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Australian Stamp Variations Catalogue



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Introduction

This catalogue was published to celebrate the World Stamp Expo in Melbourne in May 2013. It lists 11 main Australian decimal mint stamp variations that have been issued by Australia Post in the 25 years from 14th February 1966 to the 31st December 1990. This information is only partially available on the Australia Post stamps website or in their Stamp Bulletin. Many variations are sold above face value hence do not appear in some stamp catalogues.

Only mint stamp variations are listed in this catalogue. Single gummed sheet stamps that do not contain any variation are not listed. Some of the variations listed may be “varieties” that were produced in error, particularly in the Perforation and Image sections, but without reference to the production records it is difficult to prove an error occurred. Some stamps appear in more than one section when they have more than one variation.

The “Date” shown in each section is the First Day of Issue or the On-sale Date, if this is different from the FDI. (See the Glossary for a definition of these terms.)

Cover images:

Two booklet panes feature on the front cover. The block of five 5c blue Queen with text tab was one of the early decimal variations. The ten 41c Melbourne Cable Tram stamps were issued in a booklet that also contained a ticket to the Melbourne *Stampshow '89*. The pane had special tabs on the left and right side. The stamps were imperforate on either the top or the bottom and their perforation was different from the sheet stamps.

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Abbreviations

Refer to the Glossary for an explanation of some of these terms.

ASV	Australian Stamp Variations	FDI	First Day of Issue
CDC	Continuous Die Cut	IMP	Imperforate
CS	Collectable Stamp	Imperf	Imperforate
CTO	Cancelled To Order	OSD	On-sale Date
FDC	First Day Cover	Perf	Perforation

① = Image of the variation on the front cover



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BLOCKS, STRIPS & PAIRS

Blocks, Strips & Pairs

This section contains blocks, strips and pairs issued in the sheet of perforated gummed stamps, minisheets, booklets, sheetlets and special sheets. Some blocks, strips and pairs from minisheets are in 'staggered' layout. 'Obvious' se-tenant pairs from some blocks and strips are included. Booklet panes of gummed stamps are included where they are different from the normal sheet layout. Gutter pairs are not listed. Self-adhesive stamps are not included in this section.

Date	Issue	Stamps	Variation	Notes
1966				
14 Feb IMP	Queen Elizabeth	5 x 4c red	6 different blocks of 5 semi-imperforate stamps + tab on top left	Booklet pane. Stamps imperf on left, bottom and right edges of pane. 6 different slogans on top left tab of booklet pane. (See Tabs section for slogan text.)
1967				
29 Sep IMP	Queen Elizabeth	5 x 5c overprint on 4c red	6 different blocks of 5 semi-imperforate stamps + tab on top left	Booklet pane. Stamps imperf on left, bottom and right edges of pane. 5c on 4c red: 6 different slogans on top left tab of booklet pane. 5c blue: 1 slogan only. ① (See Tabs section for slogan text.)
		5 x 5c blue	1 block of 5 semi-imperforate stamps + tab on top left	
1968				
6 Nov IMP	Famous Australians	4 x 5c	4 different blocks of 5 semi-imperforate stamps + name and dates tab on top left	Booklet pane. Stamps imperf on left, bottom and right edges of pane.
1969				
22 Oct IMP	Prime Ministers	4 x 5c	4 different blocks of 5 semi-imperforate stamps + name and dates tab on top left	Booklet pane. Stamps imperf on left, bottom and right edges of pane.
12 Nov	50th Anniversary of First Flight, England to Australia	3 x 5c 9 x 5c	Se-tenant strip of 3 Se-tenant block of 9	
1970				
20 Apr	Captain Cook Bicentenary	5 x 5c	Se-tenant strip of 5	Cut from minisheet
20 Apr IMP CS		5 x 5c	Se-tenant imperforate strip of 5	
16 Nov IMP	Famous Australians	4 x 6c	4 different blocks of 5 semi-imperforate stamps + name and dates tab on top left	Booklet pane. Stamps imperf on left, bottom and right edges of pane.

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Date	Issue	Stamps	Variation	Notes
1971				
13 Oct	Christmas	7 x 7c	Se-tenant block of 7	White paper.
		7 x 7c	Se-tenant block of 7	Cream paper.
		25 x 7c	Se-tenant block of 25	White paper. The block of 25 stamps from a quarter sheet had the stamps with a green background in the form of a cross.
		25 x 7c	Se-tenant block of 25	Cream paper. The block of 25 stamps from a quarter sheet had the stamps with a green background in the form of a cross.
1972				
8 Mar IMP	Prime Ministers	4 x 7c	4 different blocks of 5 semi-imperforate stamps + name and dates tab on top left	Booklet pane. Stamps imperf on left, bottom and right edges of pane.
1973				
16 May	Famous Australians	4 x 7c	Se-tenant strip of 4	
		4 x 7c	Se-tenant block of 4	
1975				
1 Jul	Division of Australia Post	2 x 10c	Se-tenant pair	Perf 14.4 x 14
		2 x 10c	Se-tenant pair	Perf 14.8 x 14
1976				
27 Sep	National Stamp Week	18c Blamire Young - yellow background	Se-tenant block of 4	Minisheet block (Background colour refers to "Australia")
		18c Blamire Young - red background		
		18c Blamire Young - blue background		
		18c Blamire Young - green background		
1977				
9 Mar	Test Cricket Centenary	5 x 18c	Se-tenant strip of 5	See 2007 for another variation.
		5 x 18c		Perf 13.6 x 13.4. ~1mm higher.
1978				
19 Apr IMP CS	Australian Aviators	18c Sir Charles Kingsford Smith	Imperforate vertical se-tenant pair	Cut from minisheet
		18c Charles Ulm		
		18c Sir Charles Kingsford Smith	Imperforate vertical se-tenant strip of 4	
		18c Charles Ulm		
1979				
9 Apr	National Parks	20c Victoria	Se-tenant strip of 5	
		20c NT		
		20c NSW		
		20c SA		
		20c WA		
		20c Tasmania	Se-tenant pair	
		20c Queensland		
1980				
7 May	Australian Folklore: Waltzing Matilda	5 x 22c	Se-tenant strip of 5	
29 Sep	National Stamp Week	5 x 22c	Se-tenant strip of 5	Minisheet stamps
		22c Van (blue background)	Staggered se-tenant strip of 3 stamps	
		22c Post Box (blue background)		
		22c Postman - facing right (blue background)		

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Date	Issue	Stamps	Variation	Notes
1982				
16 Jun	50th Anniversary of the ABC	2 x 27c	Se-tenant pair	
22 Sep	12th Commonwealth Games, Brisbane	3 x 27c	Staggered se-tenant strip of 3 stamps	Minisheet stamps
17 Nov IMP	Eucalypts	2 x 1c Catophylla 'Rosea'	Se-tenant block of 6	Booklet panes. Stamps imperf on top, right and bottom edges of pane.
		2 x 2c Caesia		
		2 x 27c Forrestiana		
		2 x 1c Catophylla 'Rosea'	Se-tenant block of 9 + 'X' tab on bottom left corner	
		2 x 2c Caesia		
		3c Ficifolia		
		10c Globulus		
3 x 27c Forrestiana				
1983				
26 Jan	Australia Day	2 x 27c	Se-tenant pair	
3 Aug	Australian Folklore: The Sentimental Bloke	5 x 27c	Se-tenant strip of 5	
1984				
22 Feb	50th Anniversary, 1st Air Mail, Australia - New Zealand and Australia - Papua New Guinea	2 x 45c	Se-tenant pair	
14 Mar	Veteran and Vintage Cars	5 x 30c	Se-tenant strip of 5	Vertical strip
22 Aug	Auspex '84	30c 1d Black Swan 30c 1d Kangaroo and Map	Vertical se-tenant pair	Minisheet pair
19 Nov	150th Anniversary of Victoria	30c Helmeted Honeyeater 30c Leadbeater's Possum	Se-tenant pair	
1985				
25 Jan	Australia Day: Australian Paintings	30c Musgrave Ranges	Vertical se-tenant pair	Pairs of the same stamp were tête-bêche (upside-down)
		30c The Walls of China		
		2 x 30c Musgrave Ranges	Se-tenant tête-bêche strip of 4 stamps	
		2 x 30c The Walls of China		
25 Feb	Colonial Military Uniforms	5 x 33c	Se-tenant strip of 5	
13 Mar IMP	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	1c buff	Vertical se-tenant pair	Booklet stamps. Imperf on left and right. Booklet pane. Stamps imperf on left, bottom and right edges of pane.
		33c blue		
		1c buff	Vertical strip of 4 stamps	
		3 x 33c blue		
10 Apr	Terra Australis: Navigators	3 x 33c 90c Globe	Se-tenant block of 4	Minisheet block
17 Jul	Australiana: Classic Children's Books	5 x 33c	Se-tenant strip of 5	
1986				
12 Feb	150th Anniversary of South Australia	2 x 33c	Se-tenant pair	
21 Jul	Australiana: Click Go The Shears	5 x 33c	Se-tenant strip of 5	
13 Aug	Australian Wildlife	5 x 36c	Se-tenant strip of 5	
25 Aug IMP	Alpine Wildflowers	3c Bluebell	Se-tenant horizontal strip of 4	Booklet pane. White paper. Stamps fully imperf with roulette cut between each stamp.
		5c Marigold		
		2 x 36c Daisy		
		3c Bluebell	Se-tenant horizontal strip of 4	
		25c Sunray		
		2 x 36c Daisy		
		3c Bluebell	Se-tenant horizontal strip of 4	
		5c Marigold		
2 x 36c Daisy				
3c Bluebell	Se-tenant horizontal strip of 4			
25c Sunray				
2 x 36c Daisy				
3 Nov	Christmas	5 x 30c	Staggered se-tenant strip of 5	Minisheet stamps

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Date	Issue	Stamps	Variation	Notes	
1987					
13 May	Departure of the First Fleet	5 x 36c	Se-tenant strip of 5		
3 Jun	First Fleet at Teneriffe	2 x 36c	Se-tenant pair		
24 Jun	Australiana: The Man from Snowy River	5 x 36c	Se-tenant strip of 5		
1 Jul	Australian Wildlife	5 x 37c	Se-tenant strip of 5		
6 Aug	First Fleet at Rio de Janeiro	5 x 37c	Se-tenant strip of 5		
13 Oct	First Fleet at Cape of Good Hope	2 x 37c	Se-tenant pair		
13 Oct IMP	Aboriginal Crafts	2 x 3c Spearthrower	Vertical se-tenant strip of 4	Booklet pane. Stamps imperf on left and right. Perf 15.5 between stamps and at top and bottom of sheet.	
		2 x 37c Basket			
		15c Shield	Vertical se-tenant strip of 6		
		3 x 37c Bowl			
		2 x 37c Belt			
2 Nov	Christmas	5 x 30c	Se-tenant strip of 5		
1988					
26 Jan	First Fleet Arrival: Australia Day	5 x 37c	Se-tenant strip of 5		
17 Feb	Living Together	10 x 37c Postal Services	Block of 10 stamps	Booklet pane. Stamps fully perforated. Cream paper. (Sheet stamps were on white paper.)	
17 Feb IMP		10 x 37c Postal Services	Block of 10 semi-imperforate stamps	Booklet pane. Stamps imperf on top and bottom edges of pane. White paper.	
28 Sep		10 x 39c Tourism	Block of 10 stamps	Booklet pane. Stamps fully perforated. Cream paper. (Sheet stamps were on white paper.)	
28 Sep IMP		10 x 39c Tourism	Block of 10 semi-imperforate stamps	Booklet pane. Stamps imperf on top and bottom edges of pane. White paper.	
13 Apr	The Early Years: 1788 - 1899	5 x 37c	Se-tenant strip of 5		
21 Jun	Joint Bicentennial Issue with United Kingdom	2 x 37c	Se-tenant pair		
		2 x \$1	Se-tenant pair		
28 Sep IMP	Australian Crafts	2c Necklace	Vertical se-tenant strip of 3	Booklet pane. Cream paper. Stamps fully imperf with roulette cut on the top and between each stamp.	
		2 x 39c Teapot			
		5c Vase	Vertical se-tenant strip of 6		
		5 x 39c Teapot			
		2c Necklace	Vertical se-tenant strip of 3		Booklet pane. White paper.
		2 x 39c Teapot			
		5c Vase	Vertical se-tenant strip of 6		Stamps fully imperf with roulette cut on the top and between each stamp.
5 x 39c Teapot					
1989					
13 Feb IMP	Sports	10 x 39c Fishing	Block of 10 semi-imperforate stamps	Original booklet pane. Stamps imperf on top and bottom edges of pane. White paper. Perf 14 x 14.4.	
		10 x 39c Fishing	Block of 10 semi-imperforate stamps	Reprint booklet pane. Stamps imperf on top and bottom edges of pane. Cream paper. Perf 14 x 14.4.	
		10 x 39c Fishing	Block of 10 semi-imperforate stamps	Reprint booklet pane. Stamps imperf on top and bottom edges of pane. White paper. Perf 13.3 x 13.6.	
23 Aug IMP		10 x 41c Cycling	Block of 10 semi-imperforate stamps	Original and 1 koala reprint booklet pane. Stamps imperf on top and bottom edges of pane. Cream paper.	
		10 x 41c Cycling	Block of 10 semi-imperforate stamps	2, 3 and 4 koala reprint booklet pane. Stamps imperf on top and bottom edges of pane. White paper.	
10 May	Pastoral Era	5 x 39c	Se-tenant strip of 5		
1 Sep IMP	The Urban Environment	2 x 41c Highway Scene	Vertical se-tenant strip of 7	Booklet pane. Stamps fully imperf with roulette cut between each stamp.	
		2 x 41c Railway System			
		3 x 41c City Skyscape			

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Date	Issue	Stamps	Variation	Notes
1989 (Contd.)				
11 Oct IMP	Australian Historical Trams	10 x 41c Melbourne Cable Tram	Block of 10 semi-imperforate stamps	Booklet pane. Stamps imperf on top and bottom edges of pane. Perf 14.4 x 14.6. ①
1 Nov IMP	Christmas	10 x 36c Annunciation	Block of 10 semi-imperforate stamps	Booklet pane. Stamps imperf on left and right edges of pane.
1990				
7 Feb IMP	Thinking of You	10 x 41c Bouquet	Block of 10 semi-imperforate stamps	Original booklet pane. Stamps imperf on left and right edges of pane. Perf 13.7 x 13.3.
		10 x 41c Bouquet	Block of 10 semi-imperforate stamps	1 koala reprint booklet pane. Stamps imperf on left and right edges of pane. Perf 14.7 x 14.4.
3 Sep IMP		10 x 43c Bouquet	Block of 10 semi-imperforate stamps	Booklet pane. Stamps imperf on left and right edges of pane.
1 May	150th Anniversary of the First Postage Stamp	6 x 41c	Se-tenant block of 6	Stamps from sheet or minisheet
16 May	Gold Fever	5 x 41c	Se-tenant strip of 5	
13 Jun	Scientific Co-operation in Antarctica	41c Glaciology Research	Se-tenant pair	Minisheet stamp pair
12 Jul		\$1.10 Marine Biology		
27 Aug IMP	Sports	10 x 43c Skateboarding	Block of 10 semi-imperforate stamps	Original booklet pane. Stamps imperf on top and bottom edges of pane. White paper.
		10 x 43c Skateboarding	Block of 10 semi-imperforate stamps	Reprint booklet pane. Stamps imperf on top and bottom edges of pane. Cream paper.
3 Sep IMP	Heidelberg and Heritage	28c Salmon Gums	Se-tenant pair	Original booklet pane. Stamps imperf top and bottom x perf 14.6.
		43c Blue Dress		
		1 x 28c Salmon Gums	Horizontal se-tenant strip of 5	
		4 x 43c Blue Dress		
IMP		28c Salmon Gums	Se-tenant pair	Reprint booklet pane. Stamps imperf top and bottom x perf 15.5.
		43c Blue Dress		
	1 x 28c Salmon Gums	Horizontal se-tenant strip of 5		
	4 x 43c Blue Dress			
31 Oct IMP	Christmas	10 x 38c Kookaburras	Block of 10 semi-imperforate stamps	Booklet pane. Stamps imperf on top and bottom edges of pane.

GUTTERS

Gutters

This section contains gutter strips and gutter pairs with text and/or graphics in the gutter. Blank gutters and those with printing marks and colour control circles ('traffic lights') are not included. The tabs that form the gutter are only listed in this section and do not appear in the Tabs section.

The number of stamps on each side of the gutter is shown in the listing.
e.g. 10 x = se-tenant gutter strip with 5 stamps on each side.

Date	Issue	Stamps	Gutter
1990			
1 May	150th Anniversary of First Postage Stamp: Colonial Stamps of Australia	10 x 41c	Text

IMAGE

Image

This section contains image design and colour variations compared with the original stamp. This includes special finishes, such as gold foil, gloss varnish, etc., if this differs from the original stamp. Some differences may be due to production error. Obvious varieties are not included.

Date	Issue	Stamps	Original	Variation	Notes
1971					
1 Oct	Native Flowers	2c Sturt's Desert Rose	Lemon yellow and dark green	Yellow and green	Coil stamp. Cream paper.
1972					
	Native Flowers: Reprint	30c Waratah	Darker petals	Whiter petals	(Original issue: 10 th Jul 1968)
1973					
Jun	Native Flowers: Reprint	2c Sturt's Desert Rose	Thin lettering	Thick lettering	Coil stamp. White paper. (Original issue: 1 st Oct 1971)
1974					
13 Nov	Christmas	10c Adoration	Light yellow-buff	Bright yellow-buff	
		35c Flight into Egypt			
1976					
5 Jan	Anniversary of Nationhood	18c Coat of Arms	Short horizontal jaw line	Upward curving jaw line	Kangaroo's jaw line and other differences
27 Sep	National Stamp Week	18c yellow background	"Australia" with green background	"Australia" with coloured background	Minisheet stamps (Background colour refers to "Australia")
		18c red background			
		18c blue background			
1977					
9 Mar	Test Cricket Centenary	5 x 18c	Grey-brown	Dark grey-brown	
31 Oct	Christmas	15c Surfing Santa	Pale pink hands and legs	Dark pink hands and legs	
1978					
19 Apr	Aviators	18c Harry Hawker	Blue	Pale blue	
		18c Bert Hinkler			
		18c Charles Ulm			
3 Jul	Australian Birds	20c Little Grebe	Pale blue	Pale greenish blue	
17 Jul		5c Hooded Dotterel	Yellow ochre	Pale yellow ochre	White paper
1979					
17 Sep	Australian Birds	1c Zebra Finch	Pale buff	Buff	Cream paper
		2c Crimson Finch	Apple green	Pale apple green	Cream paper
		15c Forest Kingfisher	Pale rose lilac	Rose lilac	Cream paper
		50c Flame Robin	Yellow ochre	Pale yellow ochre	

IMAGE

Date	Issue	Stamps	Original	Variation	Notes
1980					
23 Jan	Australia Day	20c Matthew Flinders and Map	Dull blue	Bright blue	
	Australian Paintings	\$10 Coming South	Yellow brown	Brown	Reprint. (Original issue: 19 th Oct 1977)
1 Jul	Australian Birds	35c Regent Bower Bird	Blue	Bright blue	
		35c Regent Bower Bird	Blue	Grey blue	
29 Sep	National Stamp Week	22c Post Box	White background	Blue background and no border	Minisheet stamps
		22c Mail Van			
		22c Postman			
1981					
15 Jul		5c Wombat	Red-brown	Dull brown	
		30c Wallaby	Grey-brown	Brown	
		50c Possum	Grey	Bluish-grey	
		55c Stick-nest Rat	Red-brown	Brown	
Nov	Australian Animals: Endangered Species	24c Thylacine	Photogravure printing of design, lithography printing of text and value. Pointed right-hand twig.	Lithography reprint of whole stamp. Blunt right-hand twig.	Reprint. Darker and sharper (Original issue: 1 st Jul 1981)
1982					
21 Apr	Queen's Birthday	27c Queen Elizabeth	Pink background	Pale buff background	
1985					
10 Apr	Terra Australis: Navigators	33c Abel Tasman	Plain white background	Cream 'chart' background	Minisheet stamps with parts of the Hessel Gerritsz chart of the South Pacific in the background
		33c Hartog's "Eendracht"			
		33c William Dampier			
		90c Globe			
1986					
21 Apr	Queen's Birthday	33c Portrait of Queen Elizabeth	Pink background	Buff background	
1987					
28 Jan	America's Cup Defence	\$1 Sails	Ultramarine	Blue	
1989					
13 Feb	Sports Series 1	1c Bowls	Yellow green	Deep yellow green	
1990					
	Sports Series 2	10c Sailboarding	Violet lettering	Bluish mauve lettering	2 koala reprint. (Original issue: 17 th Jan 1990)
		10c Sailboarding	Violet lettering	Mauve lettering	3 koala reprint. (Original issue: 17 th Jan 1990)
		20c Tennis	Thin "Tennis"	Thick "Tennis"	4 koala reprint (Original issue: 17 th Jan 1990)
3 Sep	Heidelberg & Heritage	43c Blue Dress	Dull blue	Dark bright blue	Perf 14.6
		43c Blue Dress			Perf 15.5
31 Oct	150 Years of Local Government	43c Town Hall, Adelaide	Pink background	Cream background	

IMPERFORATE

Imperforate

This section contains stamps without perforations (normal or simulated) on one or more sides and stamps with printed perforations (no holes) that have to be cut out. If the stamp is semi-imperforate, the sides that are imperforate are indicated in the Notes. Stamps with imperforate tabs are included. (See the Tabs section for details of the tab image.) Many imperforate stamps have to be cut out from the surround.

Date	Issue	Stamps	Notes
1966			
14 Feb	Queen Elizabeth	4c red	4 stamps from booklet. Imperforate bottom & left only, bottom & right only, left only, right only.
14 Feb	Queen Elizabeth: Coil stamps	3c green background 4c red background	Imperforate left and right.
1967			
1 Oct	Queen Elizabeth: Coil stamp	5c blue background	Imperforate left and right.
29 Sep	Queen Elizabeth	5c on 4c red 5c blue	4 stamps from booklet. Imperforate bottom & left only, bottom & right only, left only, right only. ①
1968			
6 Nov	Famous Australians	4 x 5c	4 stamps from booklet. Imperforate bottom & left only, bottom & right only, left only, right only.
1969			
22 Oct	Prime Ministers	4 x 5c	4 stamps from booklet. Imperforate bottom & left only, bottom & right only, left only, right only.
1970			
20 Apr	Captain Cook Bicentenary	5 x 5c 30c Motifs	Cut from minisheet
27 Apr	Native Flowers: Coil stamps	4c Sturt's Desert Rose 5c Golden Wattle	Imperforate left and right
28 Sep		6c Sturt's Desert Rose	
16 Nov	Famous Australians	4 x 6c	4 stamps from booklet. Imperforate bottom & left only, bottom & right only, left only, right only.
1971			
1 Oct	Native Flowers: Coil stamp	2c Sturt's Desert Rose 7c Sturt's Desert Pea	Thin lettering. Imperforate left and right. Imperforate left and right
1972			
8 Mar	Prime Ministers	4 x 7c	4 stamps from booklet. Imperforate bottom & left only, bottom & right only, left only, right only.
1973			
	Native Flowers: Coil stamp	2c Sturt's Desert Rose	Thick lettering. Imperforate left and right.
1975			
15 Jan	Native Flowers: Coil stamp	10c Sturt's Desert Pea	Imperforate left and right

IMPERFORATE

Date	Issue	Stamps	Notes
1978			
19 Apr CS	Australian Aviators	18c Sir Charles Kingsford Smith 18c Charles Ulm	Cut from minisheet
1982			
17 Nov	Eucalypts	1c Catophylla 'Rosea'	2 stamps from booklet - Imperforate top only and bottom only
		2c Caesia	2 stamps from booklet - Imperforate top only and bottom only
		3c Ficifolia	1 stamp from booklet - Imperforate top only
		10c Globulus	1 stamp from booklet - Imperforate top only
		27c Forrestiana	3 stamps from booklet - Imperforate top & right only, bottom & right only, bottom only
1985			
13 Mar	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	1c buff	1 stamp from booklet - Imperforate left & right only
		33c blue	2 stamps from booklet - Imperforate left & right only, left & right & bottom only
1986			
25 Aug	Alpine Wildflowers	3c Bluebell	Booklet stamps - Imperforate on all 4 sides
		5c Marigold	
		25c Sunray	
		36c Daisy	
1987			
13 Oct	Aboriginal Crafts	3c Spearthrower	Imperforate on left & right only
		15c Shield	
		37c Basket	
		37c Bowl	
		37c Belt	
1988			
17 Feb	Living Together	37c Postal Services	2 stamps from booklet - Imperforate top only and bottom only
28 Sep		39c Tourism	
28 Sep	Australian Crafts	2c Necklace	Booklet stamps - Imperforate on all 4 sides
		5c Vase	
		39c Teapot	
1989			
13 Feb	Sports	39c Fishing	2 stamps from booklet - Imperforate top only and bottom only. (Perf 14 x 14.4)
			2 (first reprint) stamps from booklet - Imperforate top only and bottom only. (Perf 13.3 x 13.6)
23 Aug		41c Cycling	2 stamps from booklet - Imperforate top only and bottom only
1 Sep	The Urban Environment	41c Highway Scene	1 stamp from booklet - Imperforate sides only
		41c Railway System	2 stamps from booklet - Imperforate sides only and sides & bottom only
		41c City Skyscape	3 stamps from booklet - Imperforate sides only
11 Oct	Australian Historical Trams	41c Melbourne Cable Tram	2 stamps from booklet - Imperforate top only and bottom only. (Perf 14.4 x 14.6) ①
1 Nov	Christmas	36c Annunciation	2 stamps from booklet - Imperforate left side only and right side only
1990			
7 Feb	Thinking of You	41c Bouquet	2 stamps from booklet - Imperforate left side only and right side only. (Perf 13.7 x 13.3)
			2 (1 koala reprint) stamps from booklet - Imperforate left side only and right side only. (Perf 14.7 x 14.4)
3 Sep		43c Bouquet	2 stamps from booklet - Imperforate left side only and right side only
27 Aug	Sports	43c Skateboarding	2 stamps from booklet - Imperforate top only and bottom only
3 Sep	Heidelberg and Heritage	28c Salmon Gums	Booklet stamps.
		43c Blue Dress	Imperforate top & bottom x Perf 14.6.
		28c Salmon Gums	Booklet stamps.
		43c Blue Dress	Imperforate top & bottom x Perf 15.5.
31 Oct	Christmas	38c Kookaburras	2 stamps from booklet - Imperforate top only and bottom only

MINISHEETS

Minisheets

This section contains separate minisheets.

Date	Issue	Stamps	Notes
1970			
20 Apr IMP	Cook	5 x 5c, 30c	5c imperforate strip of 5 + 30c imperforate
1976			
27 Sep	National Stamp Week	4 x 18c	Blamire Young
1978			
19 Apr IMP	Australian Aviators	4 x 18c	2 Kingsford Smith and 2 Ulm imperforate stamps
25 Sep	National Stamp Week	4 x 20c	3d Kookaburra
1980			
29 Sep	National Stamp Week	3 x 22c	Blue background
1982			
22 Sep	12th Commonwealth Games, Brisbane	3 x 27c	3 stamps offset
1984			
22 Aug	Ausipex '84	7 x 30c	6 Colonies stamps + 1 Australian stamp
1985			
10 Apr	Terra Australis: Navigators	3 x 33c, 90c	
1986			
3 Nov	Christmas	5 x 30c	
1990			
1 May	150th Anniversary of First Postage Stamp: Colonial Stamps of Australia	6 x 41c	
13 Jun	Scientific Co-operation in Antarctica	41c, \$1.10	

OVERPRINTS

Overprints

This section contains overprinted stamps only. Overprinted minisheets, sheetlets & booklets and CTO printed postmark stamps are not included. If the stamp contains a special finish, such as gold foil, gloss varnish, etc., this is not considered an overprint. These are listed in the Image section.

Date	Issue	Stamps	Overprint	Notes
1966				
14 Feb	Navigators	75c James Cook	SPECIMEN	15.5 mm long
		\$1 Matthew Flinders		
		\$2 George Bass		
		\$4 Phillip Parker King		
14 Feb		75c James Cook	SPECIMEN	15.0 mm long
		\$1 Matthew Flinders		
1967				
29 Sep IMP	Queen Elizabeth	4c Queen (red)	5c	Semi-imperforate booklet stamps
1974				
16 Oct	Gemstones	8c Opal	9c	9c + 2 lines in red
1975				
31 May	Universal Postal Union	7c Stylised Pigeon	SPECIMEN Type 1	Printed on the back in red: PHILAS HOUSE APPEAL + 43c SPECIMEN is 14mm long.
		30c Stylised Pigeons		Printed on the back in red: PHILAS HOUSE APPEAL + \$1.70 SPECIMEN is 14mm long.
		30c Stylised Pigeons	SPECIMEN Type 2	SPECIMEN is 13mm long. The middle leg of E is shorter than top and bottom legs. Only overprinted on the top row of each pane of stamps. Other rows had the Type 1 overprint.
1978				
	National Stamp Week	20c Kookaburra	SPECIMEN	Overprinted by the Philatelic Association of NSW (PHILAS)
1982				
11 Oct	Australian Birds	1c Zebra Finch	SPECIMEN	Overprinted for ANPEX 1982. Sold in pairs. The lefthand stamp was obliterated with a black square containing the text "ANPEX" and "1982" in white. The righthand stamp was overprinted with "SPECIMEN" in black in the bottom lefthand corner.
1983				
9 Feb	Paintings	\$2 On The Wallaby Track	SPECIMEN	
		\$5 McMahons Point		
		\$10 Coming South		
1987				
3 Aug	Paintings	\$5 Holiday At Mentone	SPECIMEN	

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Date	Issue	Stamps	Overprint	Notes
1988				
3 Oct	Marine Life	\$1 Crown of Thorns Starfish	SPECIMEN	
	The First Fleet: Tenerife	\$1 Dolphins	SPECIMEN	
	Aussie Kids	\$1 Playing	SPECIMEN	
	The First Fleet: Cape of Good Hope	\$1 Fisherman	SPECIMEN	
	Living Together	\$1 Rescue and Emergency	SPECIMEN	
1989				
18 Oct	Sheep	\$1 Corriedale	SPECIMEN	
	Stage and Screen	\$1 Stewart and Williamson	SPECIMEN	
		\$1.10 Lyell and Longford	SPECIMEN	
	Sport (Series 1)	\$1.10 Golf	SPECIMEN	

PAPER

Paper

This section only contains basic paper colour shade variations visible to the naked eye. These are most obvious by looking at the back of the stamp. Thickness, type of paper, surface treatments, etc. are not included.

Date	Issue	Stamps	Original	Variation	Notes
1970					
27 Apr IMP	Native Flowers	5c Golden Wattle	White	Cream	Coil stamp
1971					
	Aboriginal Art	20c Bark Painting	Cream	White	White paper fluoresces under UV light
		25c Body Decoration			
		30c Cave Painting			
		35c Grave Posts			
1 Oct IMP	Native Flowers	2c Sturt's Desert Rose 7c Sturt's Desert Pea	White	Cream	Coil stamps
	Christmas	7x 7c	Cream	White	White paper fluoresces under UV light
1972					
	Rehabilitation	12c Worker in Wheelchair	Cream	White	White paper fluoresces under UV light
		18c Patient and Teacher			
		24c Boy in Toronto Splint			
	Pioneer Life	5c Pioneer Family	Cream	White	White paper fluoresces under UV light
		10c Water Pump			
		15c Wheat Harvester			
		40c Pioneer Homestead			
		50c Cobb and Co.Coach			
		60c Telegraph Key			
	80c Paddle Steamer				
1979					
	Birds	1c Zebra Finch	White	Cream	White paper fluoresces under UV light
1986					
IMP	Alpine Wildflowers	3c Bluebell	White	Cream	Booklet stamps. Original on white CPL paper. Reprint on cream Harrison paper.
		5c Marigold			
		25c Sunray			
		36c Daisy			
	Christmas	30c Mary and Joseph	White	Cream	Original on white CPL paper. Reprint on cream Harrison paper.
1987					
Jul	Wildlife	1c Lace Monitor	White	Thick, Cream	Thick paper
1988					
IMP	Living Together	37c Postal Services	Cream	White	Booklet stamps. Original on cream Harrison paper. Reprint on white CPL paper.
		39c Tourism			
IMP	Australian Crafts	2c Necklace	Cream	White	Booklet stamps. Original on cream Harrison paper. Reprint on white CPL paper.
		5c Vase			
		39c Teapot			
1989					
IMP	Sports	39c Fishing	White	Cream	Booklet stamps. Original on white CPL paper. Reprint on cream Harrison paper. Reprint with 13.3 x 13.6 perf on white CPL paper.
		41c Cycling	Cream	White	Booklet stamps. Original and 1 koala reprint on cream Harrison paper. 2, 3 and 4 koala reprints on white CPL paper.
1990					
IMP	Sports	43c Skateboarding	White	Cream	Booklet stamps. Original on white CPL paper. Reprints on cream Harrison paper.

PERFORATION

Perforation

This section contains perforation variations of gummed stamps compared with the original gummed sheet stamp. Some differences may be due to production error. Stamps with the same gauge but different perforation hole sizes are not included in the listing. (For self-adhesive stamps with different simulated perforations see the Self-adhesive section.)

The perforation gauge is shown as “horizontal x vertical”.
i.e. Top & bottom x left & right sides.

Date	Issue	Stamps	Original	Variation	Notes
1972					
Aug	Navigators	\$1 Matthew Flinders	14.3 x 14	14.8 x 14.1	Reprint. (Original issue: 14 th Feb 1966)
1973					
3 Oct	Christmas	7c Baptism of Christ	14 x 14.4	14 x 14.8	
17 Oct	Opening of the Sydney Opera House	7c Sydney Opera House	14.4 x 14	14.8 x 14	
1974					
9 Oct	Centenary of the UPU	7c Stylised Pigeon	14.4 x 14	14.8 x 14	
9 Oct	150th Anniversary of Independent Newspapers	7c William C. Wentworth	14 x 14.4	14 x 14.8	
1975					
29 Jan	Environmental Dangers	10c Pollution 10c Bushfires	14.4 x 14	14.8 x 14	
1 Jul	Formation of the Post & Telecommunications Commissions	2 x 10c	14.4 x 14	14.8 x 14	Se-tenant pair
6 Aug	Famous Australian Women	6 x 10c	14 x 14.3	14 x 14.8	
1977					
9 Mar	Test Cricket Centenary	5 x 18c	13.6 x 13.3	13.6 x 13.4	Sheet stamps. See 2007 for another variation. (See Size section also.)
1980					
	Australian Paintings	\$10 Coming South	14.7 x 14.8	14.6 x 14.8	Reprint. (Original issue: 19 th Oct 1977)
1982					
19 May	Australian Roses	27c Marjorie Atherton (yellow) rose	13 x 13.3	14.6 x 14.4	Only postally used stamps known to exist.
22 Sep	12th Commonwealth Games, Brisbane	3 x 27c	14.4 x 14.6	13.3 x 13	Minisheet stamps
	Endangered Species	25c Greater Bilby	12.8 x 12.7	14.5 x 14	Reprint. (Original issue 15 th Jul 1981)
	Animals: Reptiles & Amphibians	27c Blue Mountains Tree Frog	12.7 x 12.8	14 x 14.5	Reprint. (Original issue: 19 th Apr 1982)
	Australian Birds	10c Golden Shouldered Parrot 45c Masked Woodswallow	12.8 x 12.7 12.7 x 12.8	14.5 x 14 14 x 14.5	Reprints. (Original issue 1 st Jul 1980)

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Date	Issue	Stamps	Original	Variation	Notes
1983					
	Endangered Species	50c Leadbeater's Possum	12.7 x 12.8	14 x 14.5	Reprint. (Original issue: 15 th Jul 1981)
	Animals: Reptiles & Amphibians	3c Corroboree Frog	12.7 x 12.8	14 x 14.5	Reprints. (Original issue: 19 th Apr 1982)
		65c Yellow-faced Whip Snake			
Dec		15c Eastern Snake-necked Tortoise	12.7 x 12.8	14 x 14.5	Reprints. (Original issue: 16 th Jun 1982)
		40c Smooth Knob-tailed Gecko			
		75c Eastern Water Dragon			Reprint. (Original issue: 19 th Apr 1982)
Dec	Endangered Species	5c Queensland Hairy-nosed Wombat	12.8 x 12.7	14.5 x 14	Reprint. (Original issue: 15 th Jul 1981)

1986					
	Christmas	30c Mary and Joseph	14.6 x 14.4	13.8 x 13.3	Printed by Cambec

1989					
	Sports: Series 1	2c Tenpin Bowling	14 x 14.4	13.3 x 13.6	All 4 reprints. (No koala on first reprint.)
		39c Fishing			
12 Jul	Stage and Screen	39c Stage: The 20's, Moncrieff and Rene	14.7 x 14.4	13.8 x 13.3	
13 Sep & Nov	Gardens	\$2 Nooroo, NSW	14 x 14	13.6 x 13.4	Original issue and first reprint. (Original issue: 13 th Sep 1989)
13 Sep		\$5 Mawarra, Victoria			
11 Oct IMP	Australian Historical Trams	41c Melbourne Cable Tram	13.3 x 13.8	imperf x 14.4 x 14.6	2 stamps from booklet. Imperforate top only and bottom only. ①

1990					
	Sports: Series 1	1c Bowls	14 x 14.4	13.3 x 13.6	1 koala reprint. (Original issue: 13 th Feb 1989)
7 Feb IMP	Thinking of You	41c Bouquet	imperf x 13.7 x 13.3	imperf x 14.7 x 14.4	1 koala reprint stamps from booklet. Imperf left or right.

SELF-ADHESIVE

Self-adhesive

This section contains self-adhesive stamps. The perforation gauge of the continuous die cut simulated perforation is shown as “horizontal x vertical”. i.e. Top & bottom x left & right sides.

Date	Issue	Stamps	Simulated Perforation	Notes
1990				
16 May	Sport Series	41c Cycling	11.5 x 11.5	Stamp from roll (Australia's first self-adhesive stamp)
27 Aug		43c Skateboarding	11.2 x 11.2	Stamp from roll of 100 (1 kangaroo reprint)

SIZE

Size

This section contains size differences compared with the original gummed sheet stamp. The size of a perforated stamp is measured as the distance between the centres of the perforation holes on one side to those on the opposite side. The size of an imperforate stamp is measured across the stamp, including any border.

Date	Issue	Stamps	Original	Variation	Notes
1977					
9 Mar	Test Cricket Centenary	5 x 18c	25 x 37mm	25 x 38mm	Sheet stamps. Perf 13.6 x 13.4.

TABS

Tabs

This section contains stamps with tabs that were either attached by a perforation. Only tabs that were included or associated with the original issue or a variation from the original issue are listed. Tabs that form a gutter are listed in the Gutters section. Special text or images in the selvedge are included in this section.

Date	Issue	Stamps	Notes
1966			
14 Feb IMP	Queen Elizabeth	4c red	6 different slogans on top left tab of booklet pane: "Registered post is safest for your gifts" "9 x 4 in and 5¼ x 3½ in envelopes speed your mail" "Post early before noon and before 4pm" "Use postal orders for small sums of money" "Send money securely by money order service" "Post your parcels – pack, wrap and tie securely"
1967			
29 Sep IMP	Queen Elizabeth	5c on 4c red	6 different slogans on top left tab of booklet pane per 4c red, above.
		5c blue	1 slogan only: "Use postal orders for small sums of money" ⓘ
1968			
6 Nov IMP	Famous Australians	4 x 5c	Name and dates on top left tab of booklet pane.
1969			
22 Oct IMP	Prime Ministers	4 x 5c	Name and dates on top left tab of booklet pane.
1970			
16 Nov IMP	Famous Australians	4 x 6c	Name and dates on top left tab of booklet pane.
1972			
8 Mar IMP	Prime Ministers	4 x 7c	Name and dates on top left tab of booklet pane.
1982			
17 Nov IMP	Eucalypts	1c Catophylla 'Rosea'	X on tab of booklet stamp - below and on left of stamps
1989			
11 Oct IMP	Australian Historical Trams	41c Melbourne Cable Tram	"Stampshow '89" on left and right tab of booklet pane. ⓘ

SPECIALS

Specials

This section contains stamps that are rare variations.

Examples of Specials include:

- Stamps from trial versions of booklets and sheetlets.
- Stamps produced for special purposes that were not issued to the general public.

Some of the Specials are Collectable Stamps (CS).

Blocks, Strips & Pairs

Date	Issue	Stamps	Variation	Notes
1986				
IMP	Alpine Wildflowers	3c Bluebell	Horizontal strip of 4	Booklet pane from trial booklet with no text on the selvedge.
		5c Marigold		
		2 x 36c Daisy		
		3c Bluebell	Horizontal strip of 4	
		25c Sunray		
		2 x 36c Daisy		
1987				
13 Oct IMP	Aboriginal Crafts	2 x 3c Spearthrower	Vertical strip of 4	Booklet panes from trial booklets. No text in selvedge. Stamps imperf on left and right. Perf 14.9 between stamps. Imperf top and bottom of sheet. The 37c Basket and 37c Bowl stamps were imperf on the bottom.
		2 x 37c Basket		
		15c Shield	Vertical strip of 6	
		3 x 37c Bowl		
		2 x 37c Belt		

Image

Date	Issue	Stamps	Original	Variation	Notes
1987					
IMP	Aboriginal Crafts	3c Spearthrower	Brown (Image height = 17.2mm)	Red-brown (Image height = 17.8mm)	Trial booklet stamps. Stamps imperf on left and right. Perf 14.9.
		37c Basket	Yellow-orange (Image height = 17.2mm)	Orange (Image height = 17.8mm)	
		15c Shield	Image height = 17.2mm	Image height = 17.8mm	
		37c Bowl			
		37c Belt			

Imperforate

Date	Issue	Stamps	Notes
1987			
	Aboriginal Crafts	37c Basket 37c Bowl	Trial booklet stamps. Imperforate on bottom.
1990			
CS	Scientific Co-operation in Antarctica	41c Glaciology Research \$1.10 Marine Biology	Cut from minisheet ex Russian postal archives without authority of Australia Post.

Perforation

Date	Issue	Stamps	Original	Variation	Notes
1987					
IMP	Aboriginal Crafts	3c Spearthrower	imperf x 15.5	imperf x 14.9	Stamps from trial booklets. Stamps imperf on left and right.
		15c Shield			
		37c Basket			
		37c Bowl			
		37c Belt			

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- Block** An unseparated group of four or more stamps at least 2-high and 2-wide. The stamps may be the same or different. If the stamps are different, the block is usually called “se-tenant”. Occasionally the stamps are staggered rather than in-line – for example, staggered blocks removed from minisheets. Blocks that are 1-high or 1-wide are called “strips”. Blocks that are 2-high and 1-wide or 2-wide and 1-high are called “pairs” – “vertical pairs” or “horizontal pairs”, respectively.
- Small blocks of gummed stamps contained in a booklet are often called “panes”. Large blocks of gummed stamps are called “sheets”. Sheets usually have a selvage around the edge. (See Pane.)
- Booklet** A small book containing stamps. The pages often have perforated cut lines enabling them to be removed and/or folded. Sometimes single page booklets are available bound together in what Australia Post calls a “cheque book”. Additional pages not containing stamps are sometimes included with a booklet. Booklets are not included in this catalogue. Some booklets are sold as “sheetlets” by Australia Post. (See Sheetlets section. Also see Pane, Prestige Booklet and Sheetlet.)
- Cancelled per Favour (CPF)** A separate un-affixed stamp or a stamp affixed to an article that has been hand cancelled by postal staff as a favour to the customer. (The stamps must be valid for postage and if affixed to an article their value must be equal to or greater than the Standard Letter Rate.) The postmark is usually of the circular type and in any position. Once the affixed stamp(s) have been cancelled, the article may or may not be put through the mail stream. Un-affixed CPF stamps are not valid for postage. Cancelled per Favour is also known as “Philatelic Postmarking”.
- Un-affixed CPF stamps may or may not have gum on the back. If they have gum they are known as CTO stamps.
- Cancelled to Order (CTO)** A separate cancelled stamp that has gum on the back. The postmark may be hand stamped, per CPF, or machine overprinted. After cancelling, the stamp is not valid for postage. (See Cancelled per Favour and Printed Postmark.)
- Collectable Stamp** A stamp that has been deemed not valid for postage by the issuing postal authority. Examples include:
- An individual fully imperforate or semi-imperforate stamp or minisheet cut out from its surround
 - A stamp with the integrated tab removed
 - A stamp with a superseded country or state name
 - A stamp with a superseded currency value
- Australia Post’s Guideline update in October 2007 deemed over 60 postage stamps as collectable stamps. They were previously valid for postage.
- Collectable stamps issued after 14th February 1966 are listed in this catalogue. They are identified with the abbreviation CS.
- Continuous Die Cut (CDC)** A die cut without any interruptions. (See Interrupted Die Cut, Die Cut and Kiss Cut.)

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Cover	An envelope.
Die Cut	The process that cuts through the stamp paper using a shaped die rather than a round punch. (See Continuous Die Cut, Kiss Cut and Interrupted Die Cut.)
Double-sided Self-adhesive	Two self-adhesive stamps that are “back-to-back” sharing the same backing paper. The stamps may be the same way up or inverted.
First Day of Issue (FDI)	<p>The ‘official’ date that Australia Post nominates for the release of a particular set of stamps. There is only one FDI for the stamp set. This date is specified in the Stamp Bulletin and on the Stamps website. Note that some variations of the set may become available for purchase before or after this date. The date these variations become available is referred to as the On-sale Date <u>not</u> the Date of Issue. (See On-sale Date.)</p> <p>Sometimes stamps are first issued outside Australia. e.g. The 2008 Olympic Gold Medallist sheetlets were printed in China and issued at the Olympex 2008 in Beijing. Their FDI in China was different from the FDI of sheetlets printed in Australia. The Australian sheetlets were first available in Melbourne on their FDI and were available at other locations some time after this. The China sheetlets were available in Australia two months after their release in Beijing.</p> <p>Australia Post offers a FDI cancellation service with a <u>printed</u> postmark up to one month after the FDI. First Day Covers are sold on (and up to one month after) the FDI with the postmark pre-printed. (In some cases the postmark does not touch the stamp!) The postmark is a record of the FDI, <u>not</u> the date that the cancellation was applied to the stamp or envelope.</p>
Forged Cancellation	<p>A postmark not applied by the postal system that is an attempt to create a rarity or to convert a stamp to a different category such as “CTO” or “used”. Forged cancellations are made to defraud the stamp collector and often contain incorrect information related to the place and date.</p> <p>These fake postmarks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hand-stamping a postmark on a stamp using a device and ink pad. This type of postmark is often just a small part of the circle across a corner of the stamp. This simulates a portion of a hand postmark without any text. (Some stamp clubs and dealers provide this service to convert a mint stamp (with gum) into a CTO stamp or an unpostmarked stamp (without gum) into a “fine used” stamp!)• A facsimile of a postmark applied by a printer or photocopier to a stamp affixed to an envelope or sheet of paper.
Fully Imperforate	A stamp without perforations on all sides. (See Imperforate and Semi-imperforate.)
Generic Base Stock	Previously released stamps used in Souvenir Stamp Sheets and some Special Occasion Prestige Booklets. (See Reprint – Type 2.)
Gutter	The selvedge between two panes of stamps. It is often left blank or contains small areas of colour to assist the printing process. Occasionally sheets of stamps have gutters that contain special text and/or graphics related to the stamps. Only these are listed in this catalogue.
Gutter Strip	A strip of stamps from each pane that has the gutter in between.
Imperforate	A stamp without perforations on one or more sides. Unless the imperforate side is on the edge of the sheet or roll, or has a die cut or roulette cut, the stamps have to be cut out from the surround. When individual imperforate stamps are cut out from the surround some postal authorities deem them “collectable stamps”. (See Collectable Stamp, Fully Imperforate, Roulette Cut and Semi-imperforate.)
Integrated Tab	A tab that is not separated from the stamp by a perforation or cut. (See Printed Perforation.)

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Interrupted Die Cut (IDC)	A die cut in which the continuous series of small peaks and valleys is interrupted by a 'wide valley' or straight edge. This is usually on the shorter side of a rectangular stamp. (See Continuous Die Cut, Die Cut and Kiss Cut.)
Kiss Cut	A die cut that cuts through the stamp paper but not the backing paper that keeps self-adhesive stamps together. The cut can be straight resulting in an imperforate stamp or can have a continuous series of small peaks and valleys known as a "simulated perforation".
Maxisheet	A large minisheet. (See Miniature Sheet and Sheetlet.)
Miniature Sheet or Minisheet	Stamps surrounded by a large border that usually contains special text and/or graphics. Prestige booklet pages containing stamps, when removed from the booklet, are often referred to as minisheets. (See Prestige Booklet and Sheetlet.)
Mint No Gum (MNG)	This term applies to two types of stamps: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A mint stamp that is only sold affixed to an envelope or paper. Once the stamp is removed from the paper to be put into an album, it loses the gum. e.g. metal foil stamps. (See the Specials section.)2. A stamp that have been through the post without being cancelled that has been removed from the envelope or paper. When removed it loses the gum. In some cases the stamp is not truly 'mint' as the invisible phosphor coating may have washed off during the removal process. (See Cancelled per Favour.)
On-sale Date (OSD)	<p>The date a stamp or variation is <u>first</u> available for purchase somewhere in Australia. i.e. The item is available at a Post Shop for sale over the counter or is in-stock and available for pick, pack and despatch from the Mail Order warehouse. Evidence of this date is found on the receipt or invoice for the items bought. Not all products are available everywhere in Australia at the same time, hence the OSD is the earliest date known for a particular product. (See First Day of Issue.)</p> <p>In most cases the OSD and the First Day of Issue (FDI) are the same. Occasionally stamps are sold 'unofficially' before the FDI. Many variations are sold after the FDI. e.g. Type 1 Reprints, special minisheets, self-adhesive variations, etc. Australia Post does not keep accurate records of the first date some products are sold, hence OSDs are often difficult to obtain.</p> <p>Stamps and variations are often available for order before the FDI and OSD. This is particularly applicable to those that are only available from Mail Order. Although the items can be ordered it does not mean they are in-stock and available for despatch.</p>
Overprint	An additional printing that was not part of the original printing.
Pane	A block of gummed stamps. Australia Post's normal sheet of gummed stamps consists of two panes of 25 stamps separated by a gutter and surrounded by a selvage. Panes of stamps are also found in older type booklets – many were imperforate around the edge.
Paper	The medium upon which the stamp is printed. Paper type, colour, treatments and surface variations are a very specialised subject. Only the main basic colour variations are listed in this catalogue.
Pen Cancellation	Cancellation of a stamp affixed to an article by hand with a pen instead of a hand or machine postmark. This may occur if the article has been through the mail stream and the stamp has not been cancelled. This type of cancellation is to prevent fraudulent reuse of the stamp.

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Perforation

The rows of holes (usually round) punched into the stamp sheet between the stamp images to permit easy separation of the stamps. The gauge is measured as the number of holes in 20mm and by convention is shown as horizontal by vertical.

Some perforated stamps of the same gauge have different hole sizes.

The perforations often extend into the selvage by a number of holes or go completely across to the edge. If the perforation does not extend into the selvage it is referred to as a "flush perforation".

Personalised Stamp (P-stamp)

A stamp with a tab that has a customer's photo or image printed on the tab. They are commonly known as "P-stamps". On gummed P-stamps the tab is normally separated by a perforation. Self-adhesive P-stamps have an integrated tab that is part of the stamp. (In Australia, the tab must not be blank and must not contain the same image as the stamp.) The tab is usually rectangular but on some stamps it is square-shaped.

Self-adhesive Personalised Stamps are currently supplied in sheets of 20 semi-imperforate stamps with integrated tabs. The righthand edge of the tab is imperforate. The tab may be removed to create a semi-imperforate stamp. Sometimes the righthand side of the stamp image has a printed simulated perforation.

Personalised Stamps are also supplied in Souvenir Stamp Sheets, Special Event Sheets and Snapshot! Booklets. The sheets normally contain gummed stamps. The Snapshot! Booklets contain self-adhesive and/or gummed P-stamps and can have additional self-adhesive stamps and/or gummed stamps as well. (See Tab.)

Postally Used

A stamp that has been used for postage. It has been affixed to an article sent through the mail stream and hand or machine cancelled with a postmark. The postmark can be of any type and in any position.

Prestige Booklet

A small bound booklet containing many pages related to a particular stamp issue, special subject or occasion. The pages containing the stamps in these booklets are often removed to form a 'minisheet' collection. (See Minisheets section.) Some prestige booklets are known as "fun packs" when they contain pages aimed towards children.

Printed Perforation

An image of a perforation that has been printed on a stamp. In some semi-imperforate self-adhesive Personalised Stamps with integrated tabs, the printed simulated perforation indicates the edge of the stamp image and separates it from the tab. In some imperforate gummed stamps the perforation is printed around the edge rather than rows of holes.

Printed Postmark

A simulated postmark that is printed or machine cancelled on a stamp. This is usually done by overprinting a whole sheet of stamps at once. Some simulated postmarks are not dated. Some are dated but the date is not related to the date of printing. (See Cancelled to Order.)

Most Australian First Day Covers contain printed postmarks. The date on the postmark is the issue date of the stamp but may have been printed before or after this date. (See First Day of Issue.)

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Reprint

A stamp that has the same image design as the original that has been printed after the original issue date. They are also known as “previously released stamps”. There are 3 main types of reprints.

Type 1: Stamps that are reprinted as stocks get low or to replace stamps that have been withdrawn due to a printing error. In Australia from 1988 they are usually indicated by koala or kangaroo reprint symbols on the selvedge. (1 koala = 1st reprint, 2 koalas = 2nd reprint, 1 kangaroo = 5th reprint, 1 kangaroo & 2 koalas = 7th reprint, etc. 2 kangaroos normally indicate the 10th reprint, but sometimes they indicate the 9th reprint where there was no space for 1 kangaroo and 4 koalas. Occasionally the number of koalas or kangaroos does not match the reprint number and sometimes they are omitted.) Occasionally these reprints have differences from the original, particularly perforations and image variations.

Type 2: Stamps that are released in a different format well after the original issue and are not related to it. The format includes Souvenir Stamp Sheets (SSS), Special Event Sheets (SES), Special Occasion Prestige Booklets, folders, minisheets, sheetlets, etc. The stamps are usually “generic base stock” stamps but occasionally they are previously released stamps related to the subject of the sheet. In many formats the stamps have a tab attached with an image related to the subject of the booklet or sheet. The tab may also contain a customer’s photo or image (i.e. a P-stamp). The stamps are usually identical to the original stamp and therefore not listed in this catalogue unless they have a variation, such as perforation, image, layout, etc. (See Sheetlet.)

Type 3: Stamps that have an additional year code in the image corresponding to the reprint year to distinguish them from the original stamp. This occurred in Australia from 26th June 2007 however not all reprints released after this date have this year code. (See Image section.)

(Australia Post does not keep records of the on-sale dates of many reprints and will not cancel reprints with their on-sale date by the FDI cancellation service. See First Day of Issue.)

Roulette Cut

A line of small cuts in the stamp paper between rows of stamps to permit easy separation of the stamps. The cuts are usually done with a roulette wheel. Stamps with a roulette cut on one or more sides are classified as imperforate. (See Imperforate.)

Self-adhesive

A stamp containing an adhesive on the back that does not have to be moistened to adhere to paper. The adhesive is sometimes known as a pressure sensitive adhesive. Self-adhesive stamps are often referred to as “peel and stick”. They are die cut to facilitate removal from the backing paper.

Selvedge

The border at or around the edge of a pane of stamps. It may contain text and/or graphics. The selvedge between two panes is called the gutter.

Semi-imperforate

A stamp that has at least one imperforate side and one side with perforations. (See Imperforate and Fully Imperforate.)

Semi-perforate

Semi-imperforate.

Se-tenant

Two or more different stamps joined horizontally or vertically. Two se-tenant stamps are referred to as a “se-tenant pair”.

Glossary

Sheetlet	<p>A small page of stamps containing fewer stamps than what is normally considered a sheet of stamps. (Australia Post's usual sheet of gummed stamps contains 50 stamps in 2 panes of 25, separated by a gutter.) The selvage of a sheetlet may contain text and/or graphics. Souvenir Stamp Sheets (SSS) and Special Event Sheets (SES) are sheetlets that often contain stamps that are not related to the subject of the sheetlet.</p> <p>The difference between a minisheet, maxisheet, stamplet, booklet page and sheetlet is sometimes not clear. If the page has a perforated cut line enabling it to be folded it is usually called a booklet page. (This is found on many booklets of self-adhesive stamps.) Australia Post sometimes refers to these unfolded pages as "sheetlets"! (See both Minisheets and Sheetlets sections.)</p>
Simulated Perforation	<p>The perforation on a stamp that has been die cut. Most self-adhesive stamps are die cut with a simulated perforation. (See Printed Perforation.)</p>
Simulated Postmark	<p>See Printed Postmark.</p>
Snapshot! Booklet	<p>A Special Occasion Prestige Booklet containing P-stamps.</p>
Special Occasion Prestige Booklet	<p>A prestige booklet issued to commemorate a special occasion, subject or event. It usually contains stamps related to the occasion, subject or event. Occasionally the stamps may have tabs attached. If it contains P-stamps it is called a Snapshot! Booklet. (See Snapshot! Booklet.)</p>
Souvenir Stamp Sheet (SSS)	<p>A sheetlet of stamps issued as a souvenir of a particular subject, topic or event. They usually contain "generic base stock" stamps and occasionally previously released stamps related to the subject of the sheet. The stamps usually have tabs attached containing images related to the subject. They may also contain P-stamps with a customer's photo or image on the tabs. Sometimes they are issued at the same time or close to the issue date of the stamps they contain and hence form part of that issue. (See Reprint – Type 2.)</p>
Special Event Sheet (SES)	<p>A Souvenir Stamp Sheet issued at an event. They often contain Personalised Stamps with a customer's photo taken at the event using the mobile P-stamp facility.</p>
Stamplet	<p>A small sheetlet, usually containing only one stamp. (See Sheetlet.)</p>
Strip	<p>Three or more stamps in-line 1-high or 1-wide, joined horizontally or vertically. If the strip has only two stamps it is called a "pair".</p>
Tab	<p>An extra piece attached to a stamp containing text and/or graphics. Tabs may be joined to the stamp with or without perforations. If the tab is joined without perforations it is known as an integrated tab. If an integrated tab is removed, it creates an imperforate collectable stamp.</p> <p>A stamp with a tab that has a customer's photo or image printed on the tab, is known as a Personalised Stamp or P-stamp. (See Personalised Stamp.) If the tab contains a photo it is often referred to as a "photo tab". Occasionally Australia Post issues tabs with a 'generic' photo. These stamps and tabs are not P-stamps. They are usually issued in Special Event Sheets or Snapshot! Booklets.</p>
Unofficial Cancellation	<p>Cancellation of a stamp affixed to an article, applied by postal staff or postal sub-contractors that is contrary to postal guidelines or regulations. The article has usually gone through the mail stream.</p>
Variation	<p>A different version or format in which the stamp was issued (usually compared with the original single gummed sheet stamp). Variations are produced on purpose.</p>
Variety	<p>A stamp containing an error, flaw or mistake. This can be due to a retouch, misprint, ink fault, process error, etc. These are usually unintentional.</p>
Year Code	<p>The year of issue in tiny lettering included in the image of a stamp. This first appeared in Australia on the Sports stamps issued on 13th February 1989. Additional year codes were also included in most Type 3 reprints from 26th June 2007. (See Reprint – Type 3.)</p>

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Issue	Stamp	Stamp Designer
Melbourne Cable Tram (1886)	41c	I. McKellar
Queen Elizabeth	5c	-

Variations Statistics

1966 – 1990

Year	Blocks, Strips & Pairs	Gutters	Image	Imperforate	Minisheets	Overprints	Paper	Perforation	Self-adhesive	Size	Tabs	Specials	Total
1966	6			6		6					6		24
1967	7			9		1					7		24
1968	4			4							4		12
1969	6			4							4		14
1970	6			13	1		1				4		25
1971	4		1	2			13						20
1972	4		1	4			10	1			4		24
1973	2		1	1				2					6
1974						1		2					3
1975	2			1		3		10					16
1976	1		4		1								6
1977	2		6					5		5			18
1978	2		5	2	2	1							12
1979	2		4				1						7
1980	3		7		1			1					12
1981			5										5
1982	4		1	9	1			8			1		24
1983	2					3		7					12
1984	4				1								5
1985	7		4	3	1								15
1986	8		1	4	1		5	1				2	22
1987	9		1	5		1	1					14	31
1988	12			7		5	5						29
1989	9		1	16		4	2	6			1		39
1990	14	1	6	14	2		1	2	3			2	45
Total	120	1	48	104	11	25	39	44	3	5	31	19	450

