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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **PERTH MINT ISSUES AUSTRALIA'S OFFICIAL ROYAL WEDDING TRIBUTE COIN**

With the endorsement of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, The Perth Mint has today unveiled Australia's official legal tender commemorative coin to mark the wedding of HRH Prince William and Catherine Middleton.

Struck from 1 ounce of 99.9% pure silver, the coin portrays the couple's official photograph in colour with an intricately detailed sculpture of Westminster Abbey, the setting for the wedding ceremony, in the background. The design is bordered by the inscriptions ROYAL WEDDING 29.04.2011 and H.R.H PRINCE WILLIAM OF WALES & MISS CATHERINE MIDDLETON.

Perth Mint Sales and Marketing Director, Ron Currie, said that as a former branch of the Royal Mint, The Perth Mint honours its British heritage by issuing Buckingham Palace-approved coins to celebrate the personal milestones of the Royal family and anniversaries of the Monarch's reign.

"We are delighted to issue a legal tender Royal Wedding commemorative which symbolises Australia's heartfelt congratulations to the couple and warm wishes for their future happiness," he said.

The celebratory coin portrays the Ian Rank-Broadley effigy of Prince William's grandmother, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, on the obverse.

With only 12,500 official wedding commemoratives to be issued by The Perth Mint, the coin will be a unique and timeless memento of the joyful occasion.

Each coin is housed in a classic presentation case within a white gift box and is accompanied by a numbered Certificate of Authenticity.

Second-in-line to become the Head of the Commonwealth and King of Australia, Prince William and his bride-to-be, Catherine Middleton, will exchange vows during their marriage ceremony at Westminster Abbey on 29 April.

The 2011 Royal Wedding 1oz Silver Coin is priced at \$105.00. Collectors can place their order from today at The Perth Mint Shop at 310 Hay Street in East Perth, by telephoning FREECALL 1800 098 817 or via the Mint's online store at [www.perthmint.com.au](http://www.perthmint.com.au) for delivery of the coin from 29 April. From the day of the wedding, purchasers may also check availability of the release at their local coin distributor or Australia Post outlet.

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