

INTRODUCTION



Welcome to my latest **Australasian** price list.

Layout and composition has been maintained, however there has been an extensive revision of prices especially for pre-1950 issues.

While the global recession has reduced the value of many traditional investments, it may be having the opposite effect on the stamp market.

Stamp collecting gives enjoyment and satisfaction to the collector. It also provides an exciting challenge in acquiring scarce and desirable philatelic items. But unlike many hobbies it can also provide an excellent financial investment. This is an unbeatable combination.

One of the best descriptions of our hobby I have read was by Stanley Phillips, Editor of Stanley Gibbons catalogues in his excellent book "Stamp Collecting" c1938 which ran to many editions.

*"There is one hobby which stands out above all others. It overrides the barriers of race, class and age, linking black with white and king with schoolboy. It appeals to nearly every type of mind, and is within the reach of every purse. It has... one of the largest number of followers...and the law of supply and demand had created out of nothing a stable value of hundreds of millions. While other hobbies have waxed and waned this one has gone from strength to strength. **This hobby is postage stamp collecting**".*

SELLING? I am a serious cash buyer of worthwhile collections, accumulations and single lots. My auctions are also at your service. I have a large international mailing list 2500+, competitive vendor commissions starting at 10% and a sale rate of 90% (one of the highest in Australia).

This edition continues a service to collectors which began with my first edition of this list in Adelaide in 1968. Long may it continue!

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ABBREVIATIONS

- MUH/**
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MINT/(*)
- MINT UNHINGED – good centering and perforations. Above average condition with full original gum.
MINT LIGHTLY HINGED – good centering and perforations. Above average condition.
- a) applies mainly to pre-1940 issues that do not quite meet the high standards of MUH/MLH. Includes MUH/MLH that are significantly off centre or lightly toned or otherwise fine copies with significant hinge remainders and/or several pulled or missing perforations. (A collector buying 'mint' can assemble on average five to six times as many stamps as a MUH collector).
- b) 'MINT' (and 'USED') applies to 19th Century and early 20th Century issues where the stamps offered are **FINE FOR THE PERIOD** – notably early Postage Dues, early New Zealand, British New Guinea, early Papua, Western Australia.
- F.U./⊙
VFU/CTO
GOOD USED (⊙)
- FINE USED, light circular cancels good centering and perforations.
Light circular cancellation across a corner of the stamp.
HEAVIER circular date stamp or light meter/machine cancel.

CATALOGUES

- ACSC
ASC
MICHEL
SG
SCOTT
YVERT
- AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH SPECIALIST CATALOGUES
AUSTRALASIAN STAMP CATALOGUE
GERMAN CATALOGUE Vol 7.
STANLEY GIBBONS
U.S. CATALOGUE
FRENCH CATALOGUE

MISCELLANEOUS

- FDC
MC
WMK
PERF/P
POA
- FIRST DAY COVER.
MAXIMUM CARD or PRE PAID POSTCARD.
WATERMARK.
PERFORATION.
PRICE ON APPLICATION – price depends on condition & availability.