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NORFOLK ISLAND

BULLETIN #4 2010



Dear Collector,

The year has just gone by so quickly and I am astonished that I am writing a bulletin relevant to the Christmas Issue for 2010.

There will, of course, be another bulletin before the end of the year because we will be having two additional issues in by a squad of 30 participants. November and December.

In November, Norfolk Island will host the World Champions of Champions Lawn Bowls and will have, at this stage, twenty five countries from around the world sending representatives to compete for this most prestigious prize.

The Norfolk Island Bowling Club committee is working particularly hard to ensure that this event is of the highest standard, with the appointed committee meeting regularly to cover every detail that will make this first time event a memorable experience.

Club, is the artist for this issue.

December 7, 2010 marks the 130th Anniversary of St Barnabas Chapel and the Bureau will issue a miniature sheet to mark the occasion. The history of St Barnabas is of great significance to Norfolk Island and the chapel is still a place of worship on the island.

Mary Butterfield is the artist for this

At the commencement of writing this * bulletin the Commonwealth Games had just commenced in Dehli, India, and Norfolk Island was being represented

Norfolk Island has been competing in the Commonwealth Games since 1986 and for these games four sports - squash, pistol shooting, archery and lawn bowls, were represented.

The first report from our competitors was written up in the local paper and they informed readers that "the village was amazing".

It was reported that the security was very tight making all the Norfolk Island reps feel a little more at ease. Security checks were being carried out involving accreditation checks, scanners, armed guards and police. The checks Tracey Yager, whose father, Dan Yager, is Patron of the Norfolk Island Bowling were carried out not only to enter the village but also when moving around the complex.

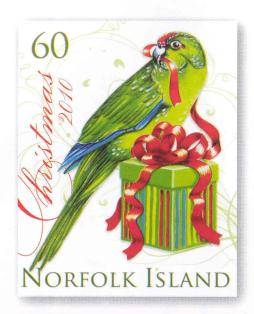
> It was good to know that those in attendance from around the world felt safe in this environment.



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Christmas 2010

The red and green parrots of Norfolk Island feature on the Christmas Issue for 2010.



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The Norfolk Island Green Parrot (Cyanoramphus cookii):

This species of parrot is unique to Norfolk Island - the only place in the world where they naturally occur. In the late 1700s Norfolk Island was covered in dense forests and there were hundreds of Green Parrots across the Island. The loss of habitat during the 1700 and 1800s to make way for human settlement and agriculture caused a rapid decline in Green Parrot numbers and restricted their distribution to the remnant vegetation which has since become the Norfolk Island National Park.

In the early 1980s, there were fewer than 30 Norfolk Island green parrots left in the world, but their population has since increased to over 200 birds thanks to the success of the National Park's assisted wild breeding program and management of predators and competitors.

The green parrot remains an endangered species but is recovering well.

The Red Parrot (Crimson Rosella – Platycercus elegans):

This species was introduced to Norfolk Island in the 1800s as a caged bird, but was set free to colonise the island. They now occur in very large numbers across the island, where they compete with the Norfolk Island Green Parrot for nest sites, territory and food.

As depicted in the stamps this parrot has striking colours of red and blue - a very attractive parrot, but a challenge for wildlife managers on the island.

Release date for this issue is 18th October 2010.





Representation In Beijing

7th - 10th November 2010

Max Stern will be attending the International Stamp & Coin Expo in Beijing from 7th to 10th November and will be representing Norfolk Island.

The Bureau has taken the initiative and overprinted our Fungi Souvenir Sheet in gold foil with the Expo logo.

All customers who have standing orders for souvenir sheets and overprints will automatically receive this souvenir sheet.

If you require this sheet please fill in the attached order form or contact the bureau by mail, email, fax or phone call.

Issues for 2010

Norfolk Island Museums' Artefacts, Visiting Cruise Ships to Norfolk Island, They came aboard the Morayshire, The History of Whaling, Christmas 2010, World Bowls Championship 2010, 130th Anniversary of St Barnabas Chapel Souvenir Sheet and Year Book 2010.

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