintage just 488,000 coins!
- Sought after, and scarce in all grades

1933 FLORIN VG

\$39 AN208



- Very low mintage King George issues
- Scarce missing from many collections
- Absolutely outstanding value-for-money

1921-28 ROARING 20s THREEPENCE 9-COIN SET VG

\$**54**95



- Fine memento of Australia's 1920s boom
- Scarce today, regardless of the grade
- Within the reach of all at under \$70

1921-28 ROARING 20s SIXPENCE 8-COIN SET VG \$**69**⁵⁰



- Roaring 20s defined by low mintages
- Includes 1920M, 1921* & 1925/23 Overdate
- Very scarce limited stocks available!

1920-28 ROARING 20s SHILLING 8-COIN SET VG \$**128**⁵⁰



- Distinguished by the First Prefix (BA93) of the first year of issue of Fraser/Evans
- Key note offered in strictly Uncirculated condition

1993 \$5 R216F FRASER/EVANS BA93 FIRST PREFIX UNC ALSO AVAILABLE AS A CONSECUTIVE PAIR - SEE ORDER FORM





- Carries first Prefix (BA03) of 2nd year of Macfarlane/Henry signature combination
- In Uncirculated quality, and fantastic value-for-money

2003 \$5 R220BF MACFARLANE/HENRY BA03 FIRST PREFIX UNC

\$35 15860



- First of two Johnston/Fraser \$20 issues distinguished by OCR-B serial numbers
- Top value offered in superb Uncirculated quality

1985 \$20 R409A JOHNSTON/FRASER OCR-B SERIALS UNC

\$**99**



- 14% of 1995 \$5 print-run of the Narrow Bands variety
- Created by the use of incorrect artwork, the Narrow Bands type is scarce in strictly Uncirculated quality

1995 \$5 FRASER/EVANS WIDE & NARROW BANDS PAIR UNC

\$125 AQ189



- Issued for only two years under Johnston/Stone
- Scarce in Uncirculated quality, as here, this note is now \$45 off catalogue value!

1983 \$20 R408 JOHNSTON/STONE UNC

\$195 HI484



- Distinguished by Gothic typeface serial numbers
- Extremely scarce in better grade, this key type is available in strictly Uncirculated quality

1985 \$20 R409B JOHNSTON/FRASER GOTHIC SERIALS UNC

\$**695**HI485

Curved Cook Classic! Sell-out certain!

Important, prestigious and innovative, this spellbinding tribute to the First Voyage of Discovery by Captain James Cook is also extremely exclusive. Ensuring a sell-out, as with the Southern & Northern Sky Curved Gold Proofs, the 2018 \$100 Captain Cook Curved 1oz Gold Proof is a mere 750 coins! With Downies' allocation strictly limited, and sure to sell-out at speed, we recommend you grasp this opportunity.

- → Worldwide mintage a mere 750 coins! Sellout certain!
- → Struck to flawless Proof quality from 1oz of 99.99% gold

→ Official Australian legal tender – measures 38.51mm

→ Set in an RAM timber case with a numbered Certificate

2018 \$100 CAPTAIN COOK CURVED 102 GOLD PROOF \$2,795



We have been lucky enough to have received the lowest available numbered Certificates of Authenticity!

CONVENIENT WAYS TO ORDER!







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