# THE BENCHMARK IN GOLD AND SILVER BULLION COINS

Recognised as an essential element of a diversified investment portfolio, precious metal helps investors protect their wealth against fluctuations in the value of other asset classes.

The Perth Mint's Australian Lunar bullion coin series are ideal choices for investors seeking to add pure gold or pure silver to their portfolios.



#### **NUMISMATIC APPRECIATION**

As well as annual design changes, the coins' restricted mintages create the potential for even greater investment return in the form of a numismatic premium.

#### MORE FOR THE INVESTOR

No investment has a stronger pedigree than gold and silver. Revered as a symbol of status, beauty and mystery, gold and silver have been highly sought-after for more than 6,000 years. Gold and silver are tangible assets with intrinsic value that can help protect investor wealth in uncertain times.

#### **UNIQUE PERTH MINT QUALITY**

Australian gold bullion coins minted from 'four nines' gold were introduced by The Perth Mint in 1987, with Australian silver bullion coins being introduced by The Perth Mint in 1990.

Today, The Perth Mint produces an internationally sought-after range of bullion coins with each coin in the program issued as official legal tender under the Australian *Currency Act 1965*, its Government quarantee of quality.

Trusted by investor's worldwide, Perth Mint gold and silver bullion coins are further characterised by an extensive range of sizes, limited mintages, and new reverse artistry every year. Each design incorporates the Mint's traditional 'P' mintmark, a 117 year-old symbol embodying its commitment to minting excellence.



## The Perth Mint (Est. 1899)

The Perth Mint was founded as a colonial branch of Britain's 1,000 year-old Royal Mint. Wholly-owned by the State Government of Western Australia since 1970, The Perth Mint is empowered to issue the Australian Precious Metals Coin Program as legal tender under the Australian Commonwealth Government's *Currency Act 1965*.

A world leader in the design and production of precious metal minted products, The Perth Mint also strikes many of Australia's limited edition collector coins, highly sought-after throughout the world for their superb proof quality and exquisite numismatic treatments.

With a reputation built on 117 years of continuous minting excellence, The Perth Mint is Australia's specialist precious metal mint and your first choice for bullion coins.



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# THE AUSTRALIAN PRECIOUS METALS COIN PROGRAM



2016 YEAR OF THE MONKEY GOLD & SILVER BULLION COINS



## **AUSTRALIAN LUNAR**

## **GOLD & SILVER BULLION COINS**

The Australian Lunar coin series epitomises The Perth Mint's rich tradition of minting bullion coins portraying Chinese themes.

The reverse design on this year's releases celebrates the 2016 Year of the Monkey, one of 12 animals associated with the ancient Chinese lunar calendar.

In Chinese culture, people born in the Year of the Monkey – 1920, 1932 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004 and 2016 are regarded as intelligent, quick-witted, optimistic, ambitious, and adventurous.

The reverse of each gold coin depicts an adult monkey sitting on the branch of a peach tree. The reverse of each silver coin depicts an adult monkey and a baby monkey sitting in a peach tree, with the baby monkey holding a peach. Both designs also incorporate the Chinese character for 'monkey', the inscription 'Year of the Monkey' and The Perth Mint's traditional 'P' mintmark.

The peach tree is symbolic of longevity and immortality.

GOLD

1 kilo, 10oz, 2oz, 1oz, 1/2oz, 1/4oz, 1/10oz &1/20oz releases

### **Mintages**

No mintage limit applies to 1 kilo, 10oz, 2oz, 1/2oz, 1/4oz, 1/10oz and 1/20oz coins. However, production will close at the end of 2016, when The Perth Mint will declare each coin's official mintage.

The Perth Mint will produce no more than 30,000 1oz coins. Production will cease when the mintage is fully sold or at the end of the series, whichever comes first.



10 kilo, 1 kilo, 10oz, 5oz, 2oz, 1oz & 1/2oz releases

## Quality

The Perth Mint's unbeatable minting experience and its use of advanced manufacturing technology contribute to the coins' reputation of being the highest quality in the world.

### **Australian Government Guarantee**

Struck by the historic Perth Mint from 99.99% pure gold and 99.9% pure silver, each coin's Australian legal tender status guarantees its weight and purity.

## Mintages

**SILVER** 

No mintage limit applies to 1 kilo, 10oz, 5oz, 2oz, and 1/2oz coins. Except for the 1 kilo release, production of these coins will close at the end of 2016 and The Perth Mint will declare each coin's official mintage. Production of 1 kilo coins will cease at the end of the series.

A maximum of 150 10 kilo coins will be produced on a mint-to-order basis. However, production will close at the end of 2016, when the coin's actual mintage will be declared.

The Perth Mint will produce up to 300,000 1oz coins. Production will cease when the mintage is fully sold or at the end of the series, whichever comes first.



1oz obverse shown smaller than actual size



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#### **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

2016 Lunar (	2016 Lunar Gold Bullion Coins									
Size		1 kilo	10oz	2oz	1oz	1/2oz	1/4oz	1/10oz	1/20oz	
Gold Content	(Troy oz)	32.151	10	2	1	0.5	0.25	0.1	0.05	
Denomination	(AUD)	3,000	1,000	200	100	50	25	15	5	
Fineness	(% purity)	99.99	99.99	99.99	99.99	99.99	99.99	99.99	99.99	
Minimum Gross	Weight (g)	1,000.100	311.067	62.215	31.112	15.554	7.777	3.111	1.556	
Maximum Diam	eter (mm)	100.60	75.60	41.10	39.34	30.60	22.60	18.60	14.60	
Maximum Thick	ness (mm)	9.00	6.00	3.90	2.50	2.50	2.20	2.00	1.40	

2016 Lunar Silver Bullion Coins											
Size		10 kilo	1 kilo	10oz	5oz	2oz	1oz	1/2oz			
Silver Content	(Troy oz)	321.510	32.151	10	5	2	1	0.5			
Denomination	(AUD)	300	30	10	8	2	1	0.50			
Fineness	(% purity)	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9			
Minimum Gross Weight (g)		10,010.000	1,001.002	311.347	155.673	62.270	31.135	15.591			
Maximum Diam	eter (mm)	221.00	100.60	85.60	65.60	55.60	45.60	36.60			
Maximum Thickness (mm)		33.00	14.60	6.60	5.80	3.60	2.60	2.30			