

# Revenue Review

## Moo, Oink, Again!

After showing Figure 4 a couple of months ago [the page of mint pairs of Victoria Cattle & Swine duty stamps], more [fig1] have turned up from this seller from Israel. This time, blks of 4 MUH, with a great selection of Swine & Cattle, which must be remainders from Victoria. I am unaware of official remainders being sold off maybe you are reading this and can enlighten me, but for now we can put these down to some collector paying full face value or from a farm sale with these being the remainder stock.

## Double The Fun

A rather nice Queensland Railway 1921 roulette issue, with a double Greenmount station name [fig2] recently turned up in auction. Double station names

are sought after from this issue with the train at the top. The train points left which I always feel is going back home not forward, but then I'm a left hander so who knows! Greenmount is on the original Gold Coast southern line, making figure 2 more appealing as Gold Coast line stations rarely turn up.

## QR

As with figure 2, figure 3 has its appeal apart from being the earlier perforated issue on QR wmk, and a high value of 2/6d. It has an unrecorded 'CANCELLED' on it in violet encased in an oval frame. I have not seen this before, selling on eBay after some spirited bidding from a UK seller. Figure 3 could ask a couple of questions like: "Is this a genuine used copy, or is it some kind of cancel for



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3



presentation?" Please check your holdings and see if you can match this cancel. It amazes me how this material gets over there in the first place.

## More QR

While chatting about Queensland railway parcel stamps I can't go by without mentioning figure 4. A rare 1867 trio recently up for auction. The left copy being the essay with the right pair, being proofs of the issued values. Rare survivors are very under rated, remembering this issue from Queensland was the very first from the whole of Australia to issue parcel stamps.

## Beer

It's been a while since any 'better' beer duty stamps

came up for grabs. Figure 5 coming from Status auctions in Sydney and selling for a modest price. Used Commonwealth beers are hard, very few turn up and this should have done a lot better. I think if had this been on eBay it would have gone for triple the sale price of \$110 [a steal] that was achieved.

## Double Specimen

Amongst the pickings from the last Status auction apart from figure 5, is figure 6 a double/triple SPECIMEN. I had not seen this larger what appears to be hand stamped on SPECIMEN. At \$150 it was passed in. Whenever I see something I have not seen before, I ask myself 'what's this covering up!' but I'm sure in this case it is not trying to hide anything. That said I did manage to pick up



Fig 4



Fig 5



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figure 7, a lovely pair of the same value but with blue SPECIMEN in capitals. This being the much scarcer of the two overprints. Paid A\$70 for the pair with the seller being Stanley Gibbons [UK] of all people.

## No Not Beer, Wine

After reporting a new find via Peter Smith of Melbourne last month, I bragged that I had now listed it in my free online catalogue a 3 wine producer, A.W.P.A. with the colour 'Grape Green'. Low and behold another 3 turned up on eBay with the same seller offering another unrecorded value, 2 [fig 8]. Now I can't call this one 'Grape-Blue' so I think it will just have to be 'Blue'! Not to

be outdone Peter Smith again contacted me with figure 9, an unrecorded value font for the 10 AWP [Australian Wine Producers], thanks Peter.

## Waffle

If you follow my waffling here in Revenue Review you will be aware I have an interest in local Store Coupon stamps from Australia. Figure 10 is no exception being from Holmes Stores in Inverloch, Victoria. Alas my heart sunk when I was outbid at auction. You may be reading this thinking "hang on I have a few of those". Well if you do please let me know. Also this company is hard to trace. Are there any Inverlochians reading this? Maybe you can help pin point this company for me.



Fig 6



Fig 7



Fig 8



Fig 9



## Perfin Corner

This month I have another gem for you. FJCo.a just on the left copy of figure 11 running sideways up. Foggitt Jones commenced trading in about 1904 and became manufacturers and distributors of a range of pork and animal products such as cheese, pate, hams and other meats from a number of sites in and around Brisbane. Initially they operated from a basement location in Adelaide Street, as well as a production site in Oxley (inner Brisbane) and later at a multi story factory off Riverside Drive on the Brisbane River. They later expanded their distribution and production facilities to Sydney and Perth respectively.

The FJCO device is most likely a single head

device. It is also found on postage stamps from 1914 until the late 1940s. It is found in the usual variety of positions characteristic of a single head device. No railway parcel stamp use is reported. Foggitt's Brisbane, sought and gained approval to perforate stamps in July 1914. This 2/- is a new value for this Perfin.

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Fig 10



Fig 11