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Precision Timing: One of the Highest Valued Selection of Watches to be Auctioned in Australia by Sotheby's Australia

Two significant collections of wristwatches and pocket watches will be auctioned by Sotheby's Australia on 8 August in Melbourne.

Property from the collection of the Late James Woodward features over 10 carefully collected wristwatches. The highlight is an 18ct yellow gold Patek Philippe Grand Complication Celestial Sky-Moon 5102J-001 wristwatch, circa 2009, estimate \$130,000-160,000 – one of the highest valued watches ever offered for auction in Australia.

Property from the collection of the Late William W.W. (Bill) Hughes includes over 50 pocket watches which span 220 years from circa 1700 to circa 1920.



Patek Philippe A very fine 18ct gold automatic astronomical wristwatch with sky chart, phases and position of the moon and time of meridian passage of Sirius and the moon ref 5102J-001 mvt 3580271 case 4464141 Celestial circa 2009. Estimate \$130,000-160,000

Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of Sotheby's Australia commented: 'One of the most important and comprehensive auctions of watches in Australia will be conducted by Sotheby's Australia on 8 August 2018 in Melbourne. The cornerstone of this sale is two significant private collections, property from the Late James (Jim) Woodward and property from the Late William (Bill) Hughes.'

James Woodward was integral to the introduction of high-end European appliances to the Australian market, obtaining the licence to import the Smeg brand. The wristwatches from Jim's collection are a testament to his connoisseurship of European elegance, design and craftsmanship. Perfectly complimenting this selection, William Hughes' collection of pocket watches provides a fascinating and comprehensive insight into over 200 years of time-keeping and style.'



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE LATE MR JAMES WOODWARD, SYDNEY

Entrepreneur James Woodward was recognised as a pioneer in Australian whitegoods, supplying premium and high-end appliances. In 1981, he founded Omega Appliances and introduced the Smeg brand to Australia. Watches from James Woodward's collection include major examples by Audemars Piguet, Frank Muller, Hublot and Patek Philippe.

Patek Philippe

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Patek Philippe

Golden Ellipse Limited Edition 40th Jubilee set. Platinum ref 5738P-001 and ref 3738/100P-001, 18ct white gold cufflinks, sapphire and diamond necklace circa 2008 (estimate \$40,000-60,000, lot 176, pictured above).

Hublot

An 18ct gold and titanium automatic chronograph wristwatch with registers and date ref 301PI500RX case 666245 Big Bang circa 2008 (estimate \$8,000-12,000, lot 180, pictured right).



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE LATE WILLIAM W.W. (BILL) HUGHES, BOWRAL

Philanthropist and entrepreneur, William W.W. (Bill) Hughes was a medical publisher who frequently travelled to Europe and the United States of America to engage with the medical fraternity and attend book fairs. Fascinated by their design and movement, Hughes became a collector of pocket watches later in his life, often collecting pieces in Switzerland and the United States of America during his extensive travels. Highlights from William Hughes' collection include A.S. & F. Mysterieuse, Jean Henric Petri, Patek Philippe, Solliet a Paris and Thuillier a Genève.



Solliet a Paris

A silver and polychrome enamel single hand verge watch French circa 1700 (estimate \$4,000-6,000, lot 247, pictured above)

Jean Henric Petri

A silver and polychrome enamel pair cased verge watch with mock pendulum Continental circa 1710 (estimate \$3,000-5,000, lot 251, pictured right)



AT A GLANCE

PROPERTY FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE LATE MR JAMES WOODWARD, SYDNEY

LOTS 175-187

PROPERTY FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE LATE WILLIAM W.W. (BILL) HUGHES, BOWRAL

LOTS 216-273

IMPORTANT JEWELS & WATCHES

Auction in Melbourne Wednesday 8 August 2018, 6 pm

14-16 Collins Street, Melbourne

Total auction estimate \$3,606,900-4,924,700 | 278 lots

Exhibition in Melbourne, 14-16 Collins Street, Melbourne

3-7 August, 10 am to 5 pm, 8 August, 10 am to 1 pm

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