



AUSTRALIAN LUNAR SERIES III
2024 YEAR OF THE DRAGON
SILVER PROOF COINS

KEY SELLING POINTS

- Australian legal tender
- 2024 Year of the Dragon design
- Proof quality 99.99% pure silver
- 1oz, 1/2oz & three-coin set
- Extremely limited issues
- Numbered Certificates of Authenticity
- Presentation display cases

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Product Availability Date 6 November 2023



PRODUCT INFORMATION

Description	Issue Limit	Maximum Mintage	Item Code	Barcode	Availability
1oz Silver Proof	5,000	7,500	3S2416DAAA	9327025050386	Worldwide
1/2oz Silver Proof	4,000	5,000	3S2416EAAA	9327025050379	Worldwide
Three-coin set (2oz, 1oz, 1/2oz)	1,000	2,000 (2oz)	3S2416ZAAA	9327025050393	Worldwide

The fifth year of The Perth Mint’s highly anticipated Australian Lunar Series III coin program includes an array of superb silver coins celebrating the next animal in the zodiac, the dragon. Released as a magnificent three-coin set, and as individual 1oz and 1/2oz silver proof coins, the coins feature original artistry portraying the powerful dragon.

The dragon commands the highest respect in Chinese culture. For thousands of years, it was associated with the emperor and his descendants, symbolising wisdom, enlightenment, and benevolence. The dragon was also said to command water and rain, and by ensuring abundant harvests became a powerful symbol of wealth and good fortune.

According to Chinese tradition, the emperor ordered a great race between all the animals on Earth to determine who should occupy 12 positions on the lunar calendar. To complete the course, each animal had to cross a fast-flowing river. While leading the race, the noble dragon stopped to make rain for the people, ultimately reaching the opposite bank in fifth place.

Those born under the sign of the Chinese Lunar Dragon in 2024, 2012, 2000, 1988, 1976 and every 12th preceding year, are said to be ambitious, successful, and charismatic.

Struck from 99.99% pure silver in proof quality, no more than 5,000 1oz coins, 4,000 1/2oz coins, and 1,000 three-coin sets will be released in this packaging.

The coins are issued as legal tender under the Australian *Currency Act 1965*.

DESIGN

The coin's reverse portrays a dragon with water cascading from its mouth, stylised waves, and a flaming pearl, a symbol of wisdom. Included in the design is the Chinese character for 'dragon', the inscription 'DRAGON 2024' and a 'P125' mintmark signifying The Perth Mint's 125th anniversary.

The coin bears the Jody Clark Memorial Obverse of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II supplemented with the dates of her reign '1952-2022', as well as the weight and fineness, and the monetary denomination.



PRESENTATION

Each individual coin and three-coin set is housed in a classic display case with a clear lid decorated with a silver geometric design. The case is packaged in a beautifully illustrated shipper portraying the story of how the dragon became an animal of the zodiac and is accompanied by a numbered Certificate of Authenticity.

The shippers of future animals in the Lunar Series III will, when arrayed together, form a diorama depicting the ancient myth of The Great Race, which tells how the zodiac came into being.

