

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Issued by authority of the Minister for Housing and Assistant Treasurer

Currency Act 1965

*Currency (Australian Coins) Amendment (2020 Royal Australian Mint No. 1)
Determination 2020*

Subsection 13(2) and section 13A of the *Currency Act 1965* (the Act) provide that the Treasurer may, by legislative instrument, determine details of Australian coin characteristics including denomination, standard composition, standard weight, allowable variation from standard weight, design and dimensions.

The purpose of this legislative instrument is to determine the characteristics of one new circulating and 30 new non-circulating coins proposed to be issued by the Royal Australian Mint.

The Treasurer may authorise the making and issuing of coins specified, or taken to be specified, in the Schedule to the *Currency Act 1965*. A payment of money is a legal tender if it is made in coins that are made and issued under the *Currency Act 1965*. Through the issue of a currency determination, the Treasurer can add, remove and alter the coin characteristics specified, or taken to be specified, in the Schedule to the *Currency Act 1965*.

In accordance with section 19 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, any Minister in the Treasury portfolio may, by legislative instrument, determine details of Australian coin characteristics.

Details of the legislative instrument are set out in the Attachment.

The legislative instrument commenced on the day after it was registered on the Federal Register of Legislation.

The legislative instrument is subject to disallowance under section 42 of the *Legislation Act 2003*.

Consultation

No public consultation was undertaken in relation to this legislative instrument. The effect of this instrument is to determine details of new Australian coin characteristics which will enable the Royal Australian Mint to continue its production of circulating and numismatic coins.

Members of the public have the opportunity to contact the Royal Australian Mint to present any themes they would like to see commemorated on Australian legal tender. These concepts are then researched and assessed in accordance with the Royal Australian Mint's *Coin Design Policy*. The Royal Australian Mint also uses market based tools to identify interested parties and gauge interest in coin themes.

Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011

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This Legislative Instrument is compatible with the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*.

Overview of the Legislative Instrument

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Human rights implications

This Legislative Instrument does not engage any of the applicable rights or freedoms.

Conclusion

This Legislative Instrument is compatible with human rights as it does not raise any human rights issues.

ATTACHMENT

Details of the *Currency (Australian Coins) Amendment (2020 Royal Australian Mint No. 1) Determination 2020*

This Attachment sets out further details of the *Currency (Australian Coins) Amendment (2020 Royal Australian Mint No. 1) Determination 2020* (the Determination).

Section 1 – Name

This section provides that the name of the Determination is the *Currency (Australian Coins) Amendment (2020 Royal Australian Mint No. 1) Determination 2020*.

Section 2 – Commencement

This section prescribes that the Determination commences the day after the Determination is registered.

Section 3 – Authority

This section provides that the Determination is made under the *Currency Act 1965*.

Section 4 – Schedule

This section provides that each instrument specified in a Schedule to the Determination is amended or repealed as set out in the Schedule.

Schedule 1 – Amendments

Schedule 1 amends the *Currency (Australian Coins) Determination 2019* by adding the details of new coin characteristics and making technical amendments to ensure the Determination operates as intended. The newly determined coin characteristics are set out below.

New circulating coin

2020 \$1 Aluminium Bronze Coloured Circulating Coin – Donation Dollar

A design consisting of a central dark green printed circle, divided evenly by a pattern of radial lines. Superimposed over the central circle are seven concentric rings. The design includes the following inscriptions: “DONATION DOLLAR”; and “GIVE TO HELP OTHERS”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “ELIZABETH II” and “AUSTRALIA” and the inscription, in numerals, of a year, and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR” or “DOLLARS” as the case requires. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

New non-circulating coins

2020 \$100 Gold Investment Coin – Australia Zoo Sumatran Tiger

2020 \$1 Silver Investment Coin – Australia Zoo Sumatran Tiger

The gold investment coin bears a representation of the head of a Sumatran tiger. The silver investment coin bears a representation of a Sumatran tiger running through water. On both coins, the design includes the following inscriptions: “SUMATRAN TIGER”; “AUSTRALIA ZOO”; and “1oz .9999 Au” or “1oz .999 Ag” as the case requires.

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2020 \$1 AlBr Coloured Frosted Uncirculated Coin – Australian Olympic Team Ambassador

A representation of a volleyball player jumping to strike a volleyball. In the background is a colour-printed blue, yellow and green pattern. The design includes the Kanji symbol 東京 meaning ‘Tokyo’ enclosed in a rectangle and the official logo of the Australian Olympic Team.

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2020 \$1 AlBr Coloured Frosted Uncirculated Coin – Australian Paralympic Team Ambassador

A representation of a dynamic wheelchair rugby player holding a ball. In the background is a colour-printed blue, yellow and green pattern. The design includes the Kanji symbol 東京 meaning ‘Tokyo’ enclosed in a rectangle and the official Paralympics Australia logo.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coins together with the inscriptions “ELIZABETH II”, “AUSTRALIA”, the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year, and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR” or “DOLLARS” as the case requires. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 Round 50c CuNi Gold Plated Uncirculated Coin – Australian Olympic Team

A representation of a skateboarder, rock climber, surfer, baseball player and karate athlete. In the background is an irregular geometric grid pattern. The design includes the Kanji symbol 東京 meaning ‘Tokyo’ enclosed in a rectangle, the official logo of the Australian Olympic Team, and the inscription “AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coins together with the inscriptions “ELIZABETH II”, “AUSTRALIA”, the inscription, in Arabic numerals, of a year, and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 \$5 1oz Silver Proof Domed Coin – Australian Olympic Team

A representation of three athletes posed as if competing in their events. In the background, partially obscured by the athletes are five concentric rings, with the centre ring surrounding the Kanji symbol 東京 meaning ‘Tokyo’, enclosed in a rectangle. A stylised representation of a ribbon, which is superimposed with the official Australian Olympic Team logo, weaves amongst the athletes. The design includes the following inscriptions: “FIVE DOLLARS”; “AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM”; and the initials of the designer Aleksandra Stokic “AS”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “ELIZABETH II” and “AUSTRALIA” and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 \$30 1kg Silver Proof Coin – Australian Olympic Team

A stylised impression of four swimmers in a pool divided into four swimming lanes. Following each swimmer in their respective lane is a stylised representation of four carp. Along the left-hand edge of the coin is a stylised representation of five origami carp and a half-border consisting of a geometric pattern representing folded origami paper. The design includes the Kanji symbol 東京 meaning ‘Tokyo’ enclosed in a rectangle, the official logo of the Australian Olympic Team, and the following inscriptions: “AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM”; “THIRTY DOLLARS”; “1kg .999 Ag”; and the initials of the designer Bronwyn King “BK”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “ELIZABETH II”, “AUSTRALIA” and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 \$3000 1kg Gold Proof Coin – Australian Olympic Team

In the background is a curved vertical stripe representing seven ribbons. Superimposed over the ribbons are stylised representation of athletes competing in different sports. The design includes the Kanji symbol 東京 meaning ‘Tokyo’

enclosed in a rectangle, the official logo of the Australian Olympic Team and the following inscriptions: “AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM”; “1kg .9999 Au”; and the initials of the designer Aaron Baggio “AB”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “ELIZABETH II”, “AUSTRALIA”, the inscription, in numerals, of a year and Arabic numerals for the amount, in dollars, of the denomination of the coin followed by “DOLLAR” or “DOLLARS” as the case requires. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 \$5 Bimetallic Proof Coin – Australian Paralympic Team

The design on the coin consists of a central gold circle with a hammered metal finish. Surrounding the central circle is a silver ring containing stylised representations of five carp. Surrounding the silver ring is a copper ring with an ornamental Japanese pattern of arcs. In the foreground, a stylised ribbon runs vertically down the centre of the coin, which is superimposed with the official Paralympics Australia logo, a representation of an athlete in a wheelchair, a representation of a swimmer, and the Kanji symbol 東京 meaning ‘Tokyo’ enclosed in a rectangle. The design includes the following inscriptions: “AUSTRALIAN PARALYMPIC TEAM” and “5 DOLLARS”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “ELIZABETH II” and “AUSTRALIA”, the inscription, in numerals, of a year, and the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”, all enclosed in a central silver circle. Surrounding the silver circle is a copper ring with an ornamental Japanese pattern of arcs.

2020 50c CuNi Coloured Uncirculated Coin – 50th Anniversary of Skippy the Bush Kangaroo

A printed colour image of the characters Skippy and Sonny Hammond from the television program *Skippy the Bush Kangaroo* broadcast on the Nine Network and a representation of a television set and screen from the 1970s. The design includes the following inscriptions: “Skippy”; “The Bush Kangaroo”; and “50”.

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2020 50c CuNi Gold-Plated Uncirculated Coin – ANDA release

A representation of the Coat of Arms of the Commonwealth. The design includes the following inscriptions: “M” enclosed in a square; “50” and “SD”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions

“ELIZABETH II” and “AUSTRALIA” and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 \$2 AlBr Coloured Uncirculated Coin – ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2020

A central circle enclosing a representation of a cricket stump being struck by a cricket ball. Surrounding the central circle is a coloured border consisting of blue, pink and yellow irregular zig-zag lines. The design includes the following inscriptions: “MEN’S T20 WORLD CUP”; and “TWO DOLLARS”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “ELIZABETH II” and “AUSTRALIA” and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 50c CuNi Uncirculated Coin – The Afghan Cameleers
2020 50c Silver Proof Coin – The Afghan Cameleers

A representation of a bearded male figure wearing a turban with a loaded and decorated camel. Partially obscuring the camel and cameleer is a silhouette of a cameleer and a line of eight camels. The design includes a half-border of a geometric mosaic pattern. The design includes the following inscriptions: “AFGHAN CAMELEERS”; “50” and the initials of the designer Lydia Ashe “LA”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “ELIZABETH II” and “AUSTRALIA” and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 \$1 1/2oz Coloured Silver Uncirculated Coin – Star Dreaming Emu in the Sky

An Indigenous Australian illustration of an emu superimposed over a printed colour image of the Milky Way. Outside the colour-printed area is a representation of an emu sitting on a nest with eight eggs, and a representation of three male dancers, all superimposed over five curved lines. The design includes the following inscriptions: “THE EMU IN THE SKY” and “1/2 oz .999 Ag”.

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2020 \$2 Gold Proof Coin – Jody Clark Effigy
2020 \$2 Silver Proof Coin – Jody Clark Effigy

A representation of a male Indigenous Australian elder, the Southern Cross and a grass tree. The design includes the following inscriptions: “2” and “DOLLARS”.

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“ELIZABETH II”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 \$1 Gold Proof Coin – Jody Clark Effigy
2020 \$1 Silver Proof Coin – Jody Clark Effigy

A design consisting of a stylised representation of 5 kangaroos and the inscription “1 DOLLAR”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “ELIZABETH II”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 50c Gold Proof Coin – Jody Clark Effigy
2020 50c Silver Proof Coin – Jody Clark Effigy

A representation of the Coat of Arms of the Commonwealth and the inscriptions “50” and “SD”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “ELIZABETH II”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 20c Gold Proof Coin – Jody Clark Effigy
2020 20c Silver Proof Coin – Jody Clark Effigy

A representation of a platypus in water and the inscriptions “20” and “SD”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “ELIZABETH II”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 10c Gold Proof Coin – Jody Clark Effigy
2020 10c Silver Proof Coin – Jody Clark Effigy

A representation of a lyrebird and the inscriptions “10” and “SD”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “ELIZABETH II”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 5c Gold Proof Coin – Jody Clark Effigy
2020 5c Silver Proof Coin – Jody Clark Effigy

A representation of an echidna and the inscriptions “5” and “SD”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions

“ELIZABETH II”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 50c AlBr Uncirculated Coin – Banjo Patterson: Waltzing Matilda

In the top half of the coin, a representation of an Australian bush scene featuring mountains, shrubs, two sheep drinking from a billabong and a swagman dragging one sheep away. In the bottom half of the coin, in the background, is a representation of an Australian bush scene featuring clouds, shrubs and a billabong and a man on horseback accompanied by two policemen. In the foreground is a representation of a swagman sitting on his swag at the billabong and a representation of a gum tree which partially obscures the other elements of the coin design. The design includes the following inscriptions: “Waltzing Matilda”; “50” and the initials of the designer Adam William Ball “AWB”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “ELIZABETH II”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 50c AlBr Uncirculated Coin – Banjo Patterson: The Man from Snowy River

A representation of an Australian highland scene. In the background, the landscape features clouds, mountains, cliffs, vegetation and three men on horseback along with a representation of a homestead with a windmill and horses surrounded by a fence. In the foreground is a representation of seven brumbies and a man on horseback carrying a stockman’s whip. The design includes the following inscriptions: “The Man from Snowy River”; “50” and the initials of the designer Adam William Ball “AWB”.

Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “ELIZABETH II”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Jody Clark “JC”.

2020 50c AlBr Uncirculated Coin – Banjo Patterson: Clancy of the Overflow

In the top half of the coin, a representation of an Australian bush landscape featuring mountains, trees, a river, a man on horseback, a dog, a man shearing sheep and seven cows. In the bottom half of the coin is a representation of a late 19th century city scene including a line of buildings, a trolley car and a horse-drawn carriage. In the foreground is a representation of a bookshelf and a man sitting at a desk reading a letter. The design includes the following inscriptions: “Clancy of the Overflow”; “50” and the initials of the designer Adam William Ball “AWB”.

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