

AUSTRALIAN P-STAMPS : 1999 – 2010

Personalised Stamps with a customer's photo or image on the tab

Personalised Stamps or **P-stamps** are stamps that have a tab attached on which a customer can have a photo or image printed. Gummed stamps usually have perforations separating the stamp from the tab. (Sometimes the tab has a different perforation from the stamp.) The tab is on the right of the stamp unless shown otherwise.

P-stamps were issued in Souvenir Stamp Sheets (**SSS**), Special Event Sheets (**SES**) and special Snapshot! booklets issued at events. For SSSs, customers could send their photo or image to Australia Post and have it printed on the tab. For SESs and Snapshot! booklets, customers could have their photo taken at the event and printed on the tab. All SSSs and SESs have a large decorative border on the top, left and right. Some of the booklets contained self-adhesive P-stamps. (If these items had a 'generic' photo of an Australia Post employee, a special photo or image, or the stamp of another country on the tab, they are not P-stamps and therefore not included in this listing.)

From 2005, P-stamps were also available as self-adhesive stamps with an integrated tab on the right in sheets of 20 stamps. The righthand edge of the tab was imperforate. Occasionally the righthand edge of the stamp had a printed simulated perforation. (Some collectors remove the integrated tab to create a single stamp with an imperforate righthand edge, particularly if this is the only self-adhesive variation.)

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| Date | Issue | Stamp | Notes |
|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1999 | | | |
| 19 Mar | Sailing Ships | 45c Polly Woodside | "Australia '99" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps with tabs on the left available at the "Australia '99" Stamp Expo in Melbourne, Victoria. (Australia's first personalised stamp.) |
| | | 45c Polly Woodside | Australia Post "Staff Offer" SES. Similar to the above sheet but with images of Australia Post staff on the border in blue. Staff could have their photos taken and printed on the tab. (This sheet is quite rare.) |
| 1 Sep | | 45c Polly Woodside | "Best Wishes" sheet of 20 stamps with 16mm narrow tabs. |
| 1 Sep | Personal Greetings | 45c Birthday Cake | "Happy Birthday" sheet of 20 stamps with 16mm narrow tabs. |
| | | 45c Teddy Bear | "New Baby" sheet of 20 stamps with 16mm narrow tabs. |
| | | 45c Gold Rings | "Congratulations" sheet of 20 stamps with 16mm narrow tabs. |
| | | 45c Pen, paper and photo | "Thinking of You" sheet of 20 stamps with 16mm narrow tabs. |
| | | 45c Christmas Decoration | "Happy Christmas" sheet of 20 stamps with 23.5mm extra wide tabs. |
| | | \$1 Koala | "Greetings" sheet of 20 stamps with 16mm narrow tabs. |
| 1 Nov | Celebrate 2000 | 45c Fireworks with hologram | "Celebrate 2000" sheet of 20 stamps with 16mm narrow tabs. (Also see 7 th July 2000.) |
| 2000 | | | |
| 2 Jan | Celebrate 2000 | 45c Fireworks with hologram | "International Jamboree 2000" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps available at the International Guide Jamboree, Dakabin, Queensland. |
| 15 Jan | | 45c Fireworks with hologram | "Tamworth 2000" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps available at the Tamworth Music Festival in New South Wales. |
| 26 Jan | | 45c Fireworks with hologram | "Skyworks 2000" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps available at the Perth Sky Show, Western Australia. |
| 18 Mar | | 45c Fireworks with hologram | "Canberra Stamp Show 2000" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps available at the Stamp Show in Canberra. |
| 14 Apr | | 45c Fireworks with hologram | "2000 Sydney Royal Easter Show" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps available at the Show in Sydney. |
| 22 Apr | | 45c Fireworks with hologram | "Australia Post Stawell Gift" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps available at Stawell, Victoria. |
| 4 May | | 45c Fireworks with hologram | "Agfest 2000" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps available at the agricultural festival at Quercus Rural Youth Park, near Carrick, Tasmania. |
| 22 May | | 45c Fireworks with hologram | "Stampshow 2000" SES. Sheet of 20 stamps available at the London Stampshow in England, UK. |
| 10 Jun | | 45c Fireworks with hologram | "Wintersun" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps available at the Wintersun Festival in Coolangatta, Queensland. |
| 7 Jul | | 45c Fireworks with hologram | "World Stamp Expo 2000" SES. Sheet of 20 stamps available at the World Stamp Expo in Anaheim, San Francisco, California, USA from 7 th to 16 th July 2000. |

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| 2000 (Contd.) | | | |
| 11 May | | 45c Daisy | "Daisy" sheet of 20 stamps with 20mm wide tabs. |
| | | 45c Australia & Globe | "Australia & Globe" sheet of 20 stamps with 20mm wide tabs. |
| | | 45c Sand, Sea, Sky | "Sand, Sea, Sky" sheet of 20 stamps with 20mm wide tabs. |
| | | 45c Rainforest | "Rainforest" sheet of 20 stamps with 20mm wide tabs. |
| 7 Jul | Nature and Nation | 45c Kangaroo & Flag | "Kangaroo & Flag" sheet of 20 stamps with 20mm wide tabs. |
| | | 45c Kangaroo & Flag | "World Stamp Expo 2000" SES. Sheet of 20 stamps available at the World Stamp Expo in Anaheim, San Francisco, California, USA from 7 th to 16 th July 2000. (See also Celebrate 2000, above.) |
| 27 Jul | | 45c Kangaroo & Flag | "Australian Paralympic Team 2000" Team Dinner SESs. |
| | | 45c Kangaroo & Flag | Sheets of 10 stamps available at the 'team announcement' dinners in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Victoria. |
| | | 45c Kangaroo & Flag | |
| 19 Jun | Sailing Ships | 45c Polly Woodside | "Best Wishes" sheet of 20 stamps with 20mm wide tabs. (Original issue: 1st September 1999) |
| 19 Jun | Personal Greetings | 45c Birthday Cake | Reprints with 20mm wide tabs. (Original issue: 1st September 1999) |
| | | 45c Teddy Bear | |
| | | 45c Gold Rings | |
| | | 45c Pen, paper and photo | |
| 8 Sep | | \$1 Koala | (The \$1 Koala with the 20mm wide tab was only on-sale for 2½ months and is extremely scarce.) |
| | | \$1 Koala (overprinted) | Blue International POST signifier overprinted on right hand side of stamp at the same time as the tab photo or image. (Original issue with 20mm wide tab: 19 th June 2000) (This stamp was only available on a SSS from Philatelic Mail Order and hence is quite rare.) |
| 10 Aug | Celebrate 2000 | 45c Fireworks with hologram | "125 th Anniversary : Royal National Association" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps available at the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association (RNA) of Queensland. |
| 15 Sep | | 45c Athens | 2 separate sheets of 20 stamps. |
| | | \$1.50 Sydney | |
| 15 Sep | Sydney / Athens Joint Issue: Australia – Greece | 45c Athens | "Olympihlex 2000" SESs. 2 separate sheets of 20 stamps available at Olympihlex stamp shows in Sydney and Canberra from 15 th to 28 th September 2000. |
| | | \$1.50 Sydney | |
| 15 Sep | | 45c Athens | "Collection World 2000" SES. Sheet of 20 stamps available at the show in Bangkok, Thailand from 15 th to 24 th September 2000. |
| 18 Oct | Paralympic Torch | 45c Logo | 2 separate sheets of 20 stamps. (The 45c Logo stamp was also used on the 438 "Australian Paralympian Team 2000" Team Member SSSs of 10 stamps issued on 31 st October 2000. These were not P-stamps.) |
| | | 45c Torch Relay | |
| 20 Oct | Nature and Nation | 45c Australia & Globe | "ANDA Coin & Banknote Fair" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps with 'Space' border available at the fair in Melbourne, 20 th – 22 nd October. |
| 2001 | | | |
| 22 Jan | Nature and Nation | 45c Kangaroo & Flag | "Tamworth 2001 Country Music Festival" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps available at the Tamworth Music Festival in New South Wales. |
| 1 Aug | | 45c Australia & Globe | "International Year of Volunteers 2001: Organisation" SSS with the name of the volunteer organisation on the sheet and a photo of members on the tab. Sheet of 10 stamps. |
| | | 45c Australia & Globe | "International Year of Volunteers 2001: Supporter" SSS with the photo of the supporter on the tab. Sheet of 10 stamps. |
| 4 Sep | Colour My Day | 45c Balloons | "Let's Party" sheet of 20 stamps. |
| | | \$1 Kangaroos | "Leaps and Bounds" sheet of 20 stamps. |
| | | \$1.50 Bayulu Banner | "Bayulu Community Fitzroy Crossing" sheet of 20 stamps. |
| 4 Sep | Season's Greetings | 40c Christmas Tree | "Season's Greetings" sheet of 20 stamps. |
| | | 80c Star | "Peace and Goodwill" sheet of 20 stamps. |

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| 2002 | | | |
| 8 Apr | Nature and Nation | 45c Daisy | "Mother's Day" SSS. Sheet of 10 stamps. |
| 22 Jul | | 45c Kangaroo & Flag | "Father's Day" SSSs. 2 separate sheets of 10 stamps. |
| 25 Jul | | 45c Australia & Globe | |
| 1 Aug | | 45c Australia & Globe | "Victorian Canine Association" SSS. Sheet of 20 stamps. |
| | | 45c Kangaroo & Flag | "Royal Victorian Bowls Association" SSS. Sheet of 20 stamps. |
| 23 Aug | International Greetings | 90c Christmas Star | 3 separate "International Greetings" sheets of 20 stamps. Some sheets of the \$1.65 were issued with the incorrect title "Bayulu Art". |
| | | \$1.10 Koala | |
| | | \$1.65 'Puja' Aboriginal Art | |

| 2003 | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 7 Jan | Celebration and Nation | 50c Daisy | 10 separate sheets of 20 stamps. |
| | | 50c Gold Rings | |
| | | 50c Romance | |
| | | 50c Birthday Cake | |
| | | 50c Teddy Bear | |
| | | 50c Balloons | |
| | | 50c Kangaroo & Flag | |
| | | 50c Red Car | |
| | | 50c Australia & Globe | |
| 13 Jan | | \$1 Silver Rings | |
| | | 50c Australia & Globe | "Australian Open Tennis" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps. |
| 5 Aug | Peace and Goodwill | 50c Tree | 2 separate sheets of 20 stamps. |
| | | 90c Star | |
| 8 Oct | Rugby World Cup | 50c Ball | 3 Rugby World Cup SESs of 10 stamps. |
| | | \$1.10 Cup | |
| | | \$1.65 Goal | |

| 2004 | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 19 Jan | Celebration and Nation | 50c Australia & Globe | 3 "Australian Open Tennis" SESs of 10 stamps. |
| | International Greetings | \$1.10 Koala | |
| | | \$1.65 'Puja' Aboriginal Art | |
| 16 Mar | Celebrate | 50c Southern Cross | Sheet of 20 stamps. |
| 9 Oct | Celebration and Nation | 50c Australia & Globe | "Ballarat Eureka Congress" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps. |

From **2005** onward, P-stamps were mainly available as semi-imperforate **self-adhesive** stamps with an integrated tab on the right in sheets of 20 stamps. The righthand edge of the tab was **imperforate**. These are indicated with the codes: **SA** and **IMP**.

| 2005 | | | |
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| 17 Jan | Celebration and Nation | 50c Kangaroo & Flag | 2 "Australian Open Tennis" SESs of 10 stamps. |
| | International Greetings | \$1.10 Koala | |
| 3 Mar | Celebration and Nation | 50c Kangaroo & Flag | "2005 Formula 1 Foster's Australian Grand Prix" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps. |
| 22 Mar | SA IMP | 50c Kangaroos | 11 separate sheets of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. The righthand edge of the stamp had a printed simulated perforation. |
| | | 50c Bumble Bee | |
| | | 50c Roses | |
| | | 50c Let's Party | |
| | | 50c Bouquet and Champagne | |
| | | \$1 Bouquet and Hand | |
| | | \$1.10 Koala | |
| | | \$1.20 Beach and Shell | |
| | \$1.80 Sydney Opera House | The self-adhesive Christmas Tree, Australiana and Kangaroos stamps were only available in this format. | |
| 6 Sep | | | 45c Christmas Tree |
| | | 50c Australiana | |
| 21 Apr | World Heritage: Joint Australia – UK issue | 50c Wet Tropics | Pacific Explorer 2005 Expo Snapshot! booklet stamps with photo tabs. |
| | | \$1 Purnululu National Park | |
| | | 50c Stonehenge | |
| | | \$1 Heart of Neolithic Orkney | |
| | | 50c Greater Blue Mountains Area | |
| | | \$1.80 Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park | |
| | | 50c Blenheim Palace | |
| | \$1.80 Hadrian's Wall | The stamps were in vertical 50c/\$1 & 50c/\$1.80 se-tenant pairs with the tab on the right of each stamp. | |
| 3 Aug | Marking The Occasion | | 50c Kangaroos |
| | | 50c Bumble Bee | 'Thaipex 2005' SES. Sheets of 9 stamps. |

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| 2006 | | | |
| 16 Jan | Celebration and Nation | 50c Kangaroo & Flag | 2 "Australian Open Tennis" SESs of 10 stamps. |
| | International Greetings | \$1.10 Koala | |
| 15 Mar SA IMP | 2006 Commonwealth Games Logo | 50c Logo | Commonwealth Games Snapshot! self-adhesive booklet stamps with <u>square</u> photo tabs on the right. The righthand edge of the stamp had a printed simulated perforation. |
| 15 Mar | | 50c Logo | "Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games" SES. Sheet of 9 stamps. Only available from the Post Shop in the athlete's village. |
| 2 May SA IMP | Greetings from Australia | \$1.25 Koala | 2 separate sheets of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. The righthand edge of the stamp had a printed simulated perforation. |
| | | \$1.85 Royal Exhibition Building | |
| 2007 | | | |
| 15 Jan | Celebration and Nation | 50c Kangaroo & Flag | 2 "Australian Open Tennis" SESs of 10 stamps. |
| | International Greetings | \$1.10 Koala | |
| 10 Apr SA IMP | Signs of the Zodiac | 12 x 50c | 12 separate sheets of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. The righthand edge of the stamp had a printed simulated perforation. |
| 9 May SA IMP | Country to Coast | \$1.30 Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby | 2 separate sheets of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. The righthand edge of the stamp had a printed simulated perforation. |
| | | \$1.95 Sydney Harbour Bridge | |
| 31 Oct SA IMP | 50 Years of Christmas Stamps | 45c Surfing Santa (1977) | 3 separate sheets of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. The righthand edge of the stamp had a printed simulated perforation. |
| | | 45c Bush Nativity (1990) | |
| | | \$1.10 Stained Glass Window (1984) | |
| 2008 | | | |
| 14 Jan | Celebration and Nation | 50c Australia & Globe | "Australian Open Tennis" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps. |
| 15 Jan SA IMP | Love Blooms | 50c Red Rose | Sheet of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. |
| 3 Mar SA IMP | Gorgeous Australia | \$1.35 Grose River Gorge, NSW | 2 separate sheets of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. The righthand edge of the stamp had a printed simulated perforation. |
| | | \$2 Walpa Gorge, NT | |
| 3 Mar SA IMP | World Youth Day | 50c Pope greeting during Mass | 3 separate sheets of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. |
| | | \$1.35 Pope and crosier | |
| | | \$2 Pope gives a blessing | |
| 29 Jun | Marking The Occasion | 50c Australiana | "Fun 4 Kids Festival" SES. Sheet of 9 stamps available at the Festival in Warrnambool, Victoria. |
| 15 Sep SA IMP | Waterfalls | \$1.40 Russell Falls, Tasmania | 2 separate sheets of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. The righthand edge of the stamp had a printed simulated perforation. |
| | | \$2.05 Jim Jim Falls, NT | |
| 23 Sep SA IMP | For Every Occasion | 55c Gold Rings | 4 separate sheets of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. The righthand edge of the stamp had a printed simulated perforation. |
| | | 55c Silver Rings | |
| | | 55c Heart and Roses | |
| | | \$1.10 Bridal Gown | |
| 23 Sep SA IMP | For Every Occasion | 55c Baby Feet | 5 separate sheets of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. |
| | | 55c Sparklers | |
| | | 55c Balloons | |
| | | 55c Coastal | |
| 31 Oct SA IMP | Christmas | 50c Baubles | 3 separate sheets of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. The righthand edge of the stamp had a printed simulated perforation. |
| | | 50c Madonna and Child | |
| | | 55c Angel | The self-adhesive Angel stamp was only available in this format. |

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| 2009 | | | |
| 19 Jan | For Every Occasion | 55c Globe & Map | "Australian Open Tennis" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps. |
| 15 Feb | With Love | 55c Rose | 3 separate sheets of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. |
| SA | | 55c Filigree | |
| IMP | | 55c Heart-flowers | |
| 1 Jul | Australian Bush Babies | \$1.45 Koala | 2 separate sheets of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. The righthand edge of the stamp had a printed simulated perforation. |
| SA | | \$2.10 Eastern Grey Kangaroo | |
| 2 Nov | Merry Christmas 2009 | 50c Star | Sheet of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. All 5 stamps issued on one sheet. |
| | | 50c Christmas Tree | |
| | | 50c Santa's Hat | |
| | | 50c Christmas Bell | |
| | | 50c Christmas Stocking | |

| 2010 | | | |
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| 18 Jan | For Every Occasion | 55c Globe & Map | "Australian Open Tennis" SES. Sheet of 10 stamps. |
| 6 May | For Every Occasion | 55c Globe & Map | "Agfest" in Tasmania SES. Sheet of 10 stamps. |
| 1 Jul | Beaches | \$1.50 Bay of Fires | 2 separate sheets of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. |
| SA | | \$2.20 Cape Tribulation | |
| 19 Jul | Special Occasions | 60c Gown & Roses | 8 separate sheets of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. The righthand edge of the stamp had a printed simulated perforation. |
| | | 60c Floral | |
| | | 60c Wattle | |
| | | 60c Tulips | |
| | | 60c Balloons | |
| | | 60c Champagne Glasses | |
| | | 60c Teddy Bear | |
| 1 Nov | Dear Santa | 55c Little girl writing a letter | One sheet of 20 self-adhesive stamps with integrated tabs. 12 Santa and 8 Little Girl stamps per sheet. |
| SA | | 55c Santa reading a letter | |
| 3 Dec | National Service Memorial | 60c Memorial | This digitally-printed stamp was issued as a single stamp with tab in a small sheetlet or "stamplet". It was issued in a special folder. The tab was on the top of the stamp and could have a serviceman's name, rank and serial number printed on the tab. |

| Significant Dates for Tabs and P-stamps | |
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| 14 th February 1966 | Australia's first decimal stamp with a tab. 4c red QE2 stamps issued in a booklet with 6 different slogans on the tab. |
| 19 th March 1999 | Australia's first personalised stamp available at "Australia '99" Stamp Expo in Melbourne. 45c Polly Woodside stamp with 16mm narrow tab on the left. |
| 11 th May 2000 | 5 Nature & Nation stamps issued with 20mm wide tabs on the right. This was the first issue with the new 'standard-sized' tabs. |
| 19 th June 2000 | The \$1 Koala "Greetings" stamp was re-released with a 20mm tab. It was only on-sale for 2½ months and hence is extremely scarce. (See 8 th September 2000 below.) |
| 19 th June 2000 | The "Best Wishes" sheet with the 45c Polly Woodside stamp and 5 Personal Greetings sheets were re-released with a 'standard' or 'generic' image of an Australia Post staff member, Angela Thom, on the 20mm wide tab for the first time. This enabled collectors to obtain a sheet similar to the P-stamp sheet without having to send-in a photo or have their photo taken at an event where the Mobile P-stamp Facility was being used. |
| 7 th July 2000 | Australian personalised stamps available overseas at the World Stamp Expo in Anaheim, California, USA from 7 th to 16 th July 2000. 45c Celebrate 2000 and 45c Kangaroo & Flag stamps. |
| 8 th September 2000 | The \$1 Koala "Greetings" stamp with 20mm tab was overprinted with the International Post signifier – at the same time as the tab was printed. This stamp was only available from Philatelic Mail Order. |
| 22 nd March 2005 | First die-cut semi-imperforate self-adhesive P-stamp with integrated tab. The righthand edge of the tab was imperforate. Marking the Occasion series of stamps. |
| 21 st April 2005 | First Snapshot! P-stamp booklet issued at the Pacific Explorer Stamp Expo in Sydney. World Heritage stamps. |
| 15 th March 2006 | Australia's first square self-adhesive photo tab. Issued in a Snapshot! booklet at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne. 50c Logo stamp. |
| 14 th November 2008 | First fully imperforate gummed stamp with integrated tab. 45c Polly Woodside with "generic" photo. |
| 3 rd December 2010 | First release of a digitally-printed single stamp with tab on the top in "stamplet" format. The tab on the 60c National Service Memorial stamp could be printed with the serviceman's name, rank and serial number. |