

# Australian Stamp Variations

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Details of the main variations in recent stamp issues

## Generic Base Stock

The “For Special Occasions” issue of 19<sup>th</sup> July has provided Australia Post with what they call a “generic base stock” of stamp designs that they can use in future Souvenir Stamp Sheets (SSSs), Special Events Sheets (SEs), minisheets and prestige booklets. It has also provided customers with a large range of stamps that they can use ‘for special occasions’! 8 of the designs may be ‘personalised’ by adding your image or photo onto the tab next to the semi-imperforate self-adhesive variation to create a P-stamp.

For Special Occasions				
Stamp Issue No. 18 – FDI: 19 July 2010 – OSD: 14 July 2010 (Southern Cross – blue)	Stamps		Variations	
Gummed stamps: (Perf = 7 x 60c & \$1.20: 14.6 x 13.9, 60c Southern Cross: 14.4 x 14)	No.	FV	No.	Cost
60c Balloons 60c Teddy Bear 60c Wattle 60c Roses 60c Tulips 60c Floral 60c Champagne Glasses \$1.20 Wedding bands 60c Southern Cross (blue) 60c Southern Cross (red)	10	\$6.60		
1 se-tenant block of 4 stamps [Sheet] 60c Roses, Tulips, Floral & Champagne glasses			1	\$2.40
1 se-tenant strip of 3 stamps [Sheet] 60c Balloons, Teddy Bear & Wattle			1	\$1.80
1 se-tenant pair [Sheetlet] 60c Southern Cross (blue) & 60c Southern Cross (red)			1	\$1.20
1 sheetlet of 20 Southern Cross stamps 10 x 60c Southern Cross (blue) & 10 x 60c Southern Cross (red)			1	\$12.00
Image variation – pale grey “60c Australia” [Australia Remembers SSS released on 14 July: 10 stamps with tabs.] 60c Southern Cross (blue)	1	60c	1	\$15.95
Tab variation – 60c Southern Cross (blue) + tab			1	
<b>Self-adhesive stamps:</b> (IDC simulated perforation: 11.5 x 11.2)				
6 full-perf stamps [6 booklets of 10 stamps] 60c Balloons, Teddy Bear, Wattle, Roses, Tulips \$1.20 Wedding bands	6	\$2.45	6	\$42.00
8 semi-imperforate P-stamps – with photo/image tab or with tab removed [8 P-stamp sheets of 20 stamps] 60c Balloons, Teddy Bear, Wattle, Roses, Tulips, Floral & Champagne Glasses \$1.20 Wedding Bands	8	\$5.40	16	\$212.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>\$15.05</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$287.35</b>

Semi-imperforate self-adhesive set with tabs removed



No printed perforation



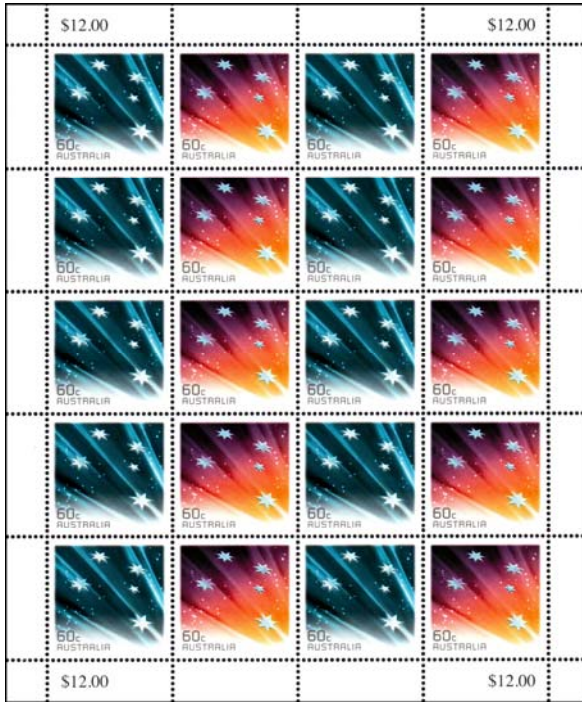
Partial printed perforation



Full printed perforation



Seven of the 60c stamps and the \$1.20 stamp were portrait-shaped and the two 60c Southern Cross stamps were square. They were printed by McKellar Renown. The paler blue Southern Cross stamp was released early in the “Australia Remembers – Lost Soldiers of Fromelles” Souvenir Stamp Sheet printed by RA Printing. The self-adhesive variations were issued in 2 formats: Full-perf in booklets and semi-imperf with tabs as P-stamps. The Floral and Champagne Glasses designs were only issued as a P-stamp variation. Two of the P-stamps (Balloons and Wattle) only had a partial printed perforation on the right side of the stamp design.



## 5 More Dogs

Chris De Haer has pointed out on his website (see Footer, below) that the “Adopted & Adored” roll of 100 self-adhesive stamps issued on 29<sup>th</sup> June was printed by two different printers: McKellar Renown and Pemara. The Pemara stamps are much paler and have a matt finish compared with the ‘gloss’ McKellar Renown stamps. (The gummed sheet stamps and the booklet stamps were also printed by McKellar Renown and are similar to their roll stamps.) Just another way of separating money from the self-adhesive collector! I wonder if the roll boxes had two different barcodes? The Variations Statistics table has been updated to include these extra stamps and variations.

## Triple Zero

The stamps and variations issued on 13<sup>th</sup> July to raise awareness of our Emergency Services were similar to the Dogs issue mentioned above. There was a se-tenant strip, a gutter with graphics and two different printers were used for the self-adhesive stamps. The booklet stamps were printed by McKellar Renown and the roll of 200 stamps by Pemara. The latter stamps were paler and matte compared with the booklet stamps.

Emergency Services				
Stamp Issue No. 17 – FDI: 13 July	Stamps		Variations	
Gummed stamps: (Perf = 14.6 x 13.9)	No.	FV	No.	Cost
60c Emergency Call Service	4	\$2.40		
60c Police				
60c Fire				
60c Ambulance				
Se-tenant strip – 4 x 60c			1	\$2.40
Gutter strip – 10 x 60c (Items related to each service in the gutter)			1	\$6.00
<b>Self-adhesive stamps: (IDC simulated perforation: 11.5 x 11.2)</b>				
4 x 60c [Booklet (McKellar Renown)]	4	\$2.40	4	\$12.00
4 x 60c [Roll of 200 (Pemara)]	4	\$2.40	4	\$2.40
Image variation – Pale and matte			4	\$2.40
4 x 60c [Roll of 200 (Pemara)]				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$7.20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$25.20</b>



# ATO

The forerunner of the Australian Tax Office began in 1910 to collect Land Tax and fund aged care and pensions. Personal Income Tax was introduced in 1915. This issue comprised of a single gummed stamp released in a sheetlet of 10.

Australian Taxation Office Centenary				
Stamp Issue No. 19 – FDI: 27 July 2010	Stamps		Variations	
Gummed stamps: (Perf = 13.9 x 14.6)	No.	FV	No.	Cost
60c Taxpayers	1	60c		
1 sheetlet – 10 x 60c			1	\$6.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$0.60</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>



Variations Statistics : 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan – 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2010		
Statistic	No.	Cost
New issues	19	–
New designs	76	–
New stamps	216	\$164.55 FV
Variations	363	\$1602.75
New 55c/60c stamps	183	–
Average issue rate of 55c/60c stamps	1 every 25 hours	

The stamp information shown above is based on stamps and variations bought at my local Post Shop or from Philatelic Mail Order. This may differ from other Australia Post outlets. If you find any differences please let me know. Find out what decimal stamps Australia Post actually issued each year in my new 1966-2009 ASV Catalogue. More information at [www.asv.net.au](http://www.asv.net.au).

For full technical details of every Australia Post stamp issue visit <http://stamps.chrisdehaer.com.au>

FDI = First Day of Issue, OSD = On-sale Date, FV = Face Value, CDC = Continuous Die Cut, IDC = Interrupted Die Cut.

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