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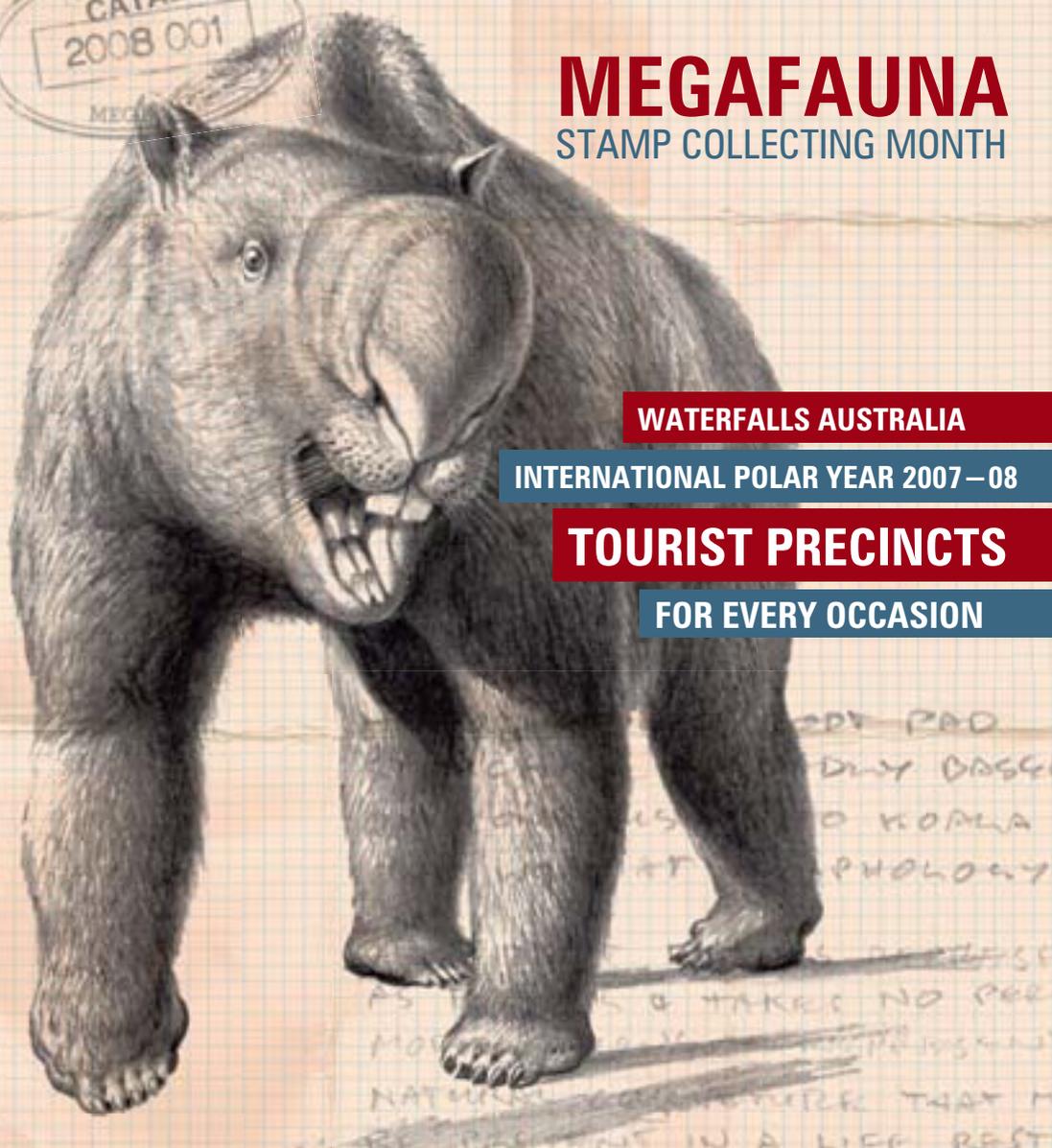
MEGAFUNA STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

WATERFALLS AUSTRALIA

INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR 2007-08

TOURIST PRECINCTS

FOR EVERY OCCASION





Dear Collectors

The last few months have been busy here in the Philatelic area of Australia Post. At the time of writing we are in the middle of the Beijing Olympics and each day we are excitedly monitoring the inspirational performances of our Australian athletes. Of course we also have to get to work and produce the Australian Gold Medallists instant stamps each time an Australian athlete wins a gold medal! The stamp sheetlets are looking really great; make sure you secure a set, or the Collection, as an ideal way to remember these special games (see page 20 for details of the Beijing Olympics 2008 Collection of Australian Stamps).

One of the other things keeping us busy is the recently announced change to postal rates. The last rise to the basic domestic letter rate was some five years back in 2003; and with the increased cost to deliver mail to over 10 million address points around Australia it has been necessary to raise postage rates.

For this rate change we have produced the Tourist Precincts stamp issue, which looks at favourite destinations for many of the thousands of tourists (both local and those from overseas) around Australia. From the Salamanca Market in Hobart to the famous foreshore of Cairns, the issue includes a set of matching postcards based on the maxicard designs. In September we also introduce a set of stamps at the new postage rates for special occasions such as birthdays, engagements and weddings, or to use with ordinary letters and cards (For Every Occasion). Most of these new designs will also be available through the Personalised Stamps™ service – a fantastic way to show off those holiday “happy snaps”! There is also a square stamp design included as part of this special issue which will be used in souvenir stamp sheets.

Following the previously released Gorgeous Australia, a new definitive international issue titled Waterfalls Australia shows four of these stunning natural features from around the country. The month also sees Australia Post joining the rest of the world with the release of an Australian Antarctic Territory (AAT) issue celebrating International Polar Year 2007–08. These stamps focus on Australia’s involvement in scientific research and the impact of research on the Antarctic region. The vastness of the Antarctic territory is expressed through the photographic imagery used in the design of the stamp issue.

Our first stamp issue for October (Megafauna) celebrates Stamp Collecting Month in Australia. This is a great time to get kids interested in a hobby full of educational information. We all know it can be so much fun at any age and this stamp issue looks at some very early Australian animals related to the unique Australian species that we see today. Fossils and leading paleontologists tell the story of early Australia, its ever-changing landscapes and weather patterns, the available food and shelter, as well as the predators that Megafauna faced. This insight goes toward an explanation as to why Megafauna are no longer around.

It was also announced in July that an entry of Australian stamps, by Australia Post historian Richard Breckon, in the EFIRO World Stamp Exhibition, received the Silver Medal. The Australian entry missed out on the Gold Medal by just one point to France! In the inaugural category, 25 postal administrations were chosen to submit exhibits of stamps issued during three calendar years.

Until next time,

Noel Leahy, Manager, Philatelic Group

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AAT BASE ARRIVALS – FDI FULL SETS



Antarctic base arrival dates were listed in Bulletin 293. First Day of Issue products for the AAT Royal Penguins (WWF) stamp issue (7 August 2007) are now available.

0448027	AAT bases (set of four)	\$13.20
0448028	AAT base Mawson	\$3.30
0448029	AAT base Davis	\$3.30
0448030	AAT base Casey	\$3.30
0448031	AAT base Macquarie	\$3.30
0448032	AAT BL4 (set of four)	\$26.40
0448033	AAT BL4 Mawson	\$6.60
0448034	AAT BL4 Davis	\$6.60
0448035	AAT BL4 Casey	\$6.60
0448036	AAT BL4 Macquarie	\$6.60

SUNSTAMP2008 show souvenir



This souvenir minisheet features a checkerboard block of four comprising stamps from two past issues.

(Aviation & Up, Up and Away)

0452229 Brisbane \$5.00

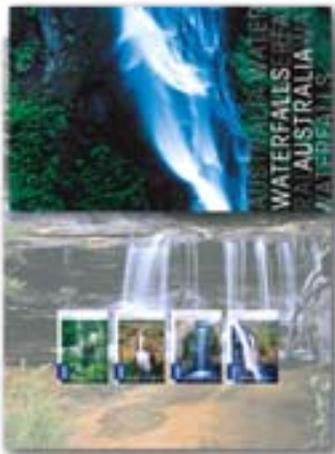
WATERFALLS AUSTRALIA

8 SEPTEMBER 2008

- \$1.40.....Russell Falls
- \$2.05.....Jim Jim Falls
- \$2.80.....Spa Pool
- \$4.10.....MacKenzie Falls



1593005 first day cover (blank)
1593001 first day cover (gummed)



1593126 stamp pack

In March this year we released the international stamp issue Gorgeous Australia, highlighting four dramatic gorges cut deep into the land. In this companion issue we showcase four waterfalls from around the country. The \$1.40 and \$2.05 stamps, depicting Russell Falls and Jim Jim Falls, are also available in pictorial special occasion booklets.

Tucked away with Australia's grand and striking landscape are some modest yet beautiful gems of nature. Many of the country's waterfalls flow only during the winter months or the wet season, and this has increasingly become the case as our environment is affected by climate change.

Russell Falls, Tasmania

The popular Russell Falls, in Tasmania's Mt Field National Park, is located some 60 kilometres north-west of Hobart. Nestled among lofty trees and thick ferns, the waterfall is bathed in emerald-green light filtered through the canopy of this lush bush site. The exquisite tiered waterfall has two main drops of around 15 metres each, above which are smaller rock faces. The tiered walls are composed of horizontally bedded marine Permian siltstone.

Originally named Browning Falls, after being sighted by a settler of that name in 1856, the waterfall's name was changed to Russell Falls in 1884, in honour of a member of an exploration party that travelled up the Derwent Valley. It was declared Tasmania's first nature reserve in 1885.

Jim Jim Falls, Northern Territory

Jim Jim Falls is in the heart of the Northern Territory's Kakadu National Park, an extraordinary area that has been World Heritage listed for its natural and cultural heritage. The falls is named for Andjimjim, the Water Pandanus (*Pandanus aquaticus*) associated with permanent freshwater, and is sited on the Jim Jim Creek. The waters tumble over the wall of the Arnhem Land escarpment to create the majestic 200-metre waterfall.

Jim Jim's waters flow well during the wet season, thundering over the massive drop of the escarpment. During the dry season – when Jim Jim Falls can be reached by a 60-kilometre four-wheel-drive track and a short walk – the waters run only at a trickle or cease to flow at all. As the perspective in the stamp design indicates, the photograph was taken during the wet season. At this time of the year a helicopter is essential in viewing the falls.

Spa Pool, Hamersley Gorge, Western Australia

Tucked away in Hamersley Gorge, in Western Australia's Karijini National Park, is the Spa Pool, the waters of which run from the southern branch of the Fortescue River. This small waterfall and pool is distinguished by its tranquil ambience rather than its grandeur, with the pool cupped by spectacular banded-iron rock formations. The rains fall in this tropical semi-desert area between November and March, and the waters flow for several months before drying up completely.

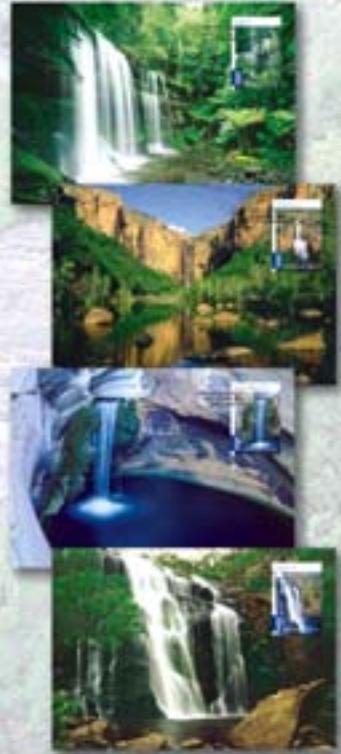
MacKenzie Falls, Victoria

MacKenzie Falls is one of four waterfalls in the MacKenzie Gorge, which has been cut by a river of the same name running through the Grampians, or Gariwerd, National Park in western Victoria. MacKenzie falls is the largest and most popular of the park's falls, and unlike many waterfalls in Australia it generally flows year-round. During the winter months its waters plummet dramatically over a wall of around 30 metres, sending up a spray of fine mist; in the summer it is a more modest affair. The park is jointly managed by Parks Victoria and its traditional owners, for whom the waterfall is significant as the site of the Black Fish dreaming.

Bushfires swept through the park in 2006, devastating many areas and much wildlife, and impacting on tracks and lookouts to MacKenzie Falls. Access to the falls has since been restored and this area continues to attract visitors.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

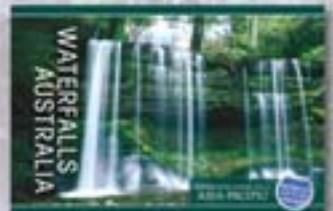
Issue date	8 September 2008
FDI withdrawal date.....	6 October 2008
Denominations	1 x \$1.40, \$2.05, \$2.80, \$4.10
Stamp & product design	Sally Piskuric, Australia Post Design Studio
Printer (gummed & s/a).....	Energi Print
Paper (gummed)	Tullis Russell
(s/adhesive).....	B100 S/A
Printing process.....	Lithography
Stamp size	26mm x 37.5mm
Perforations	14.6 X 13.86
Sheet layout	50
Special feature.....	Nil
National postmark.....	Falls Creek, Vic 3699



1593220 maxicard set (four)



1593302
special occasion booklet (europe)



1593301
souvenir booklet (asia pacific)

TOURIST PRECINCTS

8 SEPTEMBER 2008

55c.....Luna Park, Melbourne
55c.....South Bank, Brisbane
55c.....The Rocks, Sydney
55c.....Fishermans Wharf, Fremantle
\$1.10.....Foreshore, Cairns
\$1.65.....Salamanca Place, Hobart
\$2.75.....Glenelg, Adelaide



Every capital has its much-loved tourist precincts. Among these are Melbourne's Luna Park, Brisbane's South Bank, Sydney's The Rocks, Fremantle's Fishermans Wharf, Hobart's Salamanca Place, and Adelaide's Glenelg. Cairns – the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef in northern Queensland – is also one of Australia's most popular tourist destinations.

Luna Park, Melbourne

Luna Park opened on 13 December 1912. Since then it has become one of Melbourne's favourite tourist destinations. Among its attractions are the kilometre-long Scenic Rail or big dipper, a carousel, which features one of only five 66-key Limonaire Freres organs with elaborate facades in the world, and the enormous face that welcomes visitors to Melbourne's world of fun.

South Bank, Brisbane

The South Bank of Brisbane has become synonymous with the arts in the capital city of Queensland. Situated on the Brisbane River and accessible by riverboat, South Bank features concert halls, the Queensland Museum and the Queensland Art Gallery. The latest addition to this cultural precinct is the recently opened Gallery of Modern Art.

The Rocks, Sydney

Situated within a short stroll of Sydney's famous Circular Quay, The Rocks is a popular tourist destination. Its mix of cafes, galleries, pubs, shops and historic buildings within sight of Sydney Harbour makes for a memorable tourist experience.

Fishermans Wharf, Fremantle

Fremantle, with its working harbour, wharves, fishing and heritage buildings attracts visitors who enjoy its relaxed atmosphere.



1579126 stamp pack

Foreshore, Cairns

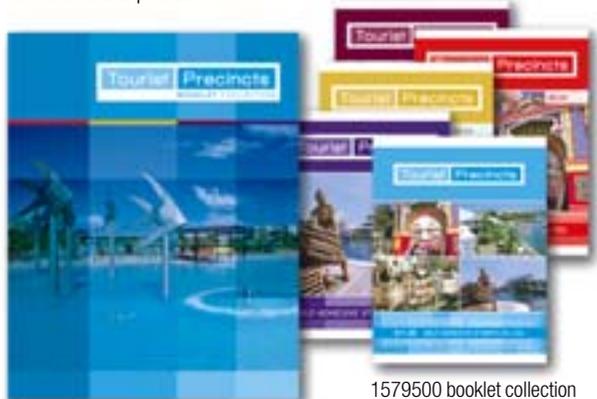
Cairns is the capital of tropical northern Queensland. Within reach of the Great Barrier Reef, Cairns attracts international and Australian tourists. The city's attractions include the Foreshore Promenade, a boardwalk suspended over the mudflats to link the city's sights, including the swimming lagoon.

Salamanca Place, Hobart

On Saturdays Salamanca comes alive with the famous Salamanca Market. Over 300 stall holders offer their crafts and produce to visitors to Tasmania's capital, Hobart. The ambience of the market is enhanced by the backdrop of sandstone buildings that were originally used in the nineteenth century as warehouses for the city's port.

Glenelg, Hobart

Tourists to Adelaide inevitably take the historic tram to the city's seaside playground, Glenelg. When they arrive they find a jetty, sidewalk cafes, shops, accommodation and long, sandy beaches fringed with tall, stately Norfolk Island pines.



1579500 booklet collection

NEW POSTCARD SET

A new postcard has been produced for each of these tourist precincts.

1579212

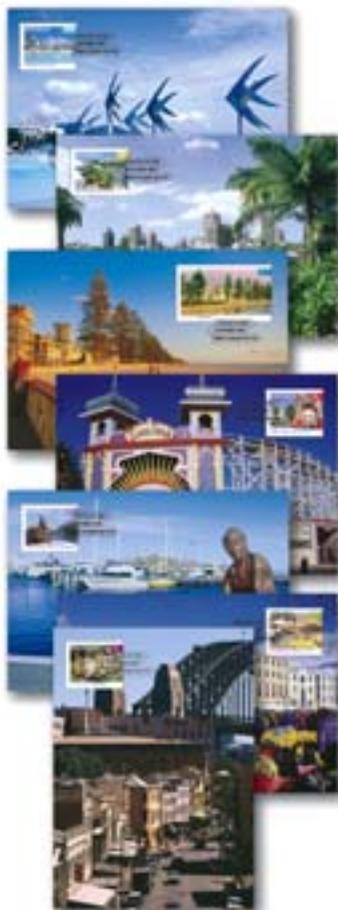
postcard set

\$10.50



1579002 first day cover

1579220
maxicard set
(seven)



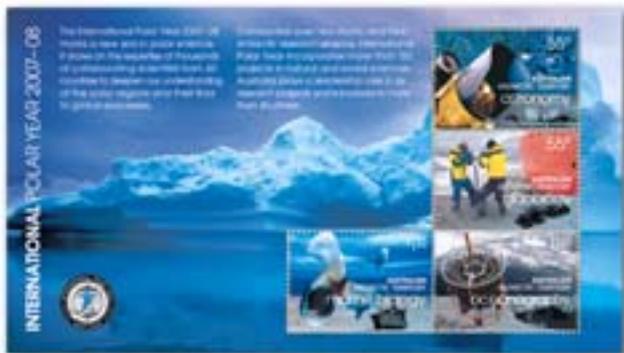
TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date	8 September 2008
FDI withdrawal date.....	6 October 2008
Denominations	4 x 55c, 1 x \$1.10, \$1.65, \$2.75
Stamp & product design	Simone Sakinofsky, Australia Post Design Studio
Printer (gummed & s/a).....	McKellar
(s/a roll).....	Pemara
Paper (gummed)	Tullis Russell
(s/adhesive).....	B100 s/a, 40080 WLK1 KV75 (rolls)
Printing process.....	Lithography
Stamp sizes	30mm x 25mm, 50mm x 30mm (\$2.75)
Perforations	14 x 14.4
Sheet layout	50 (block of four)
Special feature.....	Nil
National postmark.....	Mount Pleasant, Qld 4740

55c.....Astronomy
 55c.....Glaciology
 \$1.10.....Oceanography
 \$1.10.....Marine Biology

AAT: INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR 2007–08

16 SEPTEMBER 2008



1585142 minisheet

Part of the Australian Antarctic Territory stamp program, this issue marks International Polar Year 2007–08. Postal administrations from around the world have released stamp issues over the last 18 months or so to commemorate this global polar research effort. We join this philatelic endeavour with an issue of four stamps and a miniature sheet representing Australia's contribution to IPY 2007–08.

This stamp issue represents four Australian-led research projects, which function as touchstones for the science disciplines they represent: astronomy, glaciology, oceanography and marine biology.

Astronomy

The Astropoles project – also known as Astronomy from the Polar Plateaus – quantifies the conditions on the Antarctic plateau in order to determine the potential for establishing a future astronomical observatory at the very best terrestrial site for viewing the cosmos. The extremely cold, dry, stable conditions of the region make it an ideal place for an observatory. The AASTINO observatory is the dark capsule featured in the strip at the bottom of the stamp design. It is located at Dome C and represents key technology used in the experiment. The telescope shown was deployed in the South Pole prior to the AASTINO. Its infrared camera was used to create the background image of the cosmos. This image shows emission from organic molecules in space, illustrating aspects of galactic ecology at work – a star nursery illuminating a cloud of molecular gas from which it was born.

Glaciology

The Sea Ice Physics and Ecosystem Experiment aims to increase understanding of the relationship between the physical sea-ice environment and the structure of the Southern Ocean ecosystem. Observations of sea-ice thickness, snow cover and environmental properties are made by scientists working on ice floes accessed through an ice-breaking ship – for example, by drilling through



1585002 first day cover (gummed)

the ice, as shown in the stamp design. This IPY project also investigates the impact of ocean currents and wind on the sea-ice environment, the distribution of algae and krill populations under the ice, and habitat transformation through climate change.

Oceanography

The Climate of Antarctica and the Southern Ocean project aims to extend existing knowledge of the Southern Ocean and the geophysical environment to learn how Antarctica drives and responds to climate variation and change. Ocean circulation and water-mass formation in the Southern Ocean regulate the storage and transportation of heat, fresh water and carbon dioxide throughout the world's oceans, so changes to the polar currents and sea-ice environment can affect global climate. Observations undertaken during this project will allow scientists to model the data to understand future climates. Among the technologies for observing ocean phenomena is the CTD (conductivity-temperature-depth) probe shown in the stamp design. This is the workhorse of oceanographers studying the physical characteristics of the ocean. Lowered over a ship's side to the sea floor, it measures temperature, salinity and oxygen concentrations. Other instruments also measure ocean currents, carbon dioxide concentrations, nutrients and phytoplankton abundance.

Marine Biology

The Census of Antarctic Marine Life project forms part of a broader, ongoing study of marine life, known as COML. This major IPY project looks at the evolution of marine life in Antarctic waters – mapping biodiversity, abundance and distribution at various ocean depths and environments. The project will establish a baseline against which the impact of climate change on marine species can be measured. The stamp design shows a pteropod, a pelagic snail (*Limacina helicina*), and an Emperor Penguin diving beneath the icesheet, just two species that will be mapped during the life of the project. The pteropod has been photographed through a light microscope.



1585126 stamp pack



1585220 maxicard set (four)

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date	16 September 2008
FDI withdrawal date.....	14 October 2008
Denominations	2 x 55c, 2 x \$1.10
Stamp design	Chris Shurey
Product design.....	John White, Australia Post Design Studio
Printer	Energi Print
Paper (gummed)	Tullis Russell
Printing process.....	Lithography
Stamp size	37.5mm x 26mm
Minisheet size	130mm x 90mm
Perforations	13.86 x 14.6
Sheet layout	50
Special feature.....	Nil
National postmark.....	Kingston, Tas 7050

FOR EVERY OCCASION

23 SEPTEMBER 2008

- 55c.....Gold wedding bands
- 55c.....Heart & roses
- 55c.....Silver wedding bands
- 55cSparklers
- 55c.....Balloons
- 55c.....Coastal
- 55c.....Map of Australia
- 55c.....Globe & map
- 55c.....Baby feet
- \$1.10.....Bridal gown



Our lives are marked by personal milestones, which are often events of social connection and celebration. Over the last decade, Australia Post has released stamp issues in its Special Occasions stamp series to provide postal options in the spirit of such events. For Every Occasion is part of this series and has been released to coincide with new postage rates.

Individual Special Occasions booklet codes can be found in our full product list at the back of this *Bulletin*. Of the seven booklets produced for this stamp issue four are shown here; three are shown on page 12.

For Every Occasion takes a broad approach, both thematically and aesthetically. A number of the designs recognise specific events, such as the birth of a child, a wedding or a birthday, while others are appropriate for wider use. The bouquet of pink roses within a heart, for example, could equally be used for postage on a Mother's Day card, birthday card or greetings note to a loved one. Designs not obviously linked to personal events, such as those featuring the Australian map and the globe, have been developed to meet the commemorative needs of community and business organisations.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date.....	23 September 2008
FDI withdrawal date:.....	20 October 2008
Denominations	9 x 55c, 1 x \$1.10
Stamp design	Cathleen Cram & Chris Shurey (globe)
Product design.....	Jo Muré & Simone Sakinofsky, Australia Post Design Studio
Printer (gummed & s/a).....	Energi Print & McKellar
Paper (gummed)	Tullis Russell
(s/adhesive).....	B100
Printing process.....	Lithography
Stamp size	26mm x 37.5mm, 30.55mm x 30mm
Perforations.....	14.6 x 13.86, 14.4 x 14
Sheet layout	25
Special feature	Block of 4 x 2 (8 x 55c)
National postmark.....	Merrylands, NSW 2160



0452005 first day cover (blank)



0452002 first day cover
(one of the set of two)

>> Begin the celebrations with style and "romance". There's a design to suit your occasion with this new release of stamps.



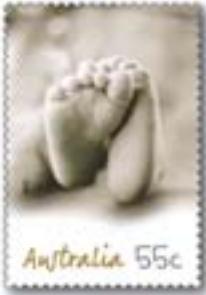
Shown here are four of the maxicards in the set of 10.
0452220 Maxicard set
\$13.55

four of the seven Special Occasions booklets are shown here; three are shown on page 12

Personalised Stamps™

FOR EVERY OCCASION

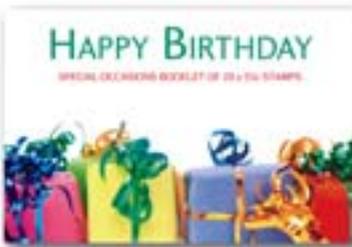
23 SEPTEMBER 2008



Individual Special Occasions booklet codes can be found in our full product list at the back of this *Bulletin*.

There are seven Special Occasions booklets in the set. Four are shown on page 11; three are shown here.

0452002 first day cover
(one of the set of two)



The single square design in this issue – the globe – will be used in souvenir stamp sheets. This stamp is the only one in this issue that will not be available as a personalised stamp.

The design is by Chris Shurey, who also designed the International Polar Year 2007–08 stamp issue.

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0452126 stamp pack



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Six maxicards from the set of 10 are shown here.

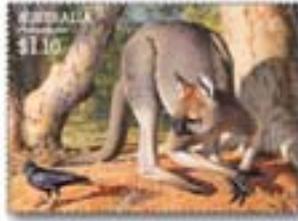
0452220 maxicard set (ten)



STAMP COLLECTING MONTH: MEGAFaUNA

1 OCTOBER 2008

- 55c..... *Diprotodon*
- 55c..... *Genyornis*
- 55c..... *Thylacine*
- 55c..... *Thylacoleo*
- \$1.10..... *Procoptodon goliah*
- \$1.10..... *Megalania*



This issue focuses on Australia's megafauna – an extraordinary range of giant creatures that roamed the Australian continent many thousands and even millions of years ago and became extinct between 20,000 and 50,000 years ago (with the exception of the Tasmanian Tiger). Many of these animals, including the marsupial lion and the large kangaroo, briefly co-existed with humans – a fact, some scientists hypothesise, that may have contributed to their extinction. Others hypothesise that climate change may have caused their extinction, although this argument does not account for the fact that megafaunal species survived two million years of climatic oscillations, including a number of arid glacial periods, before their sudden extinction.

Genyornis

Although resembling the emu and the cassowary, the *Genyornis* is not related to them – instead, it appears related to ducks, geese and swans. The carbon isotopes in the bones of *Genyornis* suggest that it ate perennials, shrubs and herbaceous plants. Emu and *Genyornis* egg-shells are commonly found together in sediments deposited up to 50,000 years ago, but younger dunes and sediments only contain emu egg-shells. The most complete remains found thus far have come from the Lake Callabonna salt pan in northern South Australia, where an expedition from the South Australian Museum recovered complete skeletons in the late 1890s.

Diprotodon

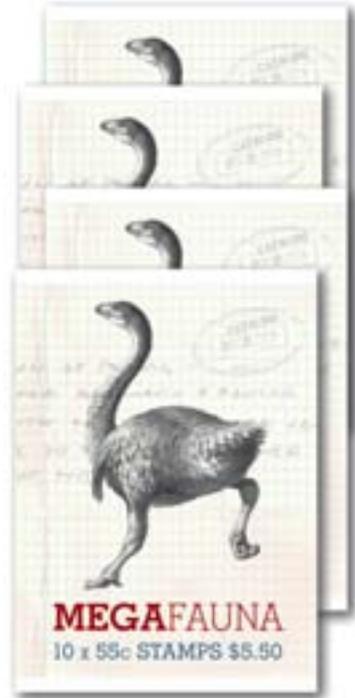
Australia's largest marsupial looks just like a giant wombat and was the first fossil mammal from Australia to be given a scientific name – in 1838 by Sir Richard Owen, a renowned British anatomist who described many of this continent's fossil animals. The name means "two forward teeth", referring to the two prominently projecting incisors in the lower jaw that point straight ahead. A reward was posted for the finding of a complete foot of this enigmatic pouched beast and it was not until 1892, at Lake Callabonna, that articulated skeletons, including complete feet and even trackways, were excavated. *Diprotodon* seemed to thrive on the grasslands and may have lived in small herds, but as aridity increased and water decreased they could not cope.

Procoptodon goliath

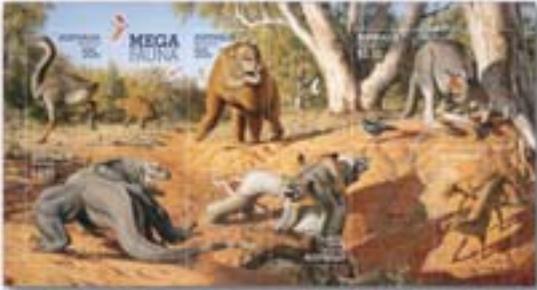
Procoptodon goliath was probably the largest of all kangaroos – it stood about 2.5 metres tall and weighed upwards of 200 kilograms. Experts see *Procoptodon* as a grazer on resistant forage rather than a browser on soft leaves. It had very long arms bearing two unusually long fingers on each hand, which some scientists think may have been for reaching high in vegetation such as blackoaks and sheoaks. Others suggest long arms more easily assisted locomotion on all fours in the grasslands. Its feet bore only a single toe, unlike today’s kangaroos, which possess smaller side toes.

Megalania

Megalania was arguably the “top dog”, the largest predator of the megafauna in Australia. It probably had similar predatory habits to the much smaller Komodo Dragon – the largest living varanid lizard and known to have eaten people. The dragons are often outright scavengers, but can be efficient ambush predators, lying in wait along game trails for deer, pigs and even buffalo. *Megalania*’s teeth are widely spaced and serrated at the rear, giving it a very formidable bite in contrast to unserrated teeth in other *Varanus* species.



1588182 booklet (10 x 55c)



1588142 minisheet



1588300 stamp and medallion cover



1588002 first day cover (gummed)

October in Australia celebrates and promotes stamp collecting as a hobby.

The month also supports activities designed to instil an interest in stamp collecting in children as young as five.



1588241 gutter (10 x 55c)

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Thylacoleo

The marsupial, *Thylacoleo carnifex*, was first described by Sir Richard Owen in 1859 as the “fellest and most destructive of predatory beasts”. Few extinct animals from Australia have aroused so much curiosity. Some say it was an efficient carnivore, others an omnivore and still others, a fruit or egg eater! *Thylacoleo* harked from a possum ancestry and adaptations in its forelimb could have been useful in manipulating prey. The *Thylacoleo* had shearing-like teeth and front incisors, which could have been used as “stabbing devices”.

Thylacine

The *Thylacine* has a long history in Australia, dating back to at least the Miocene. Europeans first knew it as a living marsupial restricted to Tasmania, yet *Thylacines* had survived on mainland Australia until at least 3,300 years ago. The introduction of the dingo by humans pushed *Thylacines* to extinction on the mainland. Actively hunted in Tasmania in the 1800s as sheep farming spread, the final living individual died in the Hobart Zoo in 1933. Although neither a “wolf” nor “tiger”, it was given its misleading name because it was dog-like and possessed stripes.

Noted Australian artist Peter Trusler has a long and close working relationship with Professor Pat Vickers-Rich, the consulting palaeontologist on this stamp issue. In 1993 a similar collaboration occurred when Peter illustrated the stamp issue Australia’s Dinosaur Era and again in 2005 with Creatures of the Slime, the first living creatures.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date.....	1 October 2008
FDI withdrawal date.....	29 October 2008
Denominations	4 x 55c, 2 x \$1.10
Design & illustration	Peter Trusler
Product design.....	Adam Crapp, Australia Post Design Studio
Printer (gummed & s/a).....	Energi Print
Paper (gummed)	Tullis Russell
(s/adhesive).....	B100 s/a (booklets), B90 s/a (roll)
Printing process.....	Lithography
Stamp sizes	26mm x 37.5mm, 52mm x 37.5mm
Miniature sheet size	160mm x 90mm
Perforations	14.6 x 13.86
Sheet layout	50 (55c) & 24 (\$1.10)
Special feature	Design in gutter (55c)
National postmark.....	Monash University, Vic 3800



1588184 prestige booklet

Translucent pages in this prestige booklet reveal the skeletal make-up of the *Procoptodon goliath* by peeling away the dermis and muscle.



1588220 maxicard set (six)

1588126 stamp pack

TALKING STAMPS

WITH NOEL LEAHY

Young Stamp Collectors

It's hard to keep up with children these days, let alone what interests them most, as these can change from day-to-day. The hobby of stamp collecting is pitted against television, computer games, sports, and other activities when it comes to the leisure time available to children. When it comes to stamp collecting, it can prove very difficult to grab their attention without the aid of parents, grandparents and the dedicated volunteers of Australia's many stamp clubs and associations.

There are a number of activities that Australia Post undertakes each year to reach these future stamp collectors. For instance, October is the designated month set aside to spread the word through our primary schools and postal outlets around the country. With the assistance of staff from our post offices and primary school teachers we organise school visits to bring primary school children up to date with the latest children's stamp issue. A DVD and other support material are used to show the children the design and production details of the new issue.

These visits also encourage interest in the long-term benefits of the hobby from an educational perspective. The stamp issue chosen each year to celebrate this special month is based on market research of the subjects and themes preferred by Australian primary school children. This valuable research also has a lot to do with the overall design of the stamp issues, stamp products or any new product added to the issue. Children have a fascination for dinosaurs, so for this October we have produced the Megafauna issue which focuses on unique Australian species which we hope will capture children's imaginations.

What can I do?

This is a question I am asked quite regularly. One of the easiest things to do in order to capture children's interest in stamps, is to arrange to send a copy of the Australian Stamp Explorer, the children's stamp publication produced by the Philatelic area of Australia Post. It's free and designed to be fun for kids. We produce around 150,000 copies of each edition with four editions released each year. The publication (or a subscription form) is available through your local post office.

If you are after larger quantities to support your next stamp show or youth club event/activity write to the address below and we would be happy to make them available. Plenty of notice will ensure that we have enough available.

**Editor
Australian Stamp Explorer
GPO Box 1777
MELBOURNE VIC 3000**

Australia Post's Philatelic Group also has a great working relationship with the Australian Philatelic Federation (APF) and holds in high regard the involvement and work performed by the many APF volunteers, especially with children's groups and stamp clubs.

The hard work of volunteers is evident at stamp shows as well as through the organisation's own newsletters and activities for young collectors. Visit the APF website to find out more information about their youth or club activities;

www.apf.org.au

Of course, by visiting your local post office you can purchase a range of products that will interest an aspiring collector of any age. These include stamps, special souvenir products and album sheets in a variety of sizes. We also try to ensure that stamps and products with children in mind have "cool" themes and subjects, favourite sporting stars, or the latest "in thing" such as the Harry Potter or Disney movie characters. These stamp types can be a great beginning or a way to explore the hobby for a new collector.

Why not set up an arrangement with your local doctor or dentist's surgery and encourage them to keep their used stamps for a child. This is a great way to share with a child that spirit of adventure and sense of anticipation; like the thrill of an undiscovered gem!

I hope some of these ideas go toward kindling an interest in stamp collecting for a child in your life and it would be great to hear what has worked for you. Please write to the address above and we will share with our readers your experiences.



Paralympian of the Year instant sheetlet

This instant sheetlet of 10 x 55c stamps will be released within days of the announcement of Australia's Paralympian of the Year 2008.

RELEASED 24 OCTOBER

1514379
Beijing Paralympics
Paralympian of the Year
stamp sheetlet \$5.50



ADELAIDE STAMPEX 2008

(11 and 12 October)

Featuring a Combined National One Frame, a State Three Frame and a One Frame SA Congress.

Souvenir items will be on sale at the show, including three pictorial postmarkers and two different CPS literals: "CONGRESS 2008" and "STAMPEX 2008" along with a special overprinted minisheet. CPS labels will be available from the Postal Manager, Adelaide GPO, SA 5000 until 30 November 2008.

FREE admission

For more information visit
www.apf.org.au

BEIJING 2008 OLYMPIC GAMES COLLECTION OF AUSTRALIAN STAMPS

Australian Gold Medallists sheetlets plus

- Digital Gold Medallists stamp pairs
- “Dragon” logo stamp
- Commemorative issue of three

Gold Medallists sheetlets

Congratulations to all the Australian athletes who competed.

The Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Collection of Australian Stamps

is a complete presentation and memento of Australia's success at this year's Olympic Games. The collection includes:

- all of the gummed stamps issued to celebrate Australia's participation
- 14 Gold Medallists sheetlets - one for each Australian gold medal awarded in Beijing
- 14 pairs of digitally printed stamps - one pair from each of the digitally printed Gold Medallists sheetlets (printed in Beijing)

A deluxe collection of sheetlets celebrating Australia's gold medal winners and including all of the gummed stamp designs released for the event!

\$94.95

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COLLECTION OF AUSTRALIAN STAMPS

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& BEIJING 2008

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Digital pairs
printed in Beijing!



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A COLLECTABLES RANGE FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY



1514362
Barbie Mariposa
souvenir stamp sheet

AUD\$15.95 each



1514366
Disney Fairies stamp pack
(includes 10 x 55c stamps)

AUD\$10.95 each

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1514365
Marvel Heroes
souvenir stamp sheet

AUD\$15.95 each



New Baby Thank You Card packs
Each pack includes 10 cards, matching envelopes and postage stamps to the value of \$11. Available in two designs.

AUD\$14.95 each

1514393 New Baby (blue)
1514394 New Baby (pink)



1514395
Pack of Wedding & Engagement
Thank You Cards. Includes matching
envelopes and postage stamps to
the value of \$11.

AUD\$14.95 each

1514378
Mickey Mouse prepaid calendar
(includes postage for overseas)

AUD\$24.95 each



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These calendars include 12 tear-off postcards for you to mail!

1514373 Australian Scenes
1514374 Zodiac

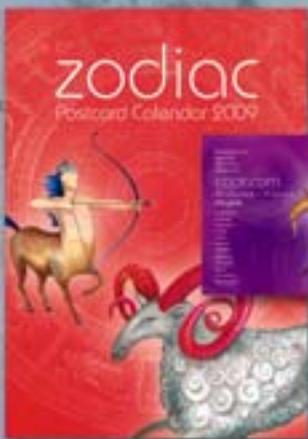
AUD\$9.99 each



Landscapes of Australia calendars

AUD\$9.99 each

- 1514369 Coastlines
- 1514370 Roads
- 1514371 Rainforest
- 1514372 Landscapes



1514375
Heritage Post Offices calendar

AUD\$24.95 each

AFTER THE GAME!

A souvenir stamp sheet will be produced to honour each of the 2008 Grand Final winning teams from the AFL and NRL.

AUD\$15.95 each

- 1514376 AFL Grand Final souvenir stamp sheet
- 1514377 NRL Grand Final souvenir stamp sheet

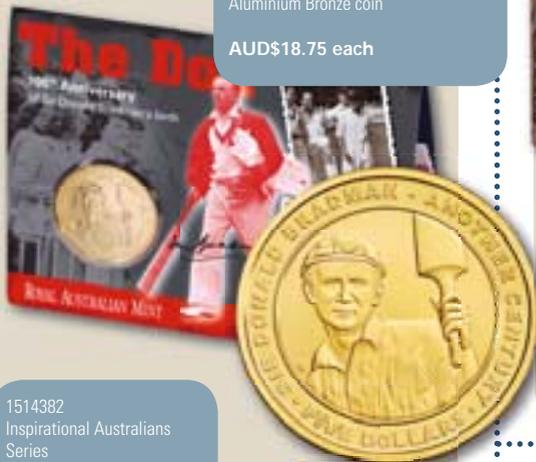
Collectables



Australian Government Royal Australian Mint

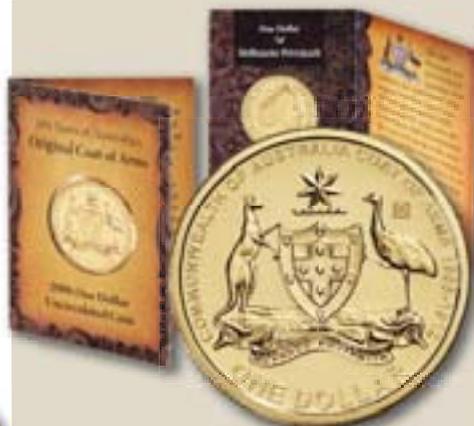
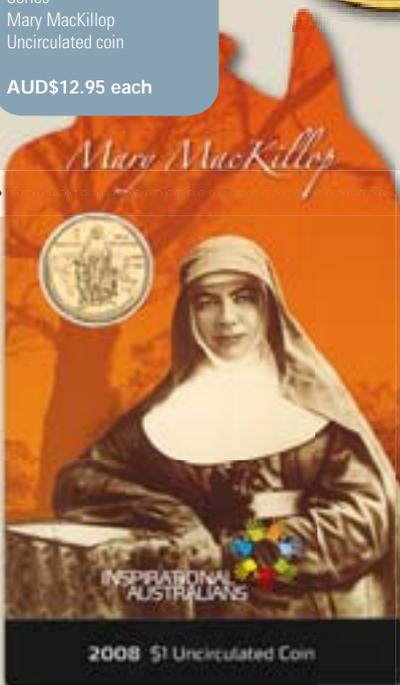
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Don Bradman Birthday Centenary
Aluminium Bronze coin

AUD\$18.75 each



1514382
Inspirational Australians
Series
Mary MacKillop
Uncirculated coin

AUD\$12.95 each

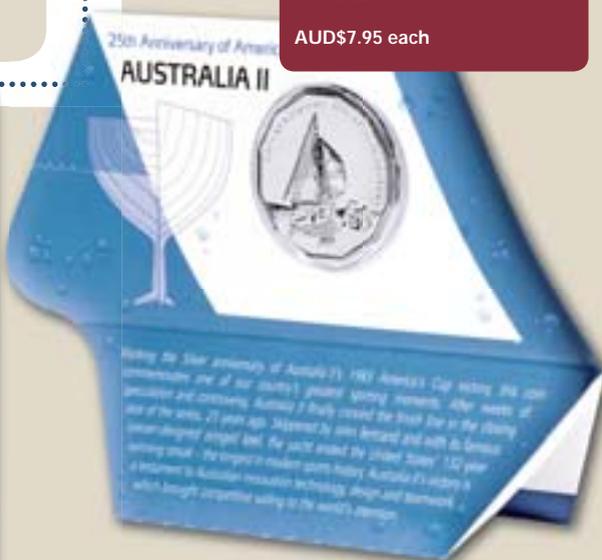


1514384
Celebrating 100 Years of Australia's
Coat of Arms
Uncirculated coin – M mintmark

AUD\$2.75 each

1514385
25th Anniversary of the *Australia II*
America's Cup Victory
Uncirculated coin

AUD\$7.95 each





1514390
90th Anniversary of the
end of WWI
1oz Silver Proof coin

AUD\$82.50 each



1514389
First Man in Space
1oz Silver coin

AUD\$97.50 each



1514388
HRH Prince of Wales 60th Birthday
1oz Silver coin

AUD\$82.50 each



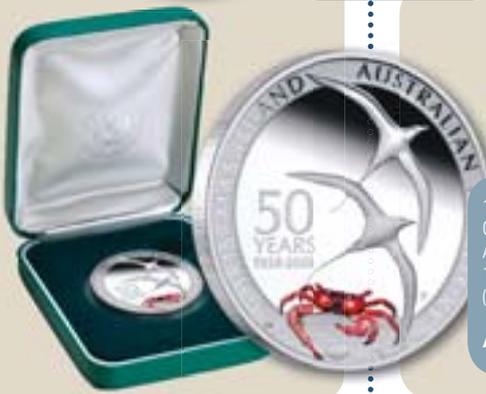
1514387
Discover Australia Series
Kakadu
1oz Silver Proof coin

AUD\$82.50 each



1514386
Discover Australia Fauna Series
Dingo 1/25oz Gold Proof coin

AUD\$107.50 each



1514391
Christmas Island 50th
Anniversary
1oz Silver coin
(5,000 only)

AUD\$82.50 each

POST MASTER GALLERY

WWW.AUSPOST.COM.AU/GALLERY



Play on – 150 Years of Australian Football Closes 7 February 2009. Curated by Richard Breckon

AFL Hall of Fame Legend and former South Melbourne (Sydney Swans) player, Bob Skilton, is pictured alongside his Brownlow Medals on display in the Post Master Gallery. The medals are part of the exhibition. Bob Skilton is one of four VFL/AFL players to have gained three Brownlow Medals, his being won in 1959, 1963 and 1968. Visitors to the exhibition have a rare opportunity to view the iconic Brownlows and to learn about how the game of Australian Football has developed during 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

Above left: Bob Skilton with a framed display of the three Brownlow Medals he won during his illustrious career with the South Melbourne Football Club.

Above: Bob Skilton takes to the podium at the exhibition launch.



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.

NORTHERN BEACHES STAMP EXPO (NSW)

13 to 14 September 2008

The Manly-Warringah Philatelic Society and the Manly-Warringah Rugby League Club Stamp Club will host this event in the Rugby League Club, corner of Pittwater Road and Federal Parade in Brookvale. Hours are from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sunday. Admission is FREE and there will be lucky door prizes.

The event includes a 40-frame exhibition submitted by members of NSW clubs. Sydney based stamp dealers will attend. Five suburban stamp clubs from the Sydney area will run trading tables.

For event or special souvenir details please contact Graeme Morriss on 02 9905 3255.

SOUTHPEX 2008 (WA)

14 September 2008

This event will take place at the Maddington Community Centre, Alcock Street, Maddington. Hours are from 10am to 5pm. Admission is FREE and there will be dealers, exhibitions and an auction.

Southpex 2008 Year of the Rat booklets will be available at the event and by mail order at a cost of \$3 each.

Mail order to Southpex 2008 Booklets, PO Box 228, Gosnells, WA 6990. Visit the website for more details.

www.southpex.com

SCDAA CANBERRA STAMP & COIN SUPER FAIR (ACT)

28 September 2008

This event will be held at the Canberra Rex Hotel, 150 Northbourne Avenue. Hours are 9.30am to 4pm and admission is \$2 for adults (children admitted FREE). There will be 20 local and interstate dealers offering FREE valuations. Ample parking is available and there are five \$50 door prizes to be won.

A souvenir booklet will also be available at the door at \$15 each and a commemorative overprinted booklet available in two barcodes (\$30 per barcode pair). You can also mail order booklets from Manfred Junge, SCDAA Booklet Manager, PO Box 750, Armidale, NSW 2350 or phone 02 6771 2438. (Add \$5 for postage and handling). For other details please contact John Pearson on 02 9979 1561.

STAMP COLLECTING MONTH EVENT! SYDNEY YOUTH STAMP GROUP (NSW)

8 October 2008

An open day for children at Philips House in Sydney with games, talks, stamp activities, swapping and lots of prizes. Ideal for school aged children, the event will run from 10.30am to 3pm. Children should be registered prior to 10am. There are programs planned for children under 11 years of age and parents are welcome to stay for all or part of the day. Entry is FREE with lunch provided for children attending. Bookings are essential.

For more information, or to make a booking, please contact Liz Nakhla

on 02 9498 5290 or via email at sydneyyouthstampgroup@gmail.com. You can also visit the website at www.youth.stamparena.com for more information about this event.

"EUREKA" BALLARAT STAMP & COIN FAIR (Vic)

12 October 2008

This stamp fair will take place at the Ballarat Specialist's School, Gillies Street, Wendouree. Hours are from 9.30am to 3.30pm and entry is FREE.

An overprinted booklet will be produced as in previous years but will only be available by presale order with none available on the day.

For further event details or booklet enquiries contact Cliff Matthews on 03 5332 3275 or you can email to cmatthew@ncable.net.au.

ADELAIDE STAMPEX 2008 (SA)

11 to 12 October 2008

This event will take place at Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground, King William Road, Adelaide and admission is FREE. Exhibitions include Combined National One Frame, State Three Frame and One Frame SA Congress. CPS Labels will be available from the Postal Manager, Adelaide GPO, SA. For more information visit the website;

www.apf.org.au

MARK YOUR DIARIES IN NSW!

"Fisher"s Ghost"
5th Stamp Fair
2 November 2008

EVENTS

ORANGE COIN & STAMP CLUB (INC) SPRING FAIR (NSW)

18 October 2008

This event will be held at the Kenna Hall, Hill Street, Orange. The next monthly meetings are 6 September, 4 October and 1 November 2008. For more information about the event contact Derek on 02 6361 4872 or Norm on 02 6362 3754.

VICTORIAN PHILATELIC COUNCIL ANNUAL CONGRESS (Vic)

18 October 2008

This 55th Annual Congress will be held at Purves House, 303 High Street, Ashburton. Hours are 10am to 3pm. Highlights include a One Frame exhibition and a stamp auction which commences at 12.30pm. There will be a commemorative overprint of the "Polar" minisheet available for \$6 each. Send your mail order to VPC, GPO Box 9800, Melbourne, Vic 3001. Include a \$1 postage and handling cost with your order.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE PHILATELIC SOCIETY ANNUAL SPRING STAMP FAIR (NSW)

25 October 2008

This event will be held at the Sutherland United Services Club, First Floor, corner of East Parade and Oxford Street. Lift access is available. Admission is FREE and the fair will run from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Dealers will attend and an overprinted souvenir booklet will be available on the day. Enquiries to PO Box 339, Sutherland, NSW 1499 or visit the stamp fairs section at;

www.stamparena.com

POSTMARKS

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE POSTMARKS

Waterfalls Australia

8 September 2008
Falls Creek, Vic 3699

Tourist Precincts

8 September 2008
Mount Pleasant, Qld 4740

International Polar Year 2007–08

16 September 2008
Kingston, Tas 7050

For Every Occasion

23 September 2008
Merrylands, NSW 2160

SCM: Megafauna

1 October 2008
Monash University, Vic 3800

PICTORIAL POSTMARKS

Shark Bay, WA 6537

A replacement postmarker with two dolphins. Impressions from the Postal Manager, Denham PO, Denham, WA 6537.

Deacon, ACT 2600

Released 1 September 2008. Image of the Lodge in Canberra.

Howlong, NSW 2643

Released 1 September 2008. Image of a pioneer mailman.

Central Tilba, NSW 2546

Released 1 September 2008. Image of an historic post office.

POSTMARKS

PICTORIAL POSTMARKS

Gulgong, NSW 2852

Released 1 September 2008. Image of Henry Lawson.

Belconnen BC, ACT 2617

Released 23 September 2008. Telecom Tower/Parliament House.

Culcairn, NSW 2660

Released 24 September 2008 to coincide with the 125th anniversary of Culcairn. Image of Palm trees.

Rappville, NSW 2469

Released 1 October 2008. Image of a bull's head.

TEMPORARY

PICTORIAL POSTMARKS

North Turramurra, NSW 2074

To celebrate the 16th Agoonoree 2008 Camp – 3 to 6 October 2008.

Impressions can be obtained from relevant Postal Managers.

IN RETROSPECT

TEMPORARY PICTORIAL POSTMARK

Wynnum Plaza, Qld 4178

Released 22 to 24 August 2008. Three pictorial postmarks (one for each day) to celebrate SunStamp 2008. (Aeroplane, Dragon, Balloon).

PERMANENT PICTORIAL POSTMARK

Enfield Plaza, SA 5085

Released 29 July 2008 showing a line of trees.

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

8 to 24 August 2008

Beijing Gold Medallists

Supplement design set
Optional sheetlets of 10

24 October 2008

Beijing Paralympics – Paralympian of the Year

Supplement single stamp
Optional sheetlet of 10

8 September 2008

Waterfalls Australia

Supplement design set (gummed & s/a)
Optional s/a sheetlets (5 x \$1.40, 5 x \$2.05)

8 September 2008

Definitives: Tourist Precincts

Supplement design set (gummed),
strip of four from a roll
Optional 5 x s/a booklets (4 x 10, 1 x 20),
strip of four from a roll

16 September 2008

AAT: International Polar Year 2007–08

Supplement design set (gummed), minisheet
gutter pairs (2 x 55c, 2 x \$1.10)
Optional nil

23 September 2008

For Every Occasion

Supplement design set (gummed), 2 x gutter BL4
Optional Refer Mail Order codes on the right

1 October 2008

SCM: Megafauna

Supplement design set (gummed), minisheet,
strip of four from a roll
Optional collector pack, strip of four from a
roll, s/a booklet, gutter (10 x 55c)

Mail order codes

1588235	Australian Supplement	\$58.95
0452236	For Every Occasion s/a set complete booklets†	\$94.65
1588236	Australian Optional	\$73.15
1588239	AAT Supplement	\$9.90
0452235	Brisbane show overprint	\$5.00
1579235	Bulletin 293 Supplement*	\$10.00
1579236	Bulletin 293 Optional*	\$20.00
0453235	Gold Medallists Supplement	\$7.00
0453236	Gold Medallists Optional	\$70.00
0454235	Paralympian Supplement	\$0.55
0454236	Paralympian Optional	\$5.50

*Bulletin 293 Supplement – Aviation (5 x \$2) s-a sheetlet was not listed

*Bulletin 293 Optional – Aviation (5 x \$2) s/a sheetlet and Living Green s/a booklet (20 x 50c) not listed

*The Living Green stamp issue in the previous *Bulletin* only listed a single self-adhesive from the roll instead of a strip of four. The correct product (four self-adhesive) has been sent with orders. Remaining products not listed are advised here. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

NEW ISSUES

Mail order (Retail)	Product Description	Price	Planned Withdrawal
8 September 2008	Waterfalls Australia		
1593067	Stamps (1 x \$1.40, \$2.05, \$2.80, \$4.10)	\$10.35	To be advised
1593002 (36238)	First day cover (gummed)	\$10.65	6 October 2008
1593005 (36237)	First day cover (blank)	\$0.30	To be advised
1593250 (36216)	Self-adhesive sheetlet (5 x \$1.40)	\$7.00	To be advised
1593251	Chequebook of sheetlets (20 x 5 x \$1.40)	\$140.00	To be advised
1593252 (36217)	Self-adhesive sheetlet (5 x \$2.05)	\$10.25	To be advised
1593253	Chequebook of sheetlets (20 x 5 x \$2.05)	\$205.00	To be advised
1593126 (36239)	Stamp pack	\$10.80	To be advised
1593220 (36240)	Maxicard set (4)	\$13.35	To be advised
1593301 (36241)	Special occasion booklet (Asia Pacific)	\$11.95	To be advised
1593302 (36242)	Special occasion booklet (Europe)	\$16.95	To be advised
1593240	Set of gutters	\$103.50	To be advised
1593241 (36224)	Gutter (10 x \$1.40)	\$14.00	To be advised
1593242 (36228)	Gutter (10 x \$2.05)	\$20.50	To be advised
1593243 (36232)	Gutter (10 x \$2.80)	\$28.00	To be advised
1593244 (36236)	Gutter (10 x \$4.10)	\$41.00	To be advised

NEW ISSUES

Mail order (Retail)	Product Description	Price	Planned Withdrawal
8 September 2008			
	Definitive: Tourist Precincts		
1579067	Stamps (4 x 55c, 1 x \$1.10, \$1.65, \$2.75)	\$7.70	To be advised
1579001	Set of FDCs (gummed, self-adhesive)	\$10.50	6 October 2008
1579002 (36067)	First day cover (gummed)	\$8.00	6 October 2008
1579003 (36068)	First day cover (s/adhesive)	\$2.50	6 October 2008
1579005 (36066)	First day cover (blank)	\$0.30	To be advised
1579126 (36069)	Stamp pack	\$8.15	To be advised
1579220 (36071)	Maxicard set (7)	\$12.95	To be advised
1579215	Postcard set (7)	\$10.50	To be advised
1579251 (36049)	Self-adhesive booklet NSW (10 x 55c)	\$5.50	To be advised
1579252	Chequebook of booklets NSW (20 x 10 x 55c)	\$110.00	To be advised
1579253 (36050)	Self-adhesive booklet Vic (10 x 55c)	\$5.50	To be advised
1579254	Chequebook of booklets Vic (20 x 10 x 55c)	\$110.00	To be advised
1579255 (36051)	Self-adhesive booklet Qld (10 x 55c)	\$5.50	To be advised
1579256	Chequebook of booklets Qld (20 x 10 x 55c)	\$110.00	To be advised
1579257 (36052)	Self-adhesive booklet WA (10 x 55c)	\$5.50	To be advised
1579258	Chequebook of booklets WA (20 x 10 x 55c)	\$110.00	To be advised
1579259 (36043)	Self-adhesive booklet Mixed (20 x 55c)	\$11.00	To be advised
1579260	Chequebook of booklets Mixed (20 x 20 x 55c)	\$220.00	To be advised
1579600 (36057)	Tourist Precincts booklet collection	\$37.95	To be advised
1579209 (36045)	Roll (100 x 55c)	\$55.00	To be advised
1579210 (36046)	Roll (200 x 55c)	\$110.00	To be advised
1579200	Strip of four s/adhesive from a roll	\$2.20	To be advised
16 September 2008 AAT: International Polar Year 2007-08			
1585067	Stamps (2 x 55c, 2 x \$1.10)	\$3.30	30 June 2009
1585142 (36127)	Minisheet	\$3.30	30 June 2009
1585001	Set of FDCs (gummed, minisheet)	\$7.20	14 October 2008
1585002 (36139)	First day cover (gummed)	\$3.60	14 October 2008
1585013 (36140)	First day cover (minisheet)	\$3.60	14 October 2008
1585005 (36138)	First day cover (blank)	\$0.30	30 June 2009
1585126 (36141)	Stamp pack	\$7.05	30 June 2009
1585220 (36142)	Maxicard set (4)	\$6.30	30 June 2009
1585241 (36132)	Gutter (10 x 55c – no design)	\$5.50	30 June 2009
1585242 (36136)	Gutter (10 x \$1.10)	\$11.00	30 June 2009
23 September 2008 For Every Occasion			
0452067	Stamps (9 x 55c, 1 x \$1.10)	\$6.05	To be advised
0452002 (36106)	First day cover (gummed)	\$6.35	29 October 2008
0452005 (36105)	First day cover (blank)	\$0.30	To be advised
0452126 (36107)	Stamp pack	\$6.50	To be advised
0452220 (36108)	Maxicard set (10)	\$13.55	To be advised
0452250 (36109)	Special occasion booklet Baby	\$11.95	To be advised
0452251 (36110)	Special occasion booklet Birthday	\$11.95	To be advised
0452252 (35446)	Special occasion booklet Weddings (silver rings)	\$11.95	To be advised
0452253 (35447)	Special occasion booklet Weddings (gold rings)	\$11.95	To be advised
0452254 (35448)	Special occasion booklet Weddings (gown)	\$22.95	To be advised
0452255 (35449)	Special occasion booklet Heart and Roses	\$11.95	To be advised
0452256 (36188)	Special occasion booklet Celebrate	\$11.95	To be advised
0452240	Gutter set (2 x 10 x 55c, 1 x 10 x \$1.10)	\$22.00	To be advised

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Mail order (Retail)	Product Description	Price	Planned Withdrawal
1 October 2008	SCM: Megafauna		
1588067	Stamps (4 x 55c, 2 x \$1.10)	\$4.40	19 April 2009
1588142 (36195)	Minisheet	\$4.40	19 April 2009
1588001	Set of FDCs (gummed, minisheet, s/adhesive) [MO]	\$11.90	29 October 2008
1588002 (36204)	First day cover (gummed)	\$4.70	29 October 2008
1588013 (36206)	First day cover (minisheet)	\$4.70	29 October 2008
1588003 (36205)	First day cover (s/adhesive)	\$2.50	29 October 2008
1588005 (36203)	First day cover (blank)	\$0.30	19 April 2009
1588126 (36207)	Stamp pack	\$9.25	19 April 2009
1588182 (36191)	Self-adhesive booklet (10 x 55c)	\$5.50	19 April 2009
1588250	Chequebook of booklets (20 x 10 x 55c)	\$110.00	19 April 2009
1588220 (36209)	Maxicard set (6)	\$8.90	19 April 2009
1588300 (36210)	Stamp and medallion cover	\$19.95	19 April 2009
1588184 (36211)	Prestige booklet	\$14.95	19 April 2009
1588209 (36193)	Roll of (200 x 55c)	\$110.00	19 April 2009
1588241 (36429)	Gutter (10 x 55c – with design)	\$5.50	19 April 2009
1588242 (36202)	Gutter (8 x \$1.10)	\$8.80	19 April 2009
1588223	Collector pack	\$7.50	19 April 2009
1588200	Strip of four s/adhesive from a roll	\$2.20	19 April 2009

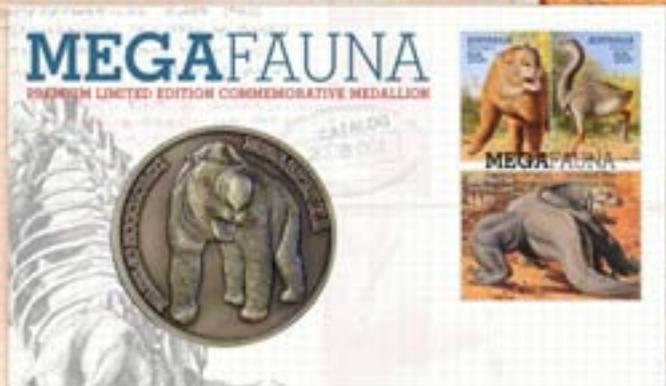
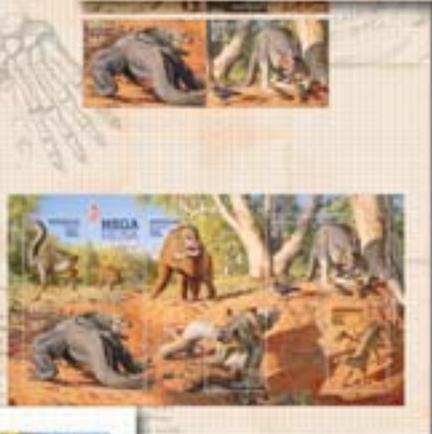
NEW PRODUCTS

New Products			
1514378	Mickey Mouse prepaid calendar	\$24.95	To be advised
1514369	Landscapes calendar (Roads)	\$9.99	To be advised
1514370	Landscapes calendar (Rainforest)	\$9.99	To be advised
1514371	Landscapes calendar (Coastlines)	\$9.99	To be advised
1514372	Landscapes of Australia calendar	\$9.99	To be advised
1514373	Landscapes Postcard calendar	\$9.99	To be advised
1514374	Zodiac Postcard calendar	\$9.99	To be advised
1514375	Heritage Post Offices calendar	\$24.95	To be advised
1514366	Fairies stamp pack	\$10.95	To be advised
1514362	Barbie Mariposa souvenir sheet	\$15.95	To be advised
1514393	Baby Thank You Cards BLUE (with stamps)	\$14.95	To be advised
1514394	Baby Thank You Cards PINK (with stamps)	\$14.95	To be advised
1514395	Wed/Engage Thank You Cards (with stamps)	\$14.95	To be advised
1514376	AFL Grand Final souvenir sheet*	\$15.95	To be advised
1514377	NRL Grand Final souvenir sheet*	\$15.95	To be advised
*will not be produced until after the Grand Final results are known			
0451250	Beijing 2008 Collection of Australian Stamps	\$94.95	To be advised
0452229	Brisbane show minisheet (SunStamp 2008)	\$5.00	To be advised
1514379	Beijing Paralympics – Paralympian of the Year	\$5.50	To be advised

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STAMP COLLECTING MONTH 2008

It's a great time to get kids involved! Stamp collecting is a "mega" hobby that teaches kids more about their world.



Beijing Olympics 2008

Don't miss out on this opportunity to purchase Australian Olympic Gold Medallists sheetlets and first day of issue postmarked covers.



The Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Collection of Australian Stamps contains all of the gummed stamps produced for the event along with offset instant stamp sheetlets and digitally printed pairs from each of the sheetlets printed in Beijing!

GOLD MEDALLISTS BLANK COVERS		
	price	qty
1584700	SINGLE gold medallist blank cover	\$0.30
1584710	SET of 10 gold medallist blank covers	\$3.00

GOLD MEDALLISTS POSTMARKED COVERS		
	price	qty
1584800	Full set of GMs postmarked covers	\$168.00

This FULL SET of FDI postmarked covers comprises the following;

- 15 subsets – each set made up of covers bearing a single stamp from each of the offset gold medallists sheetlets produced. The number of covers in each subset is 14.
- Each of these 15 subsets will bear a FDI postmark from one of the 15 postal outlets designated and listed on page 18 of *Bulletin 293*.
- Total number of FDI postmarked covers in the FULL SET available is 210.

GOLD MEDALLISTS SHEETLETS		
	price	qty
1584400	Set of gold medallists instant sheetlets	\$70.00
1584500	Set of gold medallists digital sheetlets*	\$70.00
1584700	Beijing 2008 Olympics Games Collection*	\$94.95

*only limited numbers of this product are available

GOLD MEDALLISTS TOTAL AU\$

\$94.95

while stocks last