

Cards and Wrapping Paper

FACT SHEET

- First Australian Christmas card: Produced in 1881 by John Sands. The designs were the result of a national competition. The first commercially produced Christmas card was recently sold at a British auction for nearly AUD \$20,000.
- First Christmas stamp issued by Australia Post: 1957 – Australia was the first Commonwealth country to regularly issue Christmas stamps and has since issued more than 100 designs.
- There are many options to reuse and/or recycle your cards and wrapping paper. Only paper cards and wrapping paper can be recycled – those made with plastic covers or that contain foil or cellophane should be disposed of in the garbage.
- Put your used greeting cards and wrapping paper in your home kerbside recycling bin. Remember to remove ribbons, foil, tinsel or other non-recyclable objects from the cards and paper before putting them into the recycling bin.
- Take greeting cards and wrapping paper to work with you to put in your work recycling bin.
- Donate used cards and wrapping paper to a local child care centre, school or nursing home for use as craft materials.
- Get creative and turn old greeting cards and wrapping paper into new gift tags and cards. This is a great activity for the kids!
- Greeting cards and wrapping paper made from paper and cardboard can go in to worm farms or compost bins and can be used as mulch.
- For more information about greeting card and wrapping paper recycling, or for details about recycling everything from corks and computers, to food, batteries and furniture visit the RecyclingNearYou.com.au website or Hotline on 1300 733 712.

