

Lot Type Grading Description

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1934 MACARTHUR CENTENARY**Lot 483****483** P

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DIE PROOF: 2d *Dark Hills* die proof in the issued colour on highly surfaced wove paper reduced to little more than stamp-size (39x28mm), a horizontal crease at the base has caused minor damage to the value tablets & the last line of the inscription. **Unique!** *Ex the Estate of John Ash, Harmers of London (3-4/10/1978, Lot 604), James Williamson and Lord Vestey.* The only recorded die proof for any of the values and, despite the damage at the base, a quite delightful item.

This item is apparently incorporated in the ACSC listing for BW #158PP(1), described as an "imperforate plate proof on ungummed unwatermarked paper", of which it is stated that a single and a block of four have been recorded. Certainly there is a block of 4 plate proofs but this item is clearly a **die** proof, as it was correctly described in the *Williamson* auction catalogue. It is on the same stock as the Victoria Centenary fullsize die proof from the same source: see Lot 477. However, it was wrongly described as a plate proof in both the *Harmers* 1978 catalogue and in the *Lord Vestey* catalogue.

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**Lot 484****484** C

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FIRST DAY COVER: 2d 3d & 9d tied to plain cover by 'LEETON/1NO34/NSW' datestamp (a superb strike on the reverse) being the **official First Day of Issue** BW #160y, locally addressed with blue & black/white registration label, Cat \$550. Superb! **[NB:** The typed inscription states the stamps commemorated the centenary of introduction of merino sheep to Australia by *John Macarthur*. In fact, they marked the centenary of *Macarthur's* death, in 1834]

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