

# INTRODUCTION

Although the thirty-fifth edition of our catalogue includes recent new emissions and some results of specialists' research, the revision has been concentrated on pricing.

This is a 'major headache', as the rises may be considered by some as astonishing, perhaps ridiculous, but trade advertisements and auction realisations surely belie this.

There is a frantic demand in Australia and overseas for better class material of all issues in mint and fine used condition, and even poorer copies are commanding good prices.

The supply is just not available and the strongly escalating trend as reflected by the general inflation spiral is causing prices to reach new peaks *week by week*. Presently, there appears to be no reason to doubt the continuation of these circumstances and undoubtedly some of our pricing will be obsolete by the time this edition is on sale.

Printing cannot be deferred indefinitely awaiting some semblance of market stability, consequently the above factors must be taken cognizance of when quoting reference in this catalogue.

Regretfully, the editor lacked the requisite time to prepare illustrations of major varieties as was his intention.

Certain notes appear in the text regarding variations in paper, luminescence and shades, and whilst conceding the individual's right to specialise to his desired extremes, it is pointed out this is a catalogue not a handbook, and the detailed information appearing in philatelic publications of necessity must be condensed herein to a pertinent generality.

The editor once again appreciates the valued assistance of Messrs G. Thomas and I. Mastins of Brisbane and extends due acknowledgement to the Australian Post Office for the general and technical information contained in Philatelic Bulletins.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are not a stamp dealing firm  
and do not supply stamps listed in this catalogue.