

# Revenue Review

## Bevenue

Tasmania is long known for some nice varieties on the Platypus issues, most are believed to have come out the back door of the printers. I had not seen the Bevenue [fig 1] variety before which appeared on eBay; does any reader have a used copy? If so a scan would be appreciated.

## I see it, but I don't believe it

New South Wales Railways is pretty much fully recorded due to near complete archival records, but occasionally a troublemaker turns up, fig 2 is no exception. An essay of this prepaid cartage stamp is shown and written up in *New South Wales Revenue and Railway Stamps by Peck and Smith 1999* on page 100. I have this essay in black and believe a couple more exist out there. They go on to say that it was never gazetted in railway Weekly Notices but AO records a 6d, 9d and 1/- created in 1929 with the dies destroyed in 1961. Does any reader have a copy? If so let please let me know so we can record it. What I find extraordinary is that Leeton [the station name on fig 2] is miles from Central and one would have thought if any would have shown up they would

be from Sydney station. If there is one, there must have been at least a sheet, so where are they? This 9d I have is on two lined bubble watermarked NSW paper and perforated 11½. From memory it took a super duper good swap to get it from a well known London Cinderella collector and very nice when no money changes hands. What was it doing in the UK I hear you ask... any info on this stamp would be very much appreciated. While I am on railways a rather nice but badly damaged Queensland security underprint [Proof of Under-print paper fig 3] turned up on eBay [part of the massive David Sterling estate] selling for a modest £36. The stamp was from the 1927 issue, Zillmere station. The Q of QR is a very weird font.

## I'm Impressed

Some rare decimal impressed promissory notes turned up in auction recently. Survival rate of the oval decimal strikes are non existent, with the 35c [fig 4] unseen in Peck and Smith, and I wish to record it here along with the 1c and 2c. If you have any decimal strikes from New South Wales please let me know so I can record them.

## Off the Rails

A little birdie [actually a big one] has told me Prestige Philately has some very nice Revenues and Railways coming up in a future sale. The Rails are from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia and the revenues are from South Australia. While I am chatting about Auctions, Millennium Auctions had some very nice Victoria documents up for grabs in their October 10 rarities sale. One complete document has a copy of the £10, £25, £50 and £100 [fig 5 part document only] a very nice combination piece with an estimate of \$1500-\$2000. As I write this I am wondering what it will eventually sell for?

## Rails Again

I have been working with Dr Owen Ingles of Tasmania [Owen co wrote *The Revenue and Railway Stamps of Tasmania 1978*] on the remainder sheets of decimal last issue 1966-1977. Can you add to the below listing? It must be a full sheet. Large TD [1925] Plate No 22813-B184 4/7/1967. Also 17193-B-184 23/2/1967 Top Right 1c 35c 60c 80c \$2.00 Bottom Right 1c 30c 35c 45c 60c 80c \$2 Plain 40c [roul top] 60c [roul top]



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

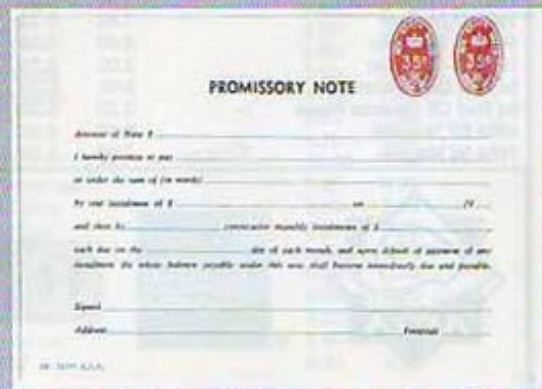


Fig. 4

80c [roul bottom]. Large TD [1935] No Plate No Plain 2c [tropical gum]. Small TC [1935] Plate No 4543-B-103 Bottom Right 15c 20c 25c 40c Plate No 8621-B-103 Bottom Left 50c \$1.00 1c 5c 10c all Row 2 Stamp 1 M broken. Small TD [1035] No Plate No Plain 1c 2c 5c 15c 20c 30c 35c 60c.

## Dieing to get there

Many private saving schemes are known, mainly for loyalty shopping etc but I have come across a saving scheme to bury you! This scheme was for 6d a week paid to the Labour Motor Funerals Ltd. I have rouletted and gummed stamps in a few different colours, with different layouts of the background shading [fig 6] dated from 1957-1967. I have not seen a decimal stamp, only the overprinted 20c in fig 7. I phoned the company but the kind lady on the phone was of little help other than to say, yes, she remembers the stamps. I am wondering if you fell short of your final payment and passed away what happened. Also this scheme was open to 13 offices in NSW so where are they all now? Maybe you had to take them with you! I spoke to a prominent ex funeral director who is now a stamp dealer and

he said, he had never seen or heard of a payment plan using stamps.

## On The Far Side

I have a few different colours in the £1 Child Endowment Order. All are on Crown CofA multi watermarked paper with some on inverted and inverted reversed printing. These were issued in 12 monthly payments and stapled into a booklet. Each month the holder of the booklet presented the predated order at the local post office of payment. It is possible order was then cancelled by the post office canceller, clipped and recorded as paid in the order book then destroyed. Maybe they had to be sent to treasury, audited then destroyed? Very few have survived as it would have been an offence not to destroy them. All the surviving copies I have were issued in WA.

The scheme of Child Endowment was approved in April 1941, and initiated in July 1941 providing a payment of 5/- per week for each child under sixteen years of age after the first child in the family. The endowment was to be financed by a new pay roll tax. This measure had represented the beginning of the social planning in the

Department of Social Services and the newly created Department of Labour and National Service. I have recently acquired a £3 [fig 7] value. I am not sure if fig 7 prints well on these pages, but the value and words of the £3 are multi-coloured. Quite a security printing feat which I have not seen duplicated anywhere else.

I have been asked by many of you if I have any spares for swap, and the short answer is yes. I have added a link to my web site due to this high demand and called it 'Private Treaty'. A click on this link will take you to an Australian State listing. Click on which State you collect and see what I have to offer as a swap. I have priced the items as a guide. So if you have items to swap I would like to hear from you.

I can be contacted by mail:  
 P O Box 66 Springwood  
 4127 Queensland or an  
 Email link from my web site  
<http://users.bigpond.net.au/dave1/index>



Fig. 5



Fig. 7



Fig. 6



Fig. 8