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New South Wales Weeklies

I can now finalise the New South Wales Bus tickets shown as figure one in the December 2009 'Revenue Review'. David Anderson [who I would like to thank] of Sydney [editor of the Perfin Journal of New Zealand & Australia] had all the answers as he used to use the system! These items were used to prepay weekly bus fares on public buses in Sydney 1976 to 1978/80. David supplied me with written documentation listing three issues.

First issued on 1-9-1974 [colours unknown] \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5, \$6, \$7. Second issue \$1.40 tan, \$2.20 mauve, \$3.90 blue, \$4.90 purple, \$5.50 blue green, \$6.40 dark green, \$7.40 light tan/yellow. Third issue 27/6/76 \$1.10 orange, \$1.80 green, \$2.30 red, \$3.10 mauve, \$3.90 blue, \$4.30 blue/green, \$5.10 khaki green, \$5.90 light tan/yellow.

At the time, when this system ceased to be used [c1980], David was able to get some remainders of the second & third issues. The first issue was completely used up and colours are unknown. The 1976 series were remaindered in full sheets 10x10. For the observant reader the commission supplied a date of 1-9-1974 for

the first issue but the used piece I showed in December last year had an issue date of 4-8-1974 on it!

Rare Grey

The first New South Wales 1929 small numeral issue 3d [fig 1] on watermarked 'NSW' paper appears to be a very rare beast indeed. This was the only 3d of the complete series to be issued in grey. I have never seen a grey copy on a document. This 3d value was a late edition to the first issue, with the colour changed to purple in the 1938 issue on unwatermarked emergency paper. Probably because it clashed with the 10/-greenish grey.

I have an earliest known date [EKD] of 1935. This 3d value is also missing from the 1929 series 'specimen' overprinted set held in archives. As I have already said the emergency unwatermarked paper issue was issued in 1938 so the window of opportunity for collectors to find this grey is very small indeed. Maybe you have one of these 3d greys on a document? Maybe you have clear dated copies? If so can you please send me a scan so I can share it here?



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

Dave Elsmore

Rates & Dates

It has been over twelve months since scanning each and every page of each and every newspaper in Australia began. This has slowly been put on line free for all. The search engine is brilliant, you can even save the actual newspaper clipping you want as a pdf or in .jpg format. "Who cares" I hear you say! Well this newspaper information can supply the researcher with rates & dates, so we have a situation now where one never needs to check reference books for any duty rates as it is all on line. This can further save hours, nay days in archives researching dates & rates of a particular duty stamp you have in mind. Just type in newspapers.nla.gov.au into your address bar and away you go. I just typed in 'beer duty' and presto up comes 77,176 results! Have fun.

Papua Forgery

eBay can be fun, but occasionally a forgery can show up which makes us all wonder, why bother? Well I guess a good start is greed and money. The £5 Stamp Duty overprint [fig 2] must have come about due to two groups of these overprints turning up in Melbourne

auctions and selling for high prices. When some of these were offered back in 1986 by Jarrett Philatelic Service the £5 had an estimate of \$120.00 on it, with the estimate on the £100 overprint just \$220.00.

Twenty years on and all are selling for up to \$2000.00 + each. A tidy sum for the forger to collect for a relatively simple overprint on a cheap stamp. As shown in figure 3 the £5 has some five easy to see distinguishing features. The eBay copy is at the bottom: 1; No gap between TA. 2; No inner tail curl to '5'. 3; All serifs appear to be too long. 4; '5' thinner. 5; Different £. I am tipping before this edition on Stamp News hits the stands the £50 and £100 forgeries will be in the market place. This £5 was first offered privately all over the world and when there was no taker's it was dumped on eBay.

Carry This

Little if anything has been written on the 'City Carrying Co Pty Ltd' from Adelaide South Australia. In figure 4 the value shown is just 3c, a very low value for the delivery of freight, cheaper than letter delivery in 1966, so possibly it is from a series of various values with the



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

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3c used as a 'make up'. Or maybe just a 3c was issued to deliver standard mail.

Going by the serial number on the stamp 123183 there should be thousands of them out in the market place but this is only the second copy I have seen, the other has a serial number of 123185, maybe the numbering started at 123---. If so then there may be very few in the market place making this a rarity.

In the 1880s there is a 'City Carrying Co' listed for New South Wales so the plot thickens. This company is missing from all the published works from South Australia, but is listed in 'The Railway Stamps of Mainland Australia' 1980 as being issued during a mail strike with an issue date of 26 Aug 1968. Have you seen this parcel stamp before? Maybe you have some? If so please share them so we can add to the listings etc.

I Promise For 'A Long Time'

In the October 2009 issue of 'Revenue Review' I ran a small piece on Promise Notes inviting others to show

off some they may have lurking in collections. Well I had a dig into my collection and found one from Victoria [fig 5], nothing special on the 6d impressed duty but the time limit on the note is an extraordinary 258 months. That's 21½ years! Of all the notes I have seen 99.9% are for a short term promise say 3-12 months. So was this a cheap way to obtain a long term loan?

More Holes

David Coath from Victoria, who is the new President of the Perfin Club of New Zealand & Australia has now joined me as a co author in my venture to list all perfins found on revenues & railway parcel stamps from Australia. Can I ask you please keep the scans coming of your perfin holdings thankyou.

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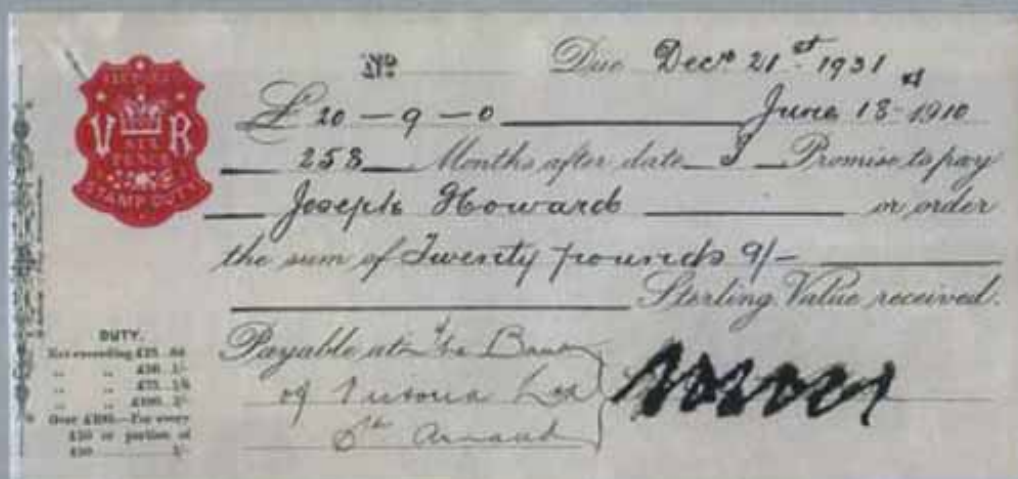


Fig. 5