

INTRODUCTION

The thirty-second edition of our catalogue contains further revision of pricing in the Kangaroo and George V series, thus reflecting the firm upward trend particularly in mint condition, and the scarcer major varieties.

A strong demand has become manifest for Specimen overprints, also the coil emissions of the George VI and Queen Elizabeth II reigns, and substantial price increases were warranted, as many of these items are in somewhat scarce supply.

Certain better class stamps of the past thirty years including some very recent issues have been given attention too, most to keep up with a hardening market, odd ones down a shade.

Some review of the Queen Elizabeth II issues and recent commemoratives has also taken place, particularly the 5d. Green-Red issues of 1963-65 on which excellent research is still being done especially by Mr G. Durham in England.

As intimated in the introductions to previous editions, the editor must bear in mind the trade, the specialist and the potential specialist, and makes an honest endeavour to reflect the Australian market trend, which is governed purely by demand and supply. A perusal of advertisements in any philatelic publication, and auction realisations, will indicate to any rationally thinking person that pricing to please the majority is not always easy. It is trusted therefore, that pricing in this edition will be found equitable.

A note on the listing of varieties appears under that heading.

The editor desires to express his grateful thanks and sincere appreciation to Mr Gordon Thomas of Brisbane for his valued assistance on this occasion, also is very pleased to place on record that in keeping the Catalogue up to date, considerable information has been culled from the Philatelic Bulletins of the Australian Post Office. This sincere tribute is both well-merited and long overdue, and the editor in apologising for being remiss in the past, now conveys a big "Thank You" to the Department and the personnel directly concerned.

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