# GUIDE TO NUMISMATICS 

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## PRE-DECIMALCOINS

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 $\$ 50,000$ !


## SILVER



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



## 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.


## 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!


Good


Very Good


Fine


Very Fine


Extremely Fine


Almost
Uncirculated


Uncirculated


Choice Uncirculated


Gem
Uncirculated

## PRE-DECIMAL BANKNOTES

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


## 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.

