

# Revenue Review

## Nat Rails

First up this month is an unrecorded Rail item. Little has been recorded from the States on any of these cash register Parcel Stamps. Figure 1 is a new ANR [Australian National Railways] find, and I would like to record it here in 'Revenue Review'. Probable cause for little interest is the fact they look like a shopper docket, but for the few who have kept records and tucked some away they can be rewarding, and are just as important as one with a picture of a train, and perforations around the edges.

## Wrong Colour

The next item to surface this month is figure 2 the 'never seen' light emerald 2/- 19 November 1907 is also the earliest recorded date for this colour. A rare revenue indeed. It sold on eBay with the seller stating it was the wrong colour, which surprised

me as [the seller] I thought he was experienced in the revenues of Australia. Have a gander at your holdings and see how many you can come up with.

## Wrong Again

From the same seller of figure 2 came figure 3, and again this seller surprised me not listing this rare Tasmania railway correctly. It was listed as a 5d, that's it! But on closer inspection it has been sub-charged 'ONE = PENNY' in violet. The lesson here is do not just look at the revenue you have in front of you, but go the extra step and study it! This slipped through at a silly low price, when, if described correctly could have made another couple of hundred dollars.

## Nice Pair

In a recent Prestige Philately auction tucked in a rail



Fig 1



Fig 3



Fig 2



Fig 4



collection was figure 4, a rather nice rare vertically imperf pair. I was surprised this pair was not pulled out and lotted separately, but there you go. I'm sure the buyer of this collection was purely chasing this pair. A nice addition to any South Australia Railway collection.

## High Tax

Figure 5 is the highest 'TAX INSTALMENT' overprint on the rouletted numeral series from Tasmania. Rarely seen, in fact this 5/- can be classed as very rare indeed and a joy to behold. OK don't let's get too excited but it is a cracker!

## UK

A shame figure 6 winged its way to the UK after spirited bidding on eBay. These rare Revenue

embossed newspaper wrapper cut outs only turn up once every five years, so I'm cranky I never went the extra bid for it! If you see even a cut out, open your wallet as quick as you can and dig deep.

## Even More WA

This month's Western Australia item's do NOT come from the Dzelme collection. Yes, I know we're all amazed. But this time it's a completely unrecorded first issue Metropolitan Hospitals [with s] Benefit Fund Receipt Stamps of WA Inc. [fig 7] and it's a cracker. 4 values are known and recorded as imperf proofs, and I guess it was just a matter of time [70yrs] before one or more of the four values surfaced. Well I'm more than happy to record this 3d from 'Table A' or 3d per week for a single. The booklet goes on to include the unrecorded 3d brown which is twice the size of the 'red' 3d making it the



Fig 5



Fig 7



Fig 6



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standard size we all know about, and have a few tucked away. Of course both these new 'finds' have been added to my free on line Revenue Catalogue of Western Australia.

## Concession

Figure 8 is the first I have seen overprinted 'CONCESSION' gee at 20c a ticket. Surely you would have to be desperate to ask for a concession. I have now recorded the 10c and 20c, as there are more in the series, there must be others out there. If you have values besides the 10c & 20c can you please record them here in Revenue Review.

## Red & Blue

I will deal jointly with both figures 9 and 10 here. Western Australia has been well documented

when it comes to its revenues and railways, until you come to decimal railways. The study of these decimals appears to have fizzled out. I need a volunteer! Ok hands up!! I can find little or no information as to when the various different series of parcel stamps were issued. This is wide open for study. Ok question 1; which came first TOTAL in red or blue? 2; which came first white or green paper? 3; the \$3 green paper with red TOTAL has been issued singular, probably from a roll evidenced by the rounded corners and fully imperf. This is new to me, and I would like to record it here in 'Revenue Review' I can find none of the usual Westie suspects able to help, which surprises me, so maybe you the reader can. If so, please make contact with me so these important issues can finally be put into the order they so deserve.

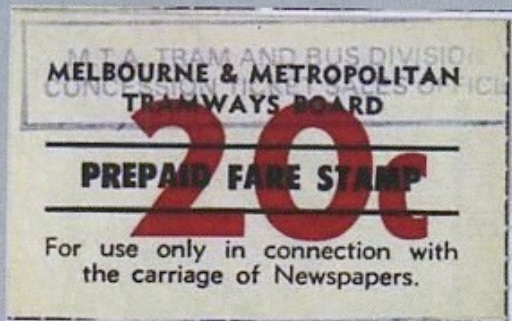


Fig 8



Fig 12



Fig 11



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## Perfin Corner

I have finally got around to adding a page on my websites [Perfins.com.au](http://Perfins.com.au) and [ozrevenues.com](http://ozrevenues.com) devoted to the Telegraphs and Telephone Stamps of Australia and its States. Both of these inventions have been used to wish a Happy Birthday to a loved one, and I'm sure most of us have availed ourselves of this in the past. Figure 11 being one of the most sort after Electric Telegraph values of all. This rare 8/- is known with Specimen overprint, mint and used, and when I say used; one used copy has surfaced so far. After dealing with each of the Australian States Telegraph and Telephone stamps [I believe this is the first time Telephone stamps have been finally grouped together on the one page] the page goes on to include the Telegraph

punches of the high value Kangaroos [fig 12], Harbour Bridges and other oddments, with all the weird and wonderful punches within. Brian Fuller, David Coath and myself are tackling this Punch Hole section. We would like to hear from as many of you as possible letting us know just what you have from this material no matter how insignificant you might think it is.

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Fig 9



Fig 10