Revenue Review

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A jolly good time had by all. I'm sure this month's Stamp News is full of the show, so I will not add too much, other than to say the revenue exhibits were a treat to view. A shame my New South Wales revenues were the only Australian revenues to be shown. Still, congratulations to all entrants. I was happy to receive a Gold, and better still on the way home via N.T. I got to do the Uluru climb. I can now cross that one off my bucket list!

What a Mess

Figure 1 was sent to me as an item for sale! Apparently it was found on a suitcase in a garage sale in Victoria. I had to let the seller down gently as you can see it looks like multi use of the same suitcase with the stamps unable to be saved.

Still a Mess

Last month I mentioned the poor describing by Prestige Philately re the Local issues listed in one of their auctions here:

"In the same auction, other local carriers on offer were lots 35 [fig 9], 36 & 37 being listed from Victoria. This also is an error, as they are clearly from South Australia and are TRUE 'Combe, Green & Co' 1899 locals. Nothing to do with the business of McCulloch, they only traded as McCulloch, Combe, Green & Co. Of course the locals without the diagonal 'company name' are True McCulloch locals from the South Australian Office."

Unfortunately this was never corrected in their Internet catalogue, so it looks like they will remain incorrectly listed on the Prestige Philately web site



Fig 3

Fig 5

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for eternity! A shame these describers try to rewrite the catalogue without any care or consideration for collectors, especially when they appear to have not read my catalogue, but instead have chosen to just look at it, after all it's not rocket science, it's FREE!!

Delcampe

Figures 2,3, & 4 were up for grabs on the Delcampe site and by all accords nobody saw them. Combined they sold for \$50! What a bargain, some excited collector must have got. The 1915 issues usually sell on eBay for \$10-\$100 each depending on the station or private user. Pairs are very nice to have as it was 'frowned upon' to use double the paper as there was a war on.

Nice

Figure 5 turned up on eBay. I have not seen part

perfs before, and being a blk of 4 made it extremely nice and collectable. The only problem was, the start price of \$5000.00. Ouch! Figure 6 also turned up in auction. These 1930 reprints are still being listed as 1880 in some major auction houses. They just don't get it do they?

E.S.C.A.

E.S.C.A. Brisbane, private user does not turn up too often but figures 7 & 8 were auctioned recently. The blk of 4 being a rather nice exhibit piece. Do you have many private users in your collection? I do have Google spread sheets of all the listed private users for both the 1915 issues and the 1927 issues, along with the station name listings and usages. If this interests you, drop me an email and I will forward the link to access these resources.



Fig 4



Fig 6



Fig 7



Fig 8

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Figure 9 is an obvious forged postal on fiscal with little attempt to remove the pen cancels. Surprisingly it sold no problems at all! Each to their own I guess.

Is It

Is it or isn't it that is the question? The question being is figure 10 a proof with manuscript 'CANCELLED' or is it just fiscally used? Either way it's a pretty blk of 4 and would happily sit in any revenue collectors collection.

Cheap Rails

Figure 11 is a cheap way to collect station names of Victoria. Groups often turn up of the low value 1c – 4c issues. I have a few thousand low value station names 80% mint. I guess some collector drove

along the rail line, [maybe on holiday], stopping at each station to buy a few copies or a sheet of low values. Good fun to be had here.

Perfin Corner

It's a pleasure to let you know the 'Private Revenue Perfins of New South Wales' by David Coath and yours truly received a Vermeil medal at the FIP World Stamp Expo in Melbourne a couple of months ago. What a great honour to be awarded this high medal for revenue literature. This is FREE to read direct off of Perfins.com.au

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