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BEIJING OLYMPIC GAMES

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100 YEARS OF QUARANTINE

150 YEARS OF AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

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Dear Collectors

Welcome to another edition of the *Bulletin* featuring details of soon-to-be released Australian stamps and associated products. I don't know about you, but I'm finding it hard to believe that we are halfway through 2008 already.

July and August this year are special months in our 2008 philatelic calendar, with World Youth Day 2008 scheduled for Sydney in July and, of course, the 2008 Beijing Olympics in August. In a similar vein to the stamp program for the Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004 Olympics, Australia Post will issue a commemorative sheetlet of stamps each time an Australian athlete or team wins a gold medal. Australia Post will also be participating in the Olympex stamp show to be held in Beijing during the Games. Each day at the show Australia Post will be digitally printing a limited number of Australian Gold Medallists sheetlets. For collectors in Australia who may want to get hold of these sheets, they will be available through mail order or through a specially established website (www.auspost.com.au/olympics) where you can buy them online.

Included with this *Bulletin* is a pre-order form with details about our Gold Medallists program and information about *The Beijing Collection*, comprising all of the gummed stamps and Gold Medallists sheetlets released to celebrate Australia's participation. The collection will be available after the Games and includes pairs of the digitally printed stamps.

Two of the stamp issues featured in this edition are subjects that affect the every day lives of Australians. The first of these is Living Green, which helps to remind us of the importance of conserving water and energy, walking or catching public transport where we can, and also reducing the amount of waste and litter we produce.

The other issue affecting our lives is quarantine. Along with conservation of our natural resources, quarantine plays a vital role in preserving and protecting the flora and fauna unique to Australia. The 100 Years of Quarantine stamp marks the centenary of the signing of the *Quarantine Act 1908* and focuses on one of the successful methods used to ensure that harmful, prohibited or illegal goods do not penetrate our borders. With the help of dogs, suspect luggage and incoming mail can be further scrutinised. This service will be even more important with the arrival of the massive Airbus A380 to our international airport terminals this year. The airliner is the largest in the world and is able to carry 450 passengers. At the same time it is more fuel-efficient than previous airliners. This aircraft features in a stamp issue that looks at the role of aviation in Australia, covering the early days of mail and passenger contract carriers to the present day.

We also take a nostalgic look at 150 Years of Australian Football. A single stamp captures the rivalry of competing teams back in the game's early years. The task of establishing a uniquely Australian code fell to a Victorian cricket captain who wished to ensure that the then players remained fit throughout the winter off-season. Football in Australia, whatever the code, continues to enthral thousands who gather at sporting grounds each week to celebrate a win, reminisce about past glory or reflect on what could have been.

And finally, if you are a user of the Internet, you may want to visit the Australia Post Philatelic website (www.auspost.com.au/stamps) during July – we are in the process of making some major changes.

Until next time,



Noel Leahy, Manager, Philatelic Group



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LIVING GREEN

8 JULY 2008

- 50c.....Save water
- 50c.....Reduce waste
- 50c.....Save energy
- 50c.....Travel smart



1589220 maxicard set (four)



Reducing the impact of climate change is the underlying subject of this stamp issue, which focuses on everyday actions we can take to reduce unnecessary energy and water use. "Living green" is becoming less of a choice and more of a necessity, as we face rising temperatures, unpredictable weather and the destruction of natural habitats as a result of our unsustainable use of natural resources.

Save water

Water restrictions in many Australian cities and the depletion of the Murray–Darling river system have made us more aware of our water consumption habits. We are now more likely to use recycled or "grey" water or collect rainwater. Other effective ways to save water include fixing dripping taps and installing energy-efficient appliances. Importantly, using less hot water significantly reduces our household carbon emissions.

Reduce waste

This stamp alerts us to the entire waste cycle. To be more sustainable, we need to think about what we consume as well as what we throw out. For example, we can make better use of resources and save money in the long run if we buy reusable rather than single-use or over-packaged goods. Recycling can help us recover useful materials. It reduces the consumption of raw materials and can reduce energy usage, and hence greenhouse gas emissions.

Travel smart

One third of household greenhouse gas emissions come from travelling by car for work or recreation. Increased car use also aggravates traffic congestion, air pollution and noise pollution, as well as health problems due to lack of exercise. There are many alternatives, a couple of which are illustrated on this stamp. We can bike, walk or get public transport to work or to the shops, or we can use the phone or email instead of running around in the car. Carpooling and "park-and-ride" commuting can minimise emissions when we do drive.

Living Green stamps are presented in a block of four configuration.

Save energy

One fifth of greenhouse gas in Australia is emitted through the household use of electricity. We can minimise emissions by turning off appliances at the wall rather than leaving them on standby, replacing inefficient lightbulbs with compact fluorescent lights, moderating our thermostats, insulating our homes and using natural methods to heat and cool our homes.



1589184 prestige booklet

This issue includes the first double-sided booklet of 20 x 50c self-adhesive Australian stamps. A double-sided self-adhesive stamps page is also a feature in the prestige booklet.



1589002 first day cover

1589126 stamp pack



TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date	8 July 2008
FDI withdrawal date	5 August 2008
Denominations	Four x 50c
Design	Hoyne Design
Printer (gummed)	Energi Print
(s/adhesive)	Pemara/McKellar Renown
Paper (gummed)	Tullis Russell
(s/adhesive)	40080 WLKI KN75/B110 double sided
Printing process	Lithography
Stamp size	37.5mm x 26mm
Perforations	13.86 x 14.6
Sheet layout	50
Special feature	Double sided booklet of 20 x 50c
National postmark	Greenacres, SA 5086



1589209 roll of 100 x 50c stamps

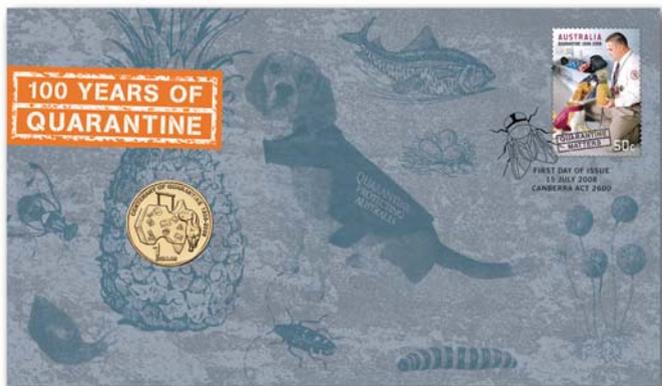
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100 YEARS OF QUARANTINE

15 JULY 2008



1586002 first day cover



1586008 postal and numismatic cover – 2008 Issue 5

1586209
roll of (100 x 50c)

1586130 sheetlet pack



1586220 maxi card

This commemorative stamp marks the centenary of the Quarantine Act, passed by the Commonwealth Government of Australia in 1908 to protect Australians from contagious diseases and the country's industries from destructive pests and animals. The Act led to the first federal quarantine service being established on 1 July 1909.

The greatest test of this newly formed government service was to come a decade later. In 1919, following the Great War of 1914–18, there was a global pandemic of Spanish Influenza. It was the quarantine service's task to prevent the disease spreading. Borders were closed between New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland, and the public was ordered to wear masks and avoid public gatherings. Troops were quarantined on returning from the war, but despite these efforts 12,000 Australians were to die from an epidemic that killed 50 million people throughout the world.

The quarantine service was also responsive to other changes occurring in the world. In 1919 when the Smith brothers flew for the first time from England to Australia, air quarantine was introduced. As air services to Australia increased, this forward thinking stood Australia in good stead.

Following the end of World War II, quarantine's emphasis shifted from human to animal health. The availability of antibiotics, the global eradication of smallpox, and improvements in personal hygiene that accompanied post-war prosperity meant concerns about contagious diseases were less pressing. Recognising this, the Commonwealth Government in 1984 transferred animal and plant quarantine from the department of health to the department of primary industry. In 1986 the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) was established to oversee animal, pest and plant quarantine services.

Declare it to Quarantine.
Only you can prevent another deadly disease. Declare it to Quarantine. Don't bring anything into Australia that you haven't declared to Quarantine.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date	15 July 2008
FDI withdrawal date	12 August 2008
Denominations	One x 50c
Design	Simone Sakinofsky, Australia Post Design Studio
Printer (gummed)	Energi Print
(s/adhesive)	Pemara
Paper (gummed)	Tullis Russell
(s/adhesive)	40080 WLK1 B90
Printing process	Lithography
Stamp size	26mm x 37.5mm
Sheetlet size	156mm x 101mm
Perforations	14.6 x 13.86
Sheet layout	Sheetlet of 10
Special feature	Nil
National postmark	Canberra, ACT 2600

This stamp issue also includes a special sheetlet pack containing a sheetlet of 10 x 50c stamps with different aspects of quarantine in the tabs of the sheetlet.



1586251 sheetlet pack (with tabs)

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PRINTING OF AUSTRALIAN STAMP ISSUES

A detailed tender process for the printing of Australian stamps, which began in 2007, was recently completed. As a result, Australia Post has appointed two new printers.

Energi Print and McKellar Renown Press join Pemara as approved stamp printers for Australian and Australian territories stamps.

ANTARCTIC STAMPS ARRIVAL DATES

The AAT Royal Penguins stamp issue released in August 2007 arrived at the following stations on the dates shown. These are the dates used for the first day of issue.

Casey Station

30 October 2007

Davis Station

10 November 2007

Mawson Station

20 November 2007

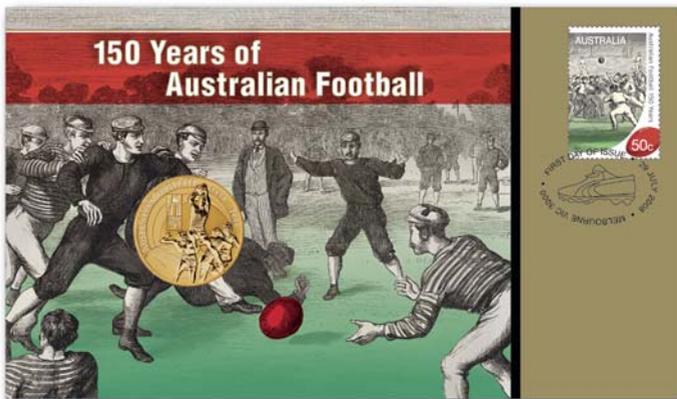
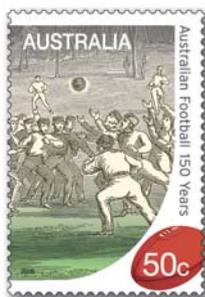
Macquarie Island

17 March 2008

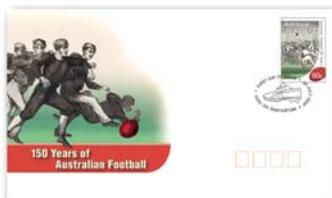
50c.....Earliest engraving of an Australian game of football

150 YEARS OF AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

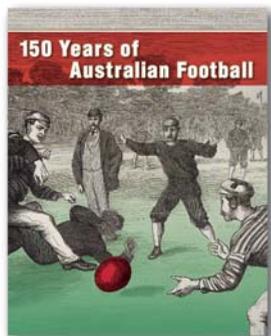
29 JULY 2008



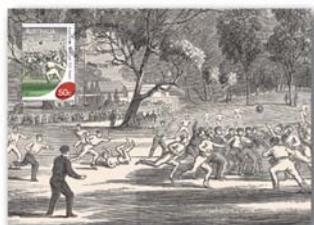
1581008 postal and numismatic cover – 2008 Issue 6



1581002 first day cover



1581130 sheetlet pack



1581220 maxicard

Emigrants to the Colony of Victoria brought with them a variety of approaches to playing football from their schools and towns in England, Ireland and Scotland. Thus Australian football had its evolutionary beginnings in the 1850s in scratch matches (games without standard rules) played in Melbourne parks on holidays.

By 1858 some of these games were advertised or recorded in local newspapers or diaries. From these records we know that on 5 June 1858 Melbourne Grammar School won a game of football against St Kilda Grammar, on 31 July 1858 a scratch match between young men was arranged by the local publican Jerry Bryant near the Melbourne Cricket Ground, and the boys from Melbourne Grammar played against a group of men from St Kilda.

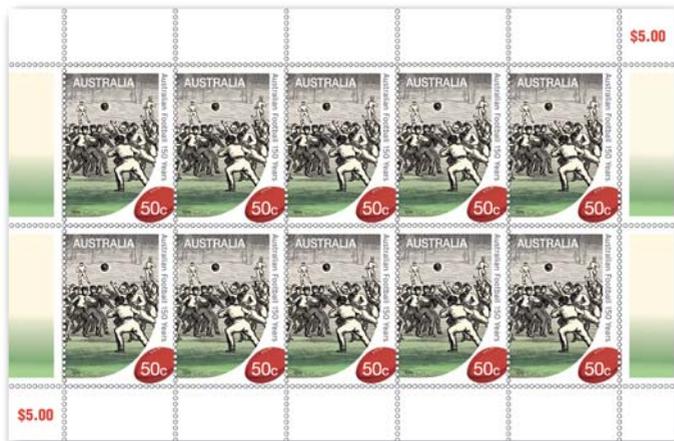
In August and September of that year the well known three-game match between Scotch College and Melbourne Grammar was played, as were at least five other scratch matches that we know of. There were probably others.

A new sporting code

Also in 1858, the idea of establishing a football club and formalising the rules was first suggested in a public forum. On 10 July, the Victorian cricket captain Tom Wills wrote a letter to *Bell's Life in Victoria & Sporting Chronicle* calling for the foundation of a "foot-ball club" with a "code of laws" to keep cricketers fit during winter and benefit the turf of the cricket ground.

It was not acted upon until May 1859 when the Melbourne Football Club was made official and a committee of four men organised some rules. They were the university-educated Irish teacher Tom Smith, English university-educated journalists from York and Surrey, James Thompson and William Hammersley and Australian Tom Wills, educated at the Rugby School in England. These rules of the Melbourne Football Club subsequently became the Australian Football Rules.

From its beginnings, Melbourne football attracted big crowds, as it was played in large open parklands and was free to watch. Trees could be used for goalposts and the game played with a round ball, as pictured on the stamp left in the 1866 engraving of a game of football in the Richmond Paddock, adjacent to today's Melbourne Cricket Ground.

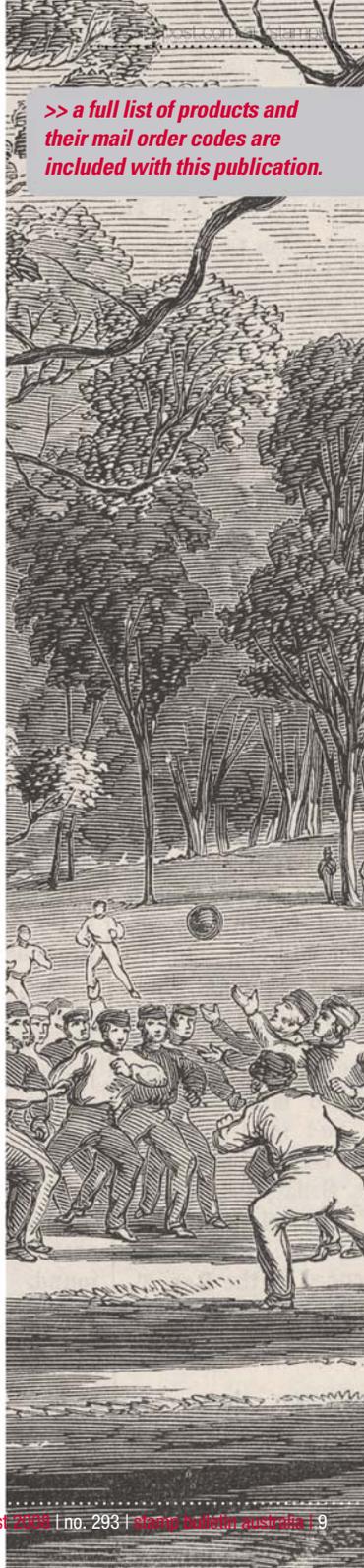


1581201 sheetlet of 10 x 50c (gummed)

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date	29 July 2008
FDI withdrawal date	26 August 2008
Denominations	One x 50c
Design	Andrew Hogg, Andrew Hogg Design
Printer	Energi Print
Paper (gummed)	Tullis Russell
Printing process	Lithography
Stamp size	26mm x 37.5mm
Sheetlet size	101mm x 156mm
Perforations	14.6 x 13.86
Sheet layout	Sheetlet of 10
Special feature	Nil
National postmark	Melbourne Vic 3000

>> a full list of products and their mail order codes are included with this publication.



BEIJING 2008 OLYMPIC GAMES

1 AUGUST 2008

50c.....Basketball
\$1.30.....Cycling
\$1.35.....Gymnastics



This commemorative stamp issue features three sports representative of Australia's participation at the Beijing Olympics. The stamps have been designed by Hobart-based graphic designer Lynda Warner. An auspicious number for the Chinese, the number eight has been incorporated into the design. The Games commence at 8p.m. on the eighth day of the eighth month of 2008.

Basketball

The Olympic basketball competition will be played in Beijing's Wukesong Indoor Stadium. Both the Australian women's team and men's team have qualified for the Beijing Olympics.

The Australian women's team made its first appearance in Los Angeles 1984 and has qualified for every Olympics since, except for Barcelona 1992. The bronze medal won by the women's team Atlanta in 1996 was the first Olympic medal for Australian basketball. In Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004 they improved their performances to gain silver, losing to the United States on both occasions.

Australia's men first played in Melbourne 1956 and have qualified for every Olympics since with the exception of Rome 1960 and Mexico City 1968. The best finish for the men's team has been fourth in Seoul (1988), Barcelona (1992) and Sydney (2000).

Cycling

Cycling events have been present at every stage of the Modern Olympics since Athens 1896. Women's cycling was introduced in Los Angeles in 1984, mountain biking made its Olympic debut at Atlanta 1996 and BMX makes its first appearance in Beijing. The track, mountain bike and BMX events will all be held at Laoshan in Beijing's west. The road races and time trials will be held arounds the streets of Beijing.

Australia has a long and proud tradition in Olympic cycling and, in terms of medals won per events contested, the sport is one of the most successful for this nation. With a record six gold medals, Athens 2004 was the most successful Olympics for Australian cycling. Ryan Bayley won the men's sprint and the keirin, becoming the first Australian to win two individual cycling gold medals. Other gold medals were awarded to Anna Meares with a world record time in the 500 metre time trial; Sara Carrigan in the women's road race; the all-conquering team pursuit squad; and Graeme Brown and Stuart O'Grady in the Madison.



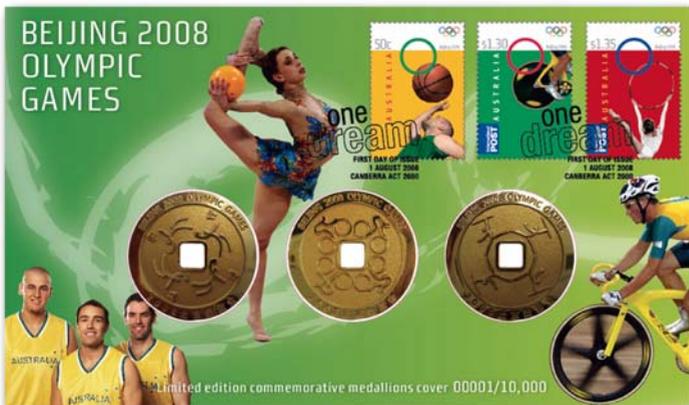
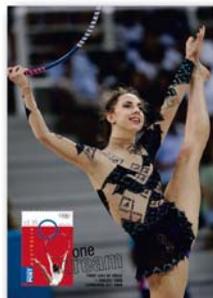
1582002 first day cover

Gymnastics

Gymnastics appeared in the first Olympic Games of the modern era in Athens in 1896. The sport has been on the Olympic program ever since, with women first competing in Amsterdam 1928. The 1970s saw Olympic gymnastics, particularly for women, change from being a physical display to entertainment. Rhythmic gymnastics, which is for women only, was added in Los Angeles 1984 and trampolining debuted at Sydney 2000.

Australian gymnasts are looking to gain their first Olympic artistic medal in Beijing. The first Australian Olympic gymnasts competed in Melbourne in 1956. Australia has never won a medal in artistic or rhythmic gymnastics, with a best placing of seventh coming from the women's combined team at Barcelona 1992 and Sydney 2000. Ji Wallace received Australia's first medal in gymnastics when he came second in the men's trampoline in the sport's debut at the Sydney Games.

>> a full list of products and their mail order codes are included with this publication.



1582300 stamp & medallion cover

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date	1 August 2008
FDI withdrawal date:.....	29 August 2008
Denominations	One x 50c, \$1.30 and \$1.35
Design	Lynda Warner
Printer (gummed & s/a).....	Energi Print
Paper (gummed)	Tullis Russell
(s/adhesive).....	B100 s/a
Printing process.....	Lithography
Stamp size	26mm x 37.5mm
Perforations	14.6 x 13.86
Sheet layout	50
Special feature.....	Nil
National postmark.....	Canberra, ACT 2600

1582220 set of maxicards (three)



1582126 stamp pack

TALKING STAMPS

WITH JANET BOSCHEN

To celebrate the Australian Olympic Team's gold medal success at the Beijing Olympic Games (8 – 24 August 2008), Australia Post will continue the tradition of "instant" gold medallists stamps. Instant gold medallists stamps made their debut in 2000 at the Sydney Olympic Games and were again issued for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Produced and printed using innovative processes and technology, sheetlets of these stamps depicting our gold medallists will be available in selected postal outlets the day following the medal ceremony in Beijing. Two printing methods will be used for these "instant" stamps: digital and offset.

The offset printing process will be used as it was for Athens 2004, with the stamps printed overnight then available for sale in selected outlets the next day. Unlike Athens 2004 though, Australia Post has a need to produce some sheetlets in Beijing within 24hrs.

Australia Post will be participating in the Olympics Expo Beijing 2008 (Olympex) that will be held in Beijing during the Olympics. Each day at Olympex Australia Post will be printing (using a digital printer) a limited number of Australian gold medallists sheetlets. These sheetlets will be used for promotional purposes, presentation to the gold medal athletes themselves and, of course, sales at the Olympex stamp show. If you're lucky enough to be in Beijing during the games you can buy them at this stamp show.

For collectors in Australia who want to get hold of these sheetlets they will be available through mail order or from a specially established website (www.auspost.com.au/olympics). A great deal of thought and energy goes into creating these miniature

artworks. The success of the instant stamp project can be attributed to four factors – technology, teamwork, planning and communication. While the basic technology is already used in the graphics and print industries, the innovative aspect of the gold medallist stamp production is the speed of the process. Templates are pre-designed and paper pre-perforated to expedite the process. In addition, the precision and speed of the Australia Post distribution network allows for stock availability within 24 hours of the announcement of a gold medal win.

An Australia Post Philatelic team leads the process by "keeping watch". They work around the clock during the Games waiting for Australian gold medal wins (the Games are scheduled to run during prime time American television). They capture the data on the event, times and athletes' names and also check accuracy when World and Olympic records are broken.

The official Olympic photographers are briefed prior to the Games to supply the style of image required. Digital photographs of the Australian athlete or team at each gold medal ceremony will be uploaded to a website for access. In Melbourne, the Australia Post team source appropriate images and our designer then positions the image into the prepared stamp template and makes any minor changes required. The stamp designs follow the fundamental rules of good design including scale, tension and dynamics. In addition they must meet functional requirements. For example, stamps must have a white border or white area where phosphor is applied, in order to be readable by automatic mail sorting machines.

After the gold medal win, approximately three hours are allocated for design and approval of the stamp sheetlets. The stamps are approved via an electronic image of the stamp sheetlet using the latest electronic communications technology.

While a limited number of stamp sheetlets will be printed digitally in China, most gold medallists stamps will be printed with offset lithography in Australia. Offset lithography is a superior quality and uses UV inks, which are quick drying. In addition, no film is used in the process – it is a direct computer to printing plate process.

The digital stamp files bound for China will be password protected and transmitted electronically to our China print site. These digital stamps will feature a security symbol to guarantee they are genuine and differentiated from the offset printing sheetlets.

Back in Melbourne, the offset lithography printed stamps will then be checked for any mistakes or print errors by experienced quality inspectors before bundles are packed ready for delivery to Australia Post outlets. While the procedures for production of the "instant" stamps have been tested many times by our teams, contingency measures will be in place to counter any technical problems that may arise.

Remember to check the website at www.auspost.com.au/olympics for all the latest during the Beijing Olympic Games 2008. The website will be updated daily and you can now buy online direct!

Janet Boschen is the Commercial Development Manager for Australia Post's Philatelic Group and Project Manager for the Beijing Instant Stamp Program Project.

Beijing Olympic Games 2008

Australian Gold Medallists sheetlets will be printed in Australia & Beijing!



Featuring

- instant sheetlets
- how to order
- postmarking details
- *The Beijing Collection*

At this time, only Australian residents are able to purchase through the Bureau or online but this may change closer to the event.



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Australian Gold Medallists instant sheetlets

OLYMPIC GAMES

AUSTRALIAN
GOLD
MEDALLISTS

ATHLETE'S NAME

NAME OF SPORT
TITLE OF EVENT

AUSTRALIA
POST

Australia Post will again produce a sheetlet of Gold Medallists stamps in minimal time to celebrate each gold medal performance by an Australian athlete or team at this year's Beijing Olympic Games.

To continue the pace set for Sydney and Athens, and to add to your Gold Medallists collection, sheetlets are prepared using templates ready for insertion of the winner's photo, name, and event. Gold Medallists sheetlets could be available in some of the participating outlets within 24 hours of a medal ceremony!*

Associated products

The Beijing Collection will provide collectors with a full set of the Gold Medallists sheetlets along with all of the gummed stamps issued to celebrate this year's Beijing Olympic Games. In addition, collectors will receive a pair from each of the limited digital sheetlets printed onsite in Beijing.

Sets of Australian Gold Medallists sheetlets will be available for collectors. In addition, 6,000 digital sheetlet sets (printed in Beijing) will be made available for sale as full sets to collectors in China and in Australia. A number of the digitally printed sheetlet sets will be used in *The Beijing Collection*.

First Day Cover & FDI postmark

There is a blank first day cover available. No national first day of issue postmarks, maximum cards or stamp packs will be produced for this issue.

How to purchase Gold Medallists stamps and associated products

Sheetlets will be available through participating Australia Post outlets a day or so after the medal ceremony* and also through the Australian Philatelic Bureau.

There will also be digital sheetlet sets (printed onsite in Beijing for sale to collectors.

Refer to the enclosed order form with this edition for details on how to pre-order Gold Medallists products, including *The Beijing Collection* and full digital sheetlets.

At this time, only Australian residents are able to purchase through the Bureau or online but this may change closer to the event.

Special instructions for standing order customers

This issue is not part of Australian Philatelic Bureau standing orders. Standing order customers will need to request their required configurations.

*Availability in participating outlets is dependant on the timing of the medal ceremony in Beijing.

Australian Gold Medallists sheetlet technical details

Issue dates	Recorded as time of availability
Denominations	10 x 50c
Designer	Sally Piskuric, Australia Post Design Studio
Stamp size	35mm x 35mm
Sheetlet size	148mm x 210mm
Perforations	14.28 x 14.28
Sheet layout	Sheetlet of 10
Print process	Lithography & digital
Printer (lithography)	Energi Print
(digital)	Printed onsite in China by Australia Post
Paper (litho. & digital)	Tullis Russell
National postmark	No national FDI postmark
(Post offices can apply their standard FDI postmark to covers for this issue.)	

Printing

During the Games 6,000 sets of Australian Gold Medallists sheetlets will be digitally printed onsite in Beijing by Australia Post. A number of these sheetlets will be set aside for inclusion of stamp pairs in *The Beijing Collection* and complete sets will be available for purchase in Australia. The remaining sets will be for sale at the International Stamp Expo in China (Olympex). These special sheetlets will be identified using a Chinese icon (the character for "China") down the side of each of the digital pairs on the sheetlets.

Purchasing digital sheetlets

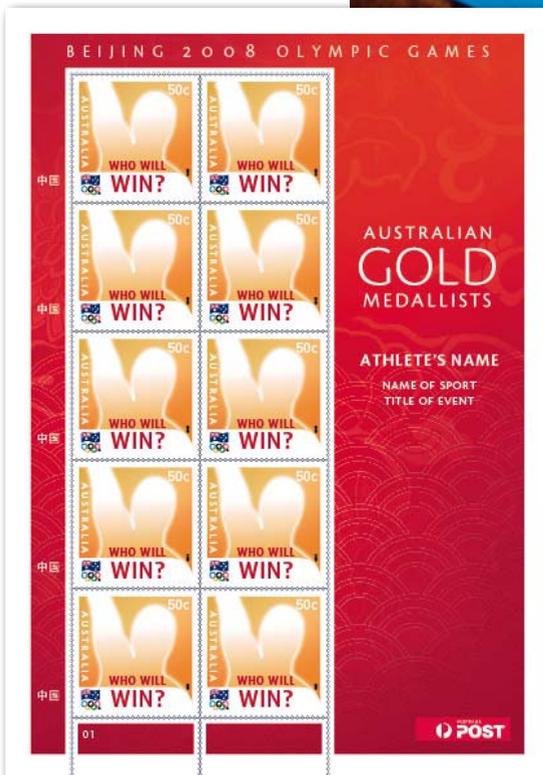
Australian residents only

Phone: 1800 331 794

Fax: 03 9887 0236

Sets of digital sheetlets will be available for collectors to pre-order using the order form included with this edition.

A pair of stamps from each of the digital Australian Gold Medallists sheetlets will be included with *The Beijing Collection*.



DO NOT MISS OUT – DIGITAL STAMPS INCLUDED!

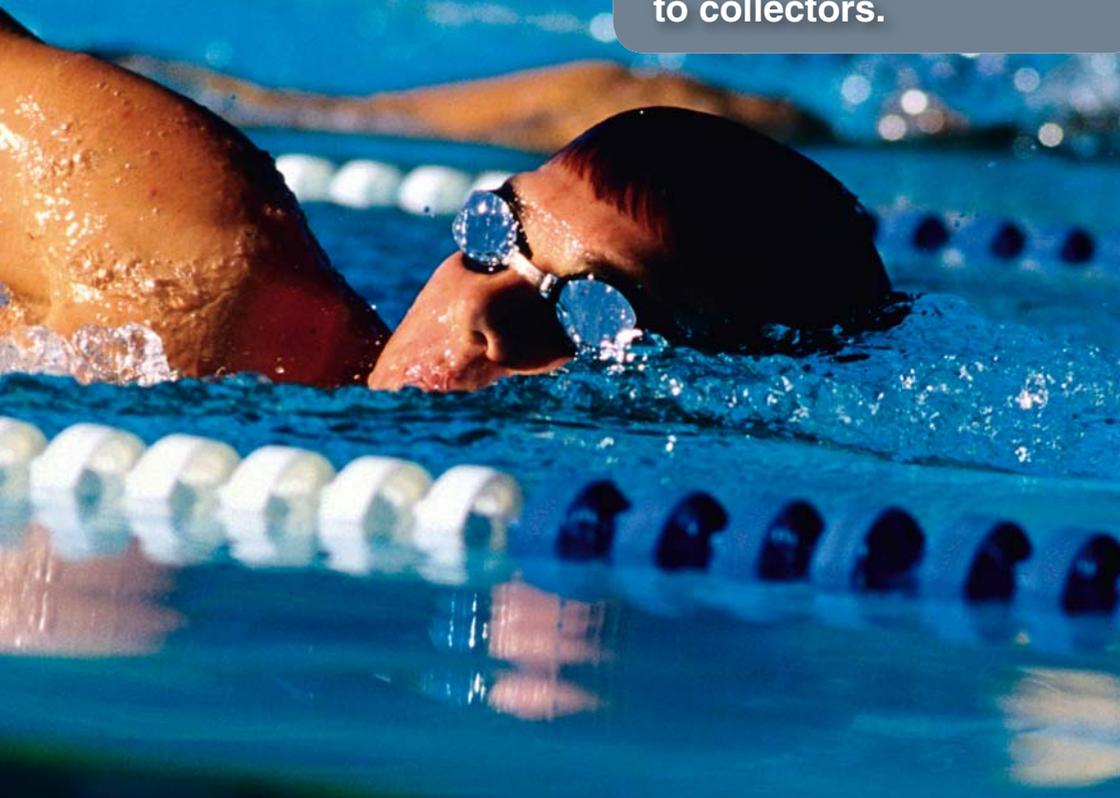
Complete *The Beijing Collection* pre-registration form and forward it with your deposit today. Offer closes 5pm (AEST) 12 August 2008.

(Order forms distributed with *Stamp Bulletin 293*.)

To enquire about *The Beijing Collection* phone 1800 331 794 (freecall) within Australia or email mailorder@auspost.com.au.

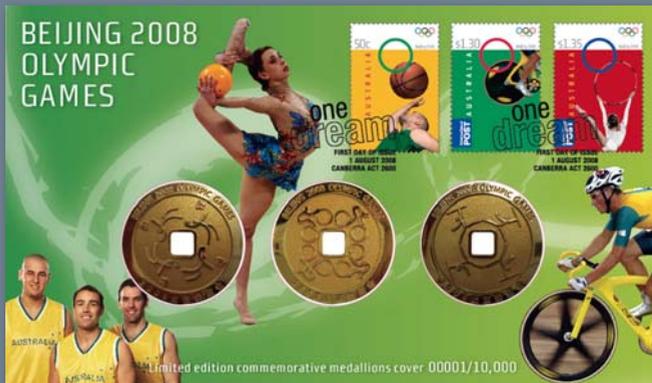
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6,000 sets printed onsite in Beijing with a limited number of full sets available for sale to collectors.



There are three medallions in this product

1582300 \$29.95



Postmarking for Australian Gold Medallists stamps

There is no national FDI postmark for this issue and no prepared covers. A blank (no stamp affixed) Australian Gold Medallists design cover is available from participating postal outlets and the Australian Philatelic Bureau.

Customers can make their own covers, using one of these specially designed blank covers, or they can use private covers, subject to Olympic copyright and trademark restrictions.

Because we cannot give collectors advance notice of Gold Medallists stamp issue dates, the following special postmarking conditions will apply for 2008 Australian Gold Medallists stamps and covers.

Special conditions for postmarking

- The first day of issue for a stamp is the date that stamp is first available from the outlet, not the day the medal is won, or the date of the medal ceremony.
- Post offices and the Australian Philatelic Bureau will be permitted to apply FDI postmarks to Gold Medallists covers for a period of one month from the date that Gold Medallists stamp was issued (available for sale from that location).
- This one month period applies to each stamp issued, the one month period is calculated from the first day of issue of that stamp, at that location.

At this time only Australian residents are able to purchase through the Bureau or online but this may change closer to the event

Australian Gold Medallists Postmarkers

A number of offices (listed below) will have local FDI postmarks for Australian Gold Medallists stamps. Each postmarker has its own location and postcode information and a changeable date, all designs are the same. A sample postmark is shown below (without date and not to scale).

After the Games, a set of 15 FDCs with FDI postmarks (one for each of the FDI postmarking locations listed below) will be available by mail order for each Gold Medallists stamp issued. Only sets will be sold by mail order from the Australian Philatelic Bureau – not individual covers.

All other requests for postmarking for this issue must be sent to the relevant office.

Ordering postmarkers by mail

You must specify which postmark you want:

- Standard FDI – available from any office that has a standard FDI postmarker.
- Every day (normal counter date stamp) – available from any postal outlet.
- Australian Gold Medallists – available from locations listed below, or as a set of 15 after the Games by mail order from the Australian Philatelic Bureau. Mail order codes will be published in *Stamp Bulletin 294*.

These postal outlets will have local first day of issue postmarkers for Australian Gold Medallists stamps.

Queensland

Brisbane 4000
Fortitude Valley 4006
Sunnybank 4109

South Australia

Adelaide 5000

Western Australia

Perth 6000

Tasmania

Hobart 7000

Australian Capital Territory

Canberra ACT 2600 (GPO & Parliament House)

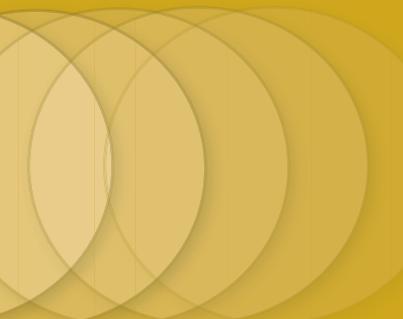
New South Wales

Sydney 2000 (GPO & QVB)
Parramatta 2150
(Parramatta CBD BC & Parramatta Westfield)
Newcastle 2300
Chatswood 2067

Victoria

National Philatelic Centre 3000
Melbourne 3000
The Glen 3150
Geelong 3220

**A special
blank cover has
been produced for your
postmarking needs
1584700 \$0.30 each**



The Beijing Collection



Before the Olympic Games

Don't miss out! Use our pre-order form to secure your interest in a copy of *The Beijing Collection*. The collection includes

- all of the gummed stamps issued for the Beijing Olympics in 2008 – includes the logo stamp and the commemorative issue of three
- a full set of the Australian Gold Medallists sheetlets printed in Australia
- a pair of stamps from each of the digitally printed Australian Gold Medallists sheetlets with unique identifying character for “China”
- housed in a prestigious bound book with matching slip case to enhance and protect your collection for years to come.

Subject to availability customers will be able to also purchase

- a full set of the Australian Gold Medallists sheetlets
- a set of the special digitally printed Australian Gold Medallists sheetlets with unique identifier.

How it works

Register your interest in this offer by filling out the order form included with this edition and paying your deposit prior to 5pm AEST 12 August 2008. In September (when the number of Australian Gold Medallists is known) ...

- we will advise you by letter of the balance due and you can confirm your order by paying that balance.
- if you cancel your order your deposit will be refunded (minus a AUD5.00 processing fee).

After the Olympic Games

If you register for *The Beijing Collection* in August you will be advised by letter of the availability of a copy and the amount owing.

When you receive this letter you can elect to purchase *The Beijing Collection*. If you do not proceed with the offer, your deposit will be refunded in full (minus a AUD\$5.00 processing fee).



missing out could
be just devastating!

You can pass it on to the next generation ...
or to another collector ... but you have to get
your hands on it first!

Only 15,000 of these 2008 collections will be produced. They include a full set of the Gold Medallists sheetlets along with digitally printed pairs from sheetlets printed onsite in Beijing. The collection also includes all of the gummed stamps produced by Australia Post to celebrate the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

In the event that 12 Australian gold medals are won the cost of *The Beijing Collection* would be an estimated AUD\$84.60. (including book production costs).

At this time only Australian residents are able to purchase through the Bureau or online but this may change closer to the event

2008 OLYMPIC GAMES
BEIJING



The "dragon"
postal and
numismatic cover
1578008 \$14.95



1578155 dragon aerogramme

Australian stamp coin*
Only 8,000 "dragon" stamp coins
have been produced by Perth Mint!
1578301 \$89.95
*available to Australian residents only



1578130 dragon sheetlet pack



1578201 dragon sheetlet (10 x 50c)

AVIATION

5 AUGUST 2008

- 50c.....Bristol Tourer
- 50c.....Short S.30 Empire Flying Boat
- 50c.....Lockheed Super Constellation
- \$2.00.....Airbus A380

The Aviation stamp issue looks at the role of aircraft in carrying airmail and passengers in Australia since the beginning of civil air transport in 1921. The release of the issue coincides with the launch by Qantas of services using its new Airbus A380 passenger jet, an aircraft included on one of the stamps.



Bristol Tourer

In May 1921, the Federal Government advertised for tenders for its first subsidised airmail and passenger contract, to operate a weekly service between Geraldton and Derby in Western Australia. The tender was won by Norman Brearley's Western Australian Airways. Among Australia's first group of five airline pilots was the legendary "Smithy" – Charles Kingsford Smith. Three Tourers departed Perth on 4 December 1921, carrying 2,500 letters and three passengers. The Bristol Tourer was a rugged and dependable type of plane whose basic design was proven in the crucible of World War I. The Tourer was constructed of wood with linen covering.



Short S.30 Empire Flying Boat

International air services linking Australia with Great Britain commenced in 1934, using four-engine de Havilland DH86 biplanes to connect with the Imperial Airways service at Singapore. Increasing airmail loads, plus the desire for greater speed and reliability, saw the inception of the Empire Air Mail Scheme in the mid-1930s. The Scheme rested on the development of a fleet of large Empire Flying Boats, of which Qantas Empire Airways (QEA) nominally operated nine. The Empire Boats were among the largest and most advanced aircraft of their day. Although their primary purpose was airmail carriage, they also offered luxurious accommodation for a small number of passengers able to admire the view from a "promenade deck".



Lockheed Super Constellation

Designed to a specification from American millionaire Howard Hughes' Trans World Airlines (TWA), the Lockheed Constellation represented a new era of fast, high-flying air services. The Constellation could seat up to 64 passengers in pressurised comfort and was able to travel above most of the weather at 300mph.



1583350 prestige first day cover

This prestige cover is the third to be issued and includes a magnetic label badge of the new A380.



1583002 first day cover

Qantas acquired the first of six Constellations in 1947, using them initially on the "Kangaroo Route" from Australia to England and cutting the journey time to five days. The inaugural service, departing Sydney on 1 December in VH-EAA *Charles Kingsford Smith*, marked the first solely Australian-operated, regular airmail and passenger service between the two countries. In 1954 Qantas introduced the first of 16 improved L1049 Super Constellations, which became the mainstay of Australia's international airfleet until the introduction of the Boeing 707 jet airliner in 1959.

Airbus A380

In 2008, Qantas takes delivery of its first Airbus A380, the world's largest airliner. Qantas has 20 A380s on order, with a further four options. The world's first commercial A380 service was operated by Singapore Airlines from Singapore to Sydney on 25 October 2007. Seating 450 passengers on its two main decks, the A380 weighs in at a maximum 560 tonnes and can cruise at Mach 0.85 (1,015 km/h) for 9,200 nm (17,000 km). Designed with cutting-edge materials and technologies, the A380 is also quieter and more fuel-efficient than previous airliners. The interiors of Qantas A380s are designed by world-renowned Australian industrial designer Marc Newson, with the cabin environment combining the latest innovations to enhance comfort and provide access to Internet, email, SMS and telephone. As with all international aircraft today, the A380 also carries international airmail.

The \$2.00 self-adhesive sheetlet of five with this issue includes five self-adhesive airmail stickers on the back of the sheetlet.



1583184 prestige booklet



1583220 set of maxicards (four)

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date	5 August 2008
FDI withdrawal date.....	2 September 2008
Denominations	Three x 50c, one x \$2.00
Design	Jonathan Chong
Illustration	Jamie Tufrey
Printer	Energi Print
Paper (gummed, s/a).....	Tullis Russell, B100 s/a
Printing process.....	Lithography
Stamp size	37.5mm x 26mm
Perforations	13.86 x 14.6
Sheet layout	50/two panes of 25
Special feature.....	Nil
National postmark.....	Sydney Airport, NSW 2020

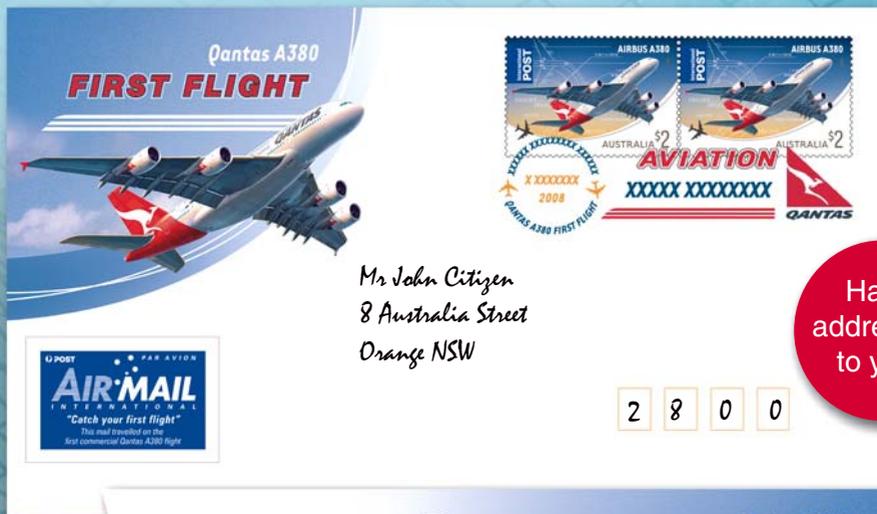


1583126 stamp pack

YOU CAN BE PART OF THIS HISTORIC EVENT WITH A VERY SPECIAL COLLECTOR OFFER!

DON'T MISS OUT!

INTRODUCING AUSTRALIA'S FIRST FULL-COLOUR, DIGITALLY PRINTED POSTMARK



Australia → XXX XXXX
Qantas A380 first
commercial flight
XX XXXXXX 2008

Qantas A380
FIRST FLIGHT

The first Australian commercial A380 international flight will depart in 2008 at a date still to be confirmed and Australia Post will place mail on this very first flight. We are offering our customers the opportunity to obtain a hand-addressed cover on this very first flight for just \$9.95.

Covers feature two A380 international stamps and complementing imagery of the A380 airliner. In addition, covers will feature an Australian first – a full-colour, digitally printed postmark. All mail will bear an exclusive official AIRMAIL sticker and cache recording mail items carried on the first flight, including origin, flight date and destination.

REGISTER FOR YOUR "FIRST FLIGHT COVER" BEFORE 24 SEPTEMBER 2008.

Refer to the order form with this edition for full details on how to secure this historic collectable.

OFFER ENDS 24 SEPTEMBER 2008



1514336
Aluminium/bronze
World Youth Day coin
AUD\$13.50 each



1514337
Fighter Planes set
– Tuvalu legal tender coin
AUD\$412.50 each

1514338
Humpback Whale silver proof coin
AUD\$82.50 each



NOT SHOWN
1514339
Kangaroo Dreaming gold 5g coin
AUD\$350.00 each

1514340
Kangaroo Dreaming gold
2.5g coin
AUD\$175.00 each



NOT SHOWN
1514341
Turtle Dreaming
gold 5g coin
AUD\$350.00 each

1514342
Turtle Dreaming gold
2.5g coin
AUD\$175.00 each



1514341
Turtle Dreaming silver coin
AUD\$59.95 each



1514343
Kangaroo Dreaming silver coin
AUD\$59.95 each

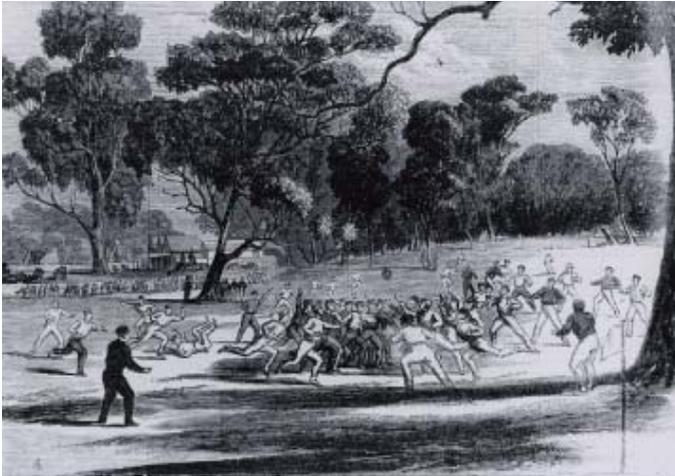


1514344
Discover Australia
Brisbane silver proof coin
AUD\$82.50 each

1514345
Discover Australia
King Brown Snake 1/10oz gold coin
AUD\$207.50 each

1514346
Discover Australia
King Brown Snake 1/25oz gold coin
AUD\$107.50 each





"Winter in Australia: Football in the Richmond Paddock", *Illustrated Melbourne Post*, 27 July 1866. Wood engraving by Robert Bruce.

Play on – 150 Years of Australian Football 28 June to 4 October 2008. Curated by Richard Breckon

Australian Football had its origins in Victoria 150 years ago when the idea of establishing football clubs and rules was first suggested publicly, and the first clubs were subsequently established, these being Melbourne (1858–59) and Geelong (1859). "Australian Rules" Football quickly developed into a popular community pastime, supported by enthusiastic legions of team followers.

Until recent times, the game's appeal was largely confined to Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Tasmania. The game now embraces New South Wales and Queensland – the two states where for many years the Rugby codes were more dominant than is the case today. The exhibition showcases the evolution of Australian Football over 150 years.

321 EXHIBITION STREET MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Enquiries 03 9204 5021
or postmastergallery@auspost.com.au

ADMISSION IS FREE

Monday to Friday
Saturday

GALLERY HOURS

10am to 5pm
Midday to 5pm

PERMANENT PICTORIAL POSTMARKS

1 April 2008

New Norfolk, Tas 7140

15 April 2008

Violet Town, Vic 3669

These postmarks replace the originals with some changes. Impressions are available from the relevant Postal Managers.

TEMPORARY PICTORIAL POSTMARKS

1 to 3 May 2008

Carrick, Tasmania 7291

AGFEST at Quercus Rural Youth Park. Impressions are available from the Postal Manager, Launceston, Tasmania 7250.

16 May 2008

Darwin, NT 0800

This postmark commemorates the Australian Lion's 56th National Convention. Impressions are available from the Postal Manager, Darwin GPO, Darwin, NT 0800. A new CPS label was released to mark the Australian Lion's 56th Convention in Darwin. The following products were available from the Postal Manager, Adelaide GPO, Adelaide, SA 5000, 16 May to 30 June 2008.

CPS Labels with "Lions Darwin 08" Literal

Mint Set (six x 50c)	\$3.00
Cover (postmarked mint set)	\$3.30
Button Set (serviced)	\$5.90

STAMP SHOWS AND EVENTS

The following information is provided by event organisers. Australia Post takes no responsibility to the representations made, including event times, dates and locations.

ILLAWARRA STAMP & COIN FAIR (NSW)

28 June 2008

This event will be held at the Illawarra Master Builders Club, 61 Church Street, Wollongong from 10am to 4pm. Local and interstate dealers will attend to buy and sell. The event will feature FREE valuations and lucky door prizes.

Enquiries please contact Stephen Burton on 0432 540 760.

NOBLE PARK STAMP CLUB INC (Vic)

12 July 2008

This event will be held at the Noble Park Public Hall, 18 Buckley Street, Noble Park. Hours are 9am to 4pm. Admission is FREE and a highlight is a monster raffle.

SCDAA NEWCASTLE STAMP & COIN SUPER FAIR (NSW)

13 July 2008

The inaugural Newcastle Fair will be held at the Newcastle Panthers Club (First Floor), 309 King Street – close to Hunter Street buses and the Civic Railway Station. Hours are 9.30am to 4pm. Admission for adults (\$2.00), children (FREE).

There will be 20 dealers buying and selling. Valuations and five \$50.00 door prizes, bistro and parking will be available on the day. A souvenir booklet will be sold at the door for \$15.00 each.

The commemorative overprinted booklet is available in two barcodes (\$30.00 per barcode pair) and can also be ordered by mail (plus \$5.00) postage & handling from:

Manfred Junge
SCDAA Booklet Manager
PO Box 750
Armidale NSW 2350
02 6771 2438

All other enquiries should be directed to John Pearson on 02 9979 1561.

SYDNEY YOUTH STAMP GROUP (NSW)

17 July 2008

This Open Day for children seven to 17 years of age will be held at Philas House (NSW). Activities will begin at 10.30am and bookings are essential. Information is available by contacting Liz Nakhla on 02 9498 5290 or visit: www.youth.stamparena.com

BENDIGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY ANNUAL STAMP FAIR (Vic)

9 August 2008

St Andrews Church Hall, 24 Myers Street, Bendigo from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is FREE with carparking available. Twelve dealers will attend. For more information ring 03 5443 0347.

SUNSTAMP 2008 (Qld)

22 to 24 August 2008

This national stamp exhibition hosted by the Queensland Philatelic Council in conjunction with the Australian Philatelic Traders Association. Exhibits will comprise around 4,500

pages from around the world. Australia Post as well as Australian and international dealers will attend.

The event will be held at the Commerce Building RNA, Gregory Terrace Bowen Hills, Brisbane.

Friday 10am to 6pm
Saturday 10am to 5pm
Sunday 10am to 4pm

Souvenirs, overprints and SunStamp 100 supporters packs are strictly limited. All enquiries should be directed to The Secretary, SunStamp 2008, PO Box 9471, Wynnum Plaza, Qld 4178.

WESTERN SUBURBS STAMP & COIN FAIR (NSW)

30 August 2008

This event will be held at the Merrylands RSL Club, 14 Military Road, Merrylands from 10am to 4pm. Local and interstate dealers will attend offering FREE valuations. Lucky door prizes will also be a highlight for those attending. Enquiries please contact Stephen Burton on 0432 540 760.

SCDAA PETERSHAM STAMP & COIN SUPER FAIR (NSW)

31 August 2008

To be held at the Petersham Town Hall, 107 Crystal Street. Hours will be 9.30am to 4pm. Admission is \$1.00 for adults – children admitted FREE. Local and interstate dealers will attend and FREE valuations will be offered on the day with five \$50.00 door prizes to be won. June souvenir booklets will be for sale at the door. Enquiries 02 9979 1561.

POSTMARKS

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE POSTMARKS

Living Green

8 July 2008 Greenacres, SA 5086

100 Years of Quarantine

15 July 2008 Canberra ACT 2600

150 Years of Australian Football

29 July 2008 Melbourne Vic 3000

Beijing 2008 Olympic Games

1 August 2008 Canberra NSW 2600

Aviation

5 August 2008

Sydney Airport NSW 2020

For postmarks associated with the Beijing Olympics Gold Medallists sheetlets please refer to page 18 of this edition of the *Bulletin*.

PICTORIAL POSTMARKS

8 July 2008

Warragamba, NSW 2752

Impression: Warragamba Dam.

Avoca Beach, NSW 2251

Impression: beach and palm trees.

Mathoura, NSW 2710

Impression: Redgum country.

Harrington, NSW 2427

Impression: Crowdy Head.

Lismore South, NSW 2480

Impression: tractor.

Hornsby, NSW 2077

Impression: Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park.

POSTMARKS

Temporary Pictorial Postmark

29 August 2008

Port Melbourne, Vic 3207

To celebrate the Centenary of the US Great White Fleet Visit.

Impressions can be obtained from the relevant Postal Manager for each of the above post offices.

KOALA COUNT

A koala represents a single reprint; a kangaroo indicates the fifth reprint, and so on.

SUMMARY OF REPRINTS FROM JULY 2007 TO JUNE 2008

Wildflowers

Booklet of 10 (\$5.00)

0295190



Nature of Australia

Possum (5c)

0295067



International: Bush Wildlife

Koala (\$1.20)

0294067



International

Devil's Marbles (\$10.00)

0293067



International

12 Apostles (\$5.00)

0298067



Nature of Australia

Blue-banded Eggfly (10c)

0405067



Rainforest

Blue Orchid (\$1.45)

0406067



Nature of Australia: Desert

Thorny Devil (\$1.50)

0407067



KOALA COUNT

International Panoramas

Desert Star Flower (50c)
0409067



Native Wildlife (International)

Wombat (\$1.25)
0410067



Nostalgic Tourism

Winter Sport (\$2.45)
0408067



Island Jewels

Sheetlet of five x (\$1.95)
0421191



Nature of Australia: Butterflies

Red Lacewing (5c)
0423067



Nature of Australia

Crocodile (20c)
0424067



Wildflowers II

Kangaroo Paw (\$5.00)
0425067



*Nature

Crocodile (20c)
0441067



*Wildflowers II

Hakea (\$1.00)
0442067



*Nature of Australia

Rainforest: Blue Orchid (\$1.45)
0443067



*Wildflowers II

Kangaroo Paw (\$5.00)
0444067



*Wildflowers II

Waratah (\$10.00)
0445067



*Gorgeous Australia

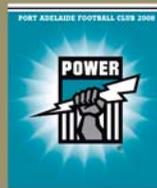
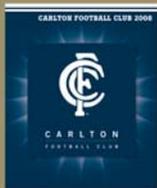
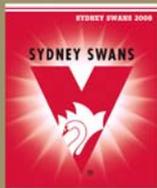
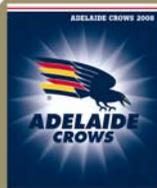
Grose River Gorge (\$1.35)
0446067



* denotes recent addition

2008 AFL souvenir sheetlet packs **OUT NOW!**

ALL 16 TEAMS ARE
AVAILABLE AT
\$10.95 EACH



The 2008 AFL souvenir sheetlet packs are a great way to support your team and are available at a post office near you while stocks last. These sheetlet packs include team information and a unique configuration of 20 x 50c stamps.

THAT'S \$10.00 WORTH OF POSTAGE IN EACH STAMP PACK!

SEVEN SEAS

The following will be included in Seven Seas 2008 supplements and optional pages. Seven Seas pages are only available from stamp dealers and from Seven Seas. Products for Seven Seas pages • No CTO • Partial returns for refunds not accepted.

8 July 2008

Living Green

Supplement design set (gummed) & single s/adhesive from roll
Optional gutter (10 x 50c) with design

15 July 2008

100 Years of Quarantine

Supplement single 50c (gummed) & single s/adhesive from roll
Optional sheetlet of 10 (gummed)

29 July 2008

150 Years of Australian Football

Supplement single 50c (gummed)
Optional sheetlet of 10 (gummed)

1 August 2008

Beijing Olympic Games commemorative issue

Supplement design set (gummed) & design set (s/adhesive supplied in complete sheetlets)
Optional design set (s/adhesive complete sheetlets)

5 August 2008

Aviation

Supplement design set (gummed)
Optional nil

Mail order codes

1583235	Australian Supplement	\$23.90
1583236	Australian Optional	\$28.25
0447235	Olympex souvenir minisheet	\$1.95

In the case of self-adhesive stamps, Australia Post will supply Collector Packs, full booklets or sheetlets only.

NEW ISSUES

Mail order (Retail)	Product Description	†Price	Planned Withdrawal Date
8 July 2008	Living Green (no collector pack with this issue)		
1589067	Stamps (4 x 50c)	\$2.00	31 January 2009
1589002 (35867)	First day cover (gummed)	\$2.30	5 August 2008
1589003 (35868)	First day cover (s/adhesive)	\$2.30	5 August 2008
1589126 (35869)	Stamp pack	\$2.45	31 January 2009
1589220 (35871)	Set of maxicards (4)	\$5.00	31 January 2009
1589184 (35872)	Prestige booklet	\$10.95	31 January 2009
1589250 (35935)	Booklet of (20 x 50c stamps)	\$10.00	31 January 2009
1589251	Chequebook of (20 x 20 x 50c)	\$200.00	31 January 2009
1589209 (35862)	Roll (100 x 50c)	\$50.00	31 January 2009
1589240 (35864)	Gutter (10 x 50c) with design	\$5.00	31 January 2009
1589200	Strip of four s/adhesive from a roll	\$2.00	31 January 2009
15 July 2008	100 Years of Quarantine (no collector pack with this issue)		
1586067	Stamp	\$0.50	31 January 2009
1586201 (35886)	Sheetlet (10 x 50c)	\$5.00	31 January 2009
1586002 (35890)	First day cover (gummed)	\$0.80	12 August 2008
1586003 (35891)	First day cover (s/adhesive)	\$0.80	12 August 2008
1586130 (35892)	Sheetlet pack	\$5.45	31 January 2009
1586250	Sheetlet (10 x 50c with tabs)	\$5.00	31 January 2009
1586251 (35895)	Sheetlet pack (with tabs)	\$9.95	31 January 2009
1586220 (35893)	Maxicard	\$1.25	31 January 2009
1586209 (35885)	Roll (100 x 50c)	\$50.00	31 January 2009
1586200	Single s/adhesive from a roll	\$0.50	31 January 2009

Corrections to previously listed stamp issues

Lest We Forget: Anzac Day

Design: Sally Piskuric, Australia Post Design Studio

Illustration: Brian Clinton

Working Dogs

Design: Amanda Brizzi, Ethos

NEW ISSUES

Mail order (Retail)	Product Description	†Price	Planned Withdrawal Date
29 July 2008	150 Years of Australian Football		
1581067	Stamp	\$0.50	31 January 2009
1581002 (35928)	First day cover (gummed)	\$0.80	26 August 2008
1581130 (35929)	Sheetlet pack	\$5.45	31 January 2009
1581201 (36037)	Sheetlet (10 x 50c)	\$5.00	31 January 2009
1581220 (35930)	Maxicard	\$1.25	31 January 2009
1581008 (35931)	Postal and numismatic cover	\$14.95	31 January 2009
1 August 2008	Beijing 2008 Olympic Games		
1582067	Stamps (one x 50c, \$1.30 and \$1.35)	\$3.15	31 January 2009
1582250 (35955)	Sheetlet (five x \$1.30)	\$6.50	31 January 2009
1582252 (35956)	Sheetlet (five x \$1.35)	\$6.75	31 January 2009
1582002 (35958)	First day cover (gummed)	\$3.45	29 August 2008
1582126 (35959)	Stamp pack	\$3.60	31 January 2009
1582220 (35960)	Maxicard set (three)	\$5.40	31 January 2009
1582300 (35963)	Stamp and medallion cover	\$29.95	31 January 2009
1582241 (35944)	Gutter (10 x 50c – no design)	\$5.00	31 January 2009
1582242 (35948)	Gutter (10 x \$1.30 – no design)	\$13.00	31 January 2009
1582243 (35952)	Gutter (10 x \$1.35 – no design)	\$13.50	31 January 2009
5 August 2008	Aviation		
1583067	Stamps (3 x 50c, 1 x \$2.00)	\$3.50	28 February 2009
1583122	Self-adhesive sheetlet of (5 x \$2.00)	\$10.00	28 February 2009
1583002 (36000)	First day cover (gummed)	\$3.80	2 September 2008
1583126 (36001)	Stamp pack	\$3.95	28 February 2009
1583350 (36003)	Prestige first day cover – limited edition of 15,000	\$9.95	To be advised
1583220 (36002)	Set of maxicards (3)	\$6.50	28 February 2009
1583184 (36004)	Prestige booklet	\$10.95	28 February 2009
1583241 (35992)	Gutter (10 x 50c – no design)	\$5.00	28 February 2009
1583242 (35996)	Gutter (10 x \$2.00 – no design)	\$20.00	28 February 2009

NEW PRODUCTS

New Products			
1514333	WYD 2008 instant sheetlet (10 x 50c)	\$5.00	To be advised
1514334	WYD 2008 cover & postmark set (7)	\$7.60	To be advised
0447235 (35962)	Beijing (Olympex) souvenir minisheet	\$1.95	To be advised

Planned withdrawal dates may be changed without notice to meet emergent postal requirements. Advice on such changes will be published in the first available *Stamp Bulletin Australia* in retrospect. All prices are GST inclusive and are recommended. †Price is correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change due to valuation changes. Contact the Australian Philatelic Bureau (FRECALL 1800 331 794 within Australia, +61 3 9887 0033 Overseas) for the current price at the time you place your order. An asterisk (*) indicates maxicard design(s) also available as postcards from participating Australia Post retail outlets.

World Youth Day 2008 instant stamp sheetlet



Special Event instant sheetlet

Australia Post's instant stamp sheetlet celebrating WYD08 in Sydney will be available after the event – 24 July 2008. The sheetlet of 10 x 50c stamps will include five pairs of stamps with images of WYD08 highlights in the tabs.

Special Event covers

One of each of the five instant stamps will be attached to a WYD08 cover and postmarked with the WYD moments postmark (shown above). The WYD moments cover will also be available after the event.

There will also be a set of six covers (featuring the daily postmarks listed below) using a single 50c stamp from the commemorative issue on each of the covers.

Postmarking

The six postmarks used during the event comprise:

- Tuesday, 15 July
- Wednesday, 16 July
- Thursday, 17 July
- Friday, 18 July
- Saturday, 19 July
- Sunday, 20 July

- Opening Mass
- Youth Festival
- Papal Arrival
- Stations of the Cross
- Pilgrimage Walk and Evening Vigil
- Final Mass

Mail order codes

1514333	WYD instant sheetlet	\$5.00
1514334	WYD cover & postmark set (seven covers in the set)	\$7.60

www.auspost.com.au/wyd



A range of World Youth Day 2008 philatelic products will be available during extended trading hours for some Sydney postal outlets. Refer to the website for hours of operation at www.auspost.com.au/wyd