

NEWS ON COINS AND BANKNOTES¹

Australian New Federation \$5 Note

The Reserve Bank of Australia issued a new \$5 note from 1 January 2001 as its contribution to the Centenary of Federation celebrations. The Federation \$5 note will be issued throughout 2001 and will circulate alongside the current \$5 note.

The new note features two prominent Australians who made unique contributions towards the birth and development of the Australian nation. On the front is **Sir Henry Parkes**, commonly known as the “Father of Federation”. On the reverse is **Catherine Helen Spence**, journalist, social reformer and novelist, and the first woman to stand for election to public office in Australia.

The new \$5 note is similar in colour and is the same size as the current \$5 note. For further details please refer to the web site of the Reserve Bank of Australia at http://www.rba.gov.au/media/mr_00_20.html

¹ This column will feature news about the introduction or withdrawal of banknotes, detection of counterfeit notes, etc. The information is based on the official announcements of the central banks of foreign countries and information supplied by the Cash and Security Department of Eesti Pank. (Editor’s note)