

Australia issued a definitive two-channel hologram (dot-matrix) stamp. The stamps were issued on **November 1, 1999**. Australia issued this stamp to celebrate the Millennium shift and the year 2000. The two-channel hologram shifts between 1999 and 2000 (Fig. 3-12.55) with *fireworks* in the background. The stamp itself features colorful fireworks (**No. 112**). Fig. 3-12.58 depicts one of several issued FDCs. This special FDC was issued on January 1, 2000 by GPO Sydney with two stamps, one with a December 31, 1999 cancellation and one with a January 1, 2000 cancellation. A prepaid postcard with a stamp on the front of the card is shown in Fig. 3-12.59. ‘Celebrate 2000’ sheets of ten stamps as well as sheets of twenty stamps were printed. This stamp was also available as a personalized stamp.[30] For example, a digital photo could be printed on the tab of the stamp (here the author, Fig. 3-12.57). This photo on the tab was recorded during ‘The Stamp Show 2000’ in London which took place between May 23 and 28, 2000. This new service and technology came from Sprintpak, Australia Post’s stamp production division and Excel Digital. The digital photo is printed on the tab with Fuji Xerox Docucolor. The author’s personalized stamps were printed in sheets of twenty (Fig. 3-12.60). The Australian stamp was designed by Chris Shurey. The stamps were produced by Applied Holographics Plc in cooperation with Avon Graphics. The stamps were printed by SNP Ausprint.

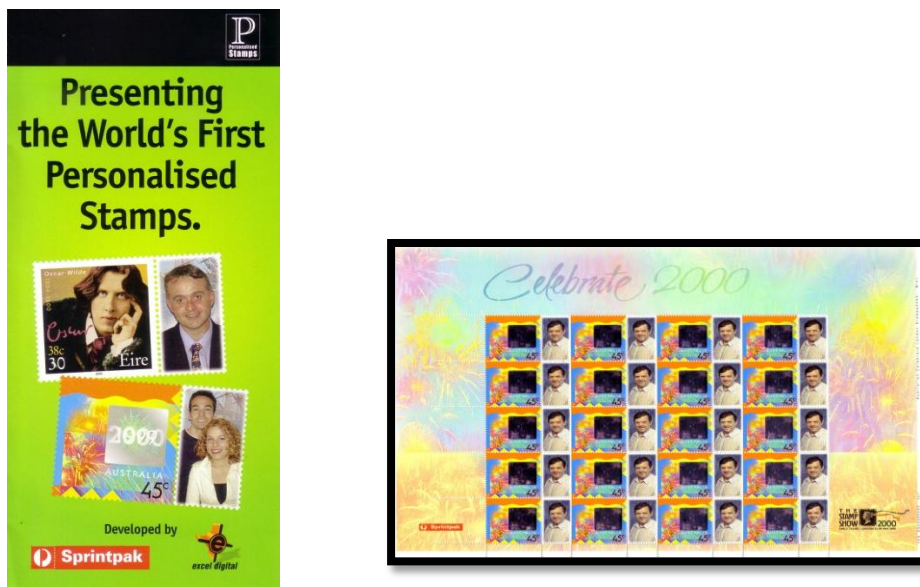


Fig. 3-12.60. The World’s first personalized ‘Celebrate 2000’ twenty-stamp sheet.