

# Newsletter

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## Welcome

With Monday marking the introduction of new postal rates in Australia, it seems a fitting time to send out another newsletter.

This newsletter reviews the Fishes of the Reef and Australian Beaches definitive issues, along with a couple of other updates – including a surprise or two! I'm also pleased to announce that my sales lists and Personalised Stamp™ standing order information are now online – just in time for the upcoming Greetings stamps.

If you have any questions about modern Australian stamps please e-mail me at [stamps@chrisdehaer.com.au](mailto:stamps@chrisdehaer.com.au)

Until next time,  
Chris de Haer

## Website Updates - July-October Issues

The following pages have been added with information on issues from July-October 2010:

- 13 July – Emergency Services ([visit](#))
- 19 July – Greetings Stamps ([visit](#))
- 27 July – Centenary of Australian Taxation Office ([visit](#))
- 3 August – Burke and Wills Expedition ([visit](#))
- 4 August – Bangkok Stamp Show ([visit](#))
- 17 August – Christmas Island Frigatebird ([visit](#))
- 20 August – Adelaide Stampex ([visit](#))
- 31 August – Centenary of Girl Guides ([visit](#))
- 8 September – National Service Memorial Dedication ([visit](#))
- 15 September – Cocos (Keeling) Islands Flowers ([visit](#))
- 22 September – The Long Weekend ([visit](#))
- 26 October – AAT Macquarie Island ([visit](#))

## Agfest 2010 SSS

6 May 2010

Collectors often dismiss Souvenir Stamp Sheets, but the Agfest 2010 sheet is worthy of a second look.



While this is not the first time the 55c Globe and Map stamp has been available for personalisation\*, this is the first time this stamp has been printed by RA Printing, creating a new specialised stamp (Energi Print printed the original stamps and the previous personalised sheets). Unusually the sheet selvage was also printed by laser printer, no doubt at the same time as the photographs were printed. It will be interesting to see if this is how such sheets are produced in the future.

\* This stamp is not part of Australia Post's Personalised Stamp™ programme.

Much more information on this issue can be found at: <http://stamps.chrisdehaer.com.au/issues/201012c.shtml>

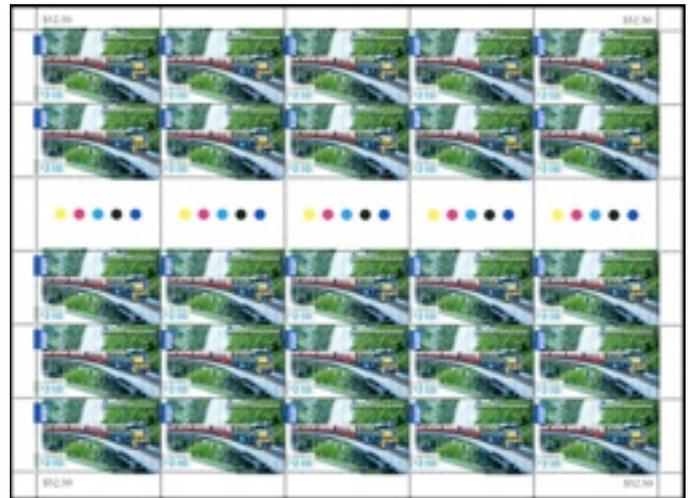
## Great Railway Journeys

7 May 2010

As reported in the last newsletter, an imperforate version of the prestige booklet (limited to 500) has been released for

Australia 2013. This booklet was first sold at London 2010, which opened on 8 May 2010. Orders for the booklets were sent out later. Illustrations of two of the panes and overprinted cover have now been posted on my website. As with past imperforate booklets, the barcode on the back is identical to the regular issue. The layout of the panes also means that any collector requiring both a imperforate \$2.10 stamp and imperforate \$2.10 miniature sheet pane will need to buy a minimum of two booklets! I have two imperforate panes of the 55c stamps available for sale in my [stamp shop](#).

My last newsletter also reported that the \$2.10 sheet included a gutter. When I visited the Perth philatelic desk I saw the \$2.10 on display with a sheet value imprint of \$52.50. A quick calculation determined there were 25 stamps in a sheet – so where was the gutter given it was five stamps wide? Rather oddly the gutter is between the second and third row! The same sheet layout is used for the \$4.30 Beaches stamps, but not the \$3.00 Fishes stamp.



Information on this issue as been updated at:

<http://stamps.chrisdehaer.com.au/issues/201014.shtml>

## Fishes of the Reef

21-28 June 2010

The first part of this definitive issue was released a week before the rate rise to ensure post offices have adequate stocks in time for the rate rise. The other three values were issued a week later.



There are few surprises with the sheet stamps. Printed in sheets of 50 (5 x 10), all the stamps are on phosphorised paper; except the 5c, which is logically on ordinary (non-phosphorised) paper. The \$3.00 stamp also sees the return of the familiar 14½ x 14 perforation gauge for a stamp of this size.

The self-adhesive stamps are rather more complicated. For the first time we have a 5c self-adhesive stamp – the lowest ever face value for an Australian self-adhesive. This stamp is only issued in booklets of 20 and does not feature phosphor tagging.

As in the past two printers printed the 60c self-adhesive stamps – McKellar Renown and Pemara. McKellar Renown printed the booklets of 10 and 20, and are all die-cut 11¼; while Pemara printed the coils of 100 and 200, and are die-cut 12¾. As a result there is no collector's pack, and those who require the McKellar Renown stamps have to purchase a booklet, while those who require a Pemara strip have to

order the strip of four through mail order (or buy a complete roll!). Alternatively I have complete sets of the nine self-adhesives available in my [stamp shop](#).

Issue Summary	
Item and Description	Cost ✓
<b>For the General Collector</b>	
<i>Gummed sheet stamps</i>	
8 values from sheets (5c, 60c, \$1.20, \$1.80, \$3.00)	\$8.45 ☐
<i>Self-adhesive stamps</i>	
5 values from booklets (5c, 60c)	\$8.00 ☐
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16.45</b>
<b>For the Specialised Collector</b>	
<i>Self-adhesive stamps</i>	
Coil stamps with different perforations (mail order only)	\$2.40 ☐
<i>Booklets</i>	
3 booklets with philatelic barcode	\$20.00 ☐
3 booklets with general barcode	\$20.00 ☐
<i>Postal stationery</i>	
Maximum cards	\$14.45 ☐
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36.85</b>

More information on this issue can be found at:  
<http://stamps.chrisdehaer.com.au/issues/201021a.shtml>

## Australian Beaches

28 June 2010

The new International Post stamps feature three Australian beaches. The ordinary gummed \$1.50 and \$2.20 stamps were printed in sheets of 50 (2 panes of 25), while the \$4.30 stamp was printed in the same format as the \$2.10 Railways stamp.



The \$1.50 and \$2.20 stamps were also issued in self-adhesive booklets of five stamps and as Personalised Stamps™. The Personalised Stamp™ website has only just been updated to show these stamps, but after a few e-mails and a phone call, I was able to purchase these on 28 June, and received them on 30 June. Readers are reminded that collectors on my Personalised Stamp™ standing order list receive a 10% discount on my list prices. For more information [visit my website](#).

Issue Summary	
Item and Description	Cost ✓
<b>For the General Collector</b>	
<i>Gummed sheet stamps</i>	
3 values from sheets (\$1.50, \$2.20, \$4.30)	\$8.00 ☐
<i>Self-adhesive stamps</i>	
2 values from booklets (\$2.20, \$4.30)	\$18.50 ☐
<i>Personalised stamps</i>	
2 values from sheets (\$2.20, \$4.30)	\$99.00 ☐
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$125.50</b>
<b>For the Specialised Collector</b>	
<i>Booklets</i>	
2 booklets with philatelic barcode	\$18.50 ☐
2 booklets with general barcode	\$18.50 ☐
<i>Postal stationery</i>	
Maximum cards	\$10.25 ☐
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28.75</b>

More information on this issue can be found at:  
<http://stamps.chrisdehaer.com.au/issues/201021c.shtml>

## Adopted and Adored

29 June 2010

Having had dogs all my life (you can see my two beagles on my 'About Me' page), I am pleased to see Australia Post produce a set of stamps promoting the adoption of abandoned dogs.

Unfortunately, I was unable to find a post office with the complete range of products for this issue. Some post offices had the sheet stamps, while others only had the booklet. I have added information about the booklet and sheet stamps to my website ([link](#)), and will update the page when I have examined the full range of products.

## Western Australian Events

For those in Western Australia, Fremantle & Districts Philatelic Society will hold its annual Hidden Stamps Competition on 14 July. This is a fun evening with prizes for the winner, runner-up and a random prize. More information on Fremantle's programme is on my [website](#).

Stamp Fair will be held at Cannington Exhibition Building on 18 July from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Rockingham and Kwinana Districts has its 'Bring and Buy' sale and 'As You Like It' display competition on 20 July. More information on Rockingham's programme is on my [website](#).

Rockingham Stamp Fair will be held at the Gary Holland Centre, Kent St, Rockingham on 8 August from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

## Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will include updated information on the Adopted and Adored stamps.

### Stamp Shop is Now Online

My website now has a selection of stamps for sale. I'm sure you will find the prices very competitive.

More items will be added over the coming weeks.

Visit: <http://stamps.chrisdehaer.com.au/shop/index.shtml>

### Personalised Stamp™ Standing Order

I now offer a standing order for Australian and Territorial Personalised Stamps™.

*Standing order customers get a 10% discount on my list price, and get priority for any scarce items.*

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