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MEDIA RELEASE

PERTH MINT CELEBRATES THE ROYAL WEDDING

Under the auspices of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, The Perth Mint has unveiled Australia's official legal tender commemorative coin program celebrating the wedding of His Royal Highness Prince Henry and Ms Meghan Markle.

A popular member of the Royal Family, Prince Harry is sixth in line to the throne. After leaving school and working as a jackaroo on a cattle station in Queensland, he entered the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. There he completed officer training before serving in Afghanistan and later joining the Special Air Service Regiment in Perth.

Today, Prince Harry dedicates his time to charitable pursuits and mentoring schemes for vulnerable youth, and animal conservation in Africa. Sharing his passion for humanitarian missions, Meghan supports several international charities, and is an advocate for gender equality and the empowerment of women.

As a union of love which also expresses hope for the future, the Royal Wedding coins are expected to be a popular choice among collectors throughout the world said Perth Mint Group Manager Minted Products Neil Vance.

"The Perth Mint has been observing the personal milestones of the Royal Family and the significant anniversaries of the Monarch for many years," said Mr Vance.

"It is an honour to now convey Australia's heartfelt congratulations to the couple and warm wishes for their future happiness with these official coins approved by Buckingham Palace," said Mr Vance.

The 99.99% pure silver 1oz coin portrays an official image of the couple released following their engagement against a sculptured representation of Windsor Castle, and bordered by the inscriptions H.R.H. PRINCE HENRY OF WALES & MS MEGHAN MARKLE and 19 MAY 2018.

In contrast, the 1/4oz 99.99% pure gold release displays a set of decorative wedding bells with a sprig of myrtle as the white flower is featured in every royal bride's bouquet since Queen Victoria married Prince Albert as a symbol of good fortune. Filigree artistry enhances the centre inscription H.R.H. PRINCE HENRY OF WALES & MS MEGHAN MARKLE with the date of the nuptials completing the reserve design.

Both precious metal tributes feature The Perth Mint's historic 'P' mintmark on the reverse design, and are issued as legal tender under the Australian *Currency Act 1965* with the lan



Rank-Broadley effigy of Prince Harry's grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II, on the obverse.

With only 5,000 silver and 750 gold commemoratives to be issued by The Perth Mint, the coins will be treasured keepsakes for generations.

Prince Harry and Meghan will wed this Saturday 19 May at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

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