

NORFOLK ISLAND

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PHILATELIC BULLETIN

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NEW DEFINITIVE ISSUE

In November, 1973 the first four values of a new definitive series will appear to replace the current definitive issue which features Norfolk Island birds. The new stamps will show, from the original plans, the stone buildings erected at the main settlement of 'King's Town' (now Kingston) during the Island's period as a penal station.

The first four values will be:-

- 1c Protestant Clergyman's Quarters
- 5c Entrance to Pentagonal Gaol
- 10c Officers' Quarters, New Military Barracks
- 50c Commissariat Stores

The exact date of this issue will be advised later.

Expected dates of the three subsequent issues are:-

- 1st May, 1974
- 12th July, 1974
- 9th September, 1974

The stamps are being printed in photogravure by Harrison and Sons Limited of London. Full technical details and information about the plans depicted on the stamps will be published before the stamps are issued.

CHRISTMAS STAMPS 1973—7c, 12c, 35c

Three stamps in 7c, 12c and 35c values will be issued on 22nd October, 1973 for sale until 22nd February, 1974.

The 7c and 12c stamps will feature the same design of a sleeping child's dream of a Christmas tree—a Norfolk Island pine decorated and hung with gifts. Both stamps will be printed in six colours and will be distinguished by the background colour which will be clear red for the 7c stamp and blue for the 12c stamp.

The 35c stamp will show a Christmas star in the eastern sky of a night scene of Norfolk Island from a photograph taken from Point Ross looking across Emily Bay. The stamp will be printed in four colours, with yellow tones against background shades of rich brown.

Both designs were winning entries in a local contest conducted annually for the purpose: the "child's dream" design being based on an entry by Mr. B. W. McCoy and the night scene being a photographic entry by Mr. R. Westwood

All three stamps will be printed photogravure by Harrison and Sons Limited of London. They will be 1.1" x 1.6953" (27.94mm x 43.06mm) perforation to perforation in sheets of 50 on white unwater-marked postage stamp PVA gummed paper.

ROYAL VISIT—COOK BI-CENTENARY YEAR

Two stamps, 25c and 35c respectively, will be issued— on a date to be advised—in February, 1974, to commemorate the occasion of the first visit by a reigning Monarch, Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, which will take place that month, and which is associated with the bi-centenary of the discovery of Norfolk Island by Captain Cook in 1774.

Both stamps will show the Royal couple in profile above a map of Norfolk Island with Cook's ship, the "Resolution" on the left, and the Royal Yacht "Brittania" on the right.

The 25c stamp will feature the design on a red background, the 35c stamp will have a blue background. Further details of the stamps will be published when they are known.

SIR FRANCIS CHICHESTER—FIRST AIRMAN TO ARRIVE IN NORFOLK ISLAND TERRITORY

A stamp in honour of Sir Francis Chichester, the first airman to arrive in Norfolk Island is planned to be issued on 28th March, 1974.

Full details will be published as soon as they are available.

NOTES ON 1974 ISSUES

In 1974 Norfolk Island will be visited by Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh and will also celebrate the bi-centenary of its discovery by Captain Cook.

Consequently, an unusually high number of stamps will be issued during the year.

STAMPS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM SALE

In November, 1973 (the exact date to be advised later) Bird Series (Definitives)—1c, 5c, 10c, 50c.

STAMPS ON SALE AT 1st AUGUST, 1973

Definitive Issue (Birds)

3c, 4c, 9c, 45c	25th February, 1970
1c, 7c, 10c, 25c	22nd July, 1970
2c, 5c, 15c, 50c	24th February, 1971
20c, 30c, \$1	16th June 1971

A special folder is available for \$4.00 containing the full series, with information about each of the birds shown on the stamps.

Coil Stamps

3c,4c, 5c	5th August, 1968
6c	25th August, 1971

PHILATELIC SERVICES

The Philatelic Bureau of the Norfolk Island Post Office provides a First Day Cover service and a special First Day of Issue postmarker is used. All stamps are also available in mint condition and C.T.O.

First Day Cover Service—Orders for covers must be received before the first day of issue. The costs of the cover service, in addition to the face value of the stamps are:-

Covers	3c each
Affixing stamps	3c each cover
Addressing	3c each
Plain outer cover (if required)	1c per cover.

Philatelic Service Fee and Posting—A charge of 3c is made for servicing each order other than First Day Covers. Postage to cover despatch will be charged when mint stamps only are required and the value of cancelled stamps is insufficient to cover postage.

Standing Orders:—Standing Orders for new issues of Norfolk Island stamps will be accepted for stamps, sheets or covers against a suitable deposit.

Remittances:—All stamps are sold at face value and payment should be in Australian currency or its equivalent. Payment can be made by Money Order, Bank Draft, Postal Notes, Cheques or Bank Notes. Payment should accompany orders. A 50c Bank fee is charged on all drafts and cheques other than Australian.

It should be noted that stamps cannot be accepted in payment. Cheques, Money Orders etc. should be made payable to Norfolk Island Administration.

Special Requests:—Every effort will be made to furnish only well centred stamps. Part sheets, whole sheets or stamps cancelled to order with a light postmark may be supplied. All cancellations of stamps are done individually with a hand cancelling marker.

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