



CHRISTMAS ISLAND LNY: YEAR OF THE TIGER

12 JANUARY 2010

55c..... Illustrative Tiger
\$1.65..... Chinese symbol for Tiger



1630142 Minisheet

Third in the Chinese zodiac, the Tiger is the sign of courage. Tiger people are fearless leaders although somewhat unpredictable and emotional. A story associated with the Tiger relates how while hunting for prey, the Tiger caught a fox. "You can't eat me!" declared the wily fox. "The Emperor of Heaven appointed me king of the beasts. If you follow me you'll see the other animals run away at the sight of me." Agreeing to this, the Tiger accompanied him and was impressed to see all the beasts fleeing – afraid not of the fox but of the powerful Tiger!

In the last century Tiger years have included 1914, 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998 and 2010. Famous Tigers include Ptolemy, Miles Davis, Bert Newton, Betty Cuthbert and Marilyn Monroe. The stamps feature the symbol for the Tiger and its pictorial derivation.

Issue Highlights

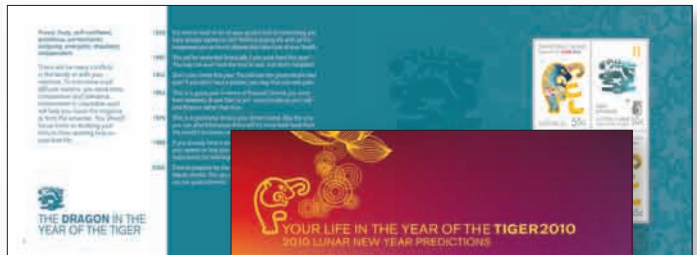
For the first time in this cycle, this issue will include a Lunar New Year 12-year cycle special edition stamp pack. See page 6 for more details.



1630002 First day cover (gummed)



1630013 First day cover (minisheet)



1630184 Prestige booklet



GREETING CARD

The stamp pack is designed for use as a greeting card using the matching (PPE or IPPE) envelopes.



1630231 PPE (domestic)



1630126 Stamp pack (contains minisheet, doubles as greeting card)



1630232 IPPE (international)



1630008 Stamp and coin cover



1630098 Zodiac sheetlet

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date	12 January 2010
FDI withdrawal date	26 February 2010
Denominations	1 x 55c, 1 x \$1.65
Stamp/stationery design ...	Dani Poon
Product design	Jo McAlpine, Australia Post Design Studio
Printer	McKellar
Paper	Tullis Russell
Printing process	Lithography
Stamp/minisheet size	26mm x 37.5mm/136mm x 70mm
Zodiac sheetlet size	170mm 210mm
Perforations	13.86 x 14.6
Sheet layout	Modules of 50
Special feature	Gold foiling and decorative gutter
National postmark	Christmas Island, WA 6798



1630252 First day cover (zodiac)



1630212 Postcard (single)

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1630241 Gutter (10 x 55c)

LNY FESTIVAL IN VICTORIA

Each year Australia Post attends the three day "Hawkers Bazaar" at Crown Casino in Melbourne. The dates are 12 to 14 February 2010 (11am to 11pm).

The LNY stamp issue designer Dani Poon will be available for signing sessions each day on:
Friday 12 February 8–10pm
Saturday 13 February 1–4pm & 6–8pm
Sunday 14 February 1–4pm & 6–8pm

LNY generic souvenir sheet

A special Year of the Tiger Personalised Stamp™ sheet will also be on sale at the venue with a generic version available to mail order customers at \$15.95 each.



1630355 LNY generic souvenir sheet

SPECIAL EDITION STAMP PACK

The LNY special edition stamp pack is the first of four to be released over this current 12-year cycle. The first sheetlet includes the 2008 Rat, 2009 Ox and 2010 Tiger base rate stamps with the next stamp pack to be released in 2013 (Rabbit, Dragon and Snake). A treasure to collect! Includes micro-date printing on reprinted stamps.



1630350 LNY 12-year cycle special edition stamp pack



1572320
Australian Lunar Coin
Series II
2010 Year of the Tiger
1oz Silver Proof Coin
\$89.50 each



1572324
Australian Lunar Coin
Series II
2010 Year of the Tiger
1oz Gilded Silver Coin
\$79.50 each



1572325
Australian Lunar Coin
Series II
2010 Year of the Tiger
Silver Typeset Collection
Set of four 1oz Silver Proof Coins
- proof, gilded, coloured, bullion
\$280.00 each set



1572326
Lachlan Macquarie
Governor of NSW 1810-1821
1oz Silver Proof Coin
\$89.50 each

Chinese Mythological
Coin Series
1oz Specimen Quality
Silver Coins
\$65.00 each



Wealth 1572313



Fortune 1572304



Longevity 1572310



Success 1572307

Chinese Mythological Coin Series
5g specimen quality Gold Coin
\$429.00 each



Wealth 1572311



Fortune 1572302



Longevity 1572308



Success 1572305

PLEASE NOTE

*Australia Post has applied to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to increase the 55c base postage rate to 60c. If this application is successful all domestic postage will be affected and the listed prices will increase. For further specific details, see www.accc.gov.au.

Mail order (retail)	Product description	Price	Planned withdrawal date
12 January 2010	Christmas Island Lunar New Year – Year of the Tiger		
1630067	Stamps (1 x 55c, 1 x \$1.65)	\$2.20	31 July 2010
1630450	Set of minisheets (mint, postmarked) [MO]	\$4.40	31 July 2010
1630142 (37707)	Minisheet (mint)	\$2.20	31 July 2010
1630143	Minisheet (postmarked) [MO]	\$2.20	31 July 2010
1630451 (37709)	Pack of five minisheets	\$11.00	31 July 2010
1630098 (37710)	Zodiac sheetlet	\$4.40	31 July 2010
1630002 (37714)	First day cover (gummed)	\$2.50	26 February 2010
1630013 (37715)	First day cover (minisheet)	\$2.50	26 February 2010
1630252 (37716)	First day cover (zodiac)	\$2.50	26 February 2010
1630005 (37713)	First day cover (blank – not included in the set)	\$0.30	31 July 2010
1630001	Set of first day covers and stamp and coin cover [MO]	\$22.45	9 February 2010
1630126 (37717)	Stamp pack (contains minisheet doubles as greeting card)	\$2.65	31 July 2010
1630350 (37718)	LNY 12-year cycle special edition stamp pack	\$9.95	31 July 2010
1630212 (37719)	Postcard (single)	\$1.50	31 July 2010
1630452	Set of PPEs [MO]	\$3.00	31 July 2010
1630231 (37720)	PPE (domestic)	\$0.65	31 July 2010
1630232 (37721)	IPPE (international)	\$2.35	31 July 2010
1630008 (37722)	Stamps and coin cover	\$14.95	31 July 2010
1630184 (37723)	Year of the Tiger prestige booklet	\$13.95	31 July 2010
1630240	Set of gutters (10 x 55c, 10 x \$1.65) [MO]	\$22.00	31 July 2010
1630241 (37702)	Gutter (10 x 55c – with design)	\$5.50	31 July 2010
1630242 (37706)	Gutter (10 x \$1.65 – no design)	\$16.50	31 July 2010
1630355	LNY generic souvenir sheet	\$15.95	to be advised
21 January 2010	Australia Post 2010 Australian Legends		
1631067*	Stamps (12 x 55c)	\$6.60	31 December 2010
1631002 (37741)*	First day cover (gummed)	\$6.90	18 February 2010
1631005 (37740)	First day cover (blank)	\$0.30	31 December 2010
1631126 (37742)*	Stamp pack	\$7.05	31 December 2010
1631220 (37743)*	Maxicard set (6)	\$11.10	31 December 2010
1631250 (37727)*	Self-adhesive booklet (20 x 55c)	\$11.00	31 December 2010
1631251*	Chequebook (20 x 20 x 55c)	\$110.00	31 December 2010
1631241 (37737)*	Gutter A (10 x 55c)	\$5.50	31 December 2010
1631242 (37738)*	Gutter B (10 x 55c)	\$5.50	31 December 2010
1631243 (37739)*	Gutter C (10 x 55c)	\$5.50	31 December 2010
1631184 (37744)*	Prestige booklet	\$24.95	31 December 2010
1631219 (37750)*	Legends book	\$19.95	to be advised
Miscellaneous			
1514611 (37802)	Australian Film Institute - Film-Lovers' Collector Pack	\$12.95	30 June 2010

Planned withdrawal dates may be changed without notice to meet emergent postal requirements. Advice of such changes will be published in the first available *Stamp Bulletin Australia* in retrospect. All prices are GST inclusive and are recommended. Contact the Australian Philatelic Bureau (FREECALL 1800 331 794 within Australia, +61 3 9887 0033 overseas) or visit auspost.com.au/stamps for the current price at the time you place your order.