ACE STAMP AUCTIONS SALE No. 37

Saturday 24th October 11.00am Part 1 (Lots 1-597)
Australian Coins, Banknotes & PNC's plus Decimals, FDC's & Booklets
Saturday 24th October 2.00pm Part 2 (Lots 598-1728)
Box lots, World & Australian Collections, Thematics, Airmails, Accessories & Literature
Sunday 25th October 9.00am Part 3 (Lots 1729-2656)
Western Australia Collections, single stamp lots, Revenues, Postal History, Postmarks & Postcards
Sunday 25th October 1.00pm Part 4 (Lots 2657-4000)
Australia Kangaroo & KGV issues, Pre-decimals, Officials, States, Territories, World & Commonwealth single lots
Cannington Exhibition Centre, Corner Albany Highway & Station St, Cannington
Auctioneers: Rob Mandanici (lead auctioneer), Terry Finlayson & Malcolm Brown

Welcome to Sale 37, an auction originally planned for May this year. Unfortunately tragic circumstances resulted in its deferral resulting in this jumbo 4000 lot sale from 70+ vendors with pre-sale reserves exceeding $750,000.

It was with great shock and sadness that **Marc Poupart**, our IT guru and member of the team since our very first auction in November 2008, passed away suddenly. His university assignment back then was to build and operate a public auction computer system. His enthusiasm and skill in everything IT was clear and we agreed he would apply all he had learnt to the very first Ace Stamp Auction. We often looked back at this first attempt that resulted in a lot of manual calculations and administration done on crates of Legacy Christmas Puddings at the back of our original venue! Thereafter steady improvements over several years resulted in a robust and efficient purpose made system that proved essential to an efficient auction. Many of you who attended our auctions knew him as the mild mannered and quiet but ever helpful young man who sat next to Christine in the administration office. He was an active member of the local SES team whilst working in the state's Education Department in IT. He is survived by his wife Simone and their 2 young children and our sincere condolences are with them all. He will always remain as a fondly remembered and celebrated member of the founding "Ace" team.

This tragic passing was followed by the unexpected passing of well known and recognised member of the philatelic fraternity, **John Collette**. His sister Suzanne reflected that John was eighteen months her senior and were constant companions growing up in both Sydney and Perth. She continued "He didn't make friends easily. I think he had undiagnosed autism but was high functioning in some areas. His abilities to retain information, process knowledge and focus on things he was passionate about were phenomenal. He was socially awkward except when talking about his interests - stamps, warfare and model kit making, politics and cricket! He studied Political Science at UWA, Perth, and started a Masters Degree in Social Anthropology at the ANU, Canberra, before deciding he could earn more money following his great interest in philately. Consequently he became a stamp dealer around the early 1980's and continued to live in Canberra until 2015. He spent many years regularly attending stamp auctions buying and selling, especially in Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and Perth. He made friends with the dealers and collectors he met over the years. He started seriously collecting again several years ago and was proud of how his own collection was progressing." Needless to say, it is a great privilege to have his material in this auction and as highlighted at the start of the collections section, the high quality of his material and presentation is undeniable and was the envy of many. His presence at both our viewings and on auction day will be missed as will be his willingness to share his knowledge which always perfected our auction descriptions!

As a result of the gap left in IT, I scoped far and wide to secure a bespoke auction system and website specialist. It was therefore great to discover Tandem Auctions systems in New Zealand and the owners Scott and Edevine Wackrow. They successful transferred all the Ace data onto their platform which as you will soon discover, has a massive range of benefits to the collector including the ability to log into the website and enter your own bids whilst tracking your previous purchases and the current status of your bids. The new look website attractively presents all the lots with images and descriptions combined with an easy-to-use login function and bidding system. Obviously for those of you receiving the catalogue in the mail you can still email or even post your bid forms however I would encourage you to use the new website as the mailing of 1000 printed catalogues is wasteful of both money and valuable resources especially when 200 pages! The quick and easy online bidding system will also save you time.

You will note that we have needed to increase our Buyers Premium to 17% (plus GST), partly due to the recent government legislation requiring us to remove the surcharge for using credit cards. However, rest assured you will continue to receive the benefit of an excellent service and we remain one of the lowest, if not the lowest of any public auction house in Australia.

In closing, my thanks to all the vendors for their patience and understanding in the deferral of the May sale. John McPhee has once again excelled in the detailed describing of the collections plus it's my pleasure to welcome Malcolm Brown to the describing team. Many of you will know of his passion and knowledge when it come to everything West Australian related including postmarks, postal history and revenues and this is reflected in his work on the late Chris Sykes and Trevor Spencers material in this catalogue.

Our next auction is planned for early 2027 and we are currently accepting consignments so please contact either myself or John McPhee to discuss and arrange collection.

In closing, and I know it's only October, but Christine and myself wanted to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year and thank you all for your continued support of Ace Stamp Auctions. **Ian Boulton**