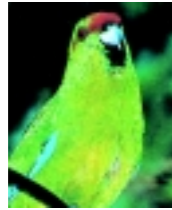


Local Post Booklet . . . Release Date 26 January 2001

The Norfolk Island Green Parrot, an endangered species, will feature as a line drawing on a new Local Post Booklet to fill in the gap which we are experiencing between the long 12 month delay in the Festivals series of local post issues. We felt that the issue of stamps to commemorate Island events which



do not occur at the time of issue of the booklet was inappropriate. Hence this series will interrupt the Festivals, which will reappear in June. The stamp and booklet cover are designed by Photpress International, Norfolk Island. The Value is again 5 cents, which remains the local postage rate.

Year of the Snake . . . Release Date 1 February 2001

The year 2001 is the Year of the Snake (or Little Dragon) in Chinese Mythology. This is the 5th stamp in the series. The stamp follows the lead of the past issues and features a colourful Norfolk Island eel, as Norfolk has no snakes as such. The stamp is designed by Eloise Maxwell (pictured), a school student aged 13 years, from the Island. To compliment this design and to record Norfolk's Participation at the Hong Kong 2001 Stamp Exhibition, the Tarler Bird (which frequents the Kingston marshland just behind Slaughter Bay, the home of the Eel) has been introduced to the design. This bird design will also be made available as a sheetlet of 5 stamps, with the Hong Kong Exhibition Logo as the sixth stamp in the sheetlet.



Commonwealth Day & Federation of Australia Centenary . . . Release Date 12 March 2001

This issue has been postponed for release on Commonwealth Day on the 12 March, so that it did not clash with the Year of the Snake stamps. Additionally, Norfolk will on that day be graced with the presence of Sir William Deane, the Governor General of Australia on his First Official visit to the Island. The Federation of the Commonwealth of Australia Set reproduces the Cartoons of The Bulletin Magazine issued at and prior to the time of Federation in 1901. At that time Norfolk Island was administered by the



Colony of New South Wales and whose stamps were valid for postage. Not until 1913 did Norfolk come under the administrative authority of the new Nation and has remained so ever since. Norfolk Island residents of the time were not permitted to vote in the referendum, and did not achieve an optional entitlement to vote until 1992.



To suitably mark this momentous occasion, there are nine stamps in the set. One stamp for each of the six states. One each for Norfolk Island and the Commonwealth of Australia; and one stamp to Commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Commonwealth Day, an annual event sponsored by The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.



Cliff Ecology . . . Release Date 30 March 2001

Ecology is today's buzzword, and is taken very seriously on Norfolk. This design, by well known New Zealand artist Pat Altman who designed the Providence Petrel stamps, will really delight you. It will be our first stamps to come with valueless tabs incorporated in the overall design concept. I know that thematicists will just love the idea.

The Peace Keepers . . . Release Date 25 April 2001 (ANZAC Day)

Australian Armed Forces have played an increasingly significant and worthy role in recent years in providing peace keeping troops and personnel, often for the United Nations in the trouble spots and war torn regions of the world. In Japan, Korea, Middle East, Cyprus, Somaliland and Rwanda in Africa to Solomon Islands and East Timor in our own region, Australians in uniform have given humanitarian and other assistance. As part of Norfolk Post's Annual remembrance of ANZAC Day, this year we will commence an Annual series honouring Australian Forces in their world wide peacekeeping role. The first year will remember their role in post war Japan, and their effort to rebuild peace time relations with that Country.



Year 2000 Yearbook

The 2000 Year Book is now on sale. And what a beautiful addition to the series it is. This year we have priced the book at just Aus\$ 39.50; and it includes a bonus of gutter pairs of at least two issues in addition to the normal full set. It is again printed on the Island, with a four colour cover. It is a truly unique souvenir of the year's issues, and we are sure you will love it. We are nearly sold out of the 1999 Book, so if you have not purchased that item you should hurry. The few left of the 1998 Year Book go off sale on 31 March 2001. By far and away the most popular stamp in 2000 was the Duck set designed by Tracey Yager.



New Norfolk Post watches which feature stamps from 1999 and 2000 will be available this year. A special Notice will be sent to all standing Order customers who may purchase these items as a special discounted price. These are the watch designs which will be made available . . .



Rose



Ducks



Handcrafts



Providence Petrel

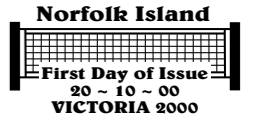
Postal Cards . . . Release Date 20 October 2000

We snuck this one on you when we attended the Australian National Philatelic Exhibition, Victoria 2000 on 20 October 2000.

The National Class at this Stamp Show was Postal Stationery, and it was held at Melbourne's Olympic Park in the National Tennis Complex. The Cards show the Cheryl Tennis Club Court and Clubhouse. The release comprises two Postal Cards, the first Postal Stationery issued since



the Golf Aerogramme; and the first ever postal cards issued by the Bureau. These will now form a regular feature of the Issuing Policy. The Year 2001 Programme is published in this Bulletin. A limited number of SPECIMEN Cards were also produced. These plus unused cards, CTO Cards, First Day Card and Exhibition Cancelled cards are available from the Bureau.



The Queen Mum

Subject to Royal Approval we will issue a stamp to honour Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother. As you may know this wonderful Lady turned 100 recently and is such an example to so many that we felt she should not only be honoured but honoured in a fitting way. The stamp will be in three parts with a face value of \$10. We hope you like it. This will be the first high value stamp since the Singapore Exhibition set of 1995.

YEAR 2001 Programme

26 January	Local Post ~ Green Parrot
1 February	Year of the Snake
1 February	Hong kong 2001 Stamp Exhibition
12 March	Centenary of Federation and Commonwealth Day
16 March	2001 A Stamp Odyssey (N.Z. Nat. Stamp Exhibition)
30 March	Cliff ecology
25 April	Anzac Day
15 May	The Queen Mother
9 June	Tourism (Part 1 ~ Perfume)
4 July	Local Post ~ Bounty Bowls
1 August	Calm Waters
9 September	Counter Printed Label ~ UPU Special Issue
16 October	Christmas
26 November	South Pacific Mini Games

Parcel Post

Parcel Post rates are currently under review, as many of our current rates are providing a postal service at a loss. At this time we are taking this opportunity to release the Queen Mother set for the benefit of the overseas mailtrade which forms an extremely valuable part of the islands tourism and retail industry.

St. Barnabas Chapel

The tapes of St Barnabas Hymns proved more popular than we expected. There is also a Book of Local Hymns if any readers are interested.

Postal Rates

No decision has been made yet to increase letter rate charges, so our customers remain the beneficiaries of our low rates and charges. No GST or VAT is levied on any postal services.

Express Post

This service will be available for mail from Norfolk to Australia from Monday 15 January. In the initial stages, Australia Post

Express Post Envelopes will be used. These will be available from the Bureau but only in an addressed and used Format.

Phonecards

These were so well received by the both the local telephone users and overseas collector market that a reprint was required. Thanks for your support. The real use was in local payphones. A replacement design is in the making with an expected release date in March 2001.

The WEB and the Internet

The good news is that our web pages are now up to date and will be regularly updated as new issues are released. You will be pleased to note that during 2001 we shall be progressively upgrading the site to include a Shopping Cart and Secure payment facilities.

Additionally we shall be adding language capabilities for French, German, Japanese, Chinese, Italian, Spanish, Korean and Portuguese.

PHILATELIC EXHIBITIONS

VICTORIA 2000

Thank you to all the standing order customers who made our acquaintance at this Show. We were able to hand out our recently produced 2001 Calendar. If you have missed out on one of these please drop us a line. They are free. Both the new Christmas Issue and the First Postal Cards were well received.

CANPEX 2000

What a great little Exhibition this was. Congratulations are due to a tireless and energetic Committee headed by Myra Luxton. Guy Hamilton from Western Australia won the Norfolk Trip donated by Norfolk Post and Flight West to the Winner of the Great Pacific Challenge with his exhibit of the stamps of Samoa. The Norfolk Post Night at Canterbury Brewery was a great opportunity to say thank you to our customers and friends. A special thanks to Bruce Alexandre and Stirling and Co (our Kiwi Agents), and Lion Nathan (Major Brewery Group in Australia and New Zealand) for their assistance and support. Look out for Norfolk Post at New Zealand's next National at Invercargill from 16 to 18 March 2001.



Hong Kong 2001

Norfolk Post will be represented at this 15th Asian International Philatelic Exhibition by Max Stern & Co, our Australian Agents. Bernie Beston will also be in attendance. Please make yourself known to them.



2001 A Stamp Odyssey

Norfolk will have a stand at the year 2001 New Zealand National Philatelic Exhibition in Invercargill, at the foot of the South Island. A single stamp at the 75c New Zealand Air Mail rate will be issued for this event.

SPECIAL COVERS ...

We not only have a number of Advertised Special Covers available but some you may not have noticed:

- Olymphilex 2000 • CANPEX 2000 • Victoria 2000 (Two different Cards and Christmas Issue available) • 2nd Norfolk and Norwich Gathering • CANPEX Artists Autographed • Rose David Buffet Autographed by descendant • and Hong Kong 2001 coming soon.

Regretably, the Global Positioning Unit has not yet been installed, for technical reasons. It has been deferred to July 2001.

2001 Postal Stationery Programme...

POSTAL CARDS

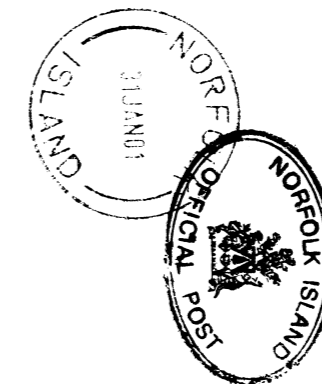
6 March ~ Foundation Day
 1 August ~ PhilaNippon '01
 September ~ Commonwealth Parliament Association
 16 October ~ Hafnia '01
 26 October ~ Centennial Stamp Show
 5 November ~ Christmas

Aerogrammes

1 June ~ Definitive
 30 October ~ Sh. Pacific Mini Games

Newspaper Wrappers

1 May ~ Green Parrot



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Hi!

Welcome to the New Millennium & the New Year. On Norfolk, we are now over Christmas which was unusually hot & sticky. Many locals are sporting red faces (not I can assure you from excessive alcohol consumption) & burnt bodies as a consequence of Christmas Day under an unusually hot sun.

Thank you for your warm & friendly Christmas Greetings. All people like a pat on the back now & then. The Bureau & Postal staff at Norfolk Post are no exception, & your kind & friendly gestures are much appreciated.

The Year 2001 Programme is repeated in this Bulletin. There are only three amendments. We will be issuing a new Local Postage Booklet in January as stocks of the 1999 Ladies of the Air have sold out; a Stamp to Commemorate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother (subject to Royal Approval). Additionally we will be introducing a new Counter Label & Express Post Service. The latter two items will fall outside the mainstream of most collector's interests. The Forward program for Postal Cards is also published for the first time.

The bright & colourful Christmas set has been a hit with everyone, as has the first set of Phonecards in the new Technology Format.

We look forward to an exciting 2001 Programme.

A Happy and prosperous New Year (or Yorli a' plenti guud nyuu iya, as we say on Norfolk) to all our readers from the staff at Norfolk Post.

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