



**Dear Collector,**

How time flies! Denise and I have been to the World Stamp Expo in Melbourne, met many of our collectors and many of our overseas agents. It was a hectic time, but very rewarding. It was also great to share our stand and work with the Commissioner from Pitcairn Island. We also collected second prize for the best Presented Postal Administration stand. A great thrill! We have had a very keen response to our Australia 99 Resolution booklet. For those who do not normally receive booklets, get your orders in quickly as the stamps are only sold in booklet format (not as single stamps).

Here on Norfolk Island we have had an unusually wet summer, but at least everything is green and water tanks are full. Easter was certainly mild and pleasant, though a bit humid. Just after Easter a lot of people enjoyed the Black, White & Red Ball ~ a very successful fund raiser for our Medical Support Foundation. Our annual "Country Music Festival" is coming up soon and a huge event it will be. Graeme Connors will be our headline act for this year and will be supported by many other talented artists. It certainly is busy on Norfolk at this time of the year! Until next time . . .

Happy reading &amp; collecting!

Tracey Rodgers

## We send our Pacific Black Duck to IBRA 99

The Pacific Black Duck is the only native duck on Norfolk island. Unfortunately many of these ducks are interbreeding with the more colourful (& introduced) Mallard, with the result that numbers of pure forms are dropping. However we thought that this sturdy handsome duck would be a lovely mascot to represent us at IBRA 99. This exhibition is being held at Nürnberg in Germany from 27 April

until 4 May 99. With the assistance of Georg Roll Stamps we will be represented at this exhibition.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS:

Issue Date:	27 April 1999
Value:	\$2.50 souvenir sheet (No FDC for this issue)
Printers:	Southern Colour Print N.Z.
Artwork:	Tracey Yager, Norfolk Island
Quantities:	50,000



## Providence Petrel (Pterodroma solandri)

I think that this issue has been hiding in the 'wings' for some time, but at last it has been produced. A talented New Zealand artist Pat Altman, produced the artwork for the series, and it was checked for authenticity by our resident ornithologist Owen Evans. The Providence Petrel, or Bird of Providence, is famous here as in 1790 when faced with famine, the first settlers used them as a food source and killed them in their thousands. As a consequence of their survival, they named them the Bird of Providence. This massive culling as well as depredation of introduced species saw the species exterminated on Norfolk Island, where it has not been recorded since 1800. However, in 1985 a small number were found nesting on nearby Philip Island.



### Technical Details:

Issue Date:	27 May 1999
Value:	75¢, \$1.05, \$1.20 S/sheet \$4.50
FDC Stamps:	\$3.40
FDC S/sheet:	\$4.90
Printer:	Southern Colour Print N.Z.
Quantities:	50,000 each stamp 50,000 souvenir sheets
Artwork:	Pat Altman, New Zealand

## Roses of Norfolk Island

We celebrate over 50 years of service on Norfolk Island by the Country Women's Association (CWA) with a souvenir sheet featuring the rose 'A Country Woman'. We add to this lovely issue three beautiful and unusual roses ~ one hasn't even been positively identified as yet!



### Technical Details:

Issue Date:	30 July 1999
Value:	45¢, 75¢, \$1.05, & \$1.20 s/sheet
FDC Stamps:	\$2.65
FDC S/sheet:	\$1.60
Photography:	'A Country Woman' Swanes Roses Norfolk Island roses, Norfolk Post House of Questa, United Kingdom
Printer:	30,000 each stamp
Quantity:	30,000 souvenir sheets