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The Tasmanian Philatelic Society

The Tasmanian Philatelic Society was founded in 1900 and is based in Hobart, Tasmania. The Society meets monthly at 7:30 pm except for January and offers a program of displays on a wide range of philatelic topics, talks, and a small "Sale by Tender", providing the opportunity to buy and sell philatelic items.

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Membership

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RARITY RATING CLASSIFICATION

RRRRR RANGE (11 cds) Rarest cds. Less than 10 copies of any cds likely to exist	
20	RRRRR
19	RRRRR-
RRRR RANGE (15 cds) Extremely rare. Near the top rank of rarity with less than 25 copies of any cds likely to exist	
18	RRRR+
17	RRRR
16	RRRR-
RRR RANGE (29 cds) A step down from RRRR. Less than 50 copies per cds likely to exist	
15	RRR+
14	RRR
13	RRR-
RR RANGE (61 cds) Rare and quite difficult to find. Available in the market	
12	RR+
11	RR
10	RR-
R RANGE (112 cds) Rare but less difficult to find than RR. Readily available in the market and may appear in mixed lots	
9	R+
8	R
7	R-
SCARCE RANGE (110 cds) Can be found in mixed lots but not in any quantity and are not particularly common	
6	S+
5	S
4	S-
COMMON RANGE (205 cds) Mostly easily found	
3	UC (Uncommon)
2	C (Common)
1	VC (Very Common)

CDS TYPES


Type 1 (Fig 20)		Type 1a (Fig 21)	
Office name above, "Tasmania" below. Date in two lines. Day in two numbers, month in two letters, year in two numbers. Cds framed		Office name above, "Tas" below. Date in two lines. Day in two numbers, month in two letters, year in two numbers. Cds framed	
Type 1b (Fig 22)		Type 1c (Fig 23)	
Office name above, "Tasmania" below. Date in two lines. Day in two numbers, month in two letters, year in two numbers. Cds framed. Cds have an asterisk between the office name and the date lines		Office name above, "Tasmania" below. Date in two lines. Day in two numbers, month in two letters, year in full (e.g. "1903"). Cds framed. Only used at Launceston and Hobart	
Type 2 (Fig 24)		Type 2a (Fig 25)	
Office name above, "Tasmania" below. Date in one line, day in two numbers, month in three letters, year in two numbers. Cds framed. With and without "stops"		Office name above, "Tasmania" below. Date in one line, day in two numbers, month in two letters, year in full. Cds framed. With and without "stops"	
Type 2ab (Fig 26)		Type 2ac (Fig 27)	
As Type 2a, but showing bars at sides between town name and "Tasmania"		As 2a, but showing "cross patée" stops at sides between town name and "Tasmania"	
Type 2b (Fig 28)		Type 2c (Fig 29)	
Office name above, "Tasmania" below. Larger letters than either Type 2 or 2a. Date in one line, day in two numbers, month in two letters, year in two numbers		As Type 2, but showing "cross patée" stops at sides between town name and "Tasmania"	

Table of Datestamps, Manuscript Cancels and Crown Seals With Rarity Ratings and Notes

Abbreviations and Symbols Used in the Rating Tables

- # good strikes are harder than usual to find
 ## good strikes are much harder than usual to find
 (x) cds has been altered in some way. 1b(x) indicates the asterisk above the date lines has been removed
 +/- notation at either the higher or lower end within a rarity rating i.e. S+ are in many cases verging on an R rating.
 Erd Earliest recorded date
 Lrd Latest recorded date

OFFICE	CDS TYPE	RATING 1 - 20	RATING by 'R'	NOTES
Abbotsham	1b	3	UC	Blue 1909
Adventure Bay	1	6#	S+	
Alberton	1(solid stops)	2	C	
Alonnah	2ac	15#	RRR+	Erd 10.10.1910. Replaced Mills Reef Type 2a(q.v.)
Andover	1(circle stops)	4##	S-	
Antill Ponds Rly Stn	1	2	C	Blue 1906-10, 1913
Apsley	1(circle stops)	2	C	
Augusta Gate	1a	2	C	
Austin's Ferry	1	3#	UC	
Avoca	1	1	VC	
Back Creek	1a	8	R	Fig 2
Baden	Mss	20	RRRRR	One example known dated 11.9.1902. Used between Rumney Huts cds lrd 30.8.1902 and Baden cds erd 13.10.1902
Baden	1(circle stops)	4	S-	Erd 13.10.1902. Replaced Rumney Huts(q.v.) mss example known dated 11/9/1902
Bagdad	1	1	VC	
Balfour	2a(x)	6	S+	Erd in altered state 30.9.1911. Replaced Mount Balfour Type 2a(x)
Bangor	1(solid stops)	8#	R	
Barnes Bay	2	9	R+	Erd 10.1.1907. Replaced Kelly's Point(q.v.)
Barrington	1a	3	UC	
Beach End	1	8	R	
Beaconsfield	1	1	VC	
Beaconsfield	2	1	VC	Erd 7.4.1905
Beaconsfield	3	12(1913 only)	RR+	Erd 25.3.1913
Beauty Point	2	8	R	Erd 27.8.1910. Replaced Ilfracombe(q.v.)
Bellerive	1(solid stops)	1	VC	
Beltana	1	13##	RRR-	Lrd 3.9.1903. Replaced by Lindisfarne(q.v.)
Berriedale	1	4#	S-	
Beulah	1b	3	UC	
Beulah	Mss	20	RRRRR	Undated mss but pre dates the "Second Office" mss era