

Lot Type Grading Description

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA - Kangaroos - First Watermark



Lot 20

20 PS B 1/2d green & 1d red tied to 1d Kangaroo **Die II** Letter Card 'THE TWO BROTHERS/QUEENSLAND' by two strikes of the recut 'CARLTON/VICTORIA - 538' duplex of JA14/13, the cancel on the 1/2d with the datehead off the card but the 1d clearly dated, the message within is headed "Brunswick 13 Januar 1913" & states - translated from German - "...This is all of the new stamps that have been issued so far", the card with some 'suntanning' mostly on the reverse, Cat \$17,500 as a **First Day Cover of the Halfpenny Kangaroo. An important recent discovery.** [Our vendor has requested that we offer this item at what we consider to be a VERY conservative estimate]

The ACSC states "The earliest recorded usage is on a postcard to the USA cancelled Melbourne 14 January 1913". This item is therefore only the second recorded FDC. By comparison, for the 1d red at least eleven FDCs have been recorded, Cat \$15,000. **NB:** the ACSC gives the ERD for a Die II Letter Card as 10th February 1914: this is **almost a month earlier.** (The ERD for a Die I issue is 10.1.1914.)

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VICTORIA - Postal History

604 CL A/A- **INSTRUCTIONAL HANDSTAMPS:** Very fine 'DLB ___ PB ___/REGISTERED' h/s in green on 1873 'RETURNED LETTER' Envelope Code 'W', and the same marking with 'PB' Removed in violet on 1886 'RETURNED LETTER/REGISTERED' Envelopes Codes 'T' & 'W'. (3)

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VICTORIA - Postmarks



Lot 712

712 D A A1 **McCartin's:** 'MCCARTIN'S' ___/5JA35/VIC' ('ROAD' excised) very fine strike on 2d Macarthur. Rare. [Gippsland]

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