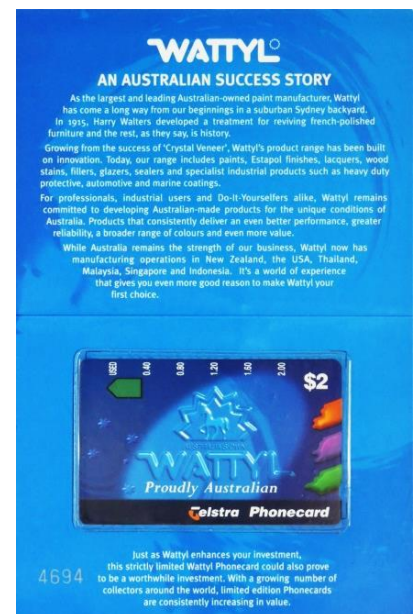
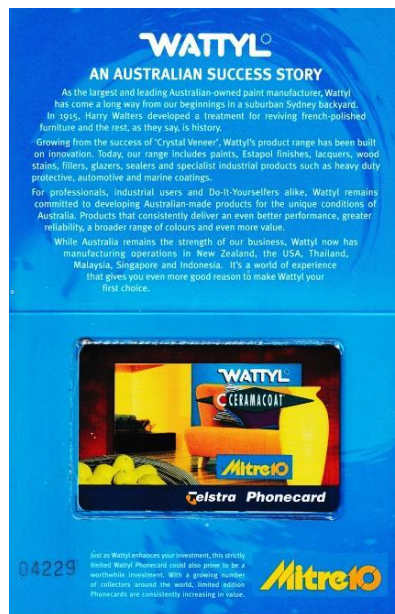
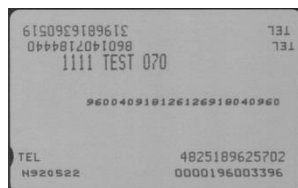


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Editorial

This Newsletter covers the used Printing Trial Anritsu Test Cards that have previously not been seen, all the four (4) known varieties of the Dial-a-Box Phonecard Packs, and the three (3) known varieties of the Wattyl Phonecard Packs. The Editor would like to know if any reader of this Newsletter has an image of any pack variety that has not been identified in this Newsletter so that an update can be included in a future Newsletter to notify collectors of its existence.

Again, another email to the Editor has been received from Bruce Sergent, and is included in the emails to the Editor Section of this Newsletter on page 34. This email identifies more Copyright Infringements of his images occurring in Reports included in the ausphonecardcollectors.au Website.

Therefore, to enable an easy and direct comparison of the both the Sergent Website Images with those on the ausphonecardcollectors.au Website, the Editor has included an Addendum starting on page 37 of this Newsletter which provides copies of those images and descriptions of the infringements so that readers of this Newsletter can compare the images and draw their own conclusions.

In the process of investigating the Sergent's Copyright Infringements, the Editor discovered Copyright Infringements involving his own phonecard image, and text from his PIR017 Rev - Telstra Magnetic Phonecard Prefix 1571 Investigation Report. These Copyright Infringements are dealt with directly following those of Bruce Sergent in the Addendum to this Newsletter. Hence, the Editor has also decided to finally update and issue the main body of this Report in this Newsletter starting on the next page.

On a related matter, the Editor has also received a very interesting email from the **Australian Phonecard Collectors group** which is also included, without any editing, and answered in the emails to the Editor Section of this Newsletter on page 34.

1. Introduction

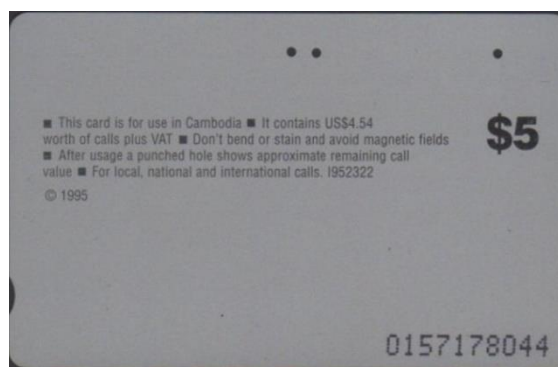
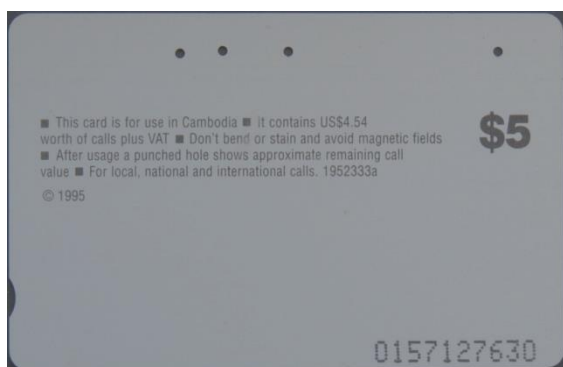
This investigation looks at determining the types, serial no. ranges and quantities of Prefix 1571 Cards produced.

2. Background

The front face of all Prefix 1571 Cambodian Phonecards is the \$5 Ankor Wat Temple as shown below.



The two known different reverse faces of Prefix 1571 Phonecards are as shown below:



NOTE: The reverse of the Prefix 1571 \$5 Ankor Wat Temple Card on the left incorrectly has card code no. 1952333a on it – Card Code no 1952333a was the Cambodia \$10 Satellite Phonecard, but instead of the letter 'I' in the card code number which stood for 'International' this card has the number '1'.

Prefix 1571 was the first prefix for the Cambodian \$5 Ankor Wat Temple Card that contained only US\$4.54 worth of calls plus VAT. All the previous \$5 Cambodia Phonecards contained US\$5 worth of calls. Therefore this error in the card number appears to most probably have been limited to the first 60,000 Cambodian \$5 Ankor Wat Temple Phonecards produced which contained US\$4.54 worth of calls plus VAT.

No record of any serial no. range or quantity of cards produced has been found for this card.

3. Results of Mapping of Sighted Cards by Sub-Prefix

Appendix A of this report presents a Sub-Prefix mapping by using images of the front face (where available) and the reverse face of Prefix 1571 cards sighted so far for each Sub-Prefix. However, the mapping does use only the reverse face image when the front face image of a card is not available.

The Serial Number Ranges of the Prefix 1571 \$5 Ankor Wat Temple Cards sighted so far is from;


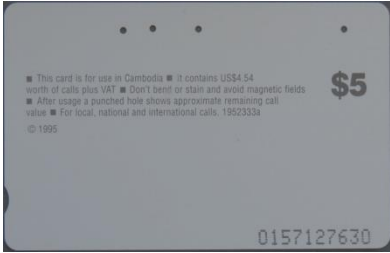
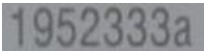

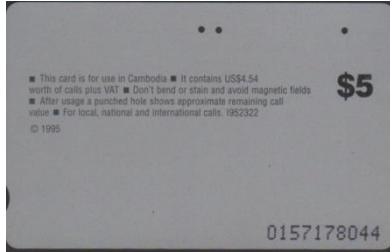
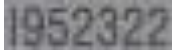
- 1571 27435 to 1571 59136 for Phonecards having Card Code No. 1952333a, and
- 1571 64104 to 1571 78044 for Phonecards having Card Code No. 1952322.

The backs of the two (2) Prefix 1571 Phonecards shown below indicate that the transition of the Card Code Nos. from 1952333a to I952322 most probably occurs between S/Nos. 1571 59999 and 1571 60000.



4. Prefix Listing Details resulting from this Investigation

The most probable range of Serial Nos. and Quantities of Cards produced for the Prefix 1571 Phonecards resulting from this investigation are as follows:

Prefix	Front Face of Card Quantity Produced	Reverse Face of Card Serial No. Range	Notes
1571	 60 000	 1571 00000 to 1571 59999	Card Code No. 1952333a  on reverse side of card
	 40 000	 1571 60000 to 1571 99999	Card Code No. I952322  on reverse side of card

NOTE: The images of Phonecard with S/No. 1571 78044 shown above may also be found at the Sergeant Website webpage [sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/cambodia.html#US\\$5_Ankar_Wat_Temple_\(New\)](http://sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/cambodia.html#US$5_Ankar_Wat_Temple_(New))

5. Conclusions

So far on the evidence presented in this report (Refer Appendix A):

- the number of Prefix 1571 Cambodia \$5 Ankor Wat Temple Cards produced with card code no. 1952333a was most probably 60,000, with serial nos. ranging from 1571 00000 to 1571 59999.
- the number of Prefix 1571 Cambodia \$5 Ankor Wat Temple Cards produced with card code no. I952322 was most probably 40,000, with serial nos. ranging from 1571 60000 to 1571 99999.

NOTE: Appendix A – Mapping of Prefix 1571 Cards, has not been included in this Newsletter.

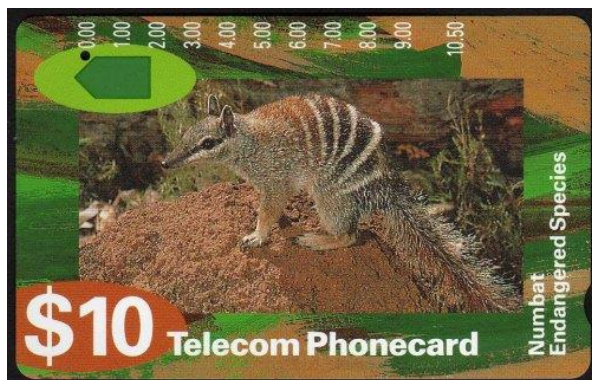
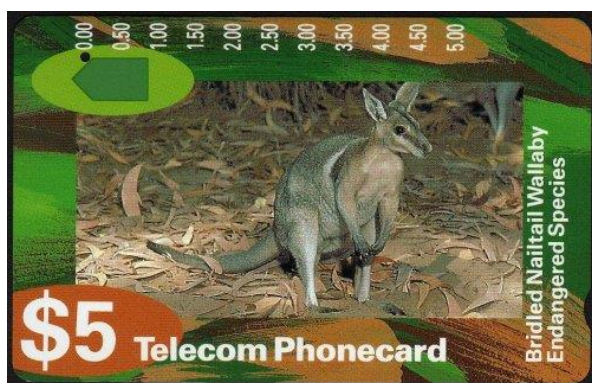
The Blank Printing Trial Anritsu Test Card

Telecom Australia had targeted to have the manufacture of their phonecards done in Australia by July 1991 (Refer to Extract 1 on page 9), but this did not actually commence until December 1992 when Leigh-Mardon was contracted by Telecom Australia to produce them. (Refer to Extract 2 on page 10).

The first batches of Anritsu phonecards that were manufactured in Australia were the Endangered Species Set which were made up of the following three (3) batches of phonecards consisting of :

- 250,000 \$5 Wallaby Phonecards with Card Code N920512 and with Serial Numbers ranging from 233 20000 to 235 69999 (Prefixes 233 to 235),
- 250,000 \$5 Wombat Phonecards with Card Code N920522, and with Serial Numbers ranging from 236 00000 to 238 49999 (Prefixes 236 to 238), and
- 235,000 \$10 Numbat Phonecards with Card Code N920533, and with Serial Numbers ranging from 239 00000 to 241 34999 (Prefixes 239 to 241).

These Prefix 233 to 241 Endangered Species Phonecards, as shown below, were issued in February 1993 according to the webpage at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/prefix03.html.



As part of the manufacture of these phonecards, Leigh-Mardon needed to dot matrix print both the Card Code Number and Serial Number on the back of all of these cards that were produced, and this in turn required the use of the Blank Printing Trial Anritsu Test Cards for setting up, testing and calibrating the dot matrix printers.

These test cards, when unused, had a blank white front and a blank grey magnetically encodable back. These test cards were not magnetically encoded with any value, however, it is believed from the article included in Extract 2 on page 10 of this Newsletter that Leigh-Mardon would magnetically encode their subsequently production Phonecards with the values shown on them. One of these unused test cards is shown below.

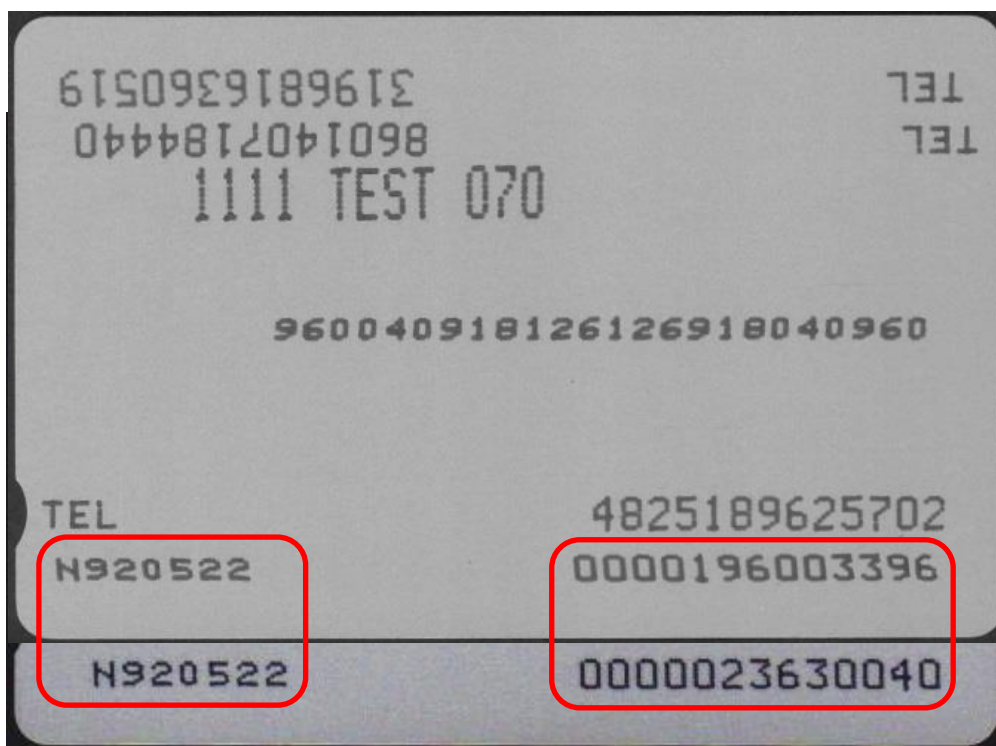


Front of Test Card



Back of Test Card

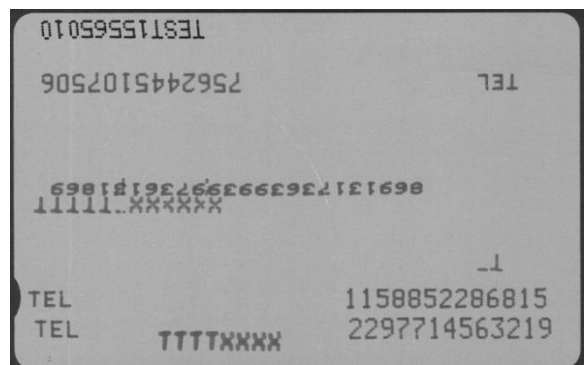
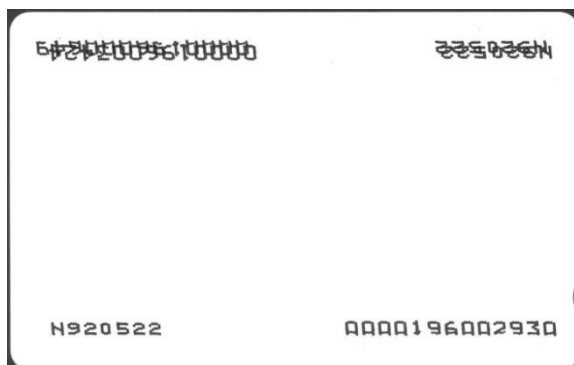
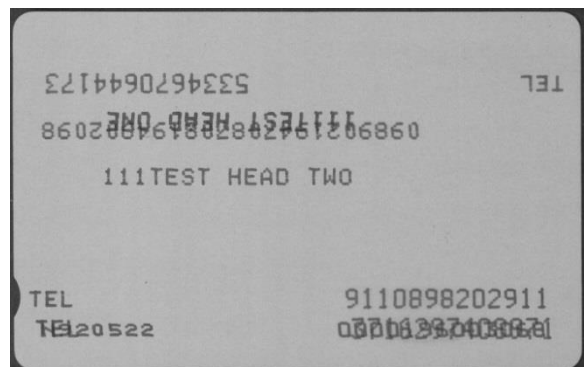
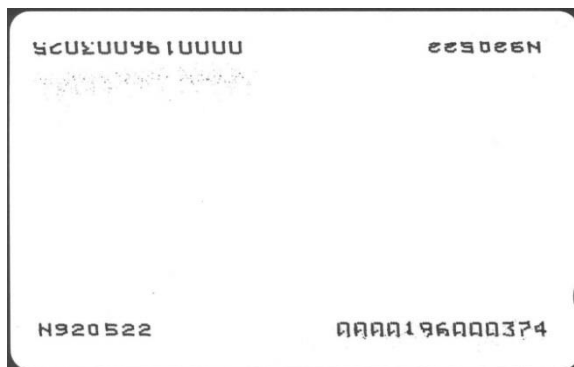
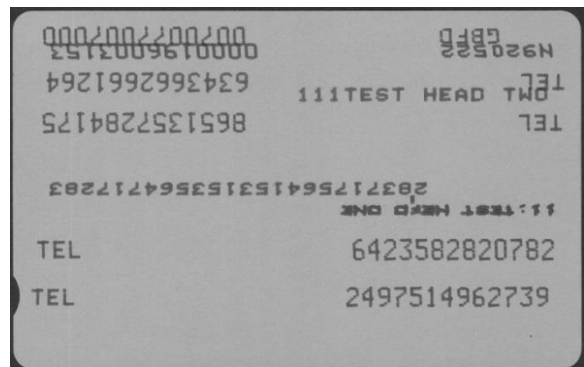
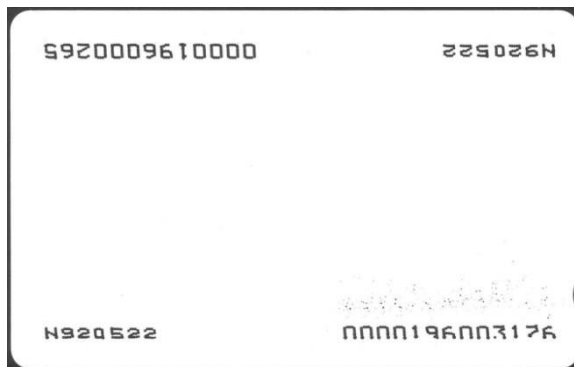
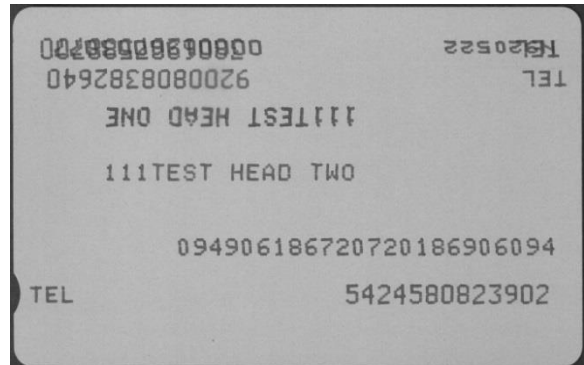
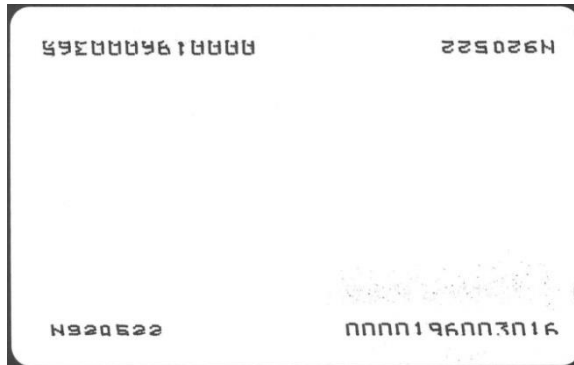
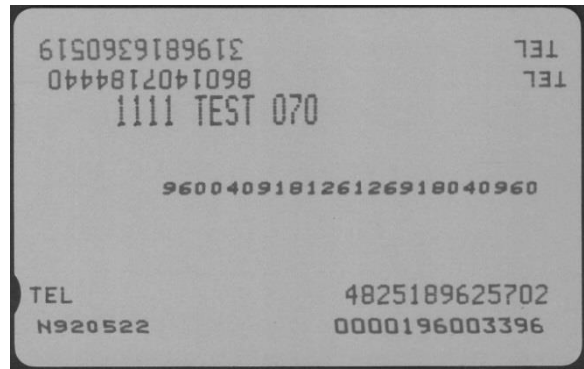
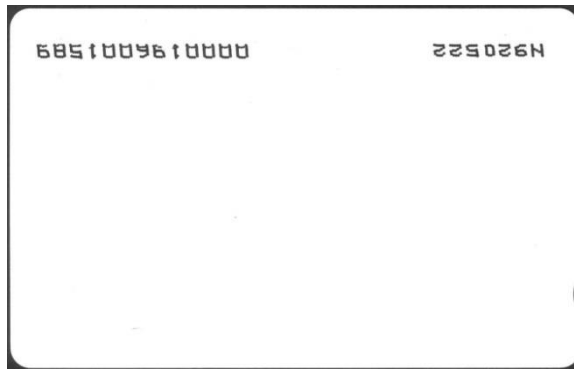
These cards were used to perform multiple tests on the dot matrix printers of Leigh-Mardon to be used for printing numbers and letters on phonecards, including tests on their two (2) printer heads. Below is shown a comparison of the Card Code number and Serial Numbers on a used test card, and on an Endangered Species \$5 Wombat phonecard, both of which have Card Code No. N920522, and serial numbers printed on them. However, the test card has a serial number with a prefix number of 1960, and not a prefix number in the range of 236 to 238 as were actually used on the first print run of the \$5 Wombat Phonecards with Card Code N920522.

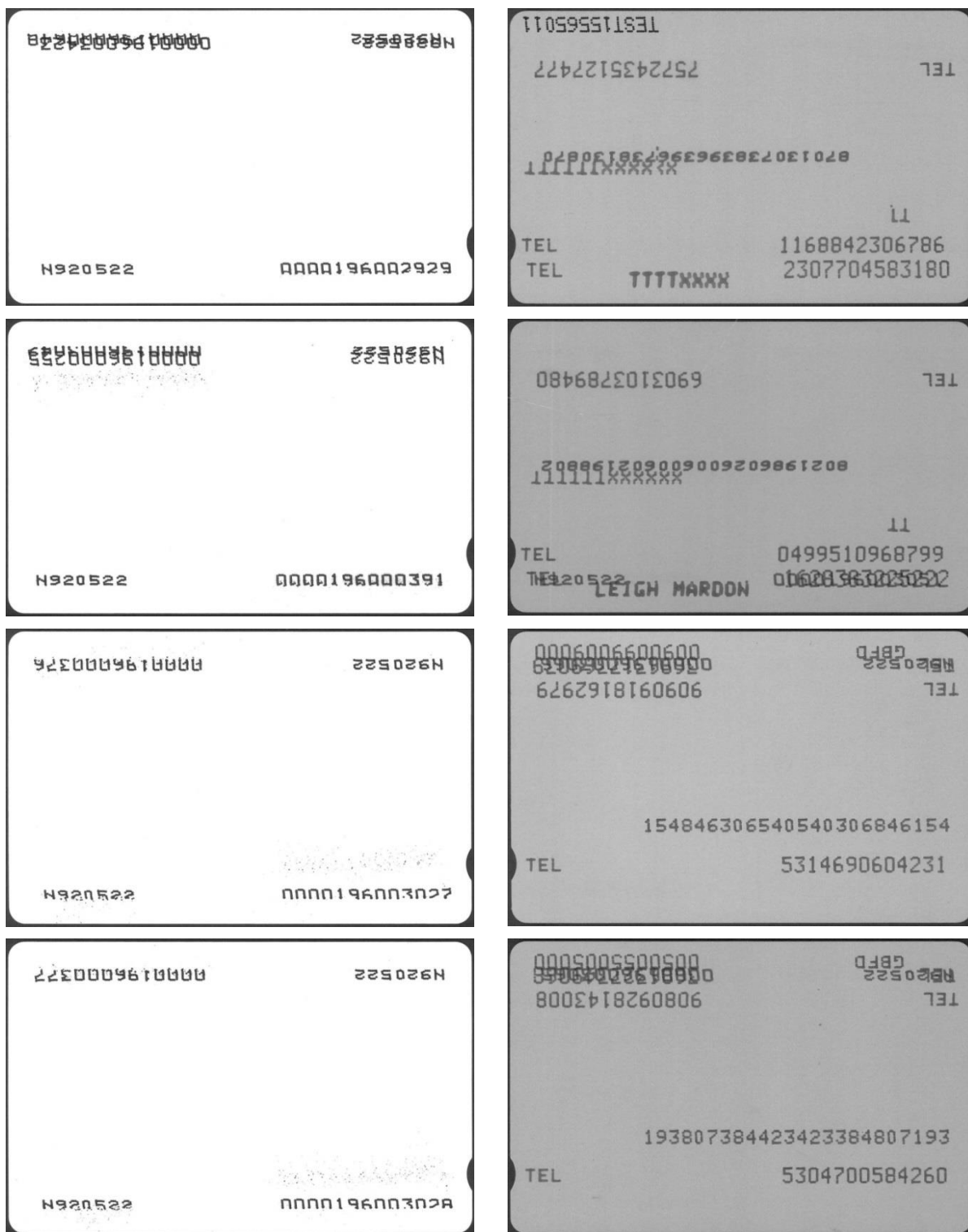


More examples of these used test cards are shown on the next two (2) pages, and, as can be seen from them, it would appear that most of these cards were used for testing more than once.

Front of Test Card

Back of Test Card





This mint Blank Printing Trial Anritsu Test Card can also be seen on the Phonecard Museum webpage at phonecardmuseum.com/museum-collection/phonecards/pacific-and-oceania/australia/aus-0380-mag-tst-2/

Extract 1 from Telecom Australia Payphone Services - 1990 Payphone Review, page 10.

This page can also be seen at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/TAPS-1990-payphone-review.html by scrolling down to page 6 of the PDF file.



New Service Centres

In an effort to improve customer service, Payphone Services upgraded and expanded its facilities during the year.

New Payphone Service Centres have taken over the function formerly carried out by regional Telecom Business Offices. Administration, installation, and maintenance staff at these centres deal with all orders for lease or purchase of payphones.

As a result, customers benefit from dealing directly with specialist payphone staff in:

- **New South Wales** - Alexandria, Regents Park, North Ryde, Penrith
- **Victoria** - Coburg, Mulgrave
- **Queensland** - Nundah, Miami
- **Western Australia** - Bassendean

Payphone Services in South Australia also carried out extensive renovations at the Regency Park office to accommodate its customer service staff.

New Payphone Centre

A new Payphone Centre opened in the Melbourne central business district in September 1990. A total of 42 public payphones are now available 6 am to 12 midnight, including two multi-access phones for disabled people and children, and nine Creditphones. World clocks and change machines have also been installed.

Business Development Unit

A Business Development Unit was established in June 1990 to explore new business opportunities for Payphone Services in Australia and overseas.

The two areas being targeted by the development unit are:

- core products and services;
- complementary products and services.

An example of development in the core area is the marketing of Payphone Services' products and services overseas. For example, in Saudi Arabia, Payphone Services has tendered for the turnkey Phonecard contract against competition from nine of the world's top payphone suppliers.

The development of complementary products and services offers great potential, especially with the advent of Phonecard.

In August 1990, Payphone Services finalised its agreement with the Japanese Phonecard suppliers and Alcatel STC for exclusive rights to manufacture, install and operate Phonecard payphones in Australia, and to market Phonecard payphones internationally.

The manufacturing of new Phonecard payphones is already underway in Australia and cards will be manufactured here by July 1991.

Under the agreement, Payphone Services is also able to develop Phonecard technology for use in non-payphone applications, such as vending machines and ticketing systems.

Commercial Agreements

In order to respond better to the needs of commercial customers, Payphone Services has appointed two National Accounts Managers. Major corporate customers have already been identified in an effort to increase the number of payphones available in key locations.

New agreements in 1990 include:

- Grace Bros Stores (Metro Sydney) - 37 payphones have been installed in central city stores. An additional 40 payphones will be installed in suburban shopping complexes. Grace Bros stores in ACT and Wollongong are also being considered for payphone installations.
- V-Line (Victoria country) - 25 payphones are being

Australian News

The big news in Australia for 1993 is that for the first time Telecom Phonecards are being produced in Australia. Previously all Australian Phonecards were manufactured in Japan by a company called Toppan. In early December 1992 a contract was signed with Leigh-Mardon Pty Ltd, an Australian company specialising in the production of plastic cards, embossing and encoding. While the majority of cards will now be produced in Australia, links will be maintained with Japan.

Production of the Endangered Species issue started shortly after contracts were signed. The issue is the first to be produced in Australia, however the first Australian produced Phonecard to be encoded and released for sale in the Australian marketplace is likely to be the new \$20 generic card — the barrier reef design. This is due to stock control and market demand.

Collectors will notice from the new generic series that Phonecards will now carry bar codes on the reverse side of the card. Two bar codes appear, the largest is the standard EAN bar code used for price swiping in supermarkets etc. and will assist resellers with stock control. The smaller of the two bar codes is for internal stock control within Telecom. The serial number will continue to appear in readable form for the convenience and interest of collectors.

Australian production will mean reduced lead time and increased flexibility, and eventually a greater frequency of designs. The cards will be produced on identical material to those manufactured in Japan, using an offset printing method. The smaller bar code and serial number are ink jet printed onto the card, which is approximately ten times faster than the hot stamped numbering system used in Japan.

Leigh-Mardon is one of only two security printers in Australia, with Phonecard printing capabilities in the order of one million cards a month which can be expanded relatively easily as demand increases. Leigh-Mardon were chosen by Telecom due to their dedication to high quality, security and customer satisfaction.

Australian Phonecard releases for 1993 Australia Day 1993

The 1993 Australia Day Phonecard celebrates Australia Day on January 26.

Showing the smiling faces of three children, the design reflects the national pride Australians feel as they join together to celebrate in a brilliant and colourful Australian summer.

Australia Day marks the occasion when

Captain Phillip and the First Fleet sailed into Port Jackson and established the settlement which is now Sydney.

The \$5 card, designed by Sydney artist Graham Austin, will be released in a special edition collectors pack and will also be available for sale unpackaged.

Print run #50,000

Serial number range 24150000-24599999



Endangered Species Series

Australia has seen more of its mammal species become extinct in the last 200 years than any other continent in the world. Add to this the birds, reptiles, fish, amphibians, insects and plants and we have a picture of a nation faced with the potential loss of thousands of unique species. The Endangered Species series highlights this problem by featuring three of Australia's threatened animals. The set includes a \$5 Hairy-nosed Wombat, a \$5 Bridled Nailtail Wallaby and a \$10 Numbat. The cards will be available in a special collectors edition or unpackaged. Due for release in February.



New Generic Series

The new generic series will be available from March 1993 (the \$20 card will be released in February). There are four Phonecards in the set which will replace the previous generic series bearing the Phonecard logo. The series feature well-known Australian scenes and animals and are designed to appeal to the growing Australian tourist market: a \$5 Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge, a \$10 kangaroo with Uluru in the background, a \$20 Great Barrier Reef and a \$50 koala. Designed by Sydney artist Alvaro Zarelli, the cards will not be available as a packaged collectors set. Due for release in March.

Year of Indigenous People

A special series of three Phonecards has

been commissioned by Telecom Australia to commemorate 1993 — The UN Year of Indigenous Peoples. The three cards — a \$5, \$10 and \$20 card — will be designed by an Australian Aboriginal artist. Due for release at the end of April.

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Planned releases for the rest of 1993 are a landscape series, a sporting series and the second Phonecard Design Award. This national competition is run by Telecom Australia in conjunction with the Australian Graphic Design Association and is open to final-year, full-time tertiary graphic design students. Due for release in November.

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Now available is *Collect Australian Phonecards*, the 1993 Australian Phonecard Catalogue produced by Graham Bird and Ken Sparks. This is an updated version of the original Australian Phonecard Catalogue, and includes articles, price listings, printing, number and design information as well as full colour illustrations. The catalogue is available from dealers, newsagents, booksellers or through Lighthouse Philatelics, PO Box 487 Forestville, NSW 2087. The recommended retail price is \$8.95.

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From 27 February 1993 the \$2 Telecom Phonecard will no longer be available. The \$2 Phonecard was offered to give Australians the opportunity to try the Phonecard system for the first time. Research now shows that 97% of Australians are aware of Telecom Phonecards and that sales of the \$2 card have dropped by more than half.

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The first major Australian Phonecard fair will be held in Sydney on Sunday 14 March 1993 and is expected to attract dealers from Australia, New Zealand and overseas. The Australian International Phonecard Fair, one of three major hobby fairs in Sydney during March, will be held in the Holiday Inn Menzies.

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1992 Christmas Phonecards

\$1.50 card; print run 10,000

Serial number range 2185000-2185999

\$5 card; print run 500,000

Serial number range 21900000-21999999

22*20000-23019999

23020000-23020000

\$10 card; print run 500,000

Serial number range 22000000-22099999

23120000-23319999



Telecom Australia

The Dial-a-Box Phonecards and Packs

There are four known types of Dial-a-Box Phonecard Packs, and they are as follows:

- 1) The Dial-a-Box – Telecom Anritsu Phonecard Small Font Text Packs,
- 2) The Dial-a-Box – Telecom Anritsu Phonecard Large Bold Font Text Packs,
- 3) The Dial-a-Box – Telecom Anritsu Phonecard Large Font Text Packs, and
- 4) The Dial-a-Box – Telecom Anritsu and Telstra Smart Phonecard Mailer Packs.

The Differences between the Telecom Anritsu Small Font Text, Large Bold Font Text, and Large Font Text Packs

The same Dial-a-Box – Telecom Anritsu Phonecard Pack was used for Pack Types 1, 2 and 3, as listed above. The only difference between these Packs was the size and font of the printing of the Joe Kovesy Stickers, shown below, which were applied inside the “For Franchise Enquiries” box on the inside of these Packs.

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Above is an example of the Sticker on The Dial-a-Box – Telecom Anritsu Phonecard Small Font Text Pack.

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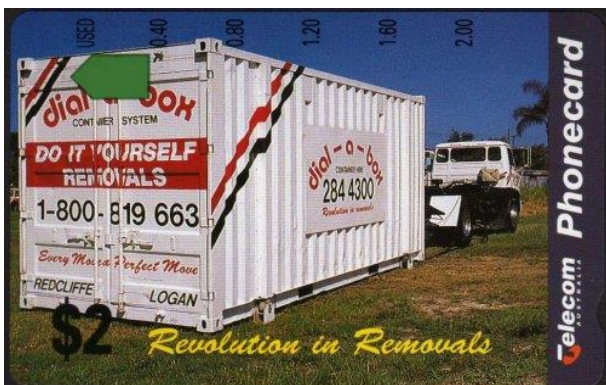
Above is an example of the Sticker on The Dial-a-Box – Telecom Anritsu Phonecard Large Bold Font Text Pack.

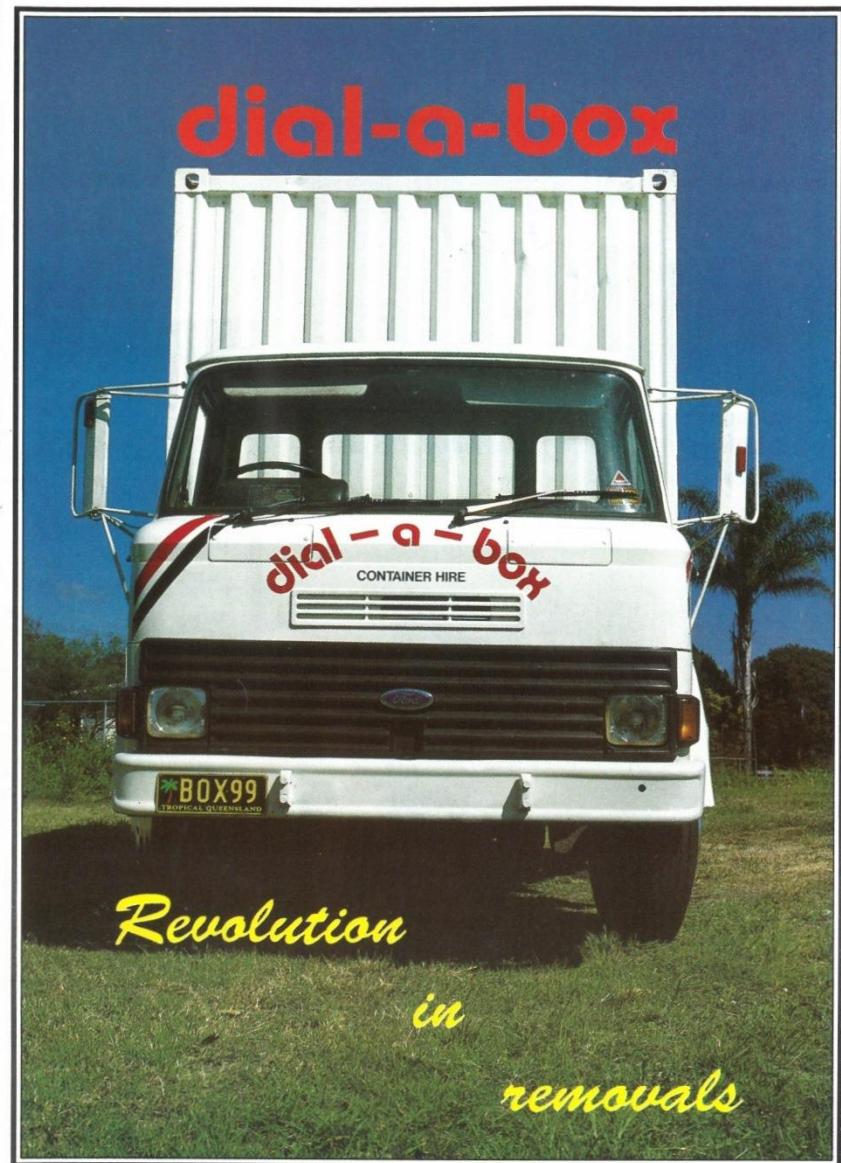
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Above is an example of the Sticker on The Dial-a-Box – Telecom Anritsu Phonecard Large Font Text Pack.

There were 10,000 Telecom Anritsu Prefix 649 \$2 Dial-a-Box Phonecards produced, (Refer to Extracts 3 and 4 on Page 21 and 22), and they were issued in late 1994.

The Dial-a-Box Telecom Anritsu Phonecard Packs only contained a Telecom Anritsu Prefix 649 \$2 Dial-a-Box Phonecard, as shown below.





The Dial-a-Box Telecom Anritsu Phonecard Small Font Text - Open Pack Inside Faces.

This Pack Type may also be seen at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/pack-dialabox.html



Hydraulically operated legs give the container a self lifting ability, which enables the truck to pass through between the legs.



Each container carries it's own compliment of packing, packing ties and a trolley which makes **dial-a-box™** a winning choice with clients.

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The revolutionary Australian invention that extends the well known benefits of containerized transport to the individual.



Once the legs are retracted the container sits on the ground to provide the ultimate help to clients - ground level loading.

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dial-a-box™ innovative self lifting mechanism allows the container to be levelled on a sloping driveway.

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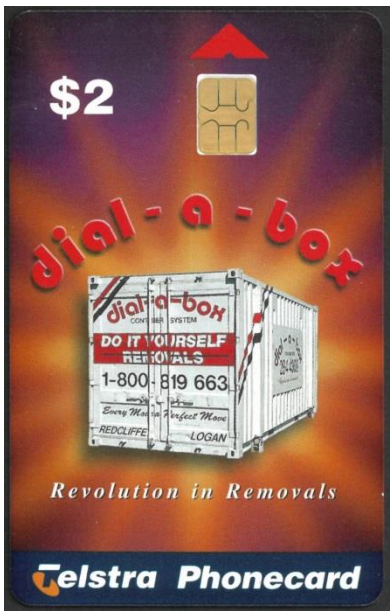
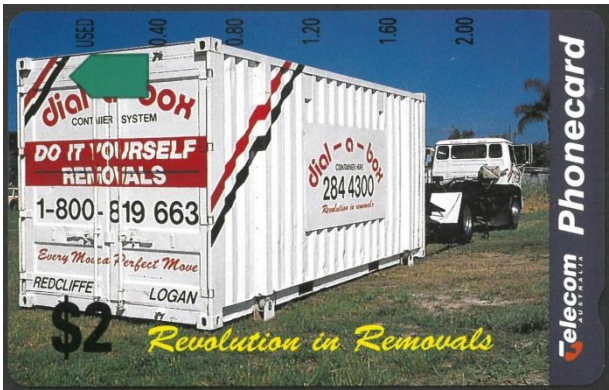


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The Dial-a-Box – Telecom Anritsu and Telstra Smart Phonecard Mailer Pack.

The number of these Mailer Packs made is unknown, but there could not have been more than 1,000 as there were only 1,000 of the Telstra \$2 Dial-a-Box Smart Phonecards produced according to the Victorian Telephone & Smart Card Collectors Club Inc. (VTSCCC) – Australian Smartcard Catalogue, and they were issued in early 1998. (Refer to Extract 5 on Page 23)

These Mailer Packs were sized to fit into a standard DL size (110mm x 220mm) envelope without being folded and each of them contained a Telecom Anritsu Prefix 649 \$2 Dial-a-Box Phonecard and a Telstra Dial-a-Box Smart Phonecard. Furthermore, it is of interest to note that the two (2) phonecards in these Mailer Packs had the last three (3) digits of their serial numbers matched, as can be seen on the two (2) phonecards from a Dial-a-Box Mailer Pack shown below with both its Phonecards Serial Numbers ending with 565.



Interesting Observations in Relation to the Dial-a-Box Packs

The Editor has sighted Dial-a-Box Telecom Anritsu Phonecards containing the Prefix 649 \$2 Dial-a-Box Phonecards with Card Nos. 103 LF, 166 LBF, 189 SF, 193 SF, 226 SF, 445 LBF, 546 LBF, 547 LBF, 877 LF, and 878 LF where the Packs Types that these cards were in is designated after their Card No. by SF for Small Font, LF for Large Font and LBF for Large Bold Font. The interesting thing about these Card Nos. is that they are all from the one box containing the first 1,000 of these phonecards ONLY. It was previously believed that there were 10,000 of these packs produced, but if there were 10,000 of these packs issued then the probability of sighting 10 of these packs with ONLY cards nos. less that 1000 would be slightly less than $(0.1)^{10}$, or 1 chance in 10^{10} which is less than 1 chance in 10 billion. If there were only 2,000 of these packs issued then this probability would be slightly less that $(0.5)^{10}$, or 1 chance in 2^{10} which is slightly less than 1 chance in 1,024. Based on probability it looks like there was probably only 1,000 or less of these packs issued.

Furthermore, the Editor has also sighted 3 of the Dial-a-Box – Telecom Anritsu and Telstra Smart Phonecard Mailer Packs and these contained Prefix 649 \$2 Dial-a-Box Phonecards with Card Nos. 565, 912, and 953. Therefore, these cards appear to have been most probably taken from unissued Dial-a-Box – Telecom Anritsu Phonecard Packs, as they also have their Card Nos. less than 1000. It is also of interest to note the matching of the last 3 digits of the Telecom Anritsu and Telstra Smart Phonecards Serial Numbers in these packs, is something that would usually be done to appeal to collectors, rather than to the customers of a business.

Note: Loose Dial-a-Box Anritsu Phonecards have been sighted with Card Nos. within the range of 0000 to 7999.

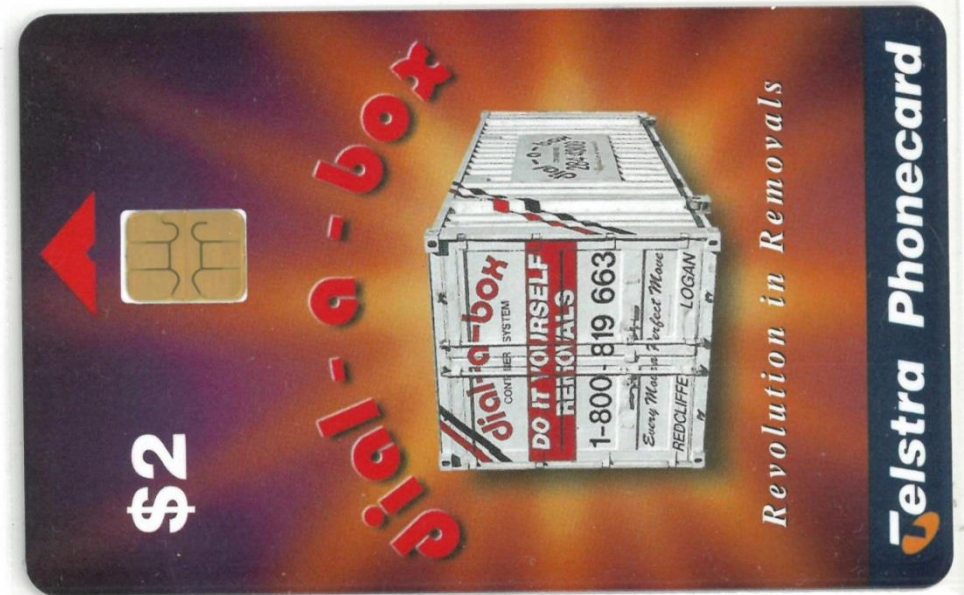
The Dial-a-Box – Telecom Anritsu and Telstra Smart Phonecard Mailer Pack Details.

This pack may also be seen at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/pack-dialabox.html by scrolling to the bottom of the webpage.



Front of Mailer Pack

Do it yourself



1 800 819 663

Back of Mailer Pack



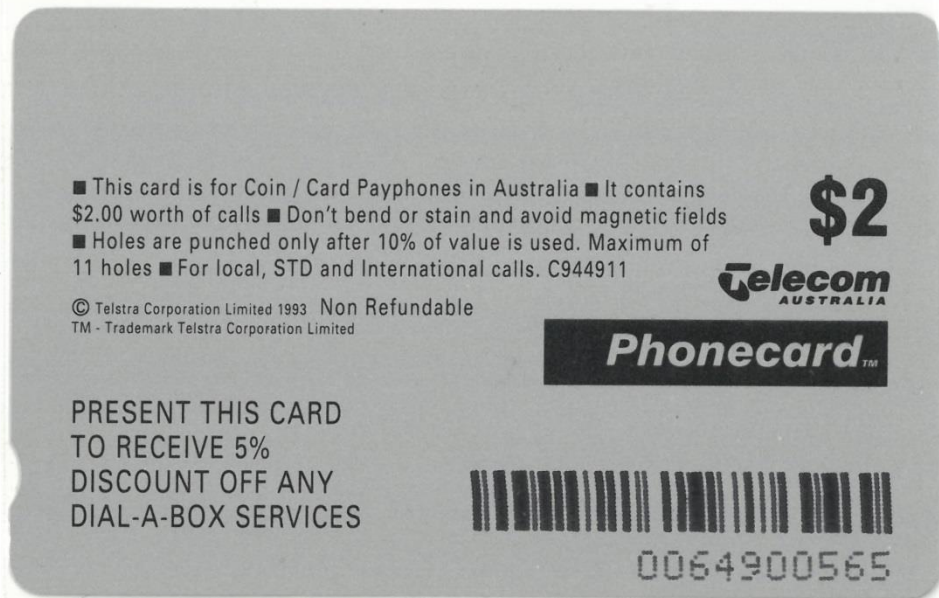
Do it yourself

and \$ave

1 800 819 663

Back of Mailer Pack with Phonecards removed

Do it yourself



1 800 819 663

NOTE: Both Phonecards in this Pack are matched with their Serial Numbers ending with 565

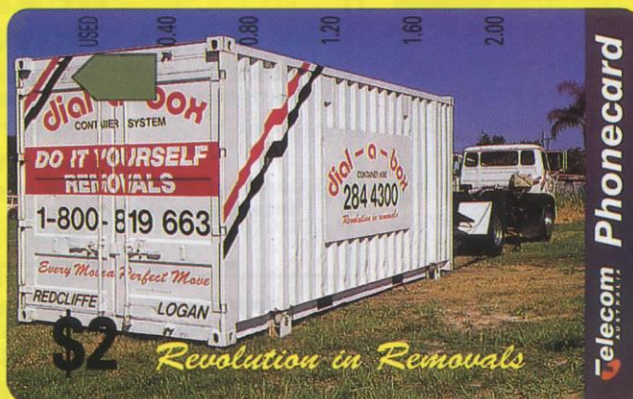
SERIAL NUMBER INFORMATION

(Please note - these cards are not all available for sale through Telecom. Custom cards are indicated by a "C" in the card code, which follows the card description).

Description and Code	Serial Batch	Quantity
\$10 Apollo 15 - C944533A	631	10,000
\$20 Apollo 15 - C944544A	632	5,000
\$50 Apollo 15 - C944555A	633	3,500
\$10 Christmas - N943123A	634 - 637	380,000
\$20 Christmas - N943134A	638	80,000
\$5 5th Birthday - A944712	639	50,000
\$5 Aust. Newsagents Fed. - A944012	640 - 642	300,000
\$2 Emu Export - C945211	643	10,000
\$2 Coke Santa - C945311	644	10,000
\$2 Coke Bear - C945321	645	10,000
\$2 Nicotinel - C945611	646	10,000
\$2 Sun protection - C945911	647	10,000
\$2 Railway - C944811	648	10,000
\$2 Dial-a-box - C944911	649	10,000
\$2 Phonecard Distribution - C945411	650	10,000
\$2 Globe - C945511	651	10,000
\$2 Phonecard Monthly - C945711	652	10,000
\$5 Merchant of Venice - C946112	653	10,000
\$5 Romeo and Juliet - C946121	654	10,000
\$10 Richard III - C946123A	655	10,000
\$20 Opera House - C94601A	656	10,000
\$20 Heineken - C946212	657	10,000
\$5 Sydney Opera House - C946222	658	10,000
\$5 Brad Faxon - C946232	659	10,000
\$5 Michael Lynagh - C945111	660	10,000
\$10 Limited Life Saving - L942233A	661	8,500
\$20 Limited Life Saving - L942244A	662	8,500
\$5 Limited Life Saving (Surf) - L942212	663	8,500
\$5 Limited Life Saving (Underwater) - L942222	664	8,500
\$10 Hamlet - C944522	665	10,000
\$5 Apollo 15 - C944522	666	10,000
\$2 Apollo 15 - C944511	667	10,000

Limited numbers available surplus for requirements

**\$ 6.-
each**



Please supply me with

Single card...@ \$6.00.....

Certified postage.....\$ 3.00

Total..... \$.....

Payment enclosed
Cheque / Money Order

Send to.....

Address.....

**G. Weightman Investments
P.O.Box 295 Browns Plains 4118
Queensland Australia**

Only 10,000 printed



Above:
Elvis Card as contained in
the BMG Aust. Ltd CD 'If
Every Day Was Like Christmas'
(see last issue APM)

**Left: International Numismatics'
Hanna Barbera 6 Card Collector's Pack**



**Above: Indonesian Telkom
staff at Indo-Phonecards '95**

TELSTRA ADVERTISING SMART CARDS						
ID CODE	VALUE	DESCRIPTION	CHIP	EXPIRE DATE	QUANTITY	X
97005001A	5-00	Nescafe	A	8/1999	150000	()
97005002A	5-00	Melbourne Zoo	A	1/2000	2500	()
97005002A	5-00	Melbourne Zoo	B	1/2000	2500	()
97002003A	2-00	Captain Munchies No 4 (Black Bottle) chip on back	A	8/1999	123	()
97002003A	2-00	Captain Munchies No 4 (Colored Bottle) chip on back	A	8/1999	100	()
98002003A	2-00	Captain Munchies No 4 (Black Bottle) chip on front	C	6/2000	777	()
97002004A	2-00	Captain Munchies No 5 (Shop) chip on back	A	8/1999	140	()
98002004A	2-00	Captain Munchies No 5 (Shop) chip on front	C	6/2000	860	()
97002005A	2-00	Wattyl - Mitre 10	A	8/1999	1000	()
98002006A	2-00	Royal Flying Doctor Service	A	6/2000	5000	()
98002007A	2-00	Victorian Telephone & Smart Card Collectors Club 1st print, chip on directions side	A	8/1999	440	()
98002007A	2-00	Victorian Telephone & Smart Card Collectors Club 2nd print, chip on picture side	C	6/2000	560	()
98002008A	2-00	With Compliments from Maggie	C	6/2000	1000	()
98002009A	2-00	Directional Sign Co (Mobile Billboards)	C	6/2000	1000	()
98002010A	2-00	Prospect Credit Union 08 9333 3691	C	6/2000	1020	()
98002011A	2-00	Prospect Credit Union 03 9558 7288	C	6/2000	580	()
98002012A	2-00	Hewlett Packard	C	6/2000	50000	()
98005013A	5-00	Travelex - Foreign Currency Services	C	6/2000	2000	()
98010014A	10-00	Travelex - Foreign Currency Services	C	6/2000	2400	()
98020015A	20-00	Travelex - Foreign Currency Services	C	6/2000	2400	()
98050016A	50-00	Travelex - Foreign Currency Services	C	6/2000	1200	()
98005017A	5-00	Perth Mint - 1998 Kookaburra Proof Issue	C	6/2000	2500	()
98002018A	2-00	Ernst & Young	C	6/2000	?	()
98002019A	2-00	Healthcom Gracie	C	6/2000	10000	()
98002020A	2-00	Dial A Box	C	6/2000	1000	()
98002021A	2-00	Smiths Crisps	C	6/2000	5000	()

The Watty! Phonecards and Packs

There are 3 different known Watty! Phonecard Packs, and these are:

- the Watty! Telstra Anritsu Phonecard First Issue Pack,
- the Watty! Telstra Anritsu Phonecard Second Issue Pack, and
- the Watty! Telstra Smart Phonecard Pack

Watty! Telstra Anritsu Phonecard First Issue Pack

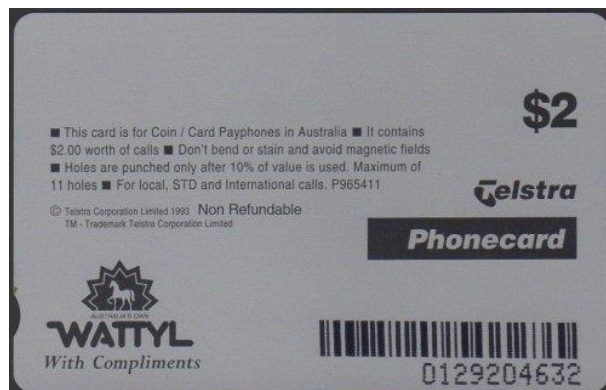
There were 5,000 of the Prefix 1292 \$2 Watty! Phonecards and Packs initially produced (Refer to Extract 6 on page 33) and they were issued in November 1996. These Packs have 4 digit Pack Numbers ranging from 0001 to 5000, and contain Phonecards with Serial Numbers ranging from 1292 00001 to 1292 05000. Furthermore, the Phonecards in these Packs have their Serial Numbers matched to the Pack Numbers.

Watty! Telstra Anritsu Phonecard Second Issue Pack

There were an additional 5,000, of the Prefix 1292 \$2 Watty! Phonecards and Packs subsequently ordered by Watty! and produced. These Packs have 5 digit Numbers ranging from 05001 to 10000, and contain Phonecards with Serial Numbers ranging from 1292 05001 to 1292 10000. The Phonecards in these Packs also have their Serial Numbers matched to the Pack Numbers. The Second Issue Packs differ from the First Issue Packs by having a 5 digit Pack Number instead of a 4 digit one. The highest serial number sighted on a second Issue Watty! Anritsu Phonecard is 1292 09265 and is shown on the left.



An image of the Front and Back of the Watty! Telstra Anritsu Phonecard is shown below.



Watty! Telstra Smart Phonecard Pack

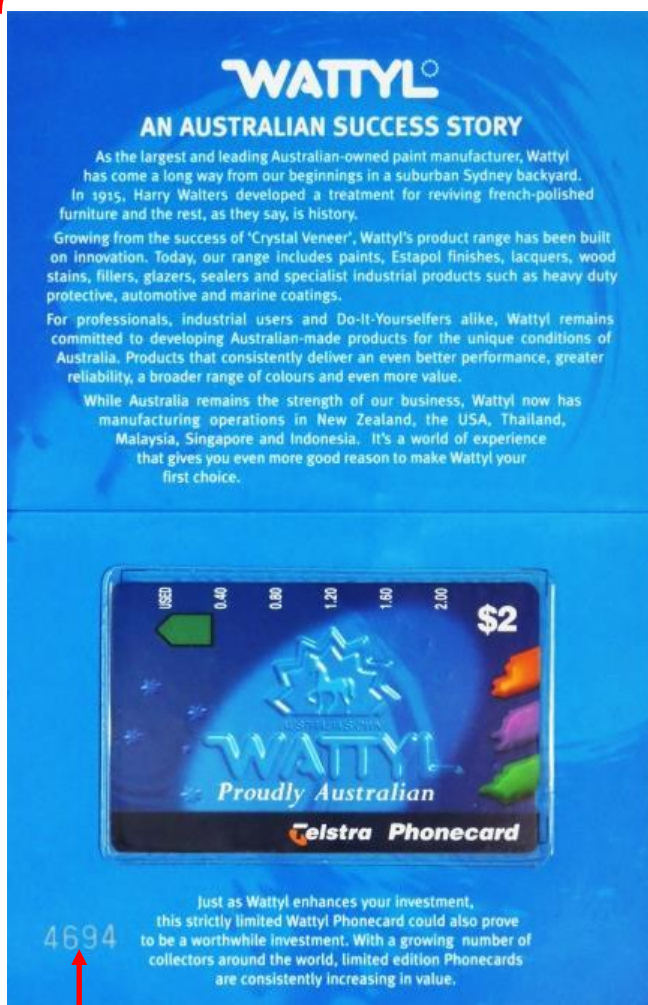
There were 5,000 of the \$2 Watty! Telstra Smart Phonecards and Packs produced, as can be seen from Pack No. 04229 on the Watty! Telstra Smart Phonecard Pack shown on the next page. These packs were numbered from 00001 to 05000, and were issued in mid-1997.

An image of the Front and Back of a Watty! Telstra Smart Phonecard is shown below.



Differences between the Wattyl Packs

Wattyl First Issue Pack




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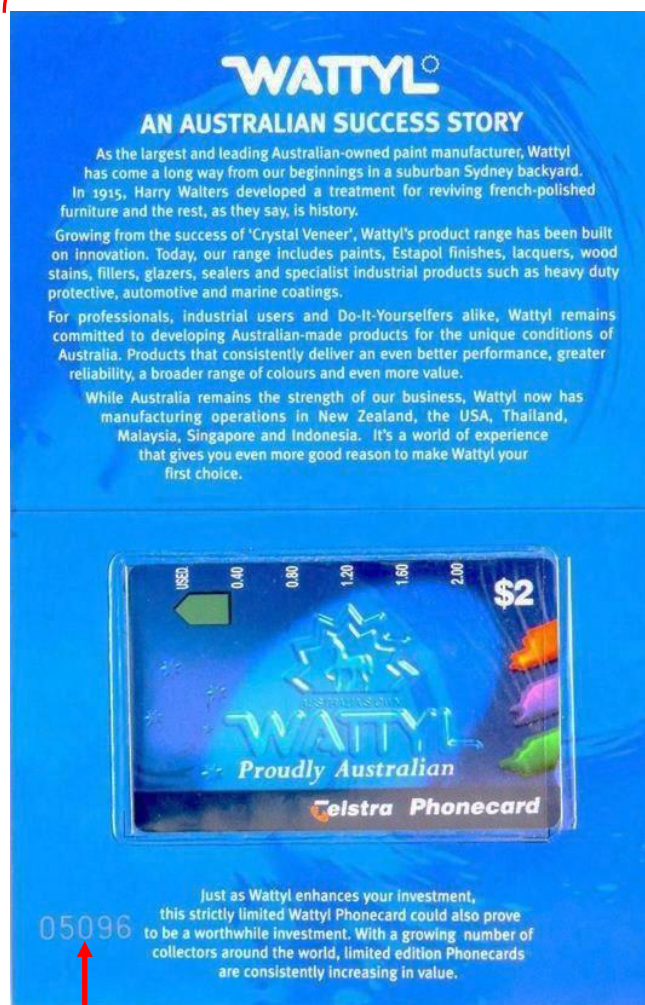


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First Issue Pack has a 4 digit
Pack Number

Wattyl Second Issue Pack




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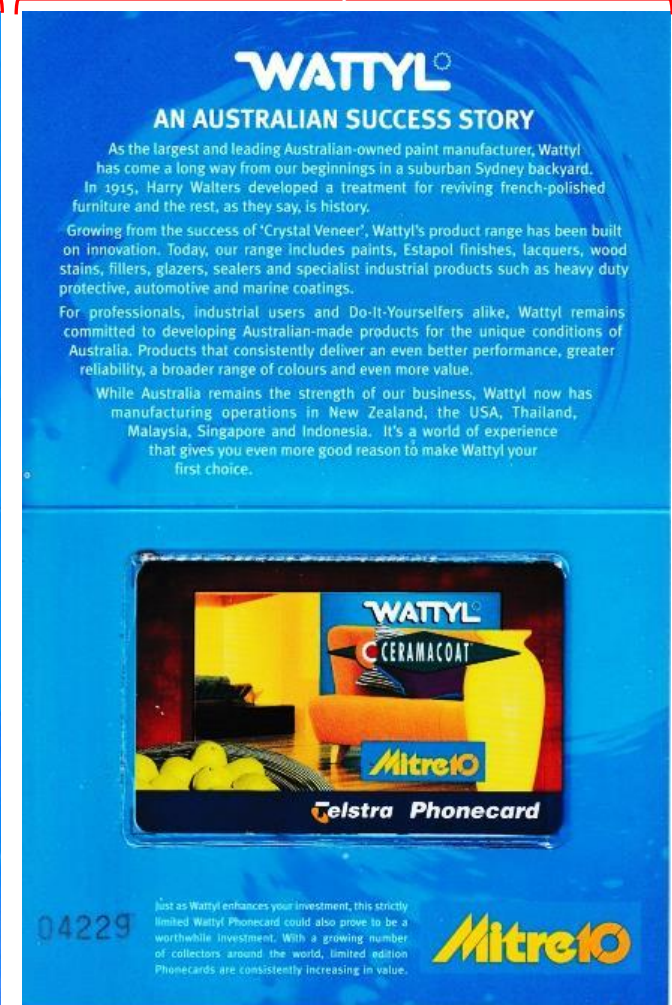


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Second Issue Pack has a 5 digit
Pack Number

Wattyl Smart Phonecard Pack




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Wattyl Anritsu Phonecard Pack Details

Both types of these Packs may also be seen at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/pack-wattyl.html.



Outside Faces of Open Pack

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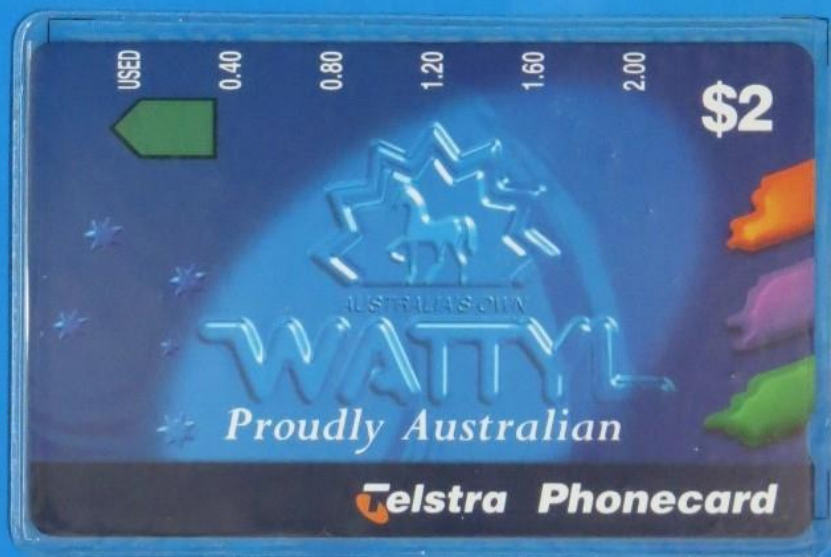
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Inside Faces of Anritsu Phonecard First Issue Pack showing Phonecard Serial Number matches Pack Number.



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Inside Faces of Anritsu Phonecard Second Issue Pack

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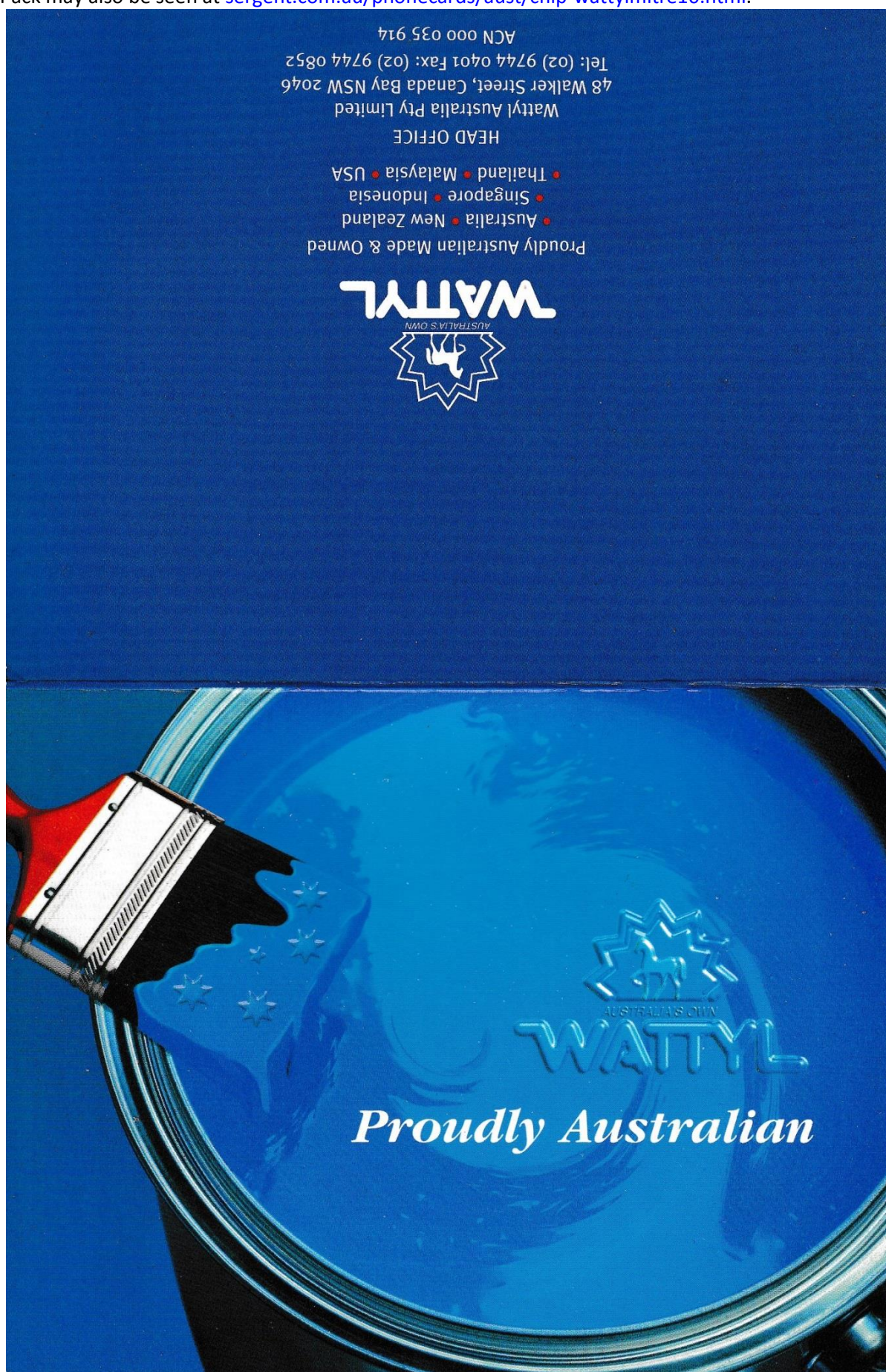
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Inside Faces of Anritsu Phonecard Second Issue Pack showing Phonecard Serial Number matches Pack Number.

Wattyl Smart Phonecard Pack Details

This Pack may also be seen at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/chip-wattylmitre10.html.



Outside Faces of Open Pack

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Inside Faces of Open Pack

Extract 6 - Telstra Collect Australian Phonecard Bulletin No. 15, Dec 96, page 11. This can be seen at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/apb-no15dec96.html by scrolling down to page 11.

PAGE 11

Description and Code	Serial	Batch	Quantity
\$10 Cambodian Satellite Dish	I952333a	1280	40,000
\$2 Engrave Apsara	I952311	1281	40,000
\$2 Taubmans	P964811	1282	13,000
\$5 Gold Corp	C964712	1283	5,000
\$50 Koala	N966015a	1284	40,000
\$5 Hog's Breath Cafe	A965012	1285	5,000
\$4 Prudential	P965111d	1286	3,000
\$10 Independence Day	C964613a	1287	8,000
\$2 RSL	P964911	1288	10,000
\$5 Telstra Payphones	A964212	1289	12,000
\$5 "Getting the Message"	A964412	1290	5,000
\$2 Phone Box	P965311	1291	1,000
\$2 Watty!	P965411	1292	5,000
\$5 Australia Day 1997	N965212	1293-1301	890,000
\$5 Australia Day 1997	L965212	1302	2,500
\$2 University of Sydney	P965511	1303	2,000
Batch Numbers 1304-1309 are not yet allocated			
\$10 Panasonic	P965613a	1310	2,000
\$0.80 Cannes	P965710e	1311	5,000
Batch Number 1312 is not available at this time			
\$2 NRMA	P965911	1313	3,000
\$5 CardEx'96 - Sydney	A965812	1314	6,000
\$5 CardEx'96 - Maastricht	A965822	1315	6,000

NB: These cards are not available for sale through the Telstra Phonecard Collector Service.

EMAILS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the emails to the Editor are not necessarily those of the Editor.

Dear Editor,

I was once again perusing the ausphonecardcollectors website and came across the reports on the Investigation of the 289 & 290 prefix phonecards, and the Cambodia Variations Investigation. In both of these is a copy of a page from my water damaged June 1995 Phonecard Monthly magazine. Also in the latter investigation is a copy of a letter from a page in my May 1995 Phonecard Monthly magazine. The inclusion of these copies in these Investigations overprinted with "Copyright Ben Green", shows that the author of this website clearly has no idea of how copyright laws work. It is a pity that such a collector has to go to these lengths to try and sound like he is the only collector with any knowledge of phonecards, instead of joining in with the rest of the collectors who willingly share their information for the betterment of the hobby. There are so many other examples of plagiarism on that site that could be rectified by some appropriate attributions and approvals, instead of pretending that the information was gained elsewhere.

Regards
Bruce Sergeant

Response from the Editor

Thank you for your email,

The response to this email has been covered in the Addendum to this Newsletter.

Best Regards
The Editor

To The Editor,

We would like to express our appreciation for the new newsletter you have begun producing for collectors. It has certainly generated interest within the phonecard community, and many collectors have taken the time to read and discuss its content.

However, several points have been raised during these discussions that we wish to share with you in a constructive and respectful manner.

One concern relates to the distribution of the newsletter. Collectors have noticed that it is being received at noticeably different times, with some individuals receiving it several days before others. This irregularity has caused some confusion, and the community would appreciate clarification on whether there is a particular reason for this staggered delivery.

The second major point of feedback concerns the content of the newsletter. A number of collectors have commented on what appears to be the singling out of a particular website and the collector who manages it. One member described this as "a storm in a teacup," and many others have expressed that such commentary is not what they wish to see in a community-focused publication. As a group, we would much prefer the newsletter to concentrate on meaningful information, insights, and updates related to phonecards and associated material.

Given the small size of the Australian phonecard community, content that may be perceived as personal or divisive can unintentionally harm the cooperative spirit that collectors value. In fact, a few collectors have chosen to block the newsletter after the first issue due to these concerns.

Additionally, some individuals who have had no prior interaction with "The Editor" have reported receiving the newsletter unexpectedly and are unsure how their email addresses were added to the distribution list. Clarification on this matter would also be appreciated.

Please understand that these comments are offered solely as constructive feedback. Our intention is to support the development of a newsletter that strengthens the community and provides value to all collectors.

Regards,
The Phonecard Collectors of Australia

Response from the Editor

Thank you for your email,

As a prominent member of the phonecard collecting community, I have never heard of "**The Phonecard Collectors of Australia**" group. Also, I have noticed your email address name, which was at the top of your email, is **Australian Phonecard Collectors** as shown in the screen shot below.

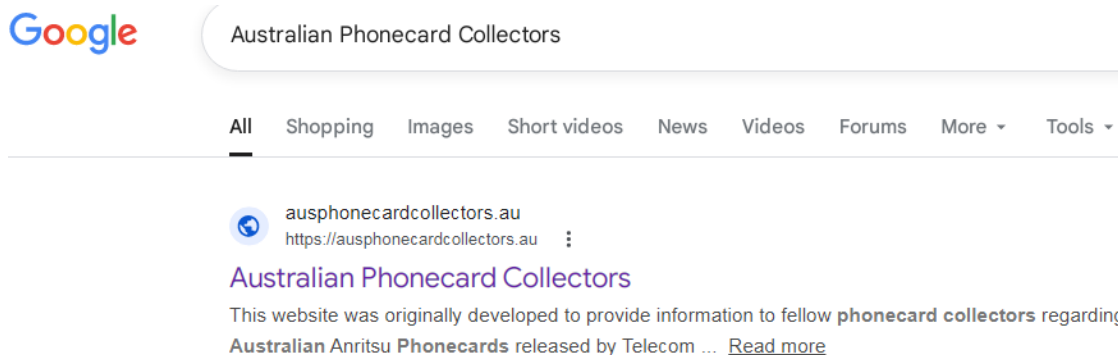
Phonecard Collector Newsletter Feedback Inbox x

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to me ▾

To The Editor,

I then subsequently Googled "**Australian Phonecard Collectors**" and on the top of the Google List for **Australian Phonecard Collectors** was the **ausphonecardcollectors.au** Website as shown in the screenshot below.



Therefore, I believe I am responding to an email from the **Owner of the ausphonecardcollectors.au** Website.

The first issue you have raised relates to collectors having concerns that the Editor issued the Newsletters to collectors over a period of about a week. Due to my never having had a gmail address before. I started off by sending each Newsletter email independently so as to minimise the probability of missing someone on my list and them not receiving their Newsletter, so I distributed the sending of them over a week. Last month I decided to try sending a group of emails by Bcc'ing them on four separate emails over a week leaving a delay of around 2 days between them so that if any problems occurred with an email I would become aware of them and hopefully rectify them before sending the next email. I will be repeating this again with the next Newsletter. In time when I learn more about how gmail works and develop confidence in it, then I will try sending an email to the complete group of collectors. This then hopefully will ultimately be done in a single day. However even though the Newsletter emails are presently sent over a period of about a week there are NO differences in the Newsletters in those emails, so I do not see why this is a problem. Please tell me what problems, if any, has this caused you?

The second major point of concern is that the **Owner of the ausphonecardcollectors.au** Website is infringing the Copyrights of the Editor, and the Sergeant Website, as can be seen again by the latest examples provided in this Newsletter. Please be advised that Copyright is presently protected under the Commonwealth Copyright Act 1968, Compilation No. 64, and its associated Copyright Regulations. What you appear to be saying is that the **Owner of the ausphonecardcollectors.au** Website should not be held accountable to the Australian Copyright Law because it is not in your best interests. However, the real solution is simple; all the **Owner of the ausphonecardcollectors.au** Website has to do is remove ALL the Copyright Infringing images and texts etc. from his Website in accordance with Australian Copyright Law and then the Newsletter will not be highlighting any more of them. So now, in whose teacup is this storm?

The third point is that some collectors want to know about how the Editor got their email addresses. The answer to this is simply that they have either previously communicated by email directly with me at my personal email address, or that their email addresses were in emails sent to me by other phonecard collectors.

Best Regards

The Editor

PHONECARD CLUB NEWS

AUSTRALIAN PHONECARD & COLLECTORS CLUB

(AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PHONECARD CLUB)

The APCC Club is located in Adelaide, South Australia, and has Members located in other States of Australia

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month except for January, at a time and venue provided to Members of the Club

SERVICES PROVIDED TO MEMBERS AT MEETINGS

"Matters of Interest" are presented and discussed.

A Raffle at each meeting with the proceeds used to host our Christmas get together with partners.

Contact the APCC President on (08) 82970388

THE MELBOURNE PHONECARD COLLECTORS CLUB INC

Established in 1992 and still going strong.

PO Box 166, Beaufort, Victoria, 3373 Australia

The Melbourne Phonecard Club's Website is at
<http://www.melbournephonecardclub.org.au>.

The club holds five meetings per year at the SPAN Community Centre
64 Clyde Street, Thornbury, Victoria.

**The next meeting is set for 12:00 Noon Saturday 7th March 2026 and
Visitors are welcome to attend.**

The Club has many interstate and overseas members.

Please email postmaster@melbournephonecardclub.org.au for
membership and other enquiries.

SERVICES PROVIDED TO MEMBERS

12 Newsletter per year.

6 postal bid auctions per year with a minimum of 180 lots each.

To see a recent listing of a postal bid auction go to
melbournephonecardclub.org.au and click on the recently completed auction link.

Material submitted by members is auctioned at our meetings as well
as the opportunity to discuss aspects of collecting with other
participants.

Addendum

The following is the Editor's response to Bruce Sergent's email to the Editor on page 34 of this Newsletter.

Copyright Infringements of the Sergent Website's Images by the Owner of the aucphonecardcollector.au Website

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The Editor sent an email to the Owner of the ausphonecardcollectors.au Website of an image of his Reprint Cambodia Prefix 289 Phonecard with S/No. 289 51220 on the 20/7/2022 as shown on page 41 of this Newsletter, and subsequently told him in a phone conversation that the image had been put up on the Colnect Website.

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3. Page 45 of this Newsletter shows how the quantity and S/No. Ranges of the two varieties of the Prefix 1571 Phonecards and associated text was copied from the Editor's PIR 017 Telstra Magnetic Phonecard Prefix 1571 Investigation Report, and put into his **Cambodia Variations Investigation v2** and then overprinted with **Copyright Ben Green 2025**. This is a blatant Infringement of the Editor's Copyright of this intellectual property.

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This can be seen at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/apm03-06.html by scrolling down to page 23.

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28900071	\$2 Cambodia
28900096	\$2 Cambodia
28910011	\$50 Vietnam
28914714	\$2 Cambodia
28916099	\$2 Cambodia
28919008	\$30 Christmas Island
28927989	\$2 Cambodia

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The Cambodia phonecards within the 289 prefix above 28950000 have been printed using the same back design as the prefix 418 phonecards. According to the Colnect website there was 50000 produced (289 50000 to 289 99999). As you can see from the below example the "\$" sign is large and bold just the same as the prefix 418 phonecards.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An influx of a number of letters in the last two months has led to the resurrection of this segment of the magazine. Unfortunately a lack of space has restricted this section to only one page this issue.

Please continue to write to:-

The Editor

The Australasian Phonecard Monthly
P.O. Box 1309, Tamworth, NSW, AUST. 2340.

Dear Sir,

I would like the right to comment on remarks published in the April issue of APM by Insider in the 'Grapevine' column. I quote: "actually, there has been next to no publicity for the phonecard hobby in the last five years, all concerned, clubs, dealers and Telecom need to do something about the fact".

This statement as I see it, is not a fair comment against the majority of clubs; for example, The Australian Phonecard Collectors Club Inc. was founded on 22 January 1991. It is the first Australian club and not yet five years old.

The first engineering trials were carried out at four caravan parks in the Geelong area in December 1989 and due to the fact that South Australia was the first state trialled in May 1990, the club was faced with the ground breaking work to do - phonecard collecting being a completely new hobby in Australia - in forming the first collector's club.

Extensive advertising was undertaken in newspapers and magazines both nationally and overseas, in a bid to attract members. From the time of inception, these advertisements were aimed at promoting the hobby and to alert collectors of its existence in Australia. Through its actions this club was certainly prepared to participate in the promotion of the hobby.

Within the first two months, the Messenger Press in Adelaide ran a 1/4 page feature on the club, which also included the hobby, phonecard usage and a photo of member number 12 and the Geelong phonecards.

In its first year, the Club displayed an extensive array of Australian and overseas phonecards at the Royal Adelaide Show, space being provided by Telecom Australia Payphone Services, Regency Park, Adelaide, who were there also to promote Phonecard and the hobby of collecting them.

Since then, this club has continued to stage displays, also travelling interstate whenever the opportunity arises. The electronic media has also been chosen in promotion whenever possible.

Most phonecard collector clubs now stage their own fairs regularly, which are all very well advertised and

patronised, and produce informative newsletters. I feel this is a huge step forward in further promoting the hobby.

With limited funds being available, clubs must be praised for their efforts and achievements in furthering the hobby of phonecard collecting.

One should proudly call all clubs "the silent achievers".

President A.P.C.Inc., Adelaide, SA

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to raise a couple of issues concerning phonecard collecting.

Firstly, I would like to propose the establishment of regular competitions to promote phonecard collecting. Such competitions, in the form of an exhibition, could be held in conjunction with major phonecard fairs with prizes (and the judging) donated by a leading dealer(s).

The subject range is enormous and could include country collections, studies on specific issues, thematic and/or essays on such topics as phonecard history and production. As in philately, I can only see such events as promoting the development and growth of the hobby.

The second issue concerns Australian phonecards. It has long been debated which Telecom/Telstra phonecard is Australia's rarest.

Candidates have included the difficult to obtain '600-run' cards, the US\$100 Laos Temple, (issued by Telstra in Cambodia) and the Geneva Anritsu card of which only 100 are believed to have been issued.

I believe Australia's rarest phonecard is the Telsra issued \$50 Map of Earth phonecard printed for a surf carnival in Vietnam. It is known that only 50 of these cards ever existed, with serial numbers 0028912100-0028912149, and the word 'Vietnam' printed on the back.

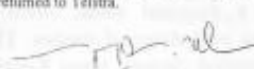
Accompanying is documentation of this issue which was managed by the Quangnam- Danang Posts and Telecommunications:-

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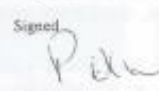
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signed 

for Quangnam-Danang P&T

Signed 

Peter Allan
for Telstra OTC Australia

A.M. Victoria

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Report created by Ben Green

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Screenshot of The Editor’s email of 20/07/2022 to the Owner of ausphonecards.au Website showing him the Editor’s Image of his Prefix 289 high serial number Cambodia Phonecard that he put on the Colnect Website.

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Cambodia

Phonecard

\$2.00

■ This card is for use in Card Payphones ■ It contains the above value worth of calls ■ Don't bend or stain and avoid magnetic fields

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The Reprint Prefix 289 Cambodia Phonecard.

MP

Michael

To: Ben

Wed 20/07/2022 4:39 PM

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PPIR 030 Rev - China's Friend...

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Hi Ben,

Please find attached a picture of the Back of a Reprint Prefix 289 Cambodia Card and check it for differences against the back of an Original Print Prefix 289 Cambodia Cards.

I have also attached an update Report on The Panda Pack.

Could you please send me a photo of the back of your MINT Cambodia Phonecard with a high serial number?

Best Regards

Michael

NOTE: The Editor did not ever receiver a photo, or image, of the “MINT Cambodia Phonecard with a high serial number”, as requested in the above email.

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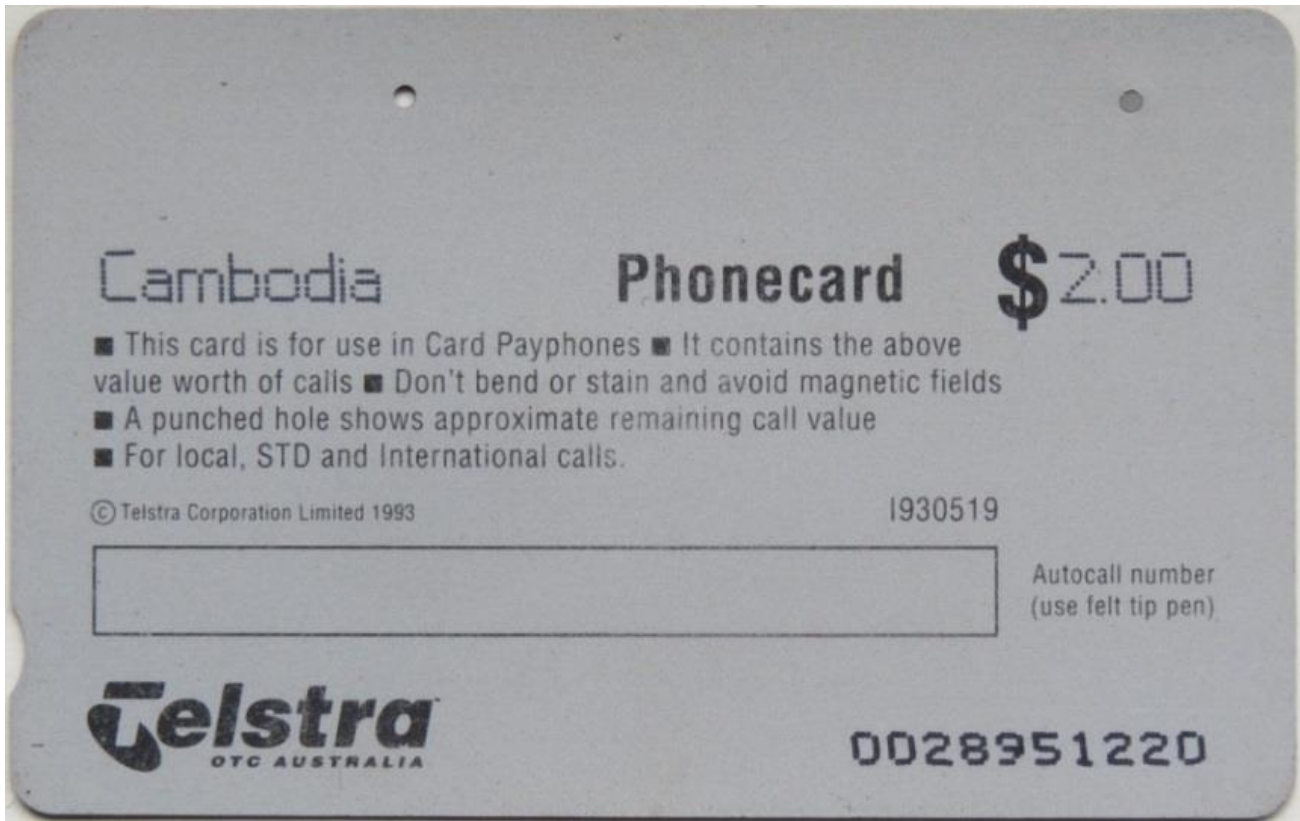
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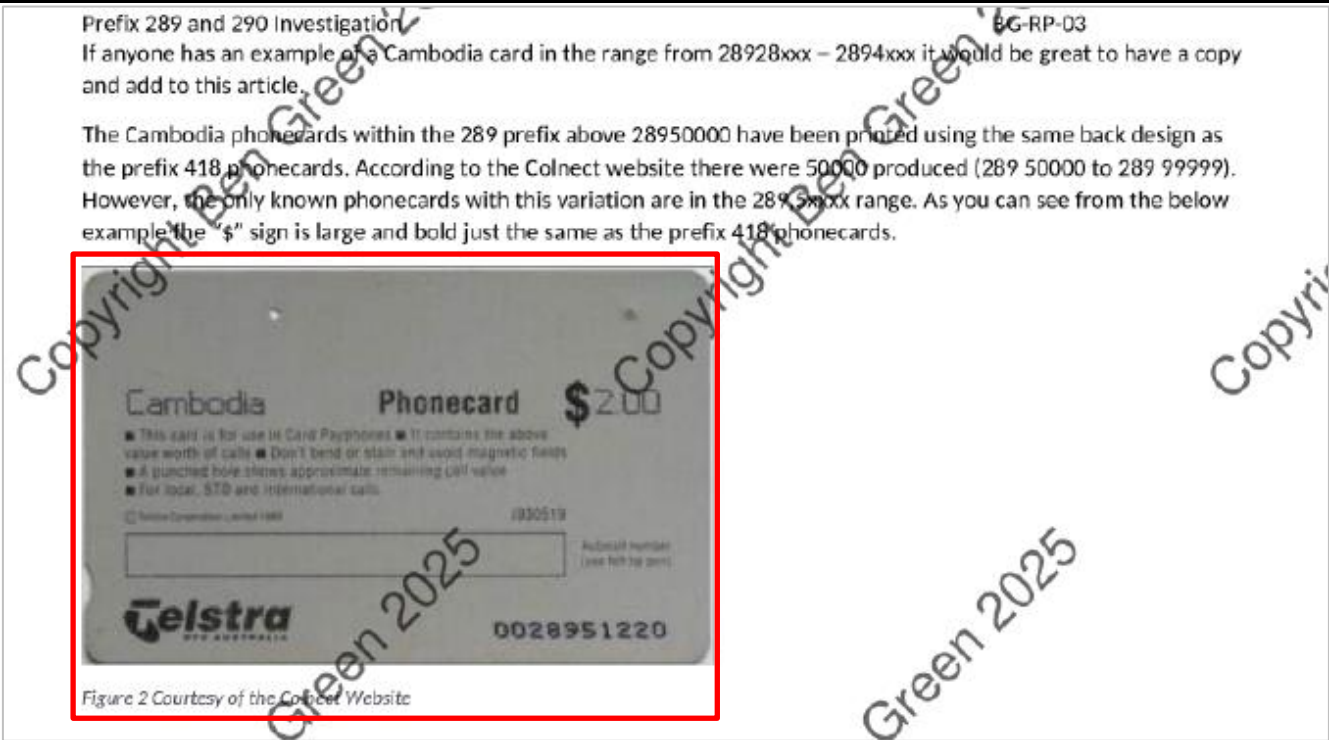
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The Editor does NOT believe that Colnect gave the Owner of the ausphonecardcollectors.au Website permission to use this image and plaster his copyright all over it.

Irrespective of the above, the Editor's Copyright of his image has been infringed by the Owner of the ausphonecardcollectors.au Website and therefore must be removed.



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Telstra Cambodia Phonecard Variations Investigation

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Below is an example of the small printing for the first 10000 prefix 290 phonecards.




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Re: Prefix 1571

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Michael

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To: Ben

Sat 2/07/2022 5:52 PM



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Hi Ben,

I have replaced the old photo of the back of your card with the new one in the Report attached.

Best Regards
Michael

From: Ben
Sent: Saturday, 2 July 2022 5:28 PM
To: Michael
Subject: Re: Prefix 1571

Hi Michael,

Here is the photo of phonecard.

Cheers,

On Mon, 27 June 2022, 6:36 pm Michael wrote:

Hi Ben,

Could you please snd me pictures of it?

Best Regards
Michael

From: Ben
Sent: Monday, 27 June 2022 5:46 PM
To: Michael
Subject: Re: Prefix 1571

Hi Michael,

Thanks for that. I have got a mint one of the wrong card code.

Cheers,

Ben

On Mon, 27 June 2022, 5:01 pm Michael wrote:

Hi Ben,

60,000 cards with wrong Card Code with S/Nos. 1571 00000 to 1571 59999, and
40,000 cards with correct Card Code with S/Nos. 1571 60000 to 1571 99999.

Best Regards
Michael

From: Ben
Sent: Monday, 27 June 2022 4:55 PM
To: Michael
Subject: Prefix 1571

Hi Michael,

Just wondering if you know how many of each of the two printings of prefix 1571 was done.

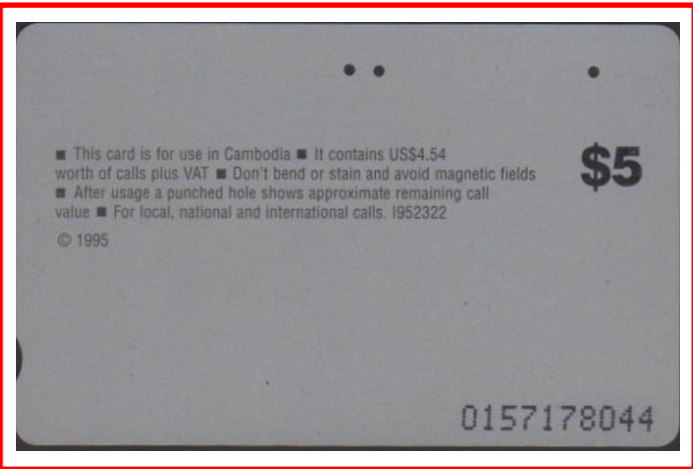
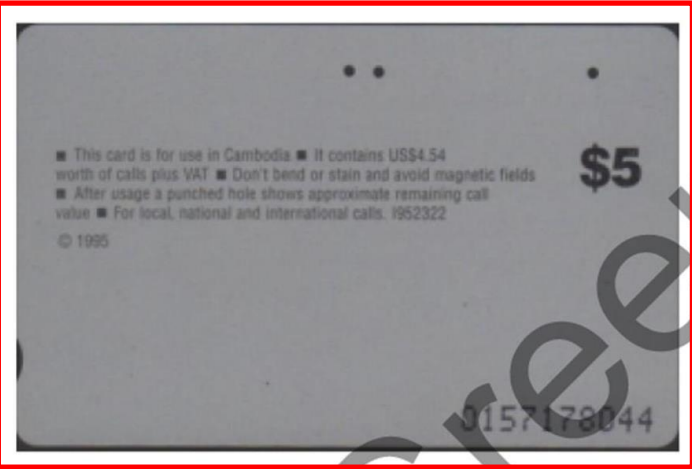
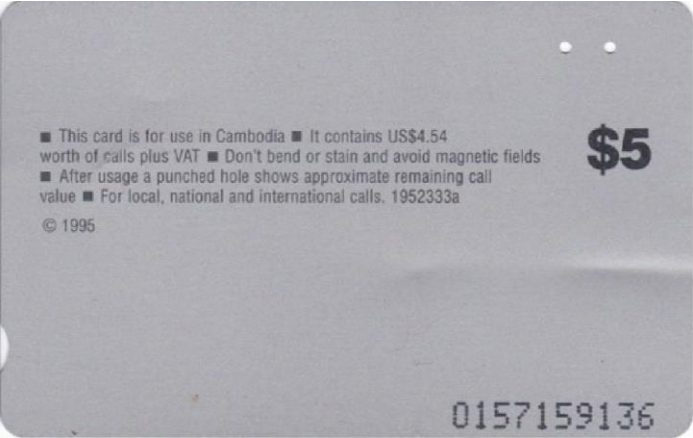
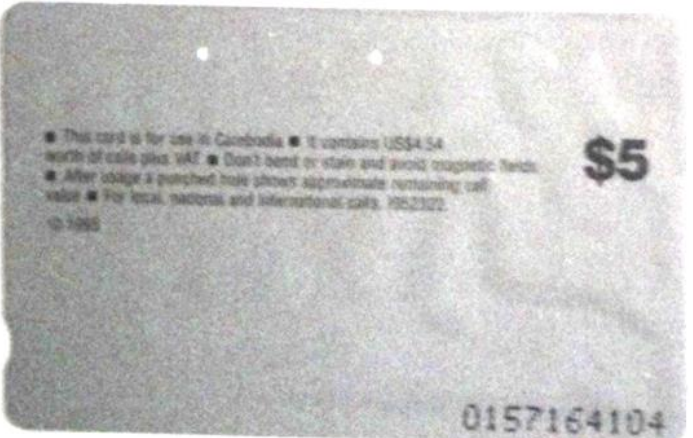
Cheers,

Ben

⏮ Reply

⏭ Forward

Comparisons of Extracts from Editor’s PIR 017 Prefix 1571 Investigation Report on page 3 of this Newsletter, and the Cambodia Variations Investigation v2 on the Owner of ausphonecardcollectors.au Website which can be seen by downloading the file at ausphonecardcollectors.au/sites/default/files/docs_articles/Cambodia%20Variations%20Investigation%20v2.pdf and then opening the file and scrolling down until the page shown below is reached.

ORIGINAL DETAILS in Editor’s PIR 017 Rev - Telstra Magnetic Phonecard Prefix 1571 Investigation	COPIED DETAILS in Website ausphonecardcollectors.au (See hyperlink above)
<div data-bbox="207 390 787 588"><p>On the right is Bruce Sergent’s Image of the back of his Cambodia Phonecard with S/No. 1571 78044. This card can also be seen at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/cambodia.html#US\$5_Ankor_Wat_Temple_(New)</p></div> <div data-bbox="811 271 1446 697"></div> <div data-bbox="192 715 1446 876"><p>NOTE: The reverse of the Prefix 1571 \$5 Ankor Wat Temple Card on the left incorrectly has card code no. 1952333a on it – Card Code no I952333a was the Cambodia \$10 Satellite Phonecards, but instead of the letter ‘I’ in the card code number which stood for ‘International’ this card has the number ‘1’</p></div> <div data-bbox="192 919 384 952"><p>5. Conclusions</p></div> <div data-bbox="192 991 1019 1024"><p>So far on the evidence presented in this report (Refer Appendix A):</p></div> <div data-bbox="192 1034 1446 1197"><ul style="list-style-type: none">the number of Prefix 1571 Cambodian \$5 Ankor Wat Temple Cards produced with card code no. 1952333a was most probably 60,000 with serial nos. ranging from 1571 00000 to 1571 59999the number of Prefix 1571 Cambodian \$5 Ankor Wat Temple Cards produced with card code no. I952322 was most probably 40,000, with serial nos. ranging from 1571 60000 to 1571 99999</div>	<div data-bbox="1620 376 2200 605"><p>Bruce Sergent’s Image on the right, of the Back of Cambodia Phonecard with S/No. 1571 78044 being in the Cambodia Variations Investigation v2 Report on the ausphonecardcollectors.au Website is an Infringement of Bruce Sergent’s Copyright.</p></div> <div data-bbox="2231 271 2865 697"></div> <div data-bbox="1602 715 2865 870"><p>The left incorrectly has card code no. 1952333a on it instead of the letter ‘I’ in the card code number which stood for ‘International’ this card has the number ‘1’. The one on the right has the correct card number of I952322. It is believed that the number of each of these variations is 60,000 for 1952333a 1571 00000 to 1571 59999 and I952322 1571 60000 to 1571 99999.</p></div> <div data-bbox="1556 891 2932 1191"><p>The above texts in the red boxes have been copied from the Editor’s PIR 017 Report as shown on the left and are therefore an Infringement of the Editor’s Copyright. Also note that the COPIED texts above have omitted from the Editor’s ORIGINAL text on the left “- Card Code No. I952333a was the Cambodia \$10 Satellite Phonecards, but”. The Editor included this to advise readers that someone had incorrectly selected the \$10 Cambodia Card Code No. I952333a, instead of the correct \$5 Cambodia Card Code No. I952322 to put on this \$5 Cambodia Phonecard. However someone had also subsequently made an additional mistake by changing the letter ‘I’ in this incorrect Card Code No. to the number ‘1’.</p></div>
<div data-bbox="119 1232 1513 1344"><p>Appendix A - Mapping of Prefix 1571 Cards includes images of the backs of 2 cards shown below which indicate that the transition of the Card Code Nos. most probably occurs between S/Nos. 1571 59999 and 1571 60000.</p></div> <div data-bbox="146 1353 781 1751"></div> <div data-bbox="216 1761 708 1792"><p>S/No.1571 59136 is Card Code 1952333a</p></div> <div data-bbox="836 1353 1471 1751"></div> <div data-bbox="912 1761 1382 1792"><p>S/No.1571 64104 is Card Code I952322</p></div>	<div data-bbox="1556 1475 2923 1551"><p>NOTE: No evidence presented in Cambodia Variations Investigation v2 Report BG-RP-02 shows why the transition point of the Card Code nos. is believed to be between S/Nos. 1571 59999 and 1571 60000.</p></div>