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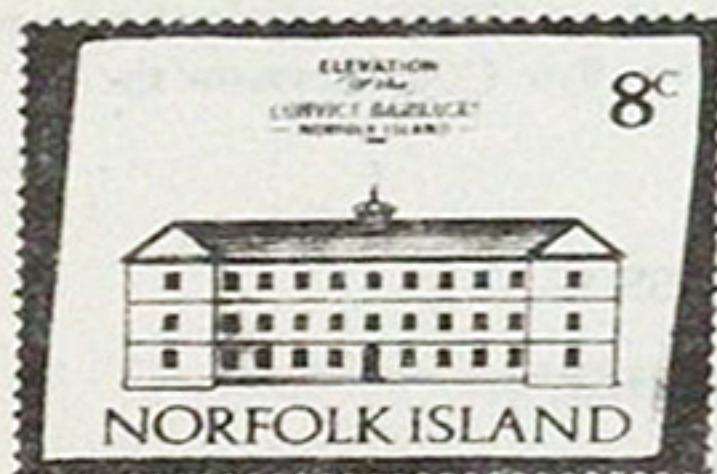
## HISTORIC BUILDINGS DEFINITIVE STAMP ISSUE -

### FINAL PART

On Wednesday, 19th February 1975 the 3c, 8c, 15c and 25c stamps will be issued to complete the Historic Buildings definitive series.

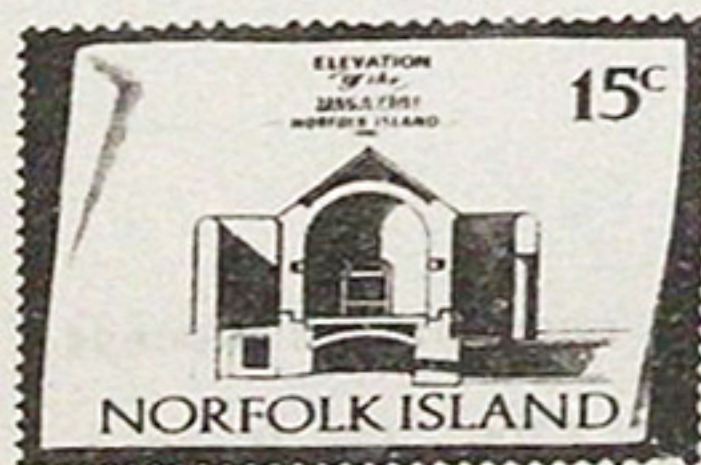


**3 cent - Double Quarters for Free Overseers:** This was, during the second penal settlement, the residence of the Superintendents of Convicts. When the descendants of the Mutineers of the "Bounty" were transferred to Norfolk Island in 1856 it was used by two of the families from Pitcairn Island. It fell into ruins after the Pitcairn Islander's occupancy ended in the early 1930's. Drawings for this "joined pair" (known as Nos. 2 and 3) were made by Thos. Seller, R.E. in 1842.



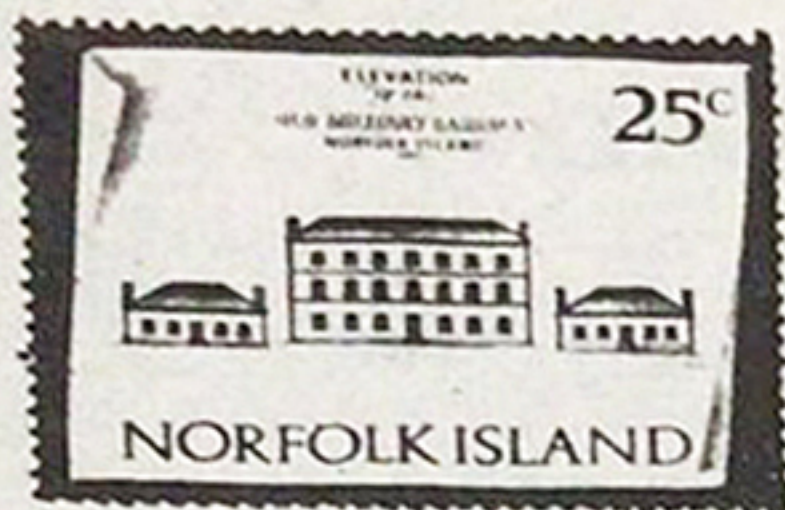
**8 cent - Prisoner's Barracks:** This was a major building but it has completely disappeared. It was a three storey building with three wings forming a "U" opening towards the gateway. Within it, according to descriptions by G. W. Whitaker in 1835 and R. P. Stewart in 1846, there were numerous wards in which the men spread their hammocks, touching each other, between "stout wooden rails extending the whole length of the wards,

two lines either side of a four-foot passage". In that way nearly 800 men were accommodated. Under some Commandants a few wards were permitted lights later than the others, where men who had undertaken study were located; they were known as "the scholars' wards". It seems that many visitors to the Barracks expressed grave concern at the behaviour of the men during the hours of darkness. During the latter part of the 1870's the building was unroofed during a hurricane and became a complete ruin.



**15 cent - Magazine:** The Powder Magazine, located in the New Military Barracks compound, was given additional security by enclosure within a thick high stone wall. This building was used by the Norfolk Island Administration, up to c.1959 to store explosives. It is now used as a storage room.





**25 cent – Old Military Barracks:** This building known also as the ‘‘Soldier’s Barracks’’ is the main building in this group or compound which consist of two Officers’ Quarters, a Powder Magazine, a Guard House, Ball Court and other buildings. It was constructed during the years 1826-1832 from plans prepared by a ‘‘Mr. Buchanan’’. Buchanan intended a building twice the size and his view would seem to have been vindicated by the fact that within ten years the ‘‘New’’ Military

Barracks, depicted in the Second Issue of this Series, were built nearby. In the late 1880’s, after the settlers from Pitcairn Island arrived, the upper floor of the Old Military Barracks was removed when adaptations were being made for its use as a Methodist Church. Following a period of disuse and dilapidation it was renovated by a private firm for use as a retail store with a manager’s quarters provided above the store. Since c. 1946 the ground floor has been used as an Administration store and the top floor as a residence for its employees.

The designs for the stamps are based on plans drawn by Officers of the Royal Engineer Corps stationed at Norfolk Island during the Second Penal Settlement the originals of which are held in the State Archives of Tasmania, Hobart, Australia.

Since 1953 the Norfolk Island Administration, assisted by grants of money from the Australian Government, has been actively engaged in the preservation and restoration of the historic buildings in the Kingston area. In 1973 the Australian Government accepted responsibility for the restoration and maintenance of these buildings as being what the Australian Council of National Trusts referred to in a Report published in 1971, ‘‘one of the finest collections of Colonial Buildings in the Commonwealth....’’

The stamps of this series already issued are:—

#### DATE OF ISSUE

1c Protestant Clergyman’s Quarters  
5c Main Entrance, Pentagonal Gaol  
10c Officers’ Quarters  
50c Commissariat Store

19th November 1973

2c Royal Engineer’s Office  
7c Pentagonal Gaol  
12c New Military Barracks  
30c Old Stores (Crankmill)

1st May 1974

4c Guard House  
14c Beach Store  
20c Entrance, Old Military Barracks  
\$1.00 Government House

12th July 1974

The stamps are printed by Harrison and Sons of England by photogravure process on white unmarked postage stamp paper perforated in sheets of 50.

The stamps are in horizontal format. Their size is 1.25’’ x 1.6206’’ (31.75 mm x 41.16 mm) perforation to perforation.



## STAMPS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM SALE

Date of Withdrawal	Stamps	Values
Tuesday 18th February 1975*	Bird definitives	3c, <del>4c</del> , 9c, 15c, 25c.
Friday 21st February 1975	Christmas 1974	7c, 30c.
Monday 10th March 1975**	Cook Bi-Centenary	
	Discovery of Norfolk Is.	7c, 10c, 14c, 25c.

\* Available until 31st December 1975 from the Norfolk Island Philatelic Bureau.

\*\* Date previously advised in Bulletin No. 4, July 1974 (10th February 1975) extended to utilise values in now greater demand under new postal rates.

### —SPECIAL NOTE—

#### U.P.U. CENTENARY ISSUE ORDERS

Problems in having all of the stamps delivered to Norfolk Island, and the unprecedented demand are causing difficulty in filling orders promptly for the Universal Postal Union selfadhesive freeform stamps issued on 16th December 1974.

We apologise to all who have been inconvenienced and thank them for their patience and forbearance. The staff has been expanded and is working overtime to despatch orders as quickly as possible.

### 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 .....	4c. each
Affixing stamps .....	4c. each cover
Addressing .....	4c. each
Plain Outer Cover (if required) .....	4c. each

**Philatelic Service Fee and Posting:** 4 cents is charged for servicing each order other than First Day Covers. Postage to cover despatch will be charged when only mint stamps are required; or when cancelled stamps are required and their value is insufficient to cover postage.



**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.

All drafts and cheques in currency other than Australian currency should include an additional 50 cents to cover the fee of that amount charged by the Banks.

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

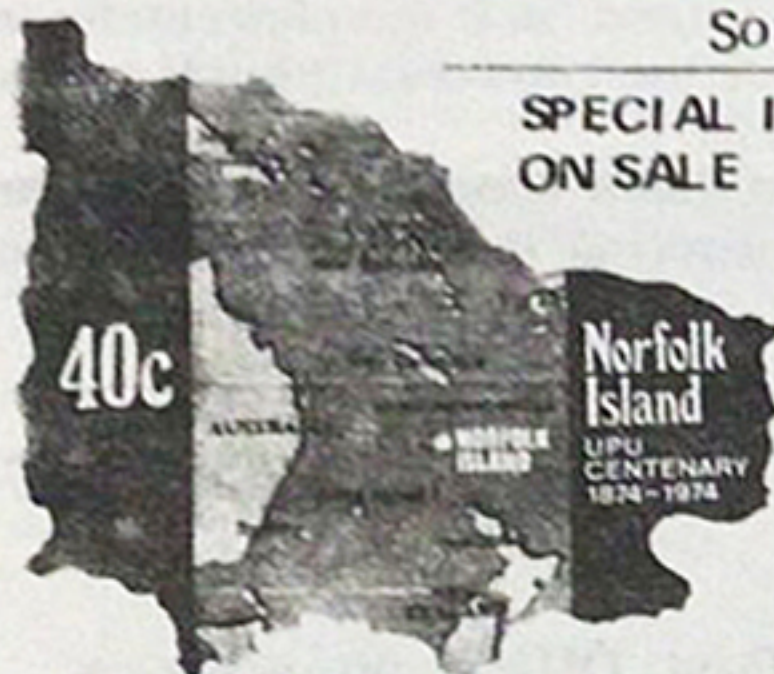
All orders or enquiries should be directed to:—

The Senior Philatelic Officer,  
Administration Offices,  
Kingston,

**NORFOLK ISLAND. 2899**

South Pacific Ocean.

**SPECIAL ISSUE NORFOLK ISLAND STAMPS CURRENTLY  
ON SALE**



**Universal Postal Union Centenary Issue  
(Selfadhesive freeform)  
10c, 15c, 35c, 40c.**

**Christmas 1974  
7c, 30c.**



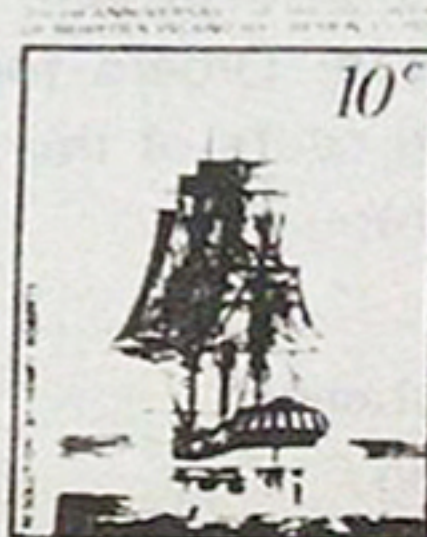
**Cook Bi-Centenary: Discovery of Norfolk Island  
7c, 10c, 14c, 25c.**



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Office of the Official Secretary, Administration Office Buildings, Kingston,  
**NORFOLK ISLAND.**