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Just Plain Nice

Great stamp on so many levels, this single copy [fig 1] being picked from a 2000 plus hoard, the star item within. Level 1. Small Town. Level 2. Postal Cancel. Level 3. Wartime paper shortage with the printer issuing plain paper with grey security underprint 'Q.G.R.' in large letters at the top with 'QUEENSLAND RAILWAYS' on all four sides. Level 4. Clean stamp neat cancel. I do not think another like this will be turning up for a very long time.

Essay

Grosvenor auctions in the UK had a super railway parcel stamp collection recently going off. One of the more attractive essays from the Australian Colonies was figure 2 from South Australia.

Thursday Island Customs

Another new Qld Port Customs duty revenue [fig 3] has turned up in a mixed lot from the UK, this time from the Port of Thursday Island. I believe the buyer [a UK dealer] will be selling it shortly on eBay. This is another one of those 'outside the box' areas you need to keep you eye on.

Junior Shooter

One of the things I love about eBay is the fact you can view items you would rarely see in any dealers stock. Figure's 4 & 5 are 2 such items. The first [fig 4] being the very last issue by Victoria for a Shooters



Fig 1



Fig 3



Fig 2



Fig 7

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Permit from the late 1980's, giving the holder the right to hunt. The second, and far more rare is a Junior Shooters Permit from 1977. Strangely the instructions on the back do not list any age restrictions, or clarify at what age one must be to be classed as a junior. Maybe you used to get these and can remember. If so can you please make contact with me? and a thank you in anticipation. This is the first Junior Permit I have seen and would like to record it here in Revenue Review. This issue of hunting stamps were remaindered in very large quantities. Used on full document is scarce, as the majority, were discarded by non-collectors.

More Rubbish

More Torres Strait Settlement rubbish Cinderella's

[fig 6] have turned up, this time from Europe. As with an earlier note I have made on this issue, they belong in the bin! There was not even a settlement when these were purportedly issued. Alas they have been somewhat glamorised to fool the unsuspecting collector through the years. Totally unofficial and classed as wallpaper by more sensible collectors.

Cobb This

Early ephemera from Cobb & Co, Queensland is hard to find. Surprisingly no parcel stamps are recorded until c1930's. All I have on this company is figures 7 & 8. If any of you out there reading this has anything at all on this company no matter how insignificant you may think it may be, can you please make contact with me,



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thank you?

More Wine

Mossgreen auction house has unearthed a super Wine & Spirit document [fig 9] bearing a 1½d bi-colour from Western Australia. These are sort after by collectors of several disciplines. This 1½d value in bi-colour is the only value recorded, can you add to it?

Multiples

It is always nice to see usage of a single value stamp in large multiples, and figure 10 is no exception. This little THREE PENCE surcharge on the 1d is always a delight to add to your collection. Last month fortunately figure 10 made its way to Qld! Coming from a collection of

revenues sold off by Grosvenor auctions in the UK and onto eBay. Its surprising how many times these large auction houses attempt to sell 'general' revenues only to have them bought and placed onto eBay, where they can achieve 10 fold in the realized pricing. Of course quality revenue and railway items will fair better in a large public auction. Figure 11 is another one of those multiples you rarely see, this being the rouletted 1d in a blk of 6, very nice indeed.

Stamped Paper

It's always nice to see quality revenues stamped paper and figure 12 is no different. I just happen to be a Queensland 'Miner's Right'. For a 10/- annual fee back in 1869 it gave the said holder a right to mine for gold,



Fig 5



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tin or copper. The first I have seen with a postal cancel on. In this case '96' from Gympie, a well known gold mining town. I spied this in one of Status International auctions.

Perfin Corner

This month I have two nice items to share with you all. Firstly figure 13 a lovely blk of 8 of the £1 KEVII from NSW. Multiples are hard to find from this 4-die device. As you can see the blk was folded prior to punching in the large LLG Perfin for Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company. This company is well documented on Perfins.com.au. Secondly figure 14 [lucky for some] a very nice pair of Qld 1892 Stamp duty issues with the so called faded one inscribed 'THREE' issued after

the 3d one on the left. Surprisingly the common 3d received multiple bids in auction, whereas the right copy was picked up for the reserve, and what a bargain it is. The 'THREE PENCE' is rare enough genuinely used but to have a Perfin within makes this doubly rare, and the first copy of this Perfin to come to light in the 'THREE' issue. Of course this so called 'faded' copy is common from the remainder sets with the colourless impressed cancel on. My guess is many collectors are yet to educate themselves on this issue and may have just looked at it as a faded poor quality stamp. To me it is eye candy at the highest level. Ok back to the Perfin within N.Z./I.C. is again well documented on perfins. com.au if you have not found time to check it out, get to it!



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Fig 11



Fig 12



Fig 14



Fig 10



Fig 13

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