

Revenue Review

Grey

It was a nice surprise to finally pick up a nice tidy receipt with the rare 3d grey [fig 1]. This is the first used copy I have recorded, with all others being remaindered mint with full gum. This tiny receipt also yields a late or 'correct' date of use 1942. I have this as being issued in 1929 with a no wmk [war paper shortage] series following on in 1938, which included a 3d violet. So for this to pop up with a 1942 date either tells us it has been sitting in an office draw for at least 4 years, or it was simply old stock at the post office. You would think this low value numeral would be plentiful. I'm guessing there was plenty of 3d tall Edwards in stock which were used up first. Maybe you have this 3d grey used on a document, if so please share it here in Revenue Review.

Railway Shop

I have mentioned the railway shop at South Brisbane railway station in the past, which was known for selling off all matter of bits and pieces from closed railway stations with figure 2, a parcel stamp obliterater 945 from Rywung in Queensland being one such item. I spied this in auction for \$60, a cheap piece of railway memorabilia, which could adorn any display cabinet around your home, and a great conversation piece. And no it does not belong to me!

Betts are Off

Figure 3 is one of those once in a lifetime finds for the revenue collector. Completely unrecorded till now, here in Revenue Review. Betting slips as opposed to card tickets are just never seen. I have only recorded a 2d violet, which I picked up 40 years

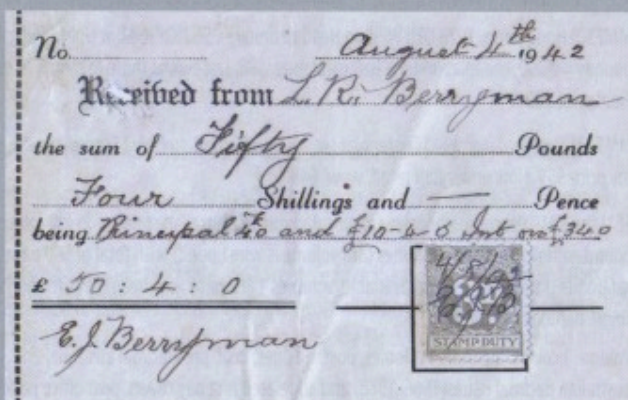



Fig 1

L. BILLIN
 REG. A.J.C. & S.T.C.

19. 

Address all Mail 10 Springfield Ave., Potts Point
 Please procure for me the following at the next race meeting:

ODDS TO	AMOUNT	HORSES	RACES

Signed _____



Fig 3

Fig 2

ago, and have never seen another till this cracker came up in auction. Please do not write to me stating you have a book full but if you do, lets see it!

Ten or Twenty Pence

Something that has puzzled collectors for 70 odd years is the 1940's 10d on 10d, or the 10d plus 10d, Victoria Railway wing issue. One possible piece of documented proof of the 10d on 10d actually being a 20 pence issue is figure 4. It is in fact two separate pieces with the latest owner overlaying them as shown in figure 4 to easily fool the judges when exhibited as a 20d, as there is only the top half of the 10d remaining. Apparently used to transport records between radio stations. So what's to say there was actually two 10d on 10d values originally affixed to the label with one and a half falling off?

One would think there would have been a greater

survival rate than just this one piece. These Victorian wings issues were heavily collected, and would have been hunted down and saved in their droves as was all other wing issues. I can find no 1/8d single rate in the Victorian railway rates. Maybe you the reader remember these, and can help fill in the gaps in this puzzling story. But until new information comes to light we will have to go with the two possibilities of Ten Pence or Twenty Pence! If you would like to see the original two pieces separated, I have a one frame, exhibit of 'Victorian Railway Wings Issues' put together by Jon Tiernan on my web site via the 'Exhibits' tab.

Over Inked

Figure 5 is a rather nice ARBA Tin Mine cheque from Tasmania with a totally over inked 2d numeral

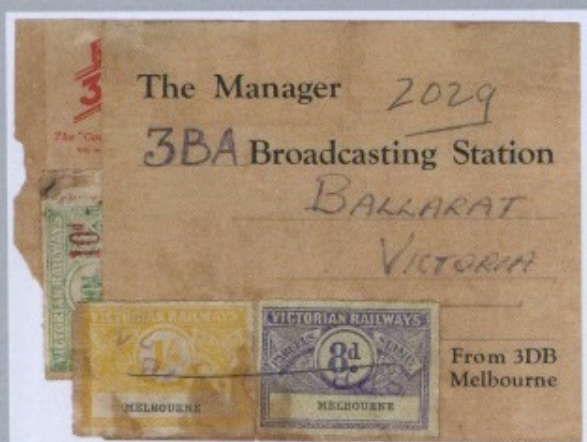


Fig 4



Fig 6



Fig 5

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adhered to it. So over inked, it appears to be solid colours when in fact it is a series of horizontal brown lines. Can you beat this for over inking? If so lets see it please.

Sight This

Mike Mulroy of Western Australia has sent me a super sight note [fig 6] he picked up at a local show along with other notes. This has double the attractiveness with 4 bi-colour adhesives on. Two from both Western Australia and South Australia. This would look good equally in either states collection. Thanks for sharing Mike.

Stokoe

Another attractive item from Western Australia is a cheque [fig 8], which originated in Victoria with a 2d

impressed duty paying the Victorian state tax. When presented for payment in Western Australia a further 2d in Western Australian state tax had to be paid. I remember back when an interstate cheque would cost you 10c with a duty stamp placed on the back of a cheque and cancelled.

Scarce N. T.

Most if not all duty stamps coming out of the Northern Territory are scarce to rare. Figure 8 is no exception, showing a lovely block of four of the \$5 issue. If you do not have this gap filled in your collection you best hurry, as they will not get any cheaper.

Collection

Corbitts auction house in the UK recently auctioned a nice mixed collection of duty stamps from all



Fig 7



Fig 9



Fig 8

Dave Elsmore

states with an estimate of £500.00. Described as: "REVENUES collection on large Yvert leaves incl. W. AUSTRALIA Internal Revenue 1882 vals to £1 & £1.10s" and showing figure 9 as the only picture, so the mind boggles as to what is actually within. If I am successful in my bidding I will share the contents in future 'Revenue Reviews' if not and you are the successful bidder and by chance reading this can you please share its contents.

New Rail

Jon Tiernan a long time collector of revenue and railways of the Australian States along with locals and anything oddball has sent me figure 10. The 1/- is unrecorded on Crown over NSW postage stamp paper, and I would like to record it here. This brings the total to 4 values [1d, 3d, 4d & now the 1/-] on this

watermark. There must still be more to find so keep your eyes peeled and check the wmk in every stamp you see. Thanks for sharing Jon.

Perfin Corner

As you can see figure 11 is what you may think to be a common 2d on a VOCo.a document. Well it is in fact the very first on a VOCO document to be found for Qld with the 2d numeral on. I can place 500+ documents from Victoria but Qld is a different kettle of fish. Again keep your eyes peeled, see you next month.

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link from my web site
ozrevenues.com or perfins.com.au**



Fig 10

VACUUM OIL COMPANY Pty. Ltd.
(Incorporated in Australia)

No. 4210 Station *Wagga* Date *10/1/1910* L.F. *1810*

Received on *10/1/1910*

By cheque of £10:10:0

VACUUM OIL COMPANY Pty. Ltd.
per *[Signature]*

BY CHEQUE £ *10:10:0*

LEDGER A/c-CASH	LEDGER A/c-DIS.	EXCHANGE	GENERAL LEDGER	CLAIMS

Fig 11