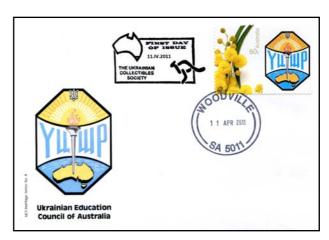
## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Ukrainian Collectibles Society (UCS) of Australia released the second two stamps of the "Ukrainian Heritage in Australia Personalised Stamp™ and souvenir first day of issue envelope series" on 11 April 2011.



The two new stamps were dedicated to the Dnister Ukrainian Credit Cooperative (Issue 3) and the Ukrainian Education Council of Australia, UECA (Issue 4). Below are reproductions of the two first day covers (FDC) that were issued.





A total 2,680 Dnister stamps (134 sheets of 20 stamps) including 278 first day covers (FDC) and a total of 660 UECA stamps (33 sheets of 20 stamps) including 107 first day covers were released. The UCS has retained very small quantities of stamps (sheets not available) and FDC for purchase. Interested persons should contact one of the officers named below for further details.

The "Ukrainian Heritage in Australia" series of stamps and covers is designed to provide a tangible philatelic record of the history of Ukrainian organisations and institutions established and operating in Australia since 1948, recognising and commemorating their status and respective unique contributions to Australia's Ukrainian and wider communities. The project is expected to run over 4 or more years and will promote and acknowledge Ukrainian organisations and institutions from all states and territories of Australia.

The UCS is Australia's only organisation solely dedicated to the collecting and promotion of Ukrainian collectibles, *Ukrainica*. Formed in 1994 the UCS and its members are major contributors to Ukrainian theme philately and collectibles in Australia and around the world.

The next stamps will be released in July 2011 and will be dedicated to the Ukrainian Community Radio in Adelaide, South Australia, and the Ukrainian Association of Western Australia in Perth.

The UCS will continue to inform Ukrainian communities by way of email with future order details when available. Should persons wish to be included on the mailing list they should contact either:

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Orders can only be placed with the UCS on a prescribed Order Form that will be emailed or posted to interested persons who register their interest.