
COINWORKS CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE



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OUR SERVICES

STORAGE AND INSURANCE

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Your coins and banknotes are available for inspection with 24 hours prior notice.

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SMSF COMPLIANCE

Coinworks is fully compliant with Australian Government Legislation regarding valuations, storage and insurance for Self Managed Superannuation Funds.

FEATURED ITEMS



1813 Holey Dollar struck on a 1799 Mexico Silver Dollar

\$65,000

We have been trying to secure a Holey Dollar below the \$75,000 level for at least twelve months. The coin had to conform to our selection protocols. And meet our price expectations. The combination proved very difficult to find...until now. This coin fits the bill and will make owning a Holey Dollar a reality for one collector.



1956 Perth Mint Proof Penny

\$20,000

A stand-out rarity and a stand-alone investment piece, this coin presents quality that would be hard to improve upon...a blazing, solid orange copper proof with impeccable surfaces. Of the series of proofs struck between 1955 and 1963, the 1956 Proof Penny is in our view the hardest to find in top quality.



1897 Sydney Mint Half Sovereign

\$20,000

This 1897 Sydney Mint Half Sovereign is the absolute finest of its year. That's not only our opinion, it also was the opinion of the Auction House when it was offered for sale in November 2007. A fiercely contested bidding war saw the coin sell for 50 per cent above its pre-auction estimate of \$10,000.



1855 Sydney Mint Sovereign

\$19,500

The 1855 Sydney Mint Sovereign is the one coin that has pride of place in every sovereign collection. As Australia's first gold sovereign minted at the Sydney Mint – the nation's very first mint – it brings to any collection a wonderful and everlasting history.



1888 London Chartered Bank of Australia Ten Pounds

\$9750

This 1888 London Chartered Bank of Australia Ten Pounds presents a financial snapshot of the colony exactly 100 years after settlement. It also is a high value note. And rare as such. A Ten Pounds note was well beyond the reach of most of the colony's residents.

1813 Holey Dollar

Quality	About Fine
Provenance	Private Collection Sydney
Price	\$65,000



We have been trying to secure a Holey Dollar below the \$75,000 level for at least twelve months. The coin had to conform to our selection protocols. And meet our price expectations. The combination proved very difficult to find...until now. This coin fits the bill and will make owning a Holey Dollar a reality for one collector.

The pride and joy of owning the nation's first coin, the 1813 Holey Dollar, is indefinable and for many Australians it is their ultimate goal. The coin is extremely rare with less than 200 available to private collectors. Given its scarcity, and its significance to the nation, it also is highly valued, hence our opening remarks on the limited availability of Holey Dollars priced below \$75,000.

More than 80,000 convicts were transported to the penal colony of New South Wales over an eighteen year period. One of the most famous of them all was William Henshall, the emancipated convict charged with the responsibility of creating our very first coins.

When William Henshall created this coin he picked a 1799 Spanish Silver Dollar that had been struck at the Mexico Mint. Using crude equipment, he cut a hole in it. He then continued the minting process by over-stamping the inner circular edge of the hole with the words New South Wales, the date 1813 and the value of five shillings. It was at this very point that the holed silver dollar became the now famous Holey Dollar.

Yes this Holey Dollar has circulated but the design details of the original Spanish Silver Dollar are evident. And the coin is undamaged. The over stamping of the date 1813 and News South Wales is particularly strong and graded very highly at Very Fine.

Of particular significance, the date 1799. The silver dollar from which this Holey Dollar was created was minted at the turn of the century, in 1799. Holey Dollars struck from silver dollars minted pre-1800 are far scarcer than those created from silver dollars minted post-1800.

This coin will make owning a Holey Dollar a reality for one buyer. It is affordable. Conservatively priced, the coin offers excellent buying value.

The rarity and significance of the Holey Dollar touches all of its owners. We speak from experience. We have seen it first hand with our clients, the sheer excitement of acquiring a Holey Dollar. You can hear it in their voice. You can see it in their face.

Clients have also expressed their profound pleasure at discovering their coin photographed and featured in the major reference on known surviving Holey Dollars, 'Holey Dollars of News South Wales, a Pictorial Record of Known Surviving Specimens'.

You can have both with this coin. The joy and pride of owning the nation's very first coin. And the pleasure of seeing it featured on page 37 in the major reference of known surviving Holey Dollars. (A copy of this book accompanies the coin.)



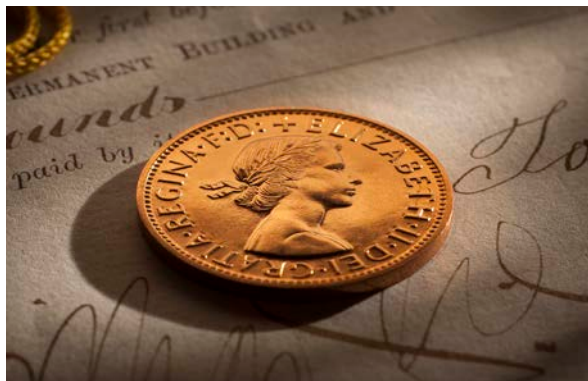
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St. Halley

1956 Perth Proof Penny

Quality	Superb FDC
Provenance	Private Collection Sydney
Price	\$20,000



We are a company that prides itself on offering premium quality rarities, across all dollar levels, and this 1956 Perth Mint Proof Penny fulfils our ideals in every regard.

The coin presents quality that would be hard to improve upon ... a blazing, solid orange copper proof with impeccable surfaces. At this quality level it is a stand-out rarity. Of the series of Perth Mint proofs struck between 1955 and 1963, the 1956 Proof Penny is in our view the hardest to find in top quality.

It is a fact that the majority of 1956 Perth Proof Pennies that we have sold over the past few years have been sourced from collectors of long standing or have been bought back from our clients. But if we are looking for new inventory in this area of the market then we openly state that it is extremely difficult to find top quality examples out in the market place.

Their extreme scarcity relates to the original mintage and the level of care given to preserving the coins to the highest quality standards over the years.

The original mintage of Perth proof pennies in 1956 was a meagre 417 coins, so a 1956 Perth Proof Penny is scarce in any quality.

The coins sold in the 1950s were not housed in protective packaging but rather wrapped in cellophane paper. Toning and harsh spotting is almost the norm for Perth proofs, thereby reducing the pool of quality examples to a truly minuscule number.

To quantify the availability of examples we suggest that you would be lucky to sight one premium quality 1956 Perth Proof Penny on the open market annually.

This coin is a stand-out rarity and a stand-alone investment piece.

Treasury gave official approval for the Perth Mint to commence striking proof coins for collectors on a commercial basis in 1955. The coins were released annually with an official issue price of face value plus a premium of one shilling per coin ... mintages averaged around the 1,500 mark. The series came to a conclusion in 1963, just prior to decimal currency changeover.

The proof coins struck between 1955 and 1963 are one of the most popular areas of the market for pre-decimal coin buyers. They have an excellent track record for appreciation and the price at which they are sold attracts maximum buyer interest. They are a perfect entry point into the Australian rare coin market. Limited edition collector coins at affordable prices.

They also come at the top of our list of recommendations for clients looking to tuck something special away for their children or grandchildren.



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1897 Half Sovereign Sydney Mint

Quality	Gem Uncirculated
Provenance	Private Collection Sydney
Price	\$20,000



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Gem Uncirculated is the highest quality level that a collector can aspire to and it is very rarely ever seen, particularly amongst gold coins.

In fact this coin is so good you could be looking at a matte proof. The fields are like satin, the coin has full original mint bloom. The edges are meticulous. The striking is outstanding, the design highly detailed. The coin is truly remarkable.

If further accolades are required then we can only add that this coin is higher in quality than the Choice Uncirculated example housed in the Quartermaster Collection.

Our experiences attest to the scarcity of coins at the supreme quality level of Gem Uncirculated. You can count on the fingers of one hand the number of Gem Uncirculated gold coins that we have handled.

It is as though the coin was struck individually in a controlled environment. And we know that this simply was not the case. The reality is that the Sydney Mint was nothing more than a coining factory.

Miraculously this coin has gone through the minting process and has avoided the contact marks that we typically see in most gold coins.

How do you explain the extraordinary condition in which it is presented?

It was clearly viewed as important from the day it was struck and has had special care ever since to preserve its original pristine state.

My experience in the industry has taught me that top coins represent opportunities. They are a chance happening that offers an advantage, both emotionally and financially.

You get to own the best which is emotionally rewarding. From a monetary perspective, top quality specimens are the most sought after making them a financially rewarding exercise as well.



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Sovereign

1930 Penny

Quality	Very Fine
Provenance	Private Collection Melbourne
Price	\$52,500



This is a 'top' quality 1930 Penny, in the upper 5 per cent of known surviving examples. To put this into perspective, this coin is classified four grades higher than the average 1930 Penny which is graded at 'Fine'. With attributes that are clearly visible to the naked eye, this 1930 Penny is all class, and, at a quality level of Very Fine it also is a great rarity.

As you would expect with a coin that is graded Very Fine, it has a complete central diamond that stands out and fairly smacks you in the eye (see insert opposite). And this is an important point for us. We are quite adamant that for a 1930 Penny to be classified as Very Fine, the central diamond in the King's crown on the obverse has to be complete and prominent.

And it is this obsession with technicalities that ultimately guarantees our quality and protects our clients.

Furthermore,

- > The coin has six strong pearls in the crown on the obverse.
- > The upper and lower scrolls on the reverse are strong.
- > The circular beading on the reverse also is crisp and well defined.
- > Even toning and smooth fields add further to its appeal.

And web watchers will note the infrequent appearances on the Coinworks website of 1930 Pennies at this high quality level: a reflection of the scarcity of premium quality examples.

The pride in owning a 1930 Penny at this quality level is immeasurable.

The coin is a national icon and its star status has made it one of Australia's most valuable coins. What's most interesting is that the 1930 Penny stumbled into fame.

Officially the 1930 Penny was never struck and a review of minting records at the Melbourne Mint confirms that no pennies were struck for circulation in that year. The mint does however have a record of the six Proof 1930 Pennies that were struck as museum pieces.

The suspected mintage of the 1930 Penny is 1500 to 2000.

The 1930 Penny is still to this day the glamour coin of the numismatics industry and is unrivalled for popularity, enjoying a constant stream of demand unmatched by any other numismatic rarity.



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Penny

1855 Sydney Mint Sovereign

Quality	Extremely Fine
Provenance	Private Collection Victoria
Price	\$19,500



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But the 1855 Sydney Mint sovereign offers more than history. In the quality level offered here it also is extremely rare.

Every circulated coin has a grading level at which serious rarity kicks in and for us that's the point at which a collectible becomes an investment piece. The point at which rarity kicks in for the 1855 Sydney Mint Sovereign is Extremely Fine or higher.

To highlight the extreme scarcity of quality '55 Sovereigns we make the point that the 1855 Sydney Mint Sovereign in the upper quality levels (Extremely Fine and above) is about four times as scarce as the 1852 Adelaide Pound in a comparable quality level.

And it's a fair comparison, the 1855 Sovereign is the nation's first gold sovereign officially sanctioned by the British Government, the 1852 Adelaide Pound is the nation's first gold coin struck as an interim measure to resolve a currency crisis in South Australia.

And yet the price levels are comparable. That's an anomaly that has to be addressed and in our view, coins such as this 1855 Sydney Mint Sovereign have the potential to double in price.

At Coinworks we have a very deep respect for history and this is clearly evident in the style of coins that we offer. Highly historical coins have a relevance beyond the industry. They are pieces that appeal to the widest possible buying audience which is why at Coinworks, they are always our preference. And it is history that underpins demand and fosters price growth.

The 1855 Sydney Mint Sovereign is history that you can hold in your hand. It is history that can be passed to the next generation. Its status as Australia's first sovereign ensures that it will never be forgotten. As time passes, its historical value can only increase.



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Sovereign



1888 London Chartered Bank of Australia Ten Pounds

Quality	Uncirculated
Provenance	Archives of note printers Bradbury Wilkinson
Price	\$9,750



This 1888 London Chartered Bank of Australia Ten Pounds presents a financial snapshot of the colony exactly 100 years after settlement. It also is a high value note. And rare as such. A Ten Pounds note was well beyond the reach of most of the colony's residents.

In 1888, a farm hand in the colony was earning 13/- per week. This colonial Ten Pounds would have represented nearly four months wages.

That it survives today retaining its original characteristics, crisp paper and vibrant colour unaffected by the passing of time is nothing short of a miracle.

Australia's paper currency took on a sophisticated elegance with the establishment in 1817 of the Bank of New South Wales, the nation's first private bank. And the issue of the bank's circulating paper notes. The crude handwritten promissory notes that had proliferated throughout the colony soon after settlement forming an ad hoc unofficial paper currency had all but disappeared.

The private banking system flourished in Australia after the establishment of the Bank of New South Wales. By 1841 another 23 banks had been formed, including branches of some London banks. From the 1850s gold rush to 1888, a further 32 banks had opened their doors.

The London Chartered Bank was formed in London in 1852 and one year later established branches in both Melbourne and Sydney. In 1882, the bank opened a Brisbane branch.

During the financial crisis of 1893 this revered establishment was forced to suspend its payments but only for four months, later re-opening its doors.

The London Chartered Bank of Australia lives on through its subsequent mergers. In 1921 the bank merged with the English, Scottish and Australian Bank (ES&A) which in turn amalgamated with the ANZ in 1970.

The specimen banknotes of our Colonial Banks have been attracting solid attention over the last few years. The reasons are clear. The notes offer genuine quality. They offer scarcity. They have a glorious, rich history. And they are being offered at a price that makes them very affordable.



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Circa 1900, Bank of Victoria Ltd Five Pounds Specimen

The Bank of Victoria was founded by Dr Thomas Black, a physician from the Richmond area of Melbourne. The bank was registered in Victoria in 1852 and commenced operations in January 1853 as the Bank of Victoria Limited. By 1887 the bank had 65 branches, all in Victoria. The Bank of Victoria amalgamated with the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Limited in 1927

and eventually became part of the National Bank of Australia in 1981.

Archived for more than a century by London engravers and printers Bradbury & Wilkinson, this high denomination colonial note retains its original characteristics and colour unaffected by the passing of time.

Price \$7,950



1887 London Chartered Bank of Australia One Pound Specimen

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The note has vibrant colours that defy time.

Price \$7,950

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