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PHILATELIC BULLETIN

Dear Collector

This year will be exciting with the International Philatelic Exhibition being held in Sydney on the theme -Pacific Explorers. It will be held in April and Norfolk Island will be attending. A set of very attractive stamps is currently being produced. More details within this Bulletin.

The weather this summer has been great for swimming and enjoying the outdoors, hot and dry, until about I week ago when the island received 75 mm of very welcome rain. Everywhere immediately turned green so the island looks great. It would be lovely to receive another downpour within the next 2 weeks to keep the island looking nice and fill up those water tanks to overflowing.

Norfolk Island recently had a communication blackout due to a satellite drifting out of orbit, or, as some other sources mentioned, being struck by a solar flare. The Island's communications depend almost entirely on this facility. Fortunately, another satellite was accessible to Norfolk Island, and contact was restored within 24 hours. I gather there are several Pacific Islands that continued to have difficulties for many days with alternative satellites not being so readily available.

How things change! Thirty years ago (that's not so long ago, is it?) Norfolk's sole method of communication with the world was VHF radio with a telex link and 2 phone lines. Now there is a satellite, providing hundreds of phone and Internet connections simultaneously. About 20 years ago TV was introduced and now there is feed for 4 TV channels and several FM radio stations, which are then rebroadcast by our government transmitters. The clubs and hotels, as well as a number of households, have FOX and SKY "cable" channels, How did we occupy ourselves in the good old days?

The Island had a visit by the Hon, lim Lloyd, Federal Minister for Territories recently as part of the Australia Day Celebrations. While here the Minister held discussions with the Island's Government on funding the re-surfacing of the airport runway. The airport maintenance is a major expense on this small community, but it is essential for communications and the economy.

Also a team of engineers is about to commence work on the Kingston jetty. Constructed in the 1840s using convict labour, the jetty is showing signs of sagging and cracking due to its constant exposure to wave action. This jetty is still used for unloading the cargo ship when it arrives every 3 weeks, so it has to be kept in good order not only

because of its value to history, but also its present use.

> I hope you enjoy collecting our newest issues detailed in this newsletter.

Regards Allan.

NEW STAMP ISSUES

Rotary International Centenary Issue

It is 100 years since Paul Harris established the first Rotary Club - likeminded businessmen who would work together to assist people in need within the USA. The concept has since spread worldwide and their activities have benefited people everywhere. A Rotary Club was established on Norfolk Island many years ago, and has since been part of this worldwide movement raising funds and assisting both local and international charities.

The local Rotary Club and Norfolk Post have teamed up to produce this issue. It features:

50c - Tree planting - an on-going Rotary project

50c - Beach Carnival - for many years Rotary organised a Boxing Day Beach

carnival with events in which the whole Island could join in

\$1.20 - Paul Harris - founder of Rotary International

\$1.80 - RYLA - "Rotary Youth Leadership Awards" - selected Norfolk youth join New Zealanders to test their leadership potential.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date: 23 February 2004 50c x 2: \$1.20: \$1.80

\$2.00

M/sheet:

Designer: Roger Pennycuick,

Norfolk Island

Printer: Southern Colour Print.

New Zealand

Gutter: Rotary Centenary Logo Prod. Qty: 30,000 sets (stamps)

10,000 (minisheets)



GUTTER DESIGN FOR THE ROTARY ISSUE SEETHE PREVIOUS BULLETIN FOR FULL STAMP & MINISHEET DETAILS

2004 Year Book now available

The 2004 Collection Year Book, even more attractive than last years', will soon be ready for sale. It contains all the material that has been for sale, through our Bureau for 2004 (except for the WWF M/S), set in an attractive and informative layout. Many of our collectors find this a convenient way of purchasing their

annual collection, as well it is very popular with many of our visitors as an attractive and worthwhile souvenir of their holiday on our beautiful island. Regular collectors will find it an attractive addition to our annual collections.



A SPECIAL REQUEST: Norfolk Post would appreciate that if you need to return stamps to our Bureau, for any reason, could you please pack them in a manner which permits the stamps to survive the rigours of the mail system. Please pack them between cardboard and wrap in plastic if possible.

Pacific Explorers Issue

This Issue will be issued at the International Exhibition to be held in Sydney in April 2005. The theme of the Exhibition will be Pacific Explorers and Norfolk Island will feature, who we think, are the greatest Pacific Explorers:

- The Polynesians who roamed the oceans with regularity and actually set up a semi-permanent base on the island.
- Magellan who was the first known person to circumnavigate the world; and
- Captain Cook, who seemed to have a nose for discovering tiny islands in vast oceans

This issue will be made up of 3. stamps and a miniature sheet. The entire print run of the miniature sheet will have the Sydney Philatelic Exhibition 21-24 April 2005 logo printed onto the design.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date: 21 April 2005 \$50c: \$120: \$180

FDC Value: \$2.50 M/Sheet: \$2.00

Designer: Tracy Yager, Norfolk Is.



ATTRACTIVE GUTTER DESIGN FOR THE PACIFIC EXPLORERS ISSUE.

Southern Colour Print.

New Zealand

Gutter:

Layout:

Image in Gutter Prod. Oty: 30,000 sets, 10,000 m/s Sheets of 50 in 2 panes

of 25 stamps



Norfolk Island Museum Issue

This special issue features 4 small items that are part of an extensive collection held in the Island's Museum in Kingston.

The items in the stamps cover 3 important periods in or leading up to Norfolk's history. The Salt cellar off the Bounty, the medicine bottles from the second Convict settlement and the early days after the Pitcairners arrived. These items have been recovered from excavations, give us a glimpse into the island's social history.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date: 5 April 2004 Value: \$4.00

FDC Value: \$4.50

Designer: Louise Donald Norfolk Is.

Printer: Southern Colour Print.

New Zealand

Gutter Museum Logo Prod. Qty: 30,000 stamps



GUTTER DESIGN FOR THE MUSEUM ISSUE. SEE THE PREVIOUS BULLETIN FOR FULL STAMP DETAILS.

Sevenseas Australasian Stamp Catalogue

Norfolk Island stamps and postal stationery are included in Volume 2 of the Australasian Stamp Catalogue, the most widely used catalogue in this part of the world. It is printed in full-colour on quality matt art paper, market valuations, technical details including designer, printer and perforations and extensive background notes on the stories behind the stamps.

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Counter Labels

It had to happen eventually. The Hytek Counter label machine has experienced "a fatal error" and no longer works. Unfortunately we won't be replacing it as it is rarely used by Post Office these days and is mainly used for collector's labels.

As important as these labels are, we are not able to justify the expense of replacing the equipment at this stage. If we do we shall inform collectors through the Bulletin.

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