Copeland Roberts

AUCTION 022

Selected Numismatics

Friday 27 November 2026

Live bidding from 9am AEDT / New South Wales time



1852 ADELAIDE POUND

Lot 108 | PCGS MS62 | AUD 27,000 - 35,000

42 selected lots from a sale of 1,031 lots.
Early Australian gold, key dates, proofs and collector favourites.

Welcome to Auction 022

I am pleased to present this selection of numismatic highlights from Copeland Roberts Auction 022, bringing together 42 lots from our wider offering of 1,031 lots.

Leading the selection is an 1852 Adelaide Pound graded PCGS MS62, a remarkable connection to the beginnings of Australian gold coinage. Alongside it are a 1930 Penny, a Mint State 1925 Penny, and two significant early Sydney Mint half sovereigns: an 1855 example with Reserve Bank of Australia provenance and an 1856 example graded PCGS AU58. The latter is the second 1856 half sovereign in AU58 we have offered in as many months.

The catalogue also features Australian pre-decimal coins, selected sovereigns and an impressive group of 1966 decimal proofs. Our British section is led by the 1821 George IV Proof Half Sovereign, while the Collector's Cabinet brings together ancient Greek silver, a Prussian commemorative proof and Australian banknotes.

This publication reflects our continuing commitment to giving quality numismatic material the presentation and attention it deserves. We are grateful to the consignors who have entrusted these pieces to us, and to the collectors whose participation continues to support our growth.

We have maintained our buyer's premium at 22% including GST, with no credit card surcharge, and offer 0% seller's commission. Our new consignor portal provides a convenient way to follow current consignments and review previous auction results.

Consignments are now open for Copeland Roberts Auction 023. If you are considering selling an individual rarity or a collection, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss it with you.

I hope you enjoy exploring this selection and look forward to welcoming you to live bidding on Friday 27 November 2026, from 9am AEDT.

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LOT 108

1852 Adelaide Pound

PCGS MS62 | Type II





AUD 27,000 - 35,000

Struck at the Adelaide Assay Office during the gold rush, the Adelaide Pound is a landmark of early Australian coinage. Issued without British authorisation, it addressed a shortage of circulating currency in South Australia. This Type II example displays the crenellated inner circle and five raised dots above 22 C(arats). Golden mint lustre and a strong strike are complemented by a distinguished auction provenance.

Ex Noble Numismatics Sale 98, Lot 1318. PCGS 24030388.

VIEW LOT & BID

LOT 27

1930 Penny

Almost Very Fine





AUD 18,000 - 22,000

An iconic Australian rarity, struck from the Indian obverse die. The Indian designation refers to the portrait tooling; the coin was struck in Melbourne. Six clear pearls and both sides of the centre diamond remain visible. The auction description records even wear, original surfaces and no major marks or damage. A well-balanced example with strong definition for the grade.

VIEW LOT & BID

LOT 92

1855 Sydney Mint Half Sovereign

PCGS G06 | Reserve Bank provenance



AUD 15,000 - 18,000

The inaugural Sydney Mint half sovereign, from the first year of Australia's official gold coinage. Recorded production was just 21,000 pieces at the Royal Mint's first overseas branch. This example retains a clear date and obverse legend, with the crown, wreath and AUSTRALIA discernible on the reverse. Even circulation wear accompanies the Reserve Bank of Australia pedigree recognised on its PCGS holder.

Ex Reserve Bank of Australia Collection, 2005, Lot 524. PCGS 41495291.

VIEW LOT & BID

LOT 93

1856 Sydney Mint Half Sovereign

PCGS AU58 | Type I



AUD 12,000 - 15,000

The short-lived Type I issue bears James Wyon's filleted portrait of Queen Victoria and the distinctive SYDNEY MINT and AUSTRALIA reverse. Used for only two dated circulation issues, this portrait was replaced in 1857 by a design incorporating native banksia foliage. This example retains golden lustre, with the slightest wear in the hair and minor bag marks. This is the second 1856 half sovereign in PCGS AU58 we have offered in as many months.

PCGS 56038763.

VIEW LOT & BID

LOT 26

1925 Penny

PCGS MS63BN





AUD 6,000 - 8,000

A Choice Uncirculated example of this Australian key date, struck at Melbourne with Bertram Mackennal's crowned portrait of George V. Dark chocolate-brown toning accompanies glossy original lustre and reflective surfaces. Minor tone spots are noted. The Mint State grade and strong visual presentation make this a significant offering for the pre-decimal collector.

PCGS 61405862.

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Australian pre-decimal coins





LOT 14

1923 Halfpenny

VF

Six clear pearls and full centre diamond. Diagnostic die cracks; minor reverse rim knocks.

AUD 800 - 1,200

VIEW LOT & BID





LOT 25

1925 Penny

PCGS AU58

Key-date penny with brown patina, well-defined detail and light circulation rub.

AUD 1,750 - 2,250

VIEW LOT & BID





LOT 39

1910 Florin

PCGS MS64

First-year Australian florin with light peach toning.

AUD 2,200 - 2,600

VIEW LOT & BID





LOT 41

1916 Florin

PCGS MS64

Rich violet, magenta and gold toning with strong eye appeal.

AUD 1,700 - 2,000

VIEW LOT & BID

Australian pre-decimal coins

Florins and original Foy & Gibson presentation bags




LOT 42

1917 Florin

PCGS MS64+

Choice surfaces, golden peripheral toning and a sharp reverse star.

AUD 1,200 - 1,500

VIEW LOT & BID




LOT 50

Centenary Florin & Melbourne Bag

gF - aUNC

Almost Uncirculated, dark-toned florin. Melbourne bag Good Fine, with heavy fold and intact upper flap.

AUD 600 - 1,000

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LOT 51

Centenary Florin & Perth Bag

Fair - UNC

Uncirculated, toned florin. Scarce Perth bag Fair, almost split in two and missing the upper flap.

AUD 1,000 - 1,500

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Half sovereigns





LOT 94

1856 Sydney Half Sovereign

PCGS VF20

A Type I Sydney Mint issue with moderate circulation; catalogued as problem-free.

AUD 1,350 - 1,500

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LOT 97

1872-S Half Sovereign

NGC AU58

Early shield reverse with strong lustre and attractive eye appeal.

AUD 2,000 - 2,200

VIEW LOT & BID





LOT 98

1882-M Half Sovereign

PCGS AU55

Fourth head, bun closer to the G of GRATIA. Residual lustre; reverse particularly well preserved.

AUD 1,750 - 2,250

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Half sovereigns





LOT 100

1887-M Half Sovereign

AUD 2,000 - 2,200

NGC XF45
Young Head type. A key date in the half sovereign series.

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LOT 107

1915-S Half Sovereign

AUD 1,200 - 1,300

PCGS MS65
Gem Mint State with strong strike, die striations and die cracks.

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Sovereigns




LOT 112

1871-S Small BP Sovereign

PCGS AU58

First Sydney St George issue, Small BP variety, with almost full lustre.

AUD 2,250 - 2,500

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LOT 113

1877-M Sovereign

NGC MS62

A harder date in Mint State.

AUD 1,800 - 2,200

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LOT 122

1899-P Sovereign

NGC MS62

First-year Perth Mint sovereign, with a full strike.

AUD 2,000 - 2,200

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LOT 133

1914-P Sovereign

PCGS MS64

Fully struck and lustrous, with slightly rotated dies.

AUD 2,750 - 3,000

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Sovereigns





LOT 142

1924-S Sovereign

AUD 3,000 - 3,300

PCGS MS62
Sydney Mint key date. Softer reverse strike with light original toning.

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LOT 144

1926-M Sovereign

AUD 2,000 - 2,200

PCGS MS63
Melbourne Mint issue with bright golden lustre.

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The 1966 proofs

Four denominations from the opening year of decimal currency





LOT 495

1966 Proof 5c

PCGS PR70DCAM

First-year decimal proof, certified PR70DCAM.

AUD 1,500 - 2,000

VIEW LOT & BID





LOT 496

1966 Proof 10c

PCGS PR70DCAM

First-year decimal proof, certified PR70DCAM.

AUD 750 - 1,000

VIEW LOT & BID





LOT 497

1966 Proof 20c

PCGS PR70DCAM

A high-grade first-year decimal proof, certified PR70DCAM.

AUD 6,000 - 8,000

VIEW LOT & BID





LOT 499

1966 Silver Proof 50c

PCGS PR69DCAM

First-year silver decimal proof, certified PR69DCAM.

AUD 2,000 - 3,000

VIEW LOT & BID

Decimal collector issues





LOT 89

2026 Matildas Bullseye Error

ChUNC

Reverse colour applied to the obverse, almost completely obscuring the portrait.

AUD 1,500 - 2,500

VIEW LOT & BID





LOT 300

2012 Australian Open $2

PCGS PR70DCAM

Gold-plated silver collector issue, certified PR70DCAM.

AUD 1,200 - 1,500

VIEW LOT & BID





LOT 608

2010 Proof 2c

PCGS PR69DCAM

From the 2010 Heritage Proof Set; catalogued mintage of 400.

AUD 1,000 - 1,500

VIEW LOT & BID





LOT 677

2017 Mars $2

PCGS MS68

The sought-after Mars $2 from the Planetary series, certified MS68.

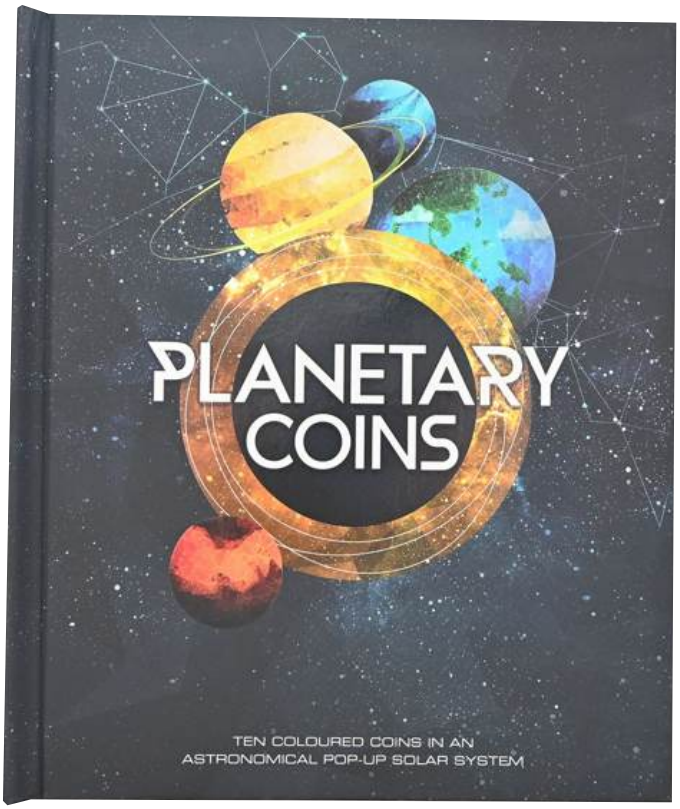
AUD 2,500 - 3,000

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LOT 678

2017 Planetary Set

Uncirculated | Original presentation



AUD 3,000 - 5,000

The complete Planetary Set includes the sought-after Mars $2 coin, together with the original Mint-issued instructions, diorama booklet and cardboard presentation box. A distinctive centrepiece for a modern Australian decimal collection.

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LOT 842

1821 Proof Half Sovereign

Great Britain | George IV | aFDC





AUD 12,000 - 15,000

A Laureate Head Type I proof half sovereign, with Benedetto Pistrucci's portrait of George IV and a crowned, floral-garnished shield reverse. The reverse displays deep cameo contrast, with frosted devices against mirrored fields. The obverse also retains strong frosting and reflective fields. Minor hairlines and light scratches are present.

3.99g, 7h. Marsh 403A; W&R 244 [R3]; S.3802.

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British coins

Crowns and halfcrowns of the late Stuart period




LOT 859

1682/1 Charles II Crown

gVF

S.3359. Fourth bust, TRICESIMO QVARTO edge. Corrosion, catalogued as likely from saltwater.

AUD 1,000 - 1,500

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LOT 860

1689 William & Mary Halfcrown

gVF

S.3435. Conjoined portraits; toned with underlying iridescence and a reverse die crack.

AUD 700 - 1,000

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LOT 873

1701 William III Half Crown

aVF

S.3496. Plumes in angles and seven strings to harp. Scratch on bust.

AUD 800 - 1,200

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LOT 876

1703 Anne Half Crown

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S.3579. Without VIGO below the bust; TERTIO edge. Grey toning.

AUD 1,000 - 2,000

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LOT 908

1927 United Kingdom Proof Set

Fleur de Coin



AUD 1,200 - 1,500

Issued with the new Wreath Crown design. Presented in its red leather case, which shows minor wear. An attractive group bringing together the silver coinage of George V.

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Collector's Cabinet

Ancient Athens and a European commemorative proof





LOT 820

Athens New Style Tetradrachm

AUD 400 - 600

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gVF
Athena / owl on amphora within olive wreath. Light toning, surface roughness and parts of wreath off flan. Cf. Thompson 692.





LOT 895

1871 Proof Victory Thaler

AUD 500 - 800

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aFDC
Commemorates German unification and victory in the Franco-Prussian War. Reflective cameo surfaces; minor hairlines.

Collector's Cabinet

Australian banknotes: star replacement and last-prefix issues





LOT 965

1966 First-Prefix $10 Star Note

AUD 1,200 - 1,500

aUNC
ZSA 78953*. R.301SF. First-prefix star note with a small teller flick and minor stains.

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LOT 988

1988 Bicentennial $10 Pair

AUD 700 - 1,000

UNC
R.310aL. First-issue, last-prefix consecutive pair, Uncirculated.

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