

# Revenue Review

## Australian Railways Galore

A rather nice collection of railway thematic's recently came onto the market via a UK railway thematic dealer ['paper history'] who is handling the estate of Anthony Hopwood from the UK. We lost Anthony last year who I had known for 35+ years so he would be pleased to know some of his material has found its way back to Australia. All Australian States railways that depicted a locomotive were represented in the collection. Figures 1-5 are a small selection from Anthony's collection. Pricing is up and down with figure 1 cheap at £225.00 for the proof pair. Figure 2 at £145.00, figure 3 [the South Australian essay] at a reasonable £325.00, figure 4 [the Tasmanian Diesel] at £135.00 and figure 5 at an expensive £1,850.00. If you are interested in having a look at what is available, you can do so by going to <http://www.paperheritage.co.uk> and follow your nose to the private treaty section. Many other countries are also represented on this web site.

## More Railways

While chatting on oz railways, figure 6 shows a nice damaged station name HOBART which I had not seen before. You may have similar and if so, please record them here.

## Customs

Another high price was paid for a reasonable copy of the 4d Customs Duty roulette [fig7] recently on eBay. This revenue had an unrecorded precancel SMS/&S perfin from the UK and at £174.00 was a tidy sum of money. This price being for the perfin, not the revenue, but as a combination it was cheap, as with many revenue items if they were in the mainstream of philately would be worth tens of thousands based on the scarcity. So lets hope none of the Traditional stamp collectors are reading this, as they may jump over the fence into revenue collecting!

## What is it?

A nice Tasmanian beer duty [fig8] has recently been



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

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auctioned. It is on thick paper, imperf and without the imprint 'Bradbury Wilkinson & Co, Engravers & London'. So where does this fit in? maybe you know, if so please drop me a line. Specimen overprints and reprints are known but with the imprint. For now I am moving it into the Official Reprint folder. If I find out more on this I will let you know.

## New South Wales Underprint

One of the harder revenues to find in the New South Wales Edward series is the grey security underprints on plain paper. You may like to check your holdings, as these can slip in undetected. Very few values have been recorded. In fact, I have only recorded 6 values from a complete series of values to £1. Those being 3d, 4d, 6d, 8d, 9d & 1/-. You may have others to record.

## India

By the time you get to read this the International Indian World Stamp Show INDIPEX2011 will be done and dusted. I have been informed there will be

two Tasmanian Revenue exhibits competing against each other. There may be more revenue exhibits from Australia and I will report on this show next month.

## OK, more Perfins

January saw some changes to the perfin world in Australia. I was asked by the Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia -PCNZA to remove their link from my web site as they will be soon launching their own web site. I am not sure of the address but once I know I will share it with you all. In the mean time I decided along with David Coath [President Perfin Club of oz] to launch a Perfin Study group web site. This is dedicated to the study of perfins found on Australian Revenues, Railway Parcel stamps and Australian Postage stamps. So if you have anything to report or share on perfins this can now be done via this ozperfins web site [www.perfins.com.au](http://www.perfins.com.au) you will be given full credit for any new material or articles that will be loaded up. We have already been congratulated by both the UK and USA Perfin Clubs for such an innovative



Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5



Fig. 6

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move with an 'about time' footnote. I have also added a locked link to our joint venture with David Coath on the Perfins found on Revenue & railway stamps. Australia was lagging behind the rest of the world where perfin web sites were concerned. This is now one step forward to bringing us into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and in line with the rest of the Perfin world. You may like further information or maybe like to pre order the 'Revenue Perfins of Australia', or further wish to contact the perfin club of New Zealand and Australia please do so via David Coath from the [www.perfins.com.au](http://www.perfins.com.au) web site.

## Sheep & Goat

Does anybody out there have any Victorian stamp duty stamps overprinted 'Sheep & Goat' genuinely used on a document? There is still some debate as to the provenance of these overprints. There was a 'Sheep & Goat Compensation Fund' then a 2008 Act but so far

no stamps have come to light on document. Four mint groups of these have been sold at auction and privately. One group popped up in a Melbourne auction house, in a mixed lot of revenues. The other three purported to be purchased by a Sydney collector at a market stall and then sold privately and on eBay. I find this very strange indeed because there should be masses of them in the market place. I will keep you informed should one turn up on a document then this will prove without doubt as to the genuineness of these so called overprints but until then, to me, they will have a cloud hanging over them. Please be careful should you be offered a group of these, it's buyer beware and seller smiling!

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Fig. 7



Fig. 8



Fig. 9