

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Issued by authority of the Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury

Currency Act 1965

*Currency (Australian Coins) Amendment (2024 Royal Australian Mint No. 3)
Determination 2024*

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 25 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*.

The Determination is a legislative instrument for the purposes of the *Legislation Act 2003*. The Determination is not subject to sunseting under the *Legislation Act 2003* on the grounds that the instrument ensures economic certainty (see *Legislation (Exemptions and Other Matters) Regulation 2015*). The instrument's operation is integral in ensuring that the currency produced by the Mints becomes, and remains, legal tender unless or until returned to a mint to be taken out of circulation in accordance with the *Currency Act 1965*.

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 policies. 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 (2024 Royal Australian Mint No. 3) Determination 2024*

This Attachment sets out further details of the *Currency (Australian Coins) Amendment (2024 Royal Australian Mint No. 3) Determination 2024* (the Determination).

Section 1 – Name

This section provides that the name of the Determination is the *Currency (Australian Coins) Amendment (2024 Royal Australian Mint No. 3) Determination 2024*.

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. The newly determined coin characteristics are set out below.

New non-circulating coins

2024 \$1 Coloured Uncirculated Coin – Bluey Dollarbucks – Bluey

The design on the 2024 \$1 coloured uncirculated coin - *Bluey Dollarbucks – Bluey* consists of the character Bluey from the animated television series, *Bluey*, in colour, holding a purpose in one hand and a coin in the air, with the other hand. On the right of the coin, there is a representation of a house (in the architectural style of a ‘Queenslander’) with a fence, front garden, bushes, grass, rocks and in the background, trees. The design includes the following inscriptions (in a stylised form): “BLUEY”; “BUCK”; and Arabic numbers for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin, followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

2024 \$1 Coloured Uncirculated Coin – Bluey Dollarbucks – the Heelers

The design on the 2024 \$1 coloured uncirculated coin - *Bluey Dollarbucks – the Heelers* consists of the characters Bluey, Bandit, Chilli and Bingo from the animated television series, *Bluey*, in colour, huddled together. On the right of the coin, there is a representation of a house (in the architectural style of a ‘Queenslander’) with a fence, front garden, bushes, grass, rocks and in the background, trees. The design includes the following inscriptions (in a stylised form): “BLUEY”; “BUCK”; and Arabic numbers for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin, followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires.

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2024 \$1 Coloured Uncirculated Coin – Bluey Dollarbucks – the Grannies

The design on the 2024 \$1 coloured uncirculated coin - *Bluey Dollarbucks – the Grannies* consists of the characters Janet (played by Bluey) and Rita (played by Bingo), collectively called ‘The Grannies’, from the animated television series, *Bluey*, in colour, standing together (frame from Series 3, Episode 33: ‘Granny Mobile’, 2022). On the right of the coin, there is a representation of a house (in the architectural style of a ‘Queenslander’) with a fence, front garden, bushes, grass, rocks and in the background, trees. The design includes the following inscriptions (in a stylised form): “BLUEY”; “BUCK”; and Arabic numbers for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin, followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires.

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2024 \$1 Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Bluey

2024 \$1 Coloured Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Bluey

2024 \$1 Coloured Proof Coin – Bluey – Bluey

2024 \$1 Coloured Fine Silver Proof Coin – Bluey – Bluey

2024 \$1 ‘Envelope’ Privy Mark Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Bluey

The design on the 2024 \$1 uncirculated Bluey coins consists of the character Bluey, from the animated television series, *Bluey*, playing with a balloon (frame from Series 1, Episode 3: ‘Keepy Uppy’, 2018). The design includes the following inscriptions (in a stylised form): “BLUEY”; “BUCK”; and Arabic numbers for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin, followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The privy mark coin includes a stylised representation of an envelope. On the coloured coins, the character of Bluey and the balloon are coloured.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

2024 \$1 Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Bingo

2024 \$1 ‘Envelope’ Privy Mark Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Bingo

The design on the 2024 \$1 uncirculated Bingo coins consists of the character Bingo, from the animated television series, *Bluey*, looking to the side with arms raised (frame from Series 1, Episode 3: ‘Keepy Uppy’, 2018). The design includes the following inscriptions (in a stylised form): “BLUEY”; “BUCK”; and Arabic numbers for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin, followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The privy mark coin includes a stylised representation of an envelope.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

2024 \$1 Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – the Heelers

2024 \$1 ‘Envelope’ Privy Mark Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – the Heelers

The design on the 2024 \$1 uncirculated the Heelers coins consists of the characters Bandit, Bingo, Chilli and Bluey from the animated television series, *Bluey*, where Bingo is being held in the arms of Bandit and Chilli and Bluey are holding hands. The design includes the following inscriptions (in a stylised form): “BLUEY”; “BUCK”; and Arabic numbers for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin, followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The privy mark coin includes a stylised representation of an envelope.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

2024 \$1 Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Socks and Muffin

2024 \$1 ‘Envelope’ Privy Mark Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Socks and Muffin

The design on the 2024 \$1 uncirculated Socks and Muffin coins consists of the characters Socks and Muffin from the animated television series, *Bluey*, where Muffin has her arms wrapped around Socks. The design includes the following inscriptions (in a stylised form): “BLUEY”; “BUCK”; and Arabic numbers for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin, followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The privy mark coin includes a stylised representation of an envelope.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

2024 \$1 Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Rad and Frisky

2024 \$1 ‘Envelope’ Privy Mark Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Rad and Frisky

The design on the 2024 \$1 uncirculated Rad and Frisky coins consists of the characters Rad and Frisky from the animated television series, *Bluey*, sitting down and looking towards each other (frame from Series 2, Episode 39: ‘Double Babysitter’, 2020). The design includes the following inscriptions (in a stylised form): “BLUEY”; “BUCK”; and Arabic numbers for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin, followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The privy mark coin includes a stylised representation of an envelope.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

2024 \$1 Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Nana, Uncle Stripe and Trixie

2024 \$1 ‘Envelope’ Privy Mark Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Nana, Uncle Stripe and Trixie

The design on the 2024 \$1 uncirculated Nana, Uncle Stripe and Trixie coins consists of the characters Nana, Uncle Stripe and Trixie from the animated television series, *Bluey*, standing together where Uncle Stripe has his arms around both Nana and Trixie. The design includes the following inscriptions (in a stylised form): “BLUEY”; “BUCK”; and Arabic numbers for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin, followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The privy mark coin includes a stylised representation of an envelope.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

2024 \$1 Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Bluey and friends

2024 \$1 ‘Envelope’ Privy Mark Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Bluey and friends

The design on the 2024 \$1 uncirculated Bluey and friends coins consists of the characters Indy, Bluey, Chloe and Rusty from the animated television series, *Bluey*, standing together with arms around each other where Indy and Chloe are looking towards Bluey. The design includes the following inscriptions (in a stylised form): “BLUEY”; “BUCK”; and Arabic numbers for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin, followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The privy mark coin includes a stylised representation of an envelope.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

2024 \$1 Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Bluey, Bingo and friends

2024 \$1 ‘Envelope’ Privy Mark Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Bluey, Bingo and friends

The design on the 2024 \$1 uncirculated Bluey, Bingo and friends coins consists of the characters Chloe, Coco, Mackenzie, Bluey, Judo, Lila and Bingo from the animated television series, *Bluey*, standing and sitting together. The design includes the following inscriptions (in a stylised form): “BLUEY”; “BUCK”; and Arabic numbers for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin, followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The privy mark coin includes a stylised representation of an envelope.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

2024 \$1 Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Mum and Dad

2024 \$1 ‘Envelope’ Privy Mark Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – Mum and Dad

The design on the 2024 \$1 uncirculated mum and dad coins consists of the characters Bandit and Chilli from the animated television series, *Bluey*, dancing (frame from Series 1, Episode 31: ‘Work’, 2019). The design includes the following inscriptions (in a stylised form): “BLUEY”; “BUCK”; and Arabic numbers for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin, followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The privy mark coin includes a stylised representation of an envelope.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.

2024 \$1 Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – The Grannies

2024 \$1 ‘Envelope’ Privy Mark Uncirculated Coin – Bluey – The Grannies

The design on the 2024 \$1 uncirculated The Grannies coins consists of the characters Janet (played by Bluey) and Rita (played by Bingo) collectively called ‘The Grannies’ from the animated television series, *Bluey*, performing a dance move known as “the floss” (frame from Series 1, Episode 28: ‘Grannies’, 2019). The design includes the following inscriptions (in a stylised form): “BLUEY”; “BUCK”; and Arabic numbers for the amount, in dollars or cents, of the denomination of the coin, followed by “DOLLAR”, “DOLLARS” or “CENTS” as the case requires. The privy mark coin includes a stylised representation of an envelope.

Consistent with the tradition of an effigy of the reigning sovereign appearing on the obverse side of all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of His Majesty King Charles III will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions “CHARLES III”, “AUSTRALIA”, and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Dan Thorne “DT”.