

INTRODUCTION

The thirty-eighth edition of our catalogue is revised and published in a year in which inflation continued at a rate of some 14 per cent, and the philatelic market continues to be buoyant with a trend to some slight stability in the Kangaroo and some other issues generally, subject to exceptions.

Whilst it is not intended to transform this catalogue into a handbook, it is felt that some details of certain aspects of Australian Philately be included to foster greater understanding of occurrences and to promote further study.

There has been some disfavour with the 'scrambled' presentation of King George VI issues and at this late stage it is not deemed expedient to radically re-list these in the logical chronological order of issue. As a compromise, the series of issues, colour changes, etc, has been concisely tabulated at the beginning of the Section, and applied also to the Kangaroo and George V sections (details excerpted from Australia Post booklets).

Anomalous pricing of the 3d Kangaroo Die I and Die II pairs first and third watermarks has been adjusted, and for the first time such pairs, inverted watermark are included.

The 'void corner' and Mullett imprints of the 1½d King George V Die II have been completely revised consequent upon research by Mr A. Pailthorpe of Sydney, who proffers the most reasonable explanation to date in respect to flaw and corrections. The John Ash treatment of this unit will follow in next edition.

Progressive revision of the Postage Dues, again with the valued assistance of Dr A. Nicholson of Ballarat, covers more rational pricing and further details of these generally neglected issues, particularly pre-1938.

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