# AUSTRALIAN BANKNOTE REFERENCE BOOKS Updated September 2024

# Michael P. (Mick) Vort-Ronald publications.

Now "retired" - monthly contributor to Australian Coin Review magazine for 49 years, and

Honorary Life Fellow

Honorary Life Member, ex-president 19 years

Honorary Life Member, ex-president 11 years

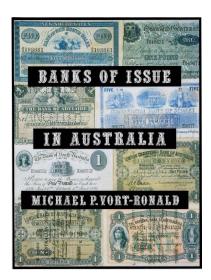
Honorary Life Member, ex-president 10 years

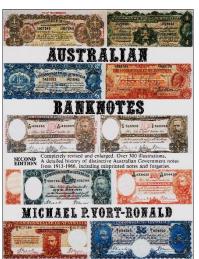
Member Sydney, Honorary Member, Melbourne,

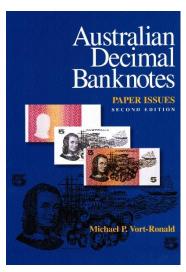
Member, Retired Police Offices Association and

Numismatic Society of S.A. Inc. Yorke Peninsula Collectables Club. Adelaide Gem and Mineral Club Inc. Mineralogical Society of S.A. Inc. International Banknote Society. S.A. Police Historical Society.

September 2017, inducted into the International Bank Note Society Hall of Fame in the U.S.A.







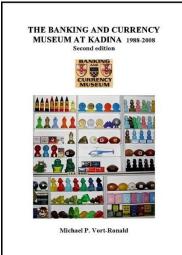
- Banks of Issue in Australia, private banknotes issued by banks 1817 to 1910 and superscribed banknotes 1910-1914, plus the histories of the banks that issued them, 331 pages. THE reference used in all auction catalogues in Australia and overseas for early Australian private bank notes (soft cover sold out), hard cover \$40 nearly sold out.

  See also, Australian Private Banknotes, page 4.
- Australian Banknotes 2nd. edition Pre-decimal notes, concentrating on Australian notes from 1913 to 1966, 344 pages. Soft cover \$20, hard cover sold out, leather-look un-numbered special hard cover, \$45 (only a few left).
- Australian Decimal Banknotes, paper issues. Decimal notes to include all paper issues and introduction to NNS polymer notes. Unissued designs illustrated, all serial number and production details, errors, specimen notes. Described by Greg McDonald (Coin & Banknote Catalogue) as the best book ever written about Australian banknotes at that time. 416 pages, lots of illustrations, soft cover \$39, hard cover \$49.

One or two books, postage \$18, three books, postage \$20 under new postal rates from September 2023. All books printed on quality paper, sewn bound, 100ds of illustrations, including how, when and why printed and original scenes illustrated and described. Serial numbering, totals printed, dates of issue and press releases, and much more. **THE THREE** banknote collector's "Bibles".

The **BANKING AND CURRENCY MUSEUM** at Kadina South Australia was established by **Mick Vort-Ronald** 9.12.1988 and **closed** 19.12.2008, premises and collections sold. If you were one of the many thousands of people who visited it, this new book will bring back fond memories. *If you didn't visit during the 20 years it was open, this book will show you what you missed!* 





A collector's dream for over 20 years, collecting and displaying almost every type of numismatic and bank item from coins, banknotes, tokens, Roman coins, Egyptian antiquities, bank signs, equipment and machines, badges, uniforms, shipwreck coins, shredded banknotes, and 20 cabinets of gems, minerals, meteorites and fossils. How the museum evolved and expanded, where most of the displays came from, what they cost and what they sold for after the museum closed in 2008. You will be surprised to see how much was displayed. Multiple Regional Tourism Award winner and unique in Australia - possibly the world!

312 A4-size pages and over 700 black and white images, \$60, post \$18.



















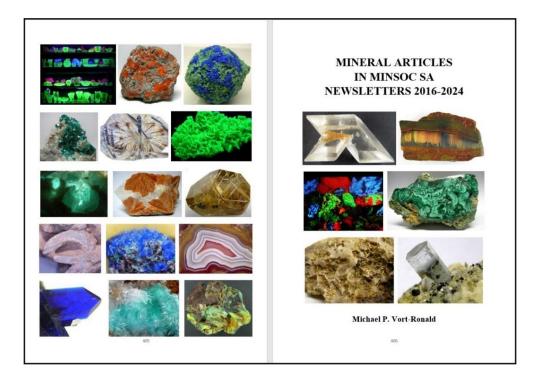


# AUSTRALIAN DECIMAL BANKNOTES AND DESIGNS

35 years since my last general decimal banknotes book, with 330 A-4 pages IN COLOUR (my first in colour after 163 previous publications).

Over 800 colour images and 75 black and white images with many banknote designs privately published for the very first time.

RRP \$99, post \$18. 70 copies printed.

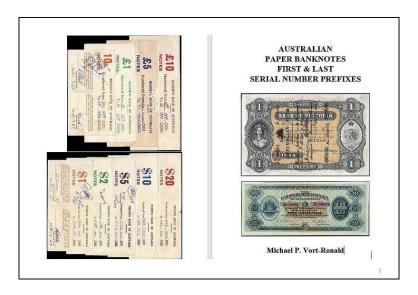


# MINERAL ARTICLES IN MINSOC SA NEWSLETTERS 2016-2024.

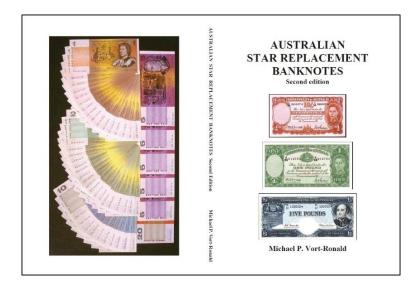
Eight years of monthly newsletter articles IN COLOUR from the Mineral Society SA newsletters mostly authored by me as editor, collated into a 404-page A4 thermal bound book with over 1,500 illustrations. First printing sold out, now available again at \$75 each plus \$18 postage if required.



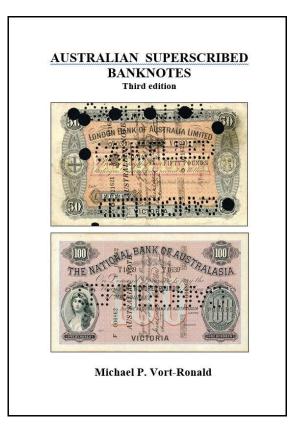
132 pages with 165 Million serial numbered notes illustrated, revised September 2024, \$30, post \$8.

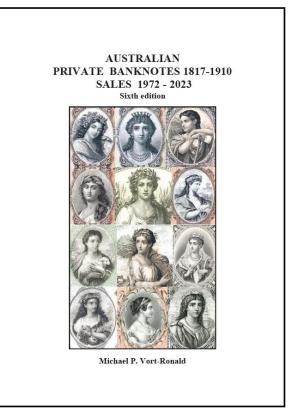


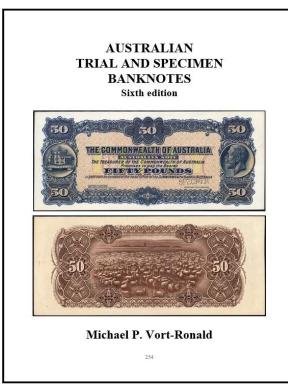
140 pages, Superscribed to the end of paper decimal notes, 1910-1996, \$36, post \$8.

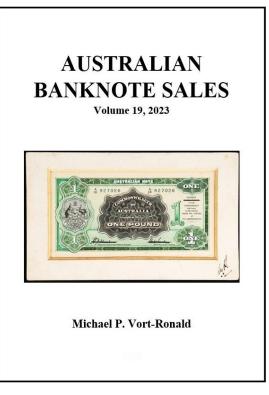


Records of 47 years of Australian Star Replacement Banknote sales. 288 pages, \$60, post \$15. Second edition published November 2022. See how many times notes have sold and the changing conditions and prices.









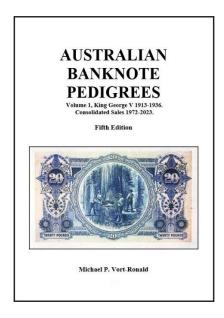
- 1. Records all private **bank notes superscribed** by the Australian Government from 1910-14 seen in auctions, and lists notes in museums, Art Gallery of S.A. and the R.B.A. 116pp, \$27 post \$8.
  - 2. **Australian Private Banknotes** 1817-1910 sales to 2023, 6<sup>th</sup>. ed. 304 pp, \$60, post \$18.
    - 3. **Australian Trial and Specimen Banknotes** 6th edition to September 2024, 20% larger, 252 pages, \$54, post \$15.

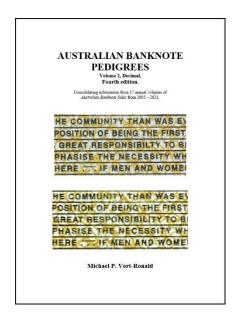
**Australian Banknote Sales 2018 to 2021** \$30 each, post \$7 each (post \$22 for 3-5 copies). **2022 and 2023, 20% larger, 152 pages, \$39 each,** post \$8 or \$15 for two.

#### AUSTRALIAN BANKNOTE SALES

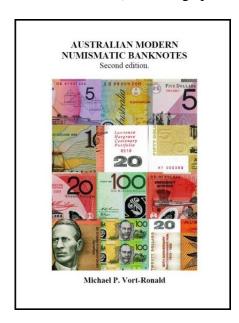
Listings of virtually all scarcer banknotes **sold in auctions** or offered by dealers by serial number, grade and hammer or asking prices. The first Pedigrees with 508 pages lists all notes seen from 1972-2004. Then **annual updates** are issued around January of each year.

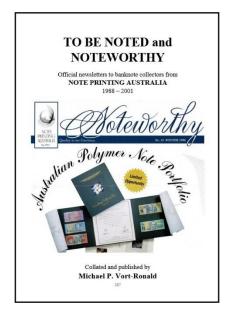
Australian Banknote Pedigrees (1972-2004) 508 pages, reduced to \$50, hard cover \$70, post \$18. Yearly banknote sales 2005 \$23 posted. 2006, 2007 \$28 each posted. 2010-2015 \$33 each posted, 2016-2021 \$36 ea. posted, 3-5 copies postage only \$18.





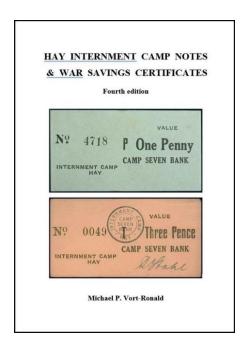
Australian Banknote Sales from 2005-2023 consolidating 19 annual updates into two volumes as **Australian Banknote Pedigrees**, Fifth edition. Sales of all King George V banknotes for the last 50 years. Volume 1, 5/- to £1,000, King George V, 312 pp \$63. Vol 2 **Decimal**, including specimens to 2021, 284 pp \$57 sold out.

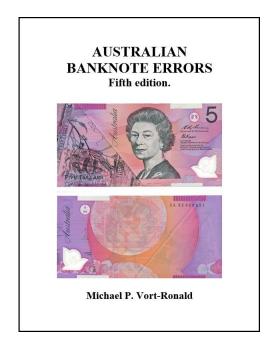




#### MODERN NUMISMATIC BANKNOTES from NOTE PRINTING AUSTRALIA

Third edition January 2022. Banknotes put into chronological and thematic order to explain all of the special collector issues, 128 pages, \$30, post \$8. **NOTED & NOTEWORTHY**, all newsletters and advertising from N.P.A. to collectors from 1988 to 2001 regarding the special collector's banknote issues relative to my other book AUSTRALIAN MODERN NUMISMATIC BANKNOTES. Includes R.B.A. annual serial number information 1992-2022, 284 pages \$57 post \$15. Published January 2024.





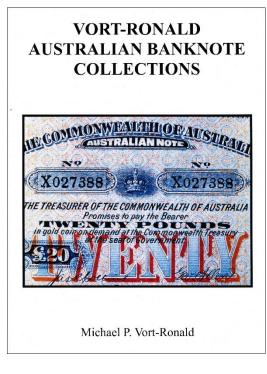
# HAY INTERNMENT CAMP NOTES & WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

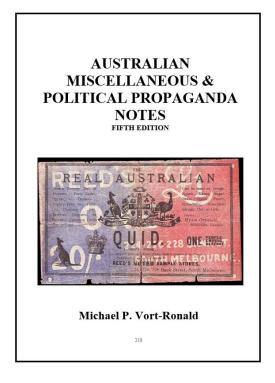
4<sup>rd</sup> edition released November 2021, 140pp. \$36, post \$8.

Full details of over 350 Hay notes recorded with prices realised.
High value WW1 War Savings Certificates illustrated from R.B.A. Archives.
Canteen Orders, German New Guinea, Japanese Invasion notes, Savings stamps, Short snorters,
Treasury bonds, Wartime propaganda and more.

# **AUSTRALIAN BANKNOTE ERRORS Fifth edition**

Virtually every banknote error in auctions from 1975 to July 2024, profusely illustrated, 212 pages, soft cover, \$48, \$15 post. 200 new data entries and 12 new pages.



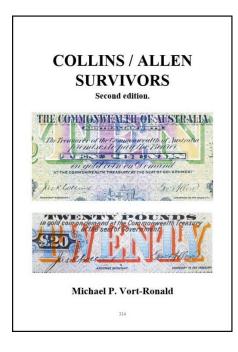


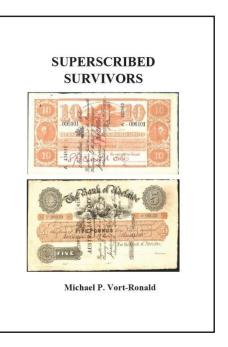
# **VORT-RONALD COLLECTIONS.**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS & POLITICAL NOTES**

**Left.** 1988 & 2009 collections with extra pictures not in 1988 catalogue, collection later peaking with a theory value of \$9 million. 150 pp \$44 posted. **Right.** 

Australian Miscellaneous and Political Propaganda Notes 5<sup>th</sup> edition April 2024. 216 pp. \$48. Post \$15.

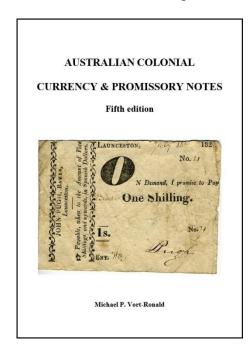


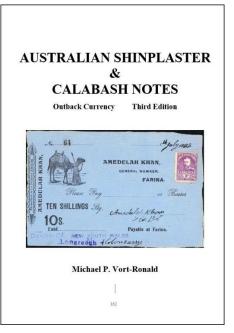


The first C/A edition with 124 pages and 235 images covers the survivors and sales from the first million 10/-, £1 and £5 notes and all Collins / Allen £10 to £1,000. \$24, post \$8.

The second C/A edition in November 2022 with 312 pages and over 745 images covers and illustrates ALL known survivors and sales of Collins/Allen Treasury designed notes and includes all of the information from the first edition. \$63, post \$15. Total \$104 for the two posted together.

**SUPERSCRIBED SURVIVORS**, virtually every known note illustrated, including 40 experimental notes from the R.B.A. archives – most published for the very first time. 160 pages, \$39, post \$15.





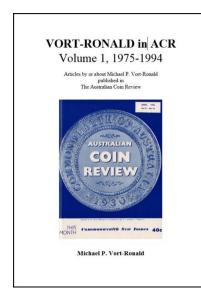
Australian Colonial Currency and Promissory Notes 5th ed. 2021, 148 pp. \$39, post \$8.

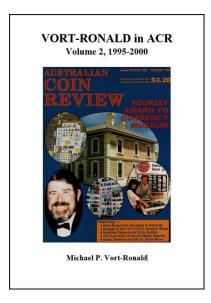
AUSTRALIAN SHINPLASTER & CALABASH NOTES (Outback Currency)

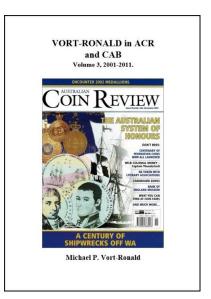
Third edition 160 pages, newspaper items and obituaries added, \$39, post \$15.

# **VORT-RONALD in ACR and CAB** due end of March 2021.

To celebrate over 45 years of writing articles for the *Australian Coin Review* and the *Australasian Coin and Banknote* magazine, four new Vort-Ronald publications have been produced to provide a further 1,430 pages of articles by or about Mick Vort-Ronald in those magazines. These will complement the previous two editions published, now designated as Volumes 4 and 5. VERY FEW people would have all 57 years (625 issues) of these magazines, so this is a golden opportunity for researchers and collectors to catch up with what was written by Mick decades ago up to today, particularly about Australian banknotes.



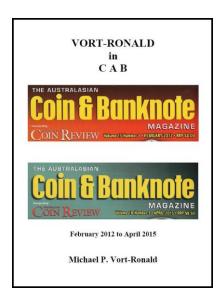


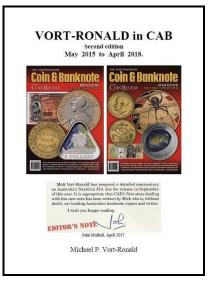


Volume 1, 1975-1994.

Volume 2, 1995-2000.

Volume 3, 2001-2012.







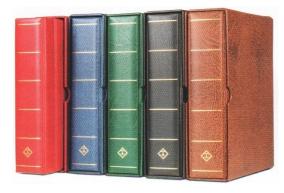
Volume 4, 2012-2015.

Volume 5, 2015-2018.

Volume 6, 2018-2021.

Volume 1, 2 and 3 have 400 pages each for \$75 each plus \$15 post for one or two or \$19 post for all three. Volume 4 has 148 pages for \$36, Volume 5 has 172 pages for \$42, Volume 6 has 234 pages for \$50, post \$12 each or \$15 post for two or three. **Payment** by cheque, money order or EFT to M..P. Vort-Ronald, P.O. Box 653 Willaston S.A. 5118. Ph. (08) 8522 4490, mob. 0417 212 906, no text messages please. email <a href="mailto:vortronald@yp-connect.net">vortronald@yp-connect.net</a> Further information Web pages www.yp-connect.net/~vortronald Payment by EFT to 015590 580785528 with postcode or surname.

Volume 7, 2021-2024 now available 232 pages \$50, post \$15. Combined postage available. Total for 7 volumes \$395, postage for all seven volumes maximum of \$30 depending on destination. New post charges from September 2023, \$17 post for one, \$22 post for 3. Max post for 4-7 \$30.



**Interleaves** for Vario banknote albums fully illustrated and printed on quality 200 gsm. paper for inserting between existing clear Vario banknote pages.

COMPLETE VARIO "GIGANT" ALBUMS as left with clear pages, interleaves, slipcase, assembled as at September 2024.

Interleaves	Clear pages	Cover	Post	Total
10/- £1000 \$64	45 = \$117	\$90	\$22	\$293
Paper decimal \$54	35 = \$91	\$90	\$22	\$235



Printed interleaves have information about the note on the left side page as below and a picture of the applicable note on the opposite side.

References 10/- 1933 R9 M17 V9

Signatures E. C. Riddle H. J. Sheehan

Governor, Commonwealth Secretary to the Treasury.

Bank of Australia.

**Serial numbers** C over 0, 000001 to C over 20, 1000000.

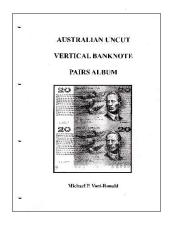
**Total printed** 21,000,000. First of the legal tender (Ash) issues.

**Front design** King George V on the right, plain borders.

**Back design** Engraving allegorical of manufacturing industries from a sculpture by Paul Raphael Montford, see page 24.





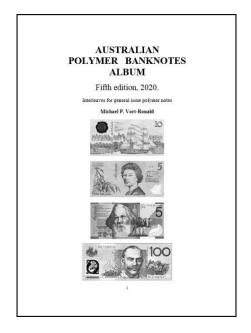


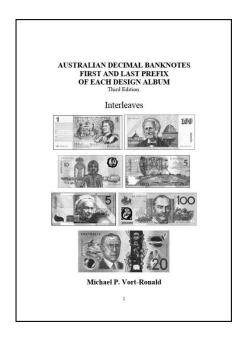
**Interleaves** will illustrate and explain what you have and show you what you are missing.

- 1. Specialist (for notes from Note Printing Australia folders & portfolios) \$40.
- 2. First and last prefixes for each design (see next page);
- 3. Uncut vertical pairs; & Superscribed; \$20 each & \$8 post each.
- 4. N.P.A. Annually dated notes red and black serials ex folders \$25 & \$8 post.

Standard O-ring banknote covers with slipcases \$60, Vario 1, 2 or 3 pocket clear pages \$13 pack of 5 or \$2.60 each, black dividers \$10 pack of 5. Plus post.

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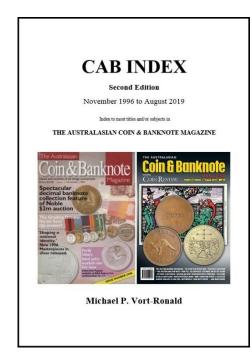


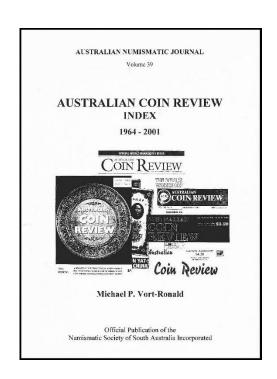
# NEW BANKNOTE ALBUM INTERLEAVES JANUARY 2021 POLYMER 5<sup>th</sup> ed. PREFIXES 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.

Including the Next-Gen banknotes \$20 each and \$8 post each.

COMPLETE assembled O-ring Vario album with slipcase and clear pages – with interleaves for polymer notes \$130 or with both polymer notes and first and last prefixes of each design notes \$184, postage \$22. No extra charge for assembling.

Housed in larger D ring Gigant Vario covers and slipcase (see previous page) add \$30.

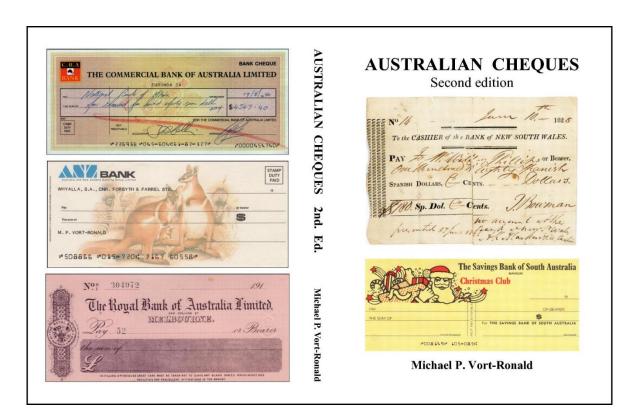




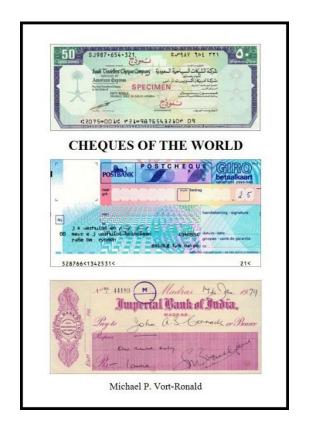
# CAB INDEX 2nd ed. August 2019.

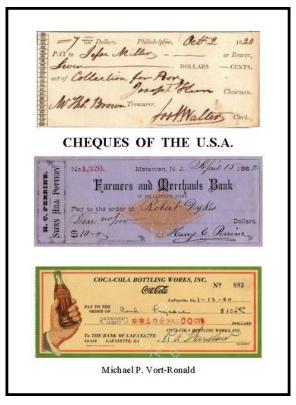
7,000 index references to 22 years of the Australasian Coin & Banknote magazine 1996-2019. 132 pp. \$30, post \$7, index supplement 2019-2022, 32 pages, \$15, post \$5.

**Australian Coin Review Index**, 1964-2001 by M. P. Vort-Ronald for Numismatic Society of S.A. 136 pp. \$32 posted. Send cheque made out to N.S.S.A. or EFT to 015590 498120308 with a name or postcode and advise me when sent and your postal address details.

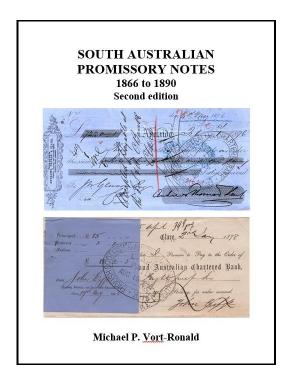


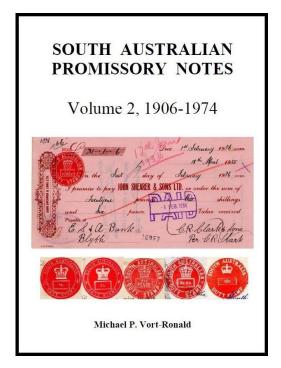
**AUSTRALIAN CHEQUES** 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2019 372 pp \$70, post \$18.





Cheques of the World, 1,300 illustrated from 122 countries, 220 pages, \$48, post \$15. Cheques of the U.S.A. over 800 illustrated, another 565 listed. 166 pages, \$40, post \$15. Both books posted together \$18 post for the two.

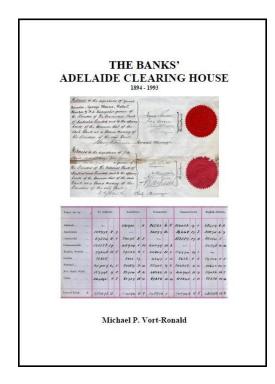


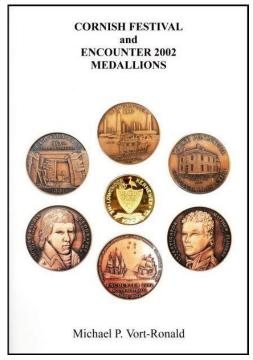


**S.A. PROMISSORY NOTES** "time-to-pay cheques"

1866 - 1890 and 1906-1974

128 pages \$30 and 88 pages \$24, post \$8 each.





The complete records of

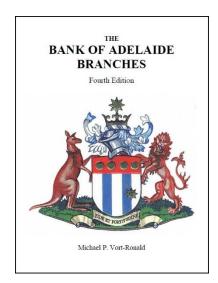
THE BANKS' ADELAIDE CLEARING HOUSE From 1894 – 1993.

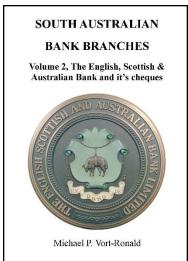
Indentures, agreements, statistics, correspondence.

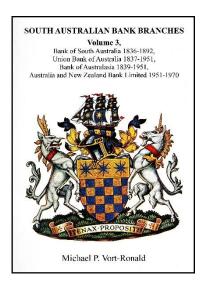
Monthly record of all cheques exchanged between the banks for nearly 100 years, 400 pages, \$75, post \$18.

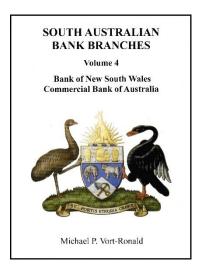
**CORNISH FESTIVAL MEDALLIONS** and Medallions for Flinders & Baudin 2002 designed by Mick Vort-Ronald, and medallions produced every 2 years from 1975 to 2009 by Northern Yorke Peninsula Coin Club / Yorke Peninsula Collectables Club (the last 10 designed by him) 120 pages.

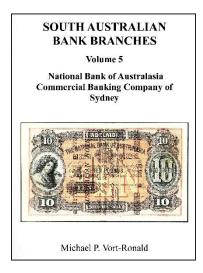
#### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BANK BRANCH HISTORIES

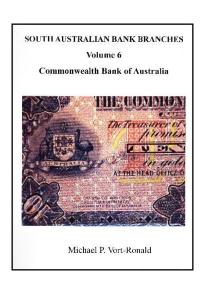


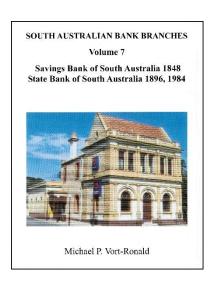


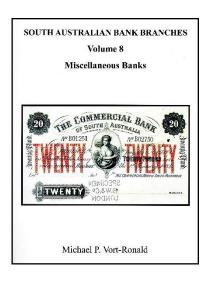


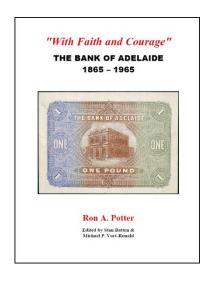












History and pictures of **all branches of all banks** in SA, past and present up to 2008 with names of first managers, and when opened and closed. Covers shown, previous page.

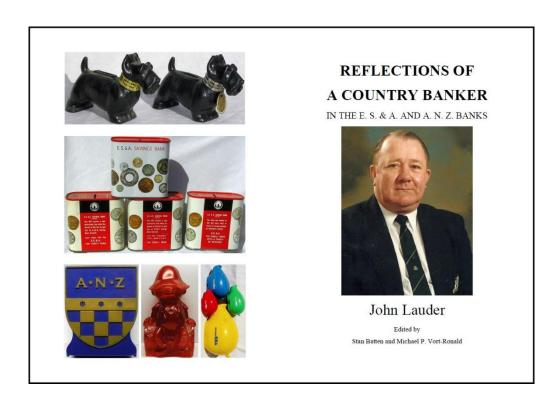
- (2) ES&A Bank & cheques,
- (3) Union & Australasia & ANZ,
- (4) Bank NSW & CBA.
- (6) Commonwealth Bank,
- (8) Miscellaneous banks & towns index 124 pages;

# all \$25 each, plus \$8 post ea.

- (7) Savings & State Bank (184 pages) \$35 post \$18.
- (1) Bank of Adelaide Branches 4th edition 2018, \$37 posted.
- (5) National and CBC 2018 reprint \$37 posted.

With Faith and Courage, Bank of Adelaide centenary 1865-1965 by Ron Potter edited by Mick Vort-Ronald and Stan Batten 2018, 124 pp. \$38 posted.

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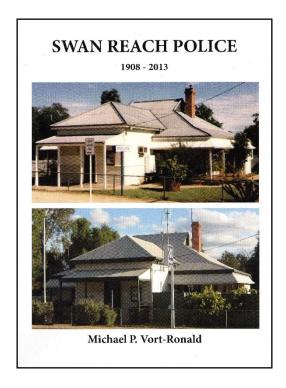
#### REFLECTIONS OF A COUNTRY BANKER \$30, post \$8.

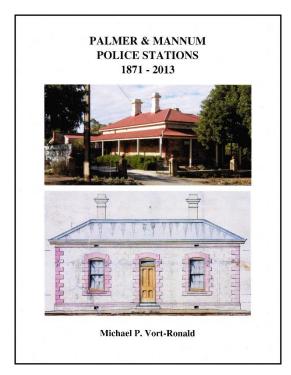
John Lauder was a junior and teller with the E S & A at various branches including Port Pirie, Melrose, Manoora, Tanunda, Kalangadoo, Mt. Gambier, Adelaide, Eastern Market, Terowie, Peterborough, North Adelaide, Darwin, Snowtown, Town Hall, Appila, Riverton and Tarlee,

and A N Z manager at Peterborough, Port Lincoln, Murray Bridge and Loxton. This limited edition 124-page A4 book shares the stories about his work and funny experiences at those branches during his 41 years with the Bank.

A free "bonus" will be the inclusion of two actual paid E S &A cheques, one 130 year-old cheque of the ES&A Chartered Bank and one in the 1950s from the E S & A Bank Limited.

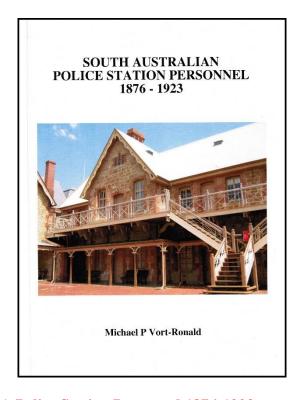
# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN POLICE STATION HISTORIES

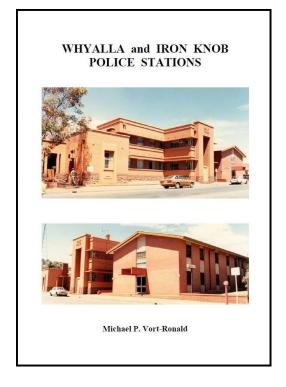




**Swan Reach Police 1908-2013.** 76 pages, \$24, post \$8.

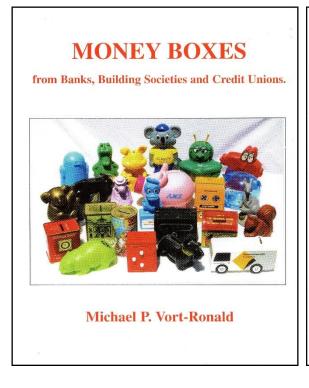
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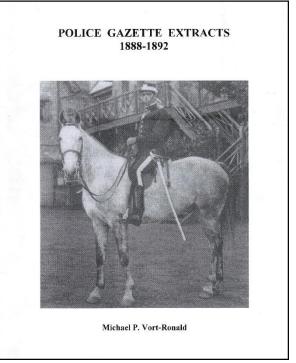




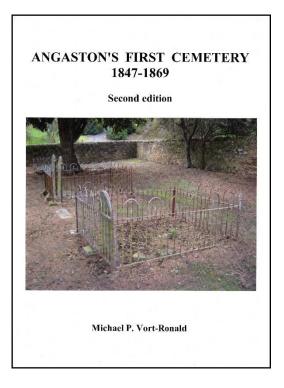
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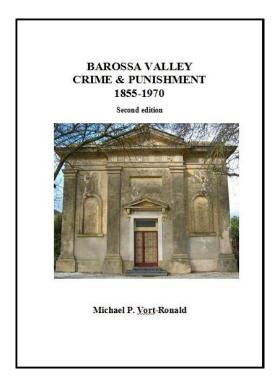
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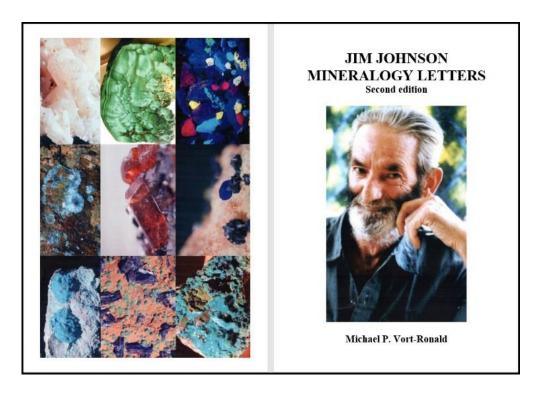


- 1. **Moneyboxes** from banks, Building societies and credit unions from Australia and overseas with histories of the various Australian companies, 350 pages, \$30, post \$18.
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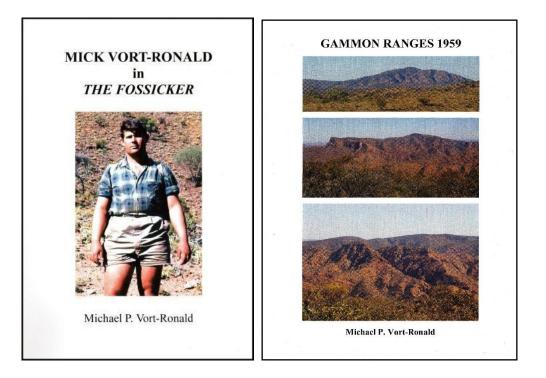




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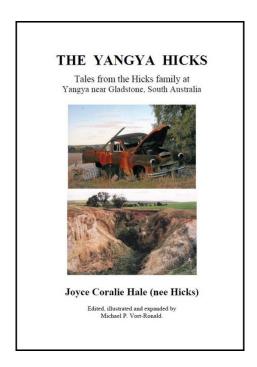


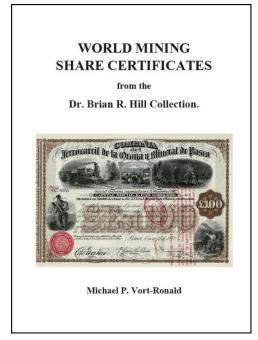
11 years of very detailed mineral identification letters between myself and leading mineralogist Jim Johnson. 200 pages, \$45, post \$15.



**Left. Mineral collecting articles** in the Adelaide Gem & Mineral Club's magazine "Fossicker" by MVR 1963-2009, 316 pages, \$40, post \$18.

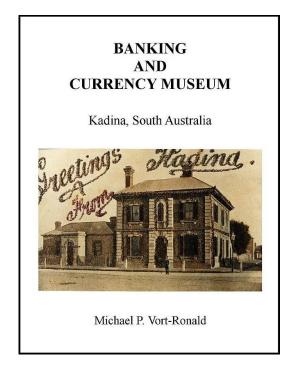
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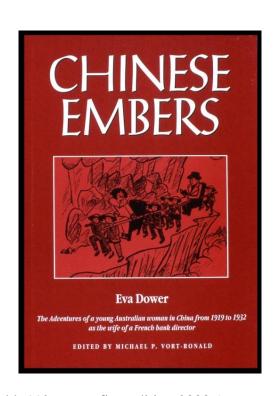




**The Yangya Hicks**, tales from the Hicks family and history of Hicks iron ore quarry at Yangya near Gladstone S.A. 120 years ago. 104 pp. \$25, post \$8.

World Mining Share Certificates, May 2021, 104 pages, \$25, post \$8.

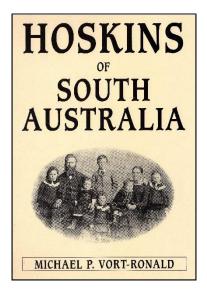




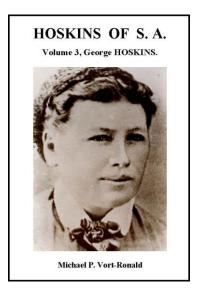
**Left.** History of the museum from 1988-2008 before sold, 112 pages, first edition 2008 (see page 3). **Each** \$32 posted.

**Right.** Chinese Embers, adventures of the South Australian wife of a French banker in China in the 1920s with illustrations and cartoons, edited and published by me as the grandson of Eva Dower's sister. In 2021 I re-interred Eva's ashes in her mother's and two sister's grave at Mitcham, where I hold the lease for the next 60 years. 88 A5 pages \$8, \$5 post. This book particularly appeals to women.

#### **FAMILY HISTORIES**



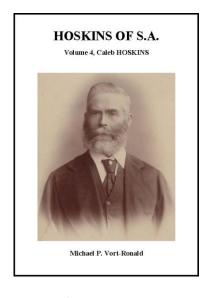


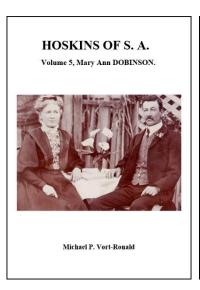


350 pages \$40 reduced to \$20

158 pp \$35

164 pp \$35







132 pp \$30 sold out

158 pp \$35

124 pp \$30

HOSKINS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA Andrew Hoskins arrived in S.A. in 1840 from Yarlington Somerset, England on the *Rajasthan* and settled at Nailsworth. His 10 surviving children, includes Gilbert, Dobinson and Lewis families. 350 pages, 950 pictures, reduced to \$20, plus \$18 post.

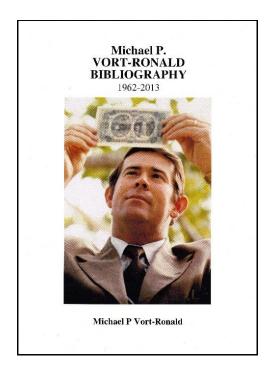
**2015 2nd editions** in 5 separate volumes for children born 1850s as pictured above, post each \$6 for Caleb (Quorn), James (Wilmington), Frederick (Wirrabara), Mary Ann Dobinson (Alberton), George and Bertha (Broken Hill). Unable to locate descendants and complete separate volumes for Octavia Gilbert and Susanna Lewis.

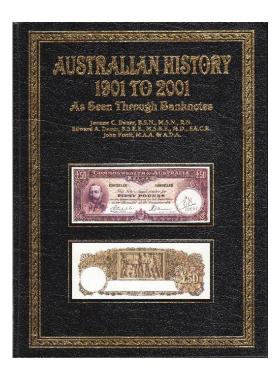
Headstone to the Hoskins family erected in the Smith Street cemetery, Walkerville by descendants in 1995. Enter via gate in Smith Street, 5 metres, black headstone is to your left amongst rose bushes. I have also taken over the lease of Caleb's wife Margaret Veronica Hoskins nee Curtis's grave at Mitcham S.A. (in the Anglican section) until 2086, where two of her unmarried daughters Florence and Maud are also buried, and from February 2021 also her daughter Eva Dower (ex Roy and Friedrichs). A large Norwegian blue pearl granite plaque was erected by me on the grave in April 2020. Margaret's husband Caleb and his brother James were buried in Quorn in 1927.



FAMILY HISTORY, Joseph Phillips arrived 1865 from Skinners Bottom, St. Agnes, Cornwall, 2nd. ed. 150 pages, \$26 plus \$8 post. Another book MAYNARD OF NOARLUNGA – sold out.

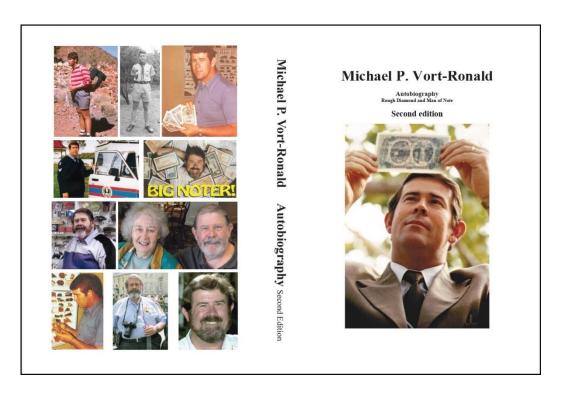
Joseph Phillips at Dudley Park and the histories of the Prospect churches, 36pp, 2018, \$5, post \$3.





Michael P. Vort-Ronald Bibliography. 100 pages, \$25, post \$8.

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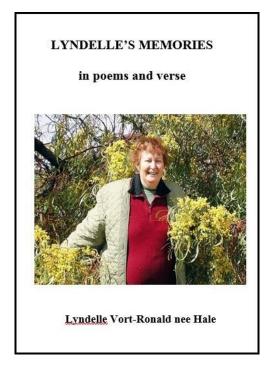
Harold Peake, "It is more than handy to have a walking, talking, live encyclopedia available a phone call away!!"

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Left, Lyndelle's Poems – a lifetime of poems and reminiscences from my wife, many relating to her mother's Yangya Hicks farm, Gladstone, 136 pp, \$25, post \$8. Right, Lyndelle's Memories in poems and verse, 2021, 116 pages, \$25, post \$8. Lyn passed away 29.9.2023 aged nearly 78 years.

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**AUTHOR:** Michael P. (Mick) Vort-Ronald was born in Adelaide in 1943 and celebrated 80 years of age in 2023. As a teenager he collected minerals, stamps and coins, and was a Queen's Scout. At the age of 16 years and two weeks he joined the South Australian Police Force as a cadet and graduated in 1963. He was stationed at Adelaide, Whyalla, Angaston, Nuriootpa, Swan Reach, Port Pirie, Whyalla and Mannum - the last two towns as a sergeant for nine years. He is still a member of the Police Historical Society and the Retired Police Officers Association.

At the age of 18 years he joined the Adelaide Gem and Mineral Club and was made Life Member in 2012 for 50 years continuous membership and Honorary Life Member in 2022. He was president of the club 11 times and editor of its magazine "The Fossicker". He was president of Yorke Peninsula Gem and Mineral Club four times, and the Mineralogical Society of South Australia ten times, and is currently an Honorary Life Member and its vice-president and newsletter editor. Most of his original gem and mineral collection was sold to help finance his first banknote reference book in 1979, but a new larger collection of gems, minerals, fossils and meteorites was displayed in his museum until it closed on 19.12.2008. He still collects, studies and photographs minerals.

As a specialist on Australian banknotes he wrote monthly for the *Australian Coin Review* from 1975 and became its final editor from 1999 to 2001. He then wrote monthly for the *Australasian Coin & Banknote Magazine* in Sydney until it ceased in November 2023 and then continued again for the ACR. His *Australian Coin Review Index* was published by the Numismatic Society of S.A. in 2002. From 1976 he has part-authored the banknote sections of *Renniks Australian Coin and Banknote Guides*. He has written and self-published over 170 reference books, mostly about all aspects of Australian banknotes, but also including extended family histories (9), bank branch histories (8), police station histories (5), cheques (6), moneyboxes, passbooks, minerals, medals, Angaston Cemetery (2), Gammon Ranges (scouting) and numerous illustrated banknote albums, a small book about China in the 1920s, *Chinese Embers*, written by his aunt Eva Dower, the wife of a French banker, and two books of poems for his wife Lyndelle, who died on 29 September 2023.

For his work on Australian banknotes he was elected a Fellow of the Numismatic Society of South Australia in 1985, later serving six terms as its president, and was awarded Hon. Life Fellow in 2021 for 20 years as treasurer and 25 years as newsletter editor (which he still is). As president of the Northern Yorke Peninsula Coin Club (later the Yorke Peninsula Collectables Club) from 1990 to 2009, he designed the last ten of its Cornish Festival medallions and was awarded Honorary Life Membership in 2009. He designed two medals for Encounter 2002 (Flinders and Baudin), and an Adelaide Treasury medallion. In 1993 he received the Tasmanian Numismatic Society A.J. Lockwood Award for his contribution to numismatics and in August 2009 received the Numismatic Association of Australia's Paul Simon Memorial Award and medal for his outstanding contribution to organised numismatics.

In 1988 he auctioned his Australian banknote collection, resigned from the South Australian Police Force after 28 years service and purchased a two-storey 1873 ex-bank building in Kadina where he operated Australia's only private Banking and Currency Museum 1988 – 2008, winning 10 regional tourism awards including Tourism Excellence, and Best Attraction five times. He "retired" on 19.12.2008 aged 65 years, "sold up" and moved to Willaston (Gawler S.A.) in 2009 to continue with his writing and publications, now averaging five to ten new books or editions each year. He also produces 12 and 4 newsletters annually for the Mineralogical Society and Numismatic Society respectively.

Other activities included treasurer of the Kadina National Trust and Farm Shed Museum for 13 years (receiving a State Honour Award in 2008) and secretary-treasurer of the Yorke Peninsula Tourism Association. He is a member of the International Banknote Society (Sydney) and Honorary Member of its Melbourne Chapter. His banknote photography was used in Peter Steele's "Collect Australian Banknotes", and the 1991 and 1992 Telecom Finance calendars, and a set of exclusive phone cards. In 2007 & 2008 he appeared in "Who's Who in South Australia" and in 2017 was elected to the Hall of Fame of the International Bank Note Society in the U.S.A.