

Lot Type Grading Description

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**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA - Postal Stationery - Letter Cards**

163	PS	B	1923 1½d Green Perf 12½ ACSC #LC51 'SPRING ST MELB' (tram & horse-drawn buggy), to Arkansas (rare destination) with 1½d green tied by Sydney cds of 3OC23, minor discolouration, Cat \$500. <b>The earliest recorded date of usage</b> of the 1½d green cards. [The ACSC states the ERD is 10.10.1923]	200
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**OFFICIAL STAMPS - DEPARTMENTAL OVERPRINTS**

This is the tenth significant offering of these fascinating stamps that we have been privileged to present, including the collections of Les Munn (15.5.2004), "Sir Humphrey" (Brian Farmer, 8.10.2005), Harry Lower (12.5.2007), Victor Bullock (1.9.2007), Frederick Hall (9.2.2008), Rodney Attwood (23.9.2011) and 'Novocastrian' (unnamed, 14.11.2014). All of these sales are available for your inspection on our website. The 'Tamiami' Collection is the best of them all, with many mint stamps including from the Rev James Mursell Collection sold in London in 1964, & so offered for the first time in more than half a century. Those stamps were acquired by F Houston Wynn, longtime editor of the SAS/Oceania journal 'The Informer'. 'Tamiami' acquired Hugh Wynn's collection intact. However, only where we are certain of that provenance have we stated 'Ex Houston Wynn'. Bidders should be mindful that defective sheets were often used for overprinting, resulting in many Departmentals being poorly centred, often exhibiting separation faults, irregular or trimmed perforations, etc. Fine examples are thus the exception rather than the rule: those graded 'B' or even 'C' are generally at least average quality for the particular type. It should also be noted that Butler's rarity ratings are severely compromised by his inclusion of unspecified numbers of stamps from the Royal Collection & other institutionalised holdings. Until Stanley Gibbons properly lists and prices these stamps, they will remain grossly undervalued. Our estimates are conservative, based on previous results - including the 2018 sale in Switzerland of the exceptional 'Besancon' Collection - to which attention is drawn where appropriate. NB: this offering includes many stamps that are at least the equal of the 'Besancon' examples, and many others that were absent from 'Besancon'.



Lot 602

602	F	B	<b>GOOLWA TRAMWAY:</b> Red 'G.T.' on Rouletted 1d yellow-green, shallow thinning & separation faults at U/R & L/R, 'PORT ELLIOTT/NO2/72/S.A' cds. Rated RR. <i>RPSofV Certificate</i> (2019). [Absent from 'Besancon'. The poorly centred "Sir Humphrey" (Brian Farmer) example sold for \$690. The well centred 'Novocastrian' example with 'hint of thinning' sold at the <i>Prestige</i> auction of 20.11.2004 for \$719]	300 <sup>T</sup>
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Lot 603

603	F	C	- Red 'G.T.' on Rouletted 6d ultramarine, light stains, light 'STRATHALBYN' cds. Rated RR. <i>RPSofV Certificate</i> (2019). [Absent from 'Besancon'. The fine "Sir Humphrey" (Brian Farmer) example sold for \$747]	250 <sup>T</sup>
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Lot 604

604	F	A-	- Red 'G.T.' on Rouletted 1/- red-brown, light 'PORT WAKEFIELD' cds. Rated RR. <i>RPSofV Certificate</i> (2019).	500 <sup>T</sup>
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Lot 605

605	S	A	- Black 'G.T.' on De La Rue Crown/SA Rouletted 2d with the <i>Watermark Reversed</i> , light 1871 cds. Rated RRR+. <i>RPSofV Certificate</i> (2019). [Only the 2d & 4d were overprinted in black. This is an unusual situation where <b>black overprints are generally rarer than red types</b> . The very fine 'Novocastrian' example sold in the <i>Prestige</i> auction of 20.11.2004 for \$747]	500 <sup>T</sup>
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