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GUIDE TO NUMISMATICS

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nu·mis·mat·ics noun: the study or collection of currency, including coins, tokens, paper money, medals and related items.

1966

PRE-DECIMAL COINS

Before 1966, Australia used a money system that was based on the British pounds, shillings, and pence. A mint condition coin from this era could fetch you anywhere from \$5 to \$50,000!



Prior to 1946, silver coins were 92.5% pure, from 1946 onwards the coins were reduced to 50% pure silver. If you don't match with one of the key dates, divide your coins according to the silver purity and we will buy in bulk!

KEY DATES



1938

1937

DECIMAL COINS

Australian decimal coins in general circulation are produced by the Royal Australian Mint. Despite what eBay may lead you to believe, circulated decimal coins are **very** common and are usually only worth face value!

COMMON MYTHS

Be wary of some common coin misconceptions.

1988/9 \$2 'HH' Initial Coin Stamped with designer Horst Hahne's initials. Very common, worth face value.



2005 \$1 'Dancing Man' Coin Often listed at high prices on eBay. Very common, worth face value.



1977 50c Jubilee Coin All commemorative 50c coins are very common with high mintages, worth face value.



CHECK YOUR COLLECTABLE

Use the grading scale below, from Good to Gem Uncirculated, to determine the level of preservation of your coin.

Match one of the key dates with a high grading & you could be holding a fortune!



PRE-DECIMAL BANKNOTES

Paper notes were also used as currency prior to the 1966 changeover, in shillings and pounds.



TEN SHILLINGS



ONE POUND



FIVE POUNDS



TEN POUNDS

The value of these notes is hugely dependent on condition. A perfect, uncirculated note can be worth more than \$150.

DECIMAL BANKNOTES

Our first decimal notes were colourful paper, there are two main types:

- 'Commonwealth of Australia' banner (1962-72)
- 'Australia' banner (1973 onwards)

The earlier notes are generally worth much more than the later types.

One thing to always look for on your pre-decimal and decimal notes is the 'star' variety.



Star indicates a 'replacement' note that was re-issued in place of the original.

FOREIGN COINS & BANKNOTES

As a general rule, circulated world coins and notes from 1960 onwards will not hold any collector value. They are all base-metal (not silver or gold) and have high mintages.

If your foreign coins or notes are pre-1960, check with one of our numismatic specialists for an accurate valuation.