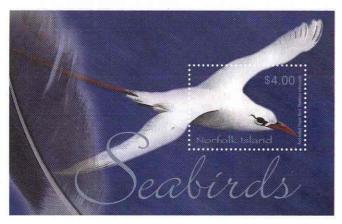
New Seabirds Definitive







The seabirds featured

breed on Norfolk, or

on the surrounding

islets and they rely on

the ocean entirely for

food and water. Some

species spend years at

sea as juveniles before

returning to where

they are hatched to

commence breeding

themselves.







Part I of our new Definitive Issue. Seabirds is to be released on 9 August 2005, and will contain 5 stamps. Part 2. containing another 5 stamps will be released in several months time.







Norfolk Island

Unfortunately, the main island is no longer used by most species, due to human activity, but some species still nest high in the pines near the cliffs. There are moves

to protect more of the cliff face and nesting sites, which will help the populations remain viable. The birds are always a good indicator to local fishermen where the big schools of fish are to be found.

Roger Pennycuick has designed these beautiful stamps using photographic references.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date: 9 August 2005 10c; 50c; \$1.50; \$2.00

and \$5.00

M/Sheet: \$4.00

FDC value: \$9.10 (stamps); \$4.50 (m/s)

Designer: Roger Pennycuick, Norfolk Island

Printer: Southern Colour Print. New Zealand

Prod. Oty: 10c - 200,000

50c - 100,000 \$150 - 30,000 \$2.00 - 50,000 \$5.00 - 50.000

M/S \$4.00 - 10.000

Hibiscus Flowers Issue

This new Issue is similar to the other two recent flower issues - in booklet form containing a variety of locally grown Hibiscus flowers. These beautiful flowers epitomize the tropics and lovely gardens. While Norfolk Island is not tropical, the climate is warm enough to grow a wide range of these flowers.

Each stamp will be valued at 50 cents, and the set of 12 totalling \$6.00. The value of the stamps is based on the postage to mainland Australia, which is where the majority of the mail is sent from the island.

The Issue will be available as a set, with or without a booklet cover.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date: 30th August 2005 12 x 50c (stamps) \$6.00 (booklet)

FDC Value: \$6.50

Designer: Mary Butterfield

Norfolk Is.

Printer: Southern Colour Print,

New Zealand Prod. Qty: 30,000 sets

Layout: Panes of 24 stamps

48 stamps per sheet



The Sydney 2005 - Pacific **Explorers Exhibition:**

Norfolk Post did not produce anything "special" specifically for this Exhibition that cannot be bought through the Bureau. The only "different" item was the rubber hand stamp or "cachet". This was used in conjunction with the "exhibition passports", and a few First Day Covers. We did produce the Pacific Explorers Issue to join the theme of the Exhibition

Gutter Strips

Norfolk Island Philatelic Bureau has included pictorial images in the gutter strips in recent issues. We have found that the number of collectors requesting these gutters is increasing, so I shall be producing a separate newsletter in the near future, depicting the special illustrated gutters and how they are laid up in the sheet. Customers who want these can then write and order them or make them part of their standing order.

Old Island Houses Issue

Before it is too late, it is important to document examples of the lovely old island style homes, before it is to late, as many have fallen into disrepair over the last 20 years. The houses featured on this issue are still in use and show a range of the housing styles, which were once common on the island. While one of the houses featured is made of stone, the other houses were built entirely of timber - single thickness paneled walls with the structural timbers left exposed within the house.

The homes had ceilings that were 3 to 3.5 metres high, with steep wooden shingled roofs. Convict-cut stone obtained from demolishing the old gaols of the Kingston penal settlements were used for foundations, verandahs and fireplaces.

Initially, it appears that the islanders built wooden versions of the convict settlement houses, but later they took



on many of the features of early New Zealand houses. This could have been due to the influence of the Melanesian Mission that established itself on Norfolk in 1866 recruiting tradesmen trained in New Zealand.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date: 16 June 2005

Values: 50c x 2: \$1.20: \$1.80

FDC value: \$4.50

Designer: Sue Draper, Norfolk Island

Southern Colour Print. Printer:

New Zealand

Prod. Qty: 30,000 sets







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EXAMPLE OF OLD HOMES GUTTER STRIPS

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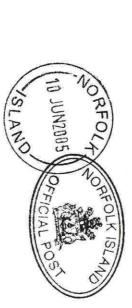
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NORFOLK ISLAND



BULLETIN #2, 2005

PHILATELIC BULLETIN

Dear Collector.

Cenior Philatelic Officer, Julie Burns, and myself flew to Sydney to attend the International Philatelic Exhibition held late last month on beautiful Sydney Harbour. It was nice to meet so many of our Sydney-based customers personally, as well, to catch up with the familiar faces who we have met at other exhibitions.

As you know Norfolk Post released a special issue for this event, the "Pacific Explorers", 3 stamps and 1 miniature sheet. The issue was based on the theme of the Exhibition - Pacific Explorers - and as a result of this, (and the beautiful illustration of a Polynesian Chief), the issue sold very well.

There are a couple of interesting projects currently happening on the island at the moment. A team of engineers has been test-drilling the coral reef under the convict-made jetty at Kingston (featured on our recent "Werken dar Shep" miniature sheet). There are plans to restore the jetty to give it its best chance of continuing to stand up against the relentless waves well into the future. The jetty is important, not only for it's historical significance, but also as one of only two places where ship's cargo can be unloaded.

Also a company from New Zealand is here to sort out crushable rock that was buried, when the cliff above Cascade jetty was quarried for safety reasons. A large machine was brought to the island by ship, in several large pieces, and is sifting through tonnes of rock and soil. As you can imagine, on a small island, quarriable rock is a scarce commodity and it cannot be wasted, especially with the airport runway due to be re-surfaced soon.

It is still quite warm here. The only indication of the approaching winter is the shortening days. Rain on the island continues to be in short supply. While the Island looks pleasantly green, we are well behind in the annual rainfall tally. Water-delivery trucks are on the road again, filling household tanks that are now getting low. Each household on the island is responsible for its own water supply as there is no reticulated supply. Usually there is sufficient rain to keep households going, as most homes have a 50,000 litre tank in their back-gardens.

I hope you enjoy the new Issues featured in this newsletter.



