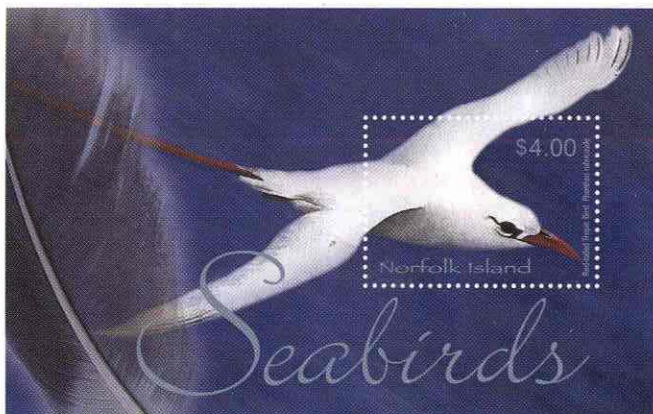


New Seabirds Definitive



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.



Seabirds



Norfolk Island



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.

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 Pennyquick has designed these beautiful stamps using photographic references.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date: 9 August 2005
 Values: 10c; 50c; \$1.50; \$2.00 and \$5.00
 M/Sheet: \$4.00
 FDC value: \$9.10 (stamps); \$4.50 (m/s)
 Designer: Roger Pennyquick, Norfolk Island
 Printer: Southern Colour Print, New Zealand
 Prod. Qty: 10c - 200,000
 50c - 100,000
 \$1.50 - 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.



SOME OF THE HIBISCUS FLOWERS FEATURED IN THIS STAMP ISSUE.

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.

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue date: 30th August 2005
 Values: 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

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 too 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
 Printer: Southern Colour Print, New Zealand
 Prod. Qty: 30,000 sets



EXAMPLE OF OLD HOMES GUTTER STRIPS.

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