

NEWSLETTER OF THE ORANGE COIN & STAMP CLUB FOR 26th MAY 2026

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Still our 60th Year



One of two rows of Orange Coin & Stamp Expo members' displays

Our web-site is <https://orangecoinsandstamps.org/>

The current Club meeting is on this Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7.30pm.

Our next Mini-fair is on Saturday morning 6th June 2026, from 9-12ish, at the Orange Cultural Centre in Sale St. with

The next night meeting after the May one is on Tuesday 30th June 2026.

The Club normally meets on the last Tuesday of each month (except January) at 7.30pm.

Our mini-fairs are on the first Saturday of each month (except January, from 9 to 12ish.



Our meetings and the monthly fair are held in the Orange Cultural Centre building Sale St, Orange. It's the building that used to be a school. It's on the right hand side as you enter the Woolworths Car Park.

ORANGE COIN & STAMP EXPO Sat. 23rd and Sun. 24th MAY 2025.

It was a very successful 2-day show. It was also very busy on the Saturday morning with visitors from right around the region. Some came from as far away as the Central Coast. Attendance seemed to be around the 300 mark.

This year the Club spent extra money on digital advertising – as well as the normal TV ads. The digital advertising appeared to have paid dividends. It appears that about 70% of attendees came because they saw something on Facebook and another social media site.

Derek Dolstra said he had three 15-minute interviews on ABC regional radio and two on the two community radio stations. The listeners were encouraged to come and get their stamps & coins to be valued.

This year, though, we didn't advertise in any regional newspapers.

Some members did letter-boxing around town.

25 kids' show-bags were given out to encourage collecting, but we could have made up more.

The dealers (2 stamps and 5 coins) all seemed happy with their trading.

It was also the Club's main competitive event of the year.

Rob Willis won the for numismatics with his display of Egyptian Banknotes.

Tony Read won the *Col & Eileen Davidson Shield* for philately with his complete display of Victorian State Stamps.

Col Davidson won the *Andy Auld Perpetual Shield* for the most popular display for his Primitive Money.

The food hamper raffle was won by "Simon". 2nd prize went to "Robin". A huge thanks to all those members who did a stint on front desk, including Dave Field, Bruce Chadderton, Genise Flynn, Eileen Davidson, Ron Mills, Richard Gammie, Steve Kay, Bill Marshal and Kevin Capnerhurst.

DATES FOR 2026

Orange Coin & Stamp Club, 26th May 2026 meeting, 7.30pm at the Orange Cultural Centre. Princes Hwy & Green St

Orange Coin & Stamp Club mini-fair, Saturday 6th June 2026, 9 to 12ish, at the Orange Cultural Centre

Rockhampton Club's Stamp Fair, Saturday 13th June 2026, 9-3; at Fox Hall, Gladstone Rd, Rockhampton Qld

Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society's A Winters Day with Stamps, Saturday 18th July 2026, 10-4, at St Leonards Catholic Church Hall. Dealers & suction at 2

Brisbane 2026 – Australian Full National
Date: 13th to 16th August 2026 Venue: Sleeman Sports Complex, Old Cleveland Road and Tilley Road, Chandler, Qld Entries close 31st May 2026 Contact: Joan Orr NSW Commissioner: Bruce Chadderton Email: kiwibrooce@yahoo.com Website: www.qpc.org.au/queensland2026

Bendigo Stamp Fair, 29th August 2026, 9.30-2.30, St Andrews Uniting Church Hall, 24 Myers St, Bendigo.

OUR SPRING FAIR 2025 COIN & STAMP DEALERS - PLEASE KEEP SUPPORTING THEM IN 2026

- **M.R. Roberts' Wynyard Coins**, 3 Barrack St Sydney 2000; Ph (02) 9299 2047 & Fax (02) 9290 3710 Their e-mail address is sales@wynyardcoins.com
- **Orange Stamps & Coins** (Howard Lyons), PO Box 9288, Orange, 2800; Mobile 0427 107 554 Phone/fax (02) 6362 2368, E-mail: - howard.lyons@bigpond.com Buying and Selling – Stamps, Coins, Banknotes, Accessories, etc.
- **Phil & Win Morehouse**, Bankstown. NSW 2200 Ph: (02)9707 4087, New e-mail is: - phillipmorehouse401@gmail.com
- **Top End Coins:** Les Robinson, P.O. Box 381, Nelson Bay. 2315 Phone: 0455 660 email: topendcoins@gmail.com
- **Peter Neville Stamps.** Orange. Phone 0400754209 peternevillestamps@gmail.com or www.ebay.com/str/stampsorangens
- **Larry's Bullion** (Glenn Deveigne), silver bullion bought and sold; phone 0458262302, stillafriend2025@gmail.com
- **Roman Strausov, Canberra ACT** Phone 0424 907 2132 email: - roman.strausov@SBLinternational.net Selling Coins, etc.

- Pacific Rim Coins. Level 3, 1 Central Ave., Lane Cove, 2066. [\(02\) 9418 6593](tel:(02)94186593)

TURN YOUR STAMPS INTO CASH! GET SOME PAGES READY FOR THE CLUB'S EXCHANGE BOOK

Colin needs members' stamp pages for the next stamp circuit book and the next coin/note circuit books

Colin can be contacted direct at Email: ptilinopus1@bigpond.com Ph: 63690634.

ITEMS FOR THIS NEWSLETTER AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CLUB

Items for this newsletter are always required. You do not have to be a member of the Orange Club. They need to be posted to the Editor, Derek Dolstra, who is also the secretary at the Club's postal address: -PO Box 9113, ORANGE 2800 or better still e-mailed in Word format (pictures as jpg files) to: - ddolstra@bigpond.net.au or Phone 02 63 614 872.

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Phil & Win Morehouse were busy with customers at Expo on 23 May 2026



Club dealer's tables. Here Tony Read talks with customers on 23 May 2026



Michael Burrough helping a client with coins. Steve Kay is on the left.



Front desk: Dave Field with Richard Gammie sitting with 2 visitors

This article was a display at the April 2026 meeting of the Club. Sometimes we accumulate a lot of philatelic material of very low monetary value and are never quite sure what to do with it. The thought was that maybe a “pile” of pieces cut from covers (by others, not me) showing machine postmarks could be put to use by taking a look at compulsory voting at was the Commonwealth elections (D.D. editor):-

THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTIONS: *VOTING COMPULSORY* SLOGAN CANCELS FROM BETWEEN THE WARS.

The display shows the use of the slogan cancel used by the Post Office in State capital cities to remind citizens that a Commonwealth election was forthcoming & that it was compulsory to vote. Voting only became compulsory in July 1924.

The postmark slogans were normally used after the writs for an election had been issued, but in late-1937 they were used in anticipation of the election before the Parliament had finished its term.

There were seven Commonwealth elections between World War I and World War II. Slogan cancels for four of the elections are shown.



THE 1925 FEDERAL ELECTION

The 1925 Australian federal election was held on 14 November 1925.

All 75 seats in the House of Representatives and 22 of the 36 seats in the Senate were up for election. The incumbent Nationalist–Country coalition, led by Prime Minister Stanley Bruce, defeated the opposition Labor Party led by Matthew Charlton in a landslide. This was the first time any party had won a fourth consecutive federal election.



Stanley Bruce, first elected Prime Minister in November 1923 was re-elected as Prime Minister. Later he was made Lord Bruce of Melbourne.

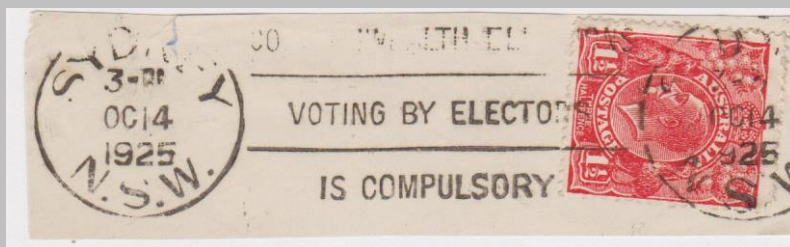
The Nationalist Party won 37 seats and the Country Party under Earl Page won 13 seats. This coalition gained 51 seats. Labour under Matthew Charlton won 24 seats.

Compulsory voting for federal elections was introduced in 1924 and first used in the 1925 elections, where 91.4% of the electorate cast a vote, compared to 59.4% at the 1922 elections

VOTING COMPULSORY SLOGANS THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTIONS:

THE 1925 ELECTION

The Ninth Australian Parliament ran from 28 February 1923 to 3 October 1925. The Prime Minister, Stanley Melbourne Bruce, called an election for 10 December 1925.



Above, a red 1½d, *George V*, Die I letter-rate stamp of May 1924 is cancelled by a “COMMONWEALTH ELECTIONS: VOTING BY ELECTORS IS COMPULSORY” slogan, with a SYDNEY N.S.W. date-case of 3pm October 14th 1925.

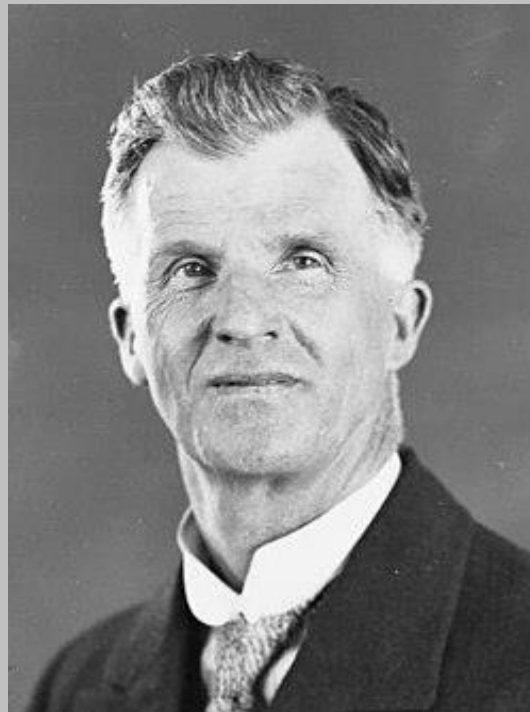


Above, one a machine cancel, with a SYDNEY N.S.W. date-case of July 14th 1925, cancels a scarlet 1½d, *George V*, letter-rate stamp of May 1924.

In anticipation of the expected Commonwealth election in late-1925, the Post Office Workshops in Melbourne produced dies for slogan cancels for the Krag postmarking machines. Most were intended for use at state capital G.P.O.'s. The “COMMONWEALTH ROLLS / REMEMBER CORRECT / ENROLMENT COMPULSORY” slogan dies were ‘rolled out’ from about June 1925.

THE 1929 FEDERAL ELECTION

The 1929 Australian federal election was held in Australia on 12th October 1929. All 75 seats in the House of Representatives were up for election, but there was no Senate election. The election was caused by the defeat of the Stanley Bruce-Earle Page Government in the House of Representatives over the *Maritime Industries Bill*, Bruce having declared that the vote on the bill would constitute a vote of confidence in his government.



James Scullin became Prime Minister with the largest-ever majority in the House of Representatives, but only a minority of Senate seats as a result of the House-only election.

In the election, the incumbent Nationalist-Country Coalition, led by Bruce and Page, was defeated in a landslide by the opposition Labor Party under James Scullin. Labor ended 13 years in opposition, having lost government two years after its previous election victory in 1914. James Scullin became Australia's first Catholic prime minister. Labor had won 41 seats and the Nationalists/Country Party only 24.

Labor lost the subsequent 1932 election to the U.A.P. / Country Party coalition

THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY SLOGANS

1929 ELECTION

The 11th Commonwealth Parliament ran from 6th February 1929 to 16th September 1929. The Prime Minister, Stanley Melbourne Bruce, requested, and was given an election for 21st October 1929.

With the change to the new *Universal* postmarking machines, new slogan dies were prepared. These showed the abbreviated wording: “*COM’LTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY*”. The slogan dies were distributed to capital city post offices.



Above, one of these new slogan dies is used with a BRISBANE / QUEENSLAND date case showing cancellation at 11.30pm on 7 October 1929. It cancels a 1½d *Centenary of Western Australia* stamp that had been first issued on 28th September 1929.



Above, a “*COM’LTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY*” slogan cancels a 1½d *Centenary of Western Australia* stamp. Unfortunately the date-case has been cut from the piece.

THE 1937 HALF SENATE ELECTION

The 14th Parliament under Prime Minister Joseph Lyons (United Australia Party) ran from 23rd October 1934 to 21st September 1937. Joe Lyons had been Prime Minister since defeating James Scullin's Labor government in January 1932.

Because of "difficulties" the Government had in obtaining a majority in the Senate, the Prime Minister requested a half-Senate election in early-1937. This election took place on 1 April 1937. 19 of the 60 Senate seats were contested.

This election was held on 1st April 1937 Labour won 16 of the seats. The U.A.P. / Country Party Coalition won 3 of the seats. 1937. Labor won in the Senate but still had no majority in the House of Representatives.

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TAE Worker

Australia's Pioneer Co-operative Labor Journal.

Vol. 48—No. 2024 Registered at the General Post Office, Brisbane, for transmission by post as a newspaper. BRISBANE, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1937

"Vote LABOR for Australia"

Federal Labor Leader John Curtin's Message

"WE WILL WIN—OUR CAUSE IS RIGHT"

The following message, to the people of Queensland, has been received for publication in "The Worker" from Federal Labor Leader John Curtin:

Dear Worker,

THE Campaign has been strenuous and arduous. But recent events, coupled with a victory atmosphere, prompt me to send this final message to all connected with our cause.

WE WILL WIN!



Do not despair when false propaganda appears to shadow your fight. Our cause is right. We march on in the service of the people.

Vote LABOR for Australia!

Yours faithfully,
John Curtin

THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY SLOGANS

Early-1937 SENATE HALF ELECTION



New dies for made for the new Universal Postmarking machines. Above a “*COM'LTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY*” slogan cancels a 2d golden scarlet *George V* (multiple Crown over ‘C of A’ watermark, perf 13½ x 12½) letter-rate stamp of December 1931. The date-case shows: - “2 / SYDNEY / N.S.W. AUST. / 25 FEB / 1937 / 4 PM / 1 – POSTED IN / COUNTRY BOXES / 2”.



The new “*COM'LTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY*” slogan die has been used to cancel a 2d golden scarlet *George V* (multiple Crown over ‘C of A’ watermark, perf 13½ x 12½) letter-rate stamp of December 1931. The date-case shows cancellation of: - “1 / SYDNEY / N.S.W. AUST. / 23 FEB / 1937 / 4 PM / POSTED IN / PILLAR BOXES / 1”.

THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY SLOGANS

Early-1937 SENATE HALF ELECTION



Above, a 1d green *George V* (multiple Crown over 'C of A' watermark) stamp of October 1931, used for the commercial correspondence letter-rate. It has a "COM'LTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY" slogan. The Sydney G.P.O. date-case shows: - "1 / SYDNEY / N.S.W. AUST. / 27 FEB / 1937 / 4 -PM / POSTED IN / PILLAR BOX / 1".



Above, a 1d green, *George V* (multiple Crown over 'C of A' watermark) stamp of October 1931, cancelled with a "COM'LTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY" slogan. The Sydney G.P.O. Date-case shows "2 / SYDNEY / N.S.W. AUST. / 1 MAR / 1937 / 8 -PM / POSTED IN / COUNTRY BOX / 2".



Above, a 1d green, *George V*, commercial correspondence letter rate stamp is cancelled with a "COM'LTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY" slogan. Note the absence of lines above and below the slogan. A Melbourne G.P.O. date-case shows a time of 4pm on 1 March 1937.

THE 1937 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. ELECTION

A federal election was held in Australia on 23 October 1937. All 74 seats in the House of Representatives and 19 of the 36 seats in the Senate were up for election.



Joe Lyons was re-elected Prime Minister

The U.A.P / Country Party coalition won 43 seats and the Labor Party 29, leaving in incumbent “honest” Joe Lyons as prime minister, and the Labor Party’s John Curtin as leader of the opposition.

**The Lyons Government
Brought Australia from
Depression to Prosperity**



IN 1932
30% of Australians were unemployed.
Budget deficits were undermining our national finances.
National income had fallen by £200,000,000.
The Defence of Australia was neglected.
Primary producers faced insolvency.
Taxation was at its highest.
Lack of confidence threatened our future.



IN 1937
Unemployment is back to normal.
Budget surpluses have been shown for the past five years.
National income is restored to nearly £450,000,000.
The Defences of Australia are rapidly being strengthened.
Primary producers are safe.
Taxation has been greatly reduced.
Confidence and Prosperity have returned.

**THE LYONS GOVERNMENT WILL
KEEP AUSTRALIA SAFE AND SOUND**
VOTE FOR U.A.P. CANDIDATES
and for the Senate

1

BRENNAN

2

GUTHRIE

3

PLAIN

and number each of the other candidates in order of preference, placing Labor last.

Authorized by G. E. MacLennan,
395 Collins Street, Melbourne.

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THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY SLOGANS

1937 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION OF 28TH NOVEMBER 1937.

Even before the election was officially called the “*COM'LTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY*” slogan started to be used as it had been almost 3 years since the last election, which was then then term of Parliament.



Above, the slogan was used to cancel a 2d golden scarlet *George V* stamp of 18th December 1931. The date-case reads: - “1 / SYDNEY / N.S.W. AUST. / 6 –PM / 13 OCT / 1937 / POSTED IN COUNTRY BOX / 1”.



Above, a “wide-lettered” variety of the *COM'LTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY* slogan has been used to cancel a 2d scarlet 150th Anniversary of NSW, 2d stamp of 1st October 1937. The Adelaide G.P.O. #3 Date-case shows a cancellation at 4.45pm on 15 October 193.

THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY SLOGANS

NOVEMBER 1937 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION



Above, a “*COM'LTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY*” slogan cancels a 2d scarlet 150th Anniversary of NSW stamp of 1st October 1937. The Sydney G.P.O. date-case reads: - “1 / SYDNEY / N.S.W. AUST. / 10 AM / 13 OCT / 1937 / POSTED IN PILLAR BOX / 1”.



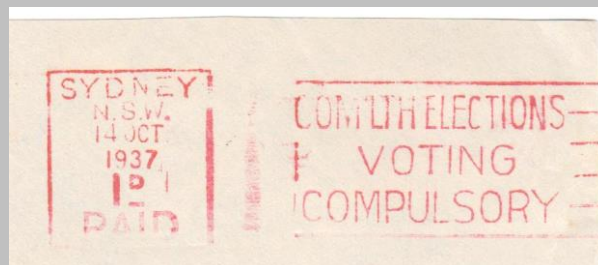
Above, a “*COM'LTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY*” slogan cancels a 2d scarlet 150th Anniversary of NSW stamp of 1st October 1937. The date-case reads: - “1 / SYDNEY / N.S.W. AUST / 6 -PM / 19 OCT / 1937 / POSTED IN COUNTRY BOX / 1”.

THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY SLOGANS

NOVEMBER 1937 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION



Above, a “*COM'LTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY*” slogan cancels a 1d green *Queen Elizabeth* (Die I) stamp of 10th May 1937. The date-case reads: - “1 / SYDNEY / N.S.W. AUST. / 10 –PM / 12 OCT / 1937 / POSTED IN PILLAR BOX / 1”.



Above, a red-inked “*COM'LTH ELECTIONS: VOTING COMPULSORY*” slogan has been used with a “SYDNEY / N.S.W. 14 OCT 1937 / 1D / PAID” date-case on a bulk mail Postage Paid letter.



Mr Robert's Wynyard Coins tables were well-patronised.



Peter Neville's stamp tables where in the middle of the Hall

EXPO 2026 IMAGES 23 & 24 MAY at the Orange High School Hall

CINDARELLAS – FROM DICKENS TO WILLIAMS BROTHERS

At the April Club meeting Tony Read showed a number of cinderellas.

THE CHARLES DICKENS 1d CINDERELLA OF 1912

The most interesting item Tony passed around was the 1912-issued, 1d, cinderella stamp commemorating the Centenary of Charles Dicken's birth.



This 5.1cm x 4.1cm item was produced as a sticker by Raphael Tuck and Sons. They were one of the leading picture postcard printers in England. It was a black and off-white "stamp" that featured column borders with an engraved portrait of Charles Dickens inside of an oval vine-like frame.

It came from inside a small Charles Dickens Centenary Stamp paper cover.

For the Charles Dickens Centenary Celebrations in 1912, one of the reasons the Charles Dickens Centenary Testimonial Committee was established for was to collect funds for the benefit of the descendants of the author.

The committee organised Tuck's to produce sheets of 12 of the 1 penny stamps.

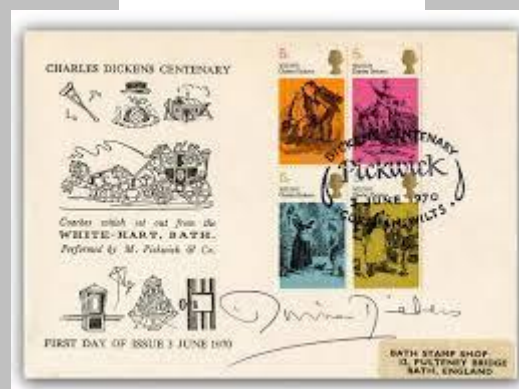
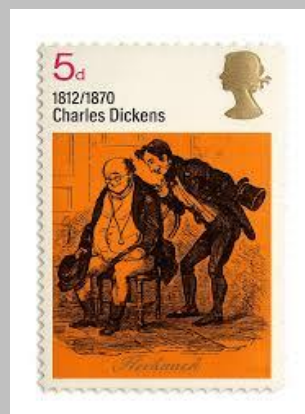


The committee secretary wrote in November 1911 to *The Spectator* magazine that three members of Dicken's family were drawing "niggardly pensions of £25 per annum" from the Government. And that none of Dicken's books produced a copyright fee. They were in need.

Macmillan, Dicken's publisher, agreed to stick one of the cinderellas in the front of each of the Charles Dicken's novels published in 1912. They ended up on the frontispiece of the book: -



These were only cinderellas, however, and they were not seen on mail. Nonetheless, over the years, there have been quite a variety of stamp issues to commemorate Charles Dicken's literary output:-



The British Post Office issued four stamps to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Charles Dicken's death in June 1970.



The Isle of Man Post Office released a special set of six stamps in October 2020 to mark the 150th Anniversary of Charles Dickens' death.



Britain's Royal Mail Dickens's issued six *Dickens Birth Bicentenary* stamps in 2012

WOOLWORTHS CASH SAVER STAMPS

Tony Read also showed a block of Woolworths Cash Saver stamps: -



Woolworths Cash Saver stamps were a vintage promotional rewards program run by Woolworths' supermarkets in Australia during the 1980s. Shoppers collected physical

paper "stamps" or tokens at the checkout during their weekly grocery trips, which they pasted into a savings booklet. Once a booklet or card was completely filled, it could be redeemed for cash discounts—such as \$50 off a large Christmas grocery shop. Today, these items are sold as pieces of Australian retail history. Surviving blocks of the \$5 brown, purple, or orange-red stamps are occasionally traded on auction sites like eBay for roughly A\$15 to A\$20.

WILLIAMS BROTHERS DIRECT SUPPLY STORES TOKENS

Tony Read also showed four tinsplate, Williams Brothers Direct Supply tokens for 2 shillings, 1 shilling, for threepence and a sixpence: -



Williams Bros. (Direct Supply Stores Ltd) tokens were British trade and co-operative tokens issued between 1910 and 1963 as part of an early customer loyalty program.

The Williams Brothers grocery chain was established in 1872 by two brothers, starting with a single shop in Islington, London. By 1963, the business grew into a large network of approximately 150 grocery, butcher, and hardware stores operating across the London area.



Beginning in 1910, the company issued tinned-iron and brass tokens to customers at the checkout based on the value of their purchases. These served as trading credits, allowing "members" to redeem them later for a cash refund or to use them as part-payment for future goods, effectively offering a 5% dividend back on their shopping.

Williams Brothers tokens are highly collectible. They generally fall into two categories depending on their face value:

- **Pence Denominations (3d, 6d, 1/-, 2s/-):** -These lower-value tokens were typically made of thin, pressed tinned-iron. The 1 Shilling (1/-) token is distinctively square-shaped, while others feature variations in spacing, lettering, and shapes.
- **Shilling Denominations (5/-, 10/-, 20/-):** These higher-value tokens were struck as round coins made out of solid brass.

The metal token system was entirely discontinued on 1 October 1963. Williams Brothers replaced the metallic counters with paper trading stamps that customers pasted into 40-space collection books to claim their cash-back rewards.