



Philatelic Review Bulletin

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Dear members,

Joining a stamp club that has its main aim your interests is highly rewarding. You meet like-minded people, make friends with similar interests, get advice and usually is a very useful source of information.

Our club does reflect the above as there are virtually two clubs in one. The evening meetings provide a more formal forum for discussions and obtaining stamps through auctions. The day time meetings provide the opportunity to sell or purchase philatelic material not usually in auctions and participate in highly specialised discussions groups.

The editor

The President



I wish all guests and members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2025.

Uwe Kruger

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Meetings

All meetings can be found at

[Wyong and District Philatelic Society \(philas.net.au\)](http://Wyong and District Philatelic Society (philas.net.au))

Evening Meeting:

The **third Wednesday** of the month at 7.00 pm
(at Canton Beach Sports Club).

Daytime Meeting:

The **first Wednesday** of the month at 1.00 pm
(at Masonic Village Centre, Lakehaven).

George V Study Group

The **first Wednesday** of the month following the daytime meeting.

2024 Meeting Dates

Evening meetings 2024 at Toukley 7.00 pm

17 January

Peter van de Ven: Australian King George shades

21 February

Brian Calcott: Australian early postal envelopes

20 March

Workshop night: All members: problems, flaws, etc

17 April

Uwe Kruger: Computing and stamps

15 May

David Watts: Queen Victoria

5 June

Dennis Sonter: My only Stamp: ½ d orange Roo

3 July

AGM

7 August

4 September

2 October

6 November

4 December

Daytime meetings 2024 at Lakehaven 1.00 pm

3 January

Exchange & KGV study group

7 February

Exchange & KGV study group

6 March

Exchange & KGV study group

3 April

Exchange & KGV study group

1 May

Exchange & KGV study group

19 June

Exchange & KGV study group

17 July

Exchange & KGV study group

21 August

Exchange & KGV study group

18 September

Exchange & KGV study group

16 October

Exchange & KGV study group

20 November

Exchange & KGV study group

18 December

Exchange & KGV study group



1932



1933



1934



1935



1936



Monthly Display

There was no display as members prepared for the Fair on 18 November which was well attended.

Christmas Seals

While the Christmas Seal is not a postage stamp, it has long been associated with the postal service for its use on letters and packages.

The first Christmas seal was issued in 1904 in Denmark. It featured the likeness of the Danish Queen Louise of Hesse-Kassel and the word "Julen" (Christmas) and sold over 4 million in the first year at DKK 0.02 per seal. The idea was developed by Einar Holbøll, a Danish postal clerk, who wanted to add an extra charitable stamp on mailed holiday greetings during Christmas to raise funds for children sick with tuberculosis. The campaign was successful and enough funds were raised to build the Christmas Seal Sanatorium in Kolding, which was opened in 1911.

Other countries picked up on this idea and Christmas Seals have a long tradition.

Australian Anti-TB Christmas Seals

The Collection of Australian Anti-TB Christmas Seals is a little complicated because most of the early issues were made by State Charity Organisations with some overlapping of state boundaries.

1930

1937



1938



1939



1940



1941



1942



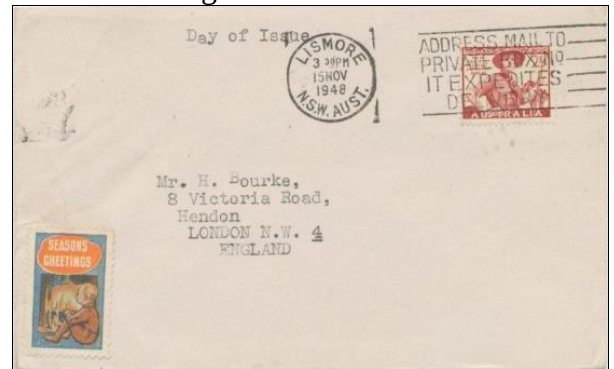
1943



1948



Seasons Greetings



1949



1950



1951



1952



1953



1954.



1955



1956



1957





1958



1959



1960



Green omitted



Blue omitted



1961



1962



1963



1964





1966



1965



1967



1968





1969

From a set of seals from 1969 designed by Bernice Kochan and printed by four different printers. Eureka Specialty Printing Company, Fleming-Potter Company, Western Lithography Company and Berlin Lithography Company in sheets of 100 with various perforations depending on the company. Information given by Green's Catalogue of TB seals of the World



1970



1971



1972



1973



1974



Citizens Tuberculosis League Australia Christmas seals Cinderella sheet of 60 showing Santa Claus as well as America's Cup yacht race challenge stamp



1976



1989

1989: complete pane of Victorian Tuberculosis and Lung Association Xmas seals



1990

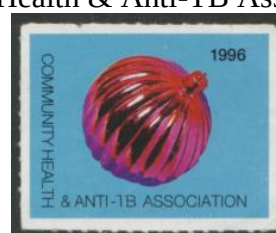


1993



1996

Community Health & Anti-TB Association



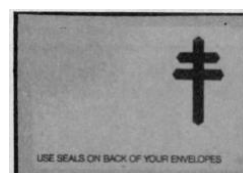
New South Wales

1969. The bicoloured Anti-TB Christmas seal was issued jointly in New South Wales by the national Tuberculosis and Chest Association (NSW Division), the Citizens' TB League (CTBL) and the Anti-Tuberculosis Association of NSW.



The design shows two pine cones against a green background with the TB Cross in red (rouletted).

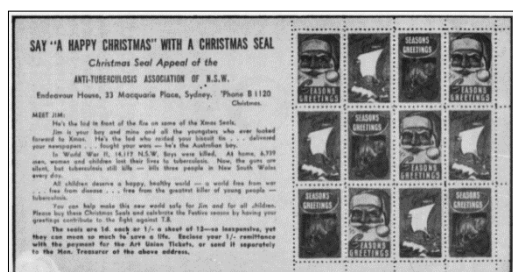
Proof sheets did exist but have been cut up. Those sheets comprised of 12 panes of 30 seals.



The first stage in the printing process was the simultaneous printing of the yellow and magenta colours of the border yellow, the Cross and the slogan USE SEALS ON BACK OF YOUR ENVELOPES.



The second stage printed the green and bright red colours.



The 1948 seals issued by the Anti-TB Association of NSW were printed in a special format. Three different designs were used (Santa, child before fire, sailing ship). The twelve seals are on the right hand of the sheet. On the left is a long hard sell

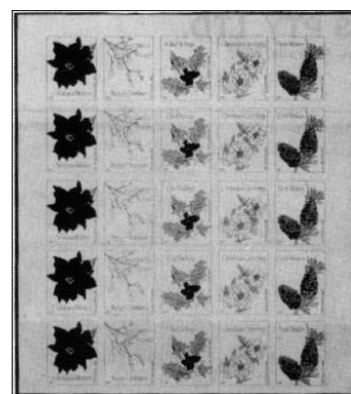
appeal from the Association to support the sale of the seals.



For the Captain Cook issues see also Christmas 1970.

Broken Hill Centenary

1983. The annual Christmas Seals issued by the Salvation Army in Britain to raise funds for the restoration of its headquarters at Batley Castle are well known seals. The 1983 issue featuring flowers with overprints in grey across the back of the sheet reading: THE SALVATION ARMY BROKEN HILL IN THE SILVER CITY'S CENTENARY YEAR 1983. Normal Batley Castle sheets bear overprints on the back promoting the Salvation Army in U.K.



Here is a U.K. item promoting the Salvation Army in an Australian town - a unique Cinderella. Complete sheet comprises 25 seals (5 rows of five) depicting various English Christmas flowers and plants.

Bedford Industries¹

Bedford provides training and employment for disabled people in South Australia.

Christmas labels are available from Bedford Industries, PO Box 23, Melrose Place, SA 5039. The printers, at least for the past years, have been Lane Group Printers:
Adelaide

101 Mooringe Avenue
CAMDEN PARK, SA 5038
AUSTRALIA

Melbourne

5 Everage Street
MOONEE PONDS, VIC 3039
AUSTRALIA

Bedford have been issuing seals since 1943 although for about the first twenty years the seals appear to have been common to all states of Australia, certainly South Australia and Western Australia used the same design under the banner of NAPTA (National Association for Prevention of Tuberculosis in Australia), but after about 1964 each state appears to have gone their own way with designs. The first year seals printed for Bedford appears to be 1965

1965

The 1965 seal is the first of the specific Bedford seals and it is qualified with the inscription SATBA in front of the Bedford name.



Greetings and desert pea

1966



Greetings with Magpie.

Issued in New South Wales with a Kookaburra as image.



1967

Those seals were issued in New South Wales. A similar design shows the year.



1968

Issued in New South Wales with a platypus as image.

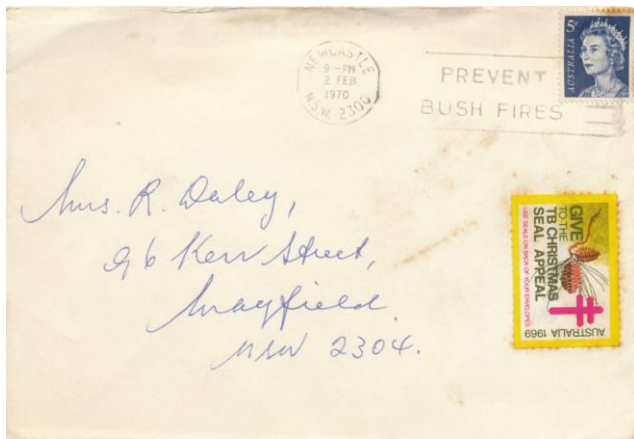


1969

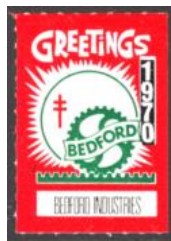
Give to the TB Christmas Seal Appeal
Use seals on back of your envelopes
Australia 1969



¹ Bedford Industries Rehabilitation Association Inc



1970



1971



1973



Stylised wheel chair.

1974



Stylised Wheel chair.

1976



Typing by mouth; pointing to a letter on an electrical board.

1977



Typing by mouth; pointing to a letter on an electrical board. Similar to 1976 label but different year in red square upper right.

1980



1981

Garment making.

Training the disabled Material Handling



1983

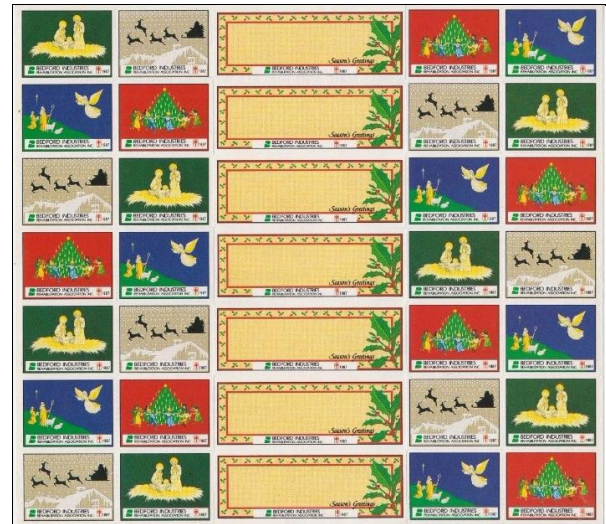


1984

Flowers, butterfly.

1985

Four designs in se-tenant blocks in different arrangements. There are two rows of seven down each side, while in the middle are large format Season Greeting labels.



1988

Sheet featuring six different designs of Australian native flowers arranged in varying se-tenant formats of 42 labels (six columns, seven rows)

1989

Two different flower paintings by a handicapped artist in sheets of 42 (seven columns, six rows).



1986

Koala

1987

Four designs in se-tenant blocks in different arrangements. There are two rows of seven down each side, while in the middle are large format Season Greeting labels.



1990

Six different designs depicting children's drawings of Australian birds and animals (Koala, Kangaroo, Cockatoo, etc) and printed in se-tenant blocks within sheets of 36 labels making six complete blocks to each sheet.





1991

This issue comprises seven different multicoloured labels with Christmas messages:

Deck the Halls with boughs and holly;

Oh Come all ye faithful;

Hark the Herald Angels Sing;



We wish you a Merry Christmas



etc

Printed in vertical format of two rows (14 labels per half sheet). The other half of the sheet comprises 14 labels for affixing to envelopes with seven different Christmas designs plus the common message: SEASONS GREETING-CARD ONLY-BEDFORD INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION INC.

1992

Seven different labels showing the Christmas pageant staged in Adelaide by John Martin and the state Bank printed in blocks of 14 (2 x 7).

1993

Street scene



1997

Round-a-bout



Snowman and children



2001



2002



2004



Printed by the Lane Group in sheets of 24, two panes of 12 with a gutter of 24 'Card Only' labels.

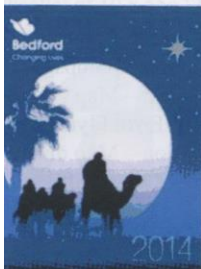
2008

There are 9 different designs in block of 4 each with two different coloured border making a sheet of 36 peel and stick seals. In a departure from previous years there are no Card Only stickers. The designs are all children's impressions of various aspects of Christmas.



2014

The Bedford's Christmas seals were issued on October 2014 in sheets of 30 as peel & stick with ten designs repeated three times in different colours (blue, red, green and white). The designs are a Christmas Wreath, a Star, a pair of Angels, Three Wise Men, a Christmas wrapped Present, Christmas Tree Lights, a Reindeer, a White Dove, Christmas Bells and Christmas Bauble.



2015

Released in early November 2015. The printing is similar to those issued in 2014. There are six different designs printed in five colours (gold, blue, magenta, orange and green) making a sheet of 30 with 12 Card Only tabs at one side. Peel & Stick.



Christmas T Crest B

This label was issued by the Tubercular Soldiers Aid Society Adelaide with funds going towards the building of a TB camp. There are no indications that it was ever built but could have been part of a hospital complex. It is listed in Green's Catalogue of TB Seals of the World as number 581 and the issue year as 1925.

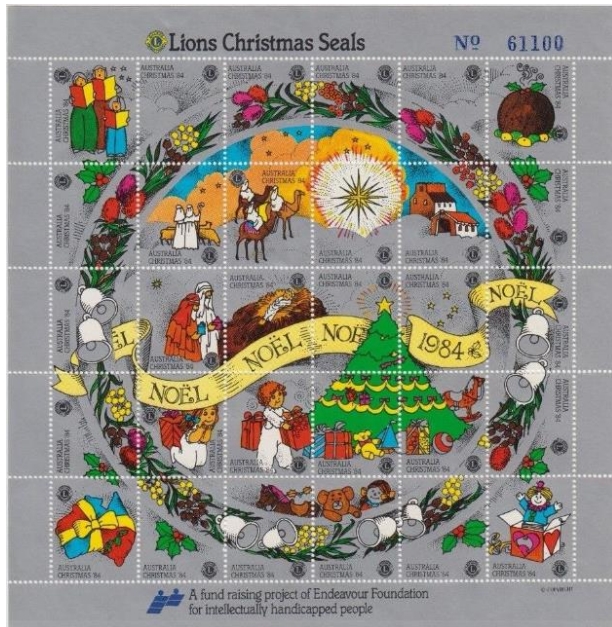


Lions

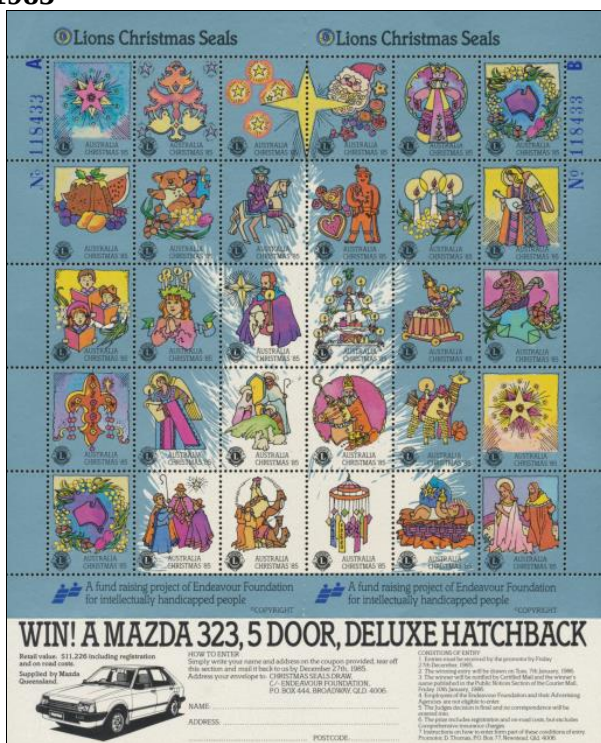
The Australian Lions Awareness Foundation did take over the production of Christmas seals in 1992 from the City of Brisbane Lions Club and sold the labels through post offices.

1984

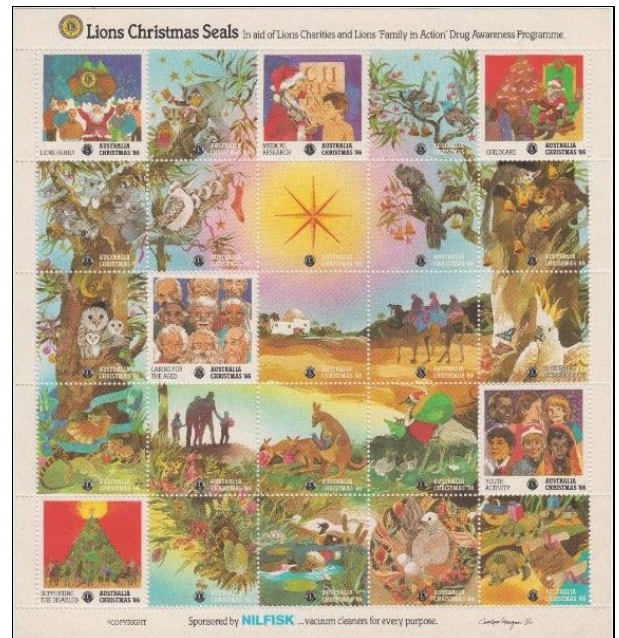
Australia Lions International Christmas seals Cinderella sheet of 30 number 61100 first in run of 100.



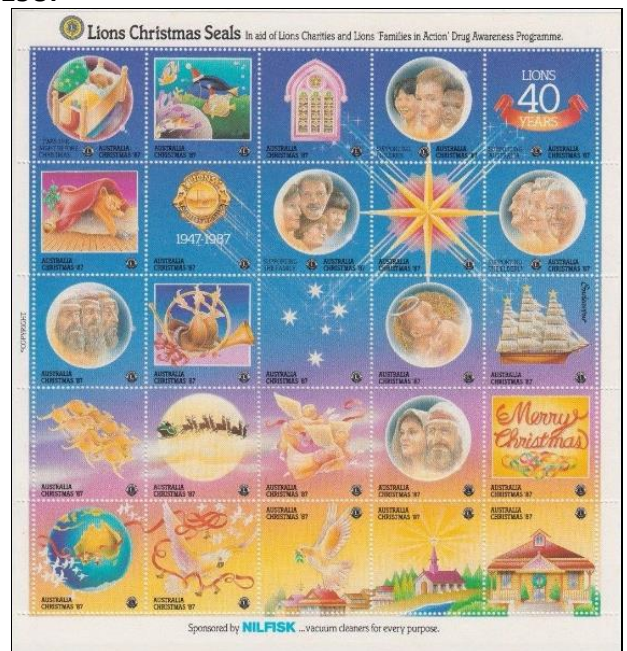
1985



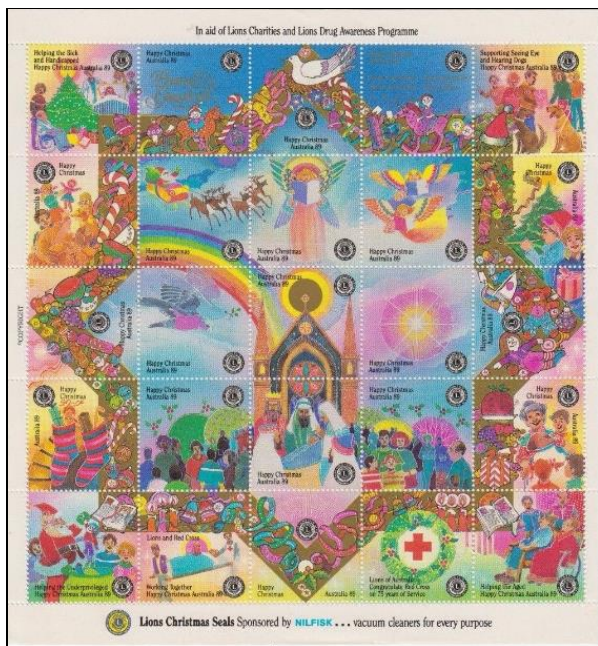
1986



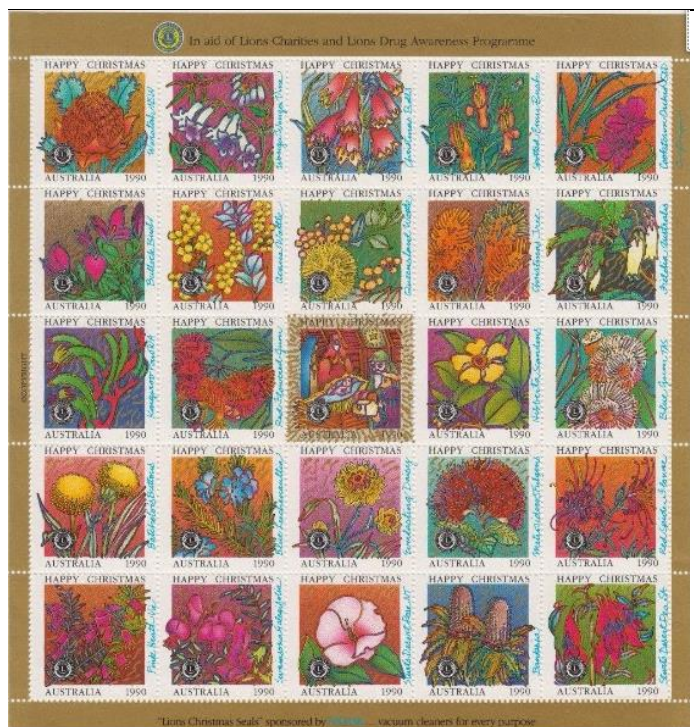
1987



1989



1990



1995



Year of issue unknown



Australia Corner²

There is a unique item King George V that has been on the market only a few times, the 2d teté beché.

In 1930 a special printing was made of the King George V 2d scarlet perforation 13 ½ x 12 1/2 , on paper with the small multiple watermark. This printing was for use in the manufacture of Post Office booklets each containing two panes of six stamps, and sold over Post Office counters for 2/-.

Due to faulty guillotining of the special make-up sheets printed for this purpose the teté beché pair was inadvertently created – there must have been at least three pairs originally – and eventually sold over the post office counter for face value! Within a few months the pair changed hands several times eventually being purchased by a leading collector for the then ridiculously high price of £15.15.0.



The pair was last offered for sale in June 1975 at a H. R. Harmer auction sale of the fines collection of Australian Commonwealth stamps

² The Australasian Stamp Catalogue 1976, page 35

ever formed. The collection realised over one-third of a million dollars.

The rarest item in the collection, this tête béché, was estimated by the auctioneer at \$10,000! (if separated into two stamps this pair would be worth 50cents).

Editors note: I am sure the story does not end there.

KING GEORGE V HEADS³ - ½d Orange Small Multiple Watermark Perf 14 ACSC 67 (SG 85) ½d orange with Dent in Upper Frame [Pos 8L24] and additionally with 'SPECIMEN' diagonal overprint in serified capital letters ACSC 67x, a couple of short perfs, no gum, Cat \$1500. The ACSC states this item "was used for display purposes, probably at the GPO Melbourne; one example is recorded."



KING GEORGE V HEADS⁴ - 1½d Red Die II Small Multiple Wmk Perf 13½x12½ ACSC 92 (SG 96) 1½d red with 'SPECIMEN' diagonal overprint in serified capital letters ACSC 92x, very light small red mark on reverse at base, no gum, Cat \$1500. The ACSC states this item "was used for display purposes, probably at the GPO Melbourne; one example is recorded."



Australia Post – Soccer

Australia Post advised in the Impressions 20023 booklet that the FIFA 2023 stamps will be reissued on the 30 October 2023 as a limited – Edition PNC (300). The costs will be \$ 69.95 (limited to 1 per customers).



On the 20 November 2023 a FIFA 2023 Limited – Edition Medallion Cover will be issued. The costs will be \$ 69.95 (limited to 1 per customers).
Issued: 150.



On the 20 November 2023 the FIFA Sheetlet Collection will be issued containing:

- 2 foil numbered sheetlets of 10 x \$1.20 stamps
- Sheetlet 1 has ball & mascot embossed on each stamp
- Sheetlet 2 features a clear foiled netting over each stamp

The costs will be \$ 59.95 (limited to 1 per customers).

Issued: 150.

³ Abacus auction 235, lot 243

⁴ Abacus auction 235, lot 464



On the 20 November 2023 the FIFA Minisheet Collection will be issued containing:

- 2 Minisheets issued by New Zealand
- 2 Minisheets issued by Australia
- Unique embellishment to each Minisheet with foiled numbering

The costs will be \$ 79.95.

Issued: 150.



Addendum: Sydney Opera House

On the 19 October 2013 Ireland issued a stamp showing the Sydney Opera House.

Design: David Rooney

Engraving: Joh. Enschede

Perforation: 13 ¼

Value: W



USA Corner

Have not seen one but can't wait to receive one.



Stamp Fair



Advertising in prime location Cnr Peel & Main Street



The setting-up team

Thanks to everybody to make our Fair a success.