
Sharks

As we are located in the vast South Pacific Ocean, it is a common occurrence to see sharks in our waters. A wide variety of species have been identified in Norfolk's waters, due to the Tropical Convergence, which is the boundary between tropical and cooler waters. this convergence moves up and down past Norfolk depending on the season, and the sharks move with the water temperature.

Only 4 species have been chosen for this issue. these magnificent fish make a great subject for a stamp issue and Mary Butterfield's beautiful artwork shows them off nicely.



Technical Details:

Issue Date:	06 April 2004
Values:	10c, 50c, \$1.10, \$1.65
FDC:	\$3.85
Artist:	Mary Butterfield, Norfolk Island
Printer:	Southern Colour Print, Dunedin, New Zealand
Quantity:	30,000 sets

Spiders of Norfolk Island

Norfolk Island has lots of spiders, however, potential visitors need not worry, because the spiders we feature rarely venture inside houses or buildings. three of the species featured are relatively large spiders that make huge webs between trees or power lines. they remain quite motionless and are generally considered harmless. visitors find them quite intriguing, especially the Community spiders in their huge misty webs.

The process of identifying these spiders for this issue was very interesting, as only limited study has ever been made of our spiders, in fact, one has not been properly described as yet. spiders are such an interesting animal, they are so diverse and have adapted to most environments on the planet. as with most spiders, of the ones featured the females are large and the males are tiny and vulnerable.

Special thanks must also go to local experts Beryl and Owen Evans, as well as the staff of Parks Australia for their assistance.



Technical Details:



Issue Date: 11 May 2004
Values: Stamps - 50c x 2, \$1.00, \$1.65
M/Sheet \$1.65
FDC: \$4.15 (Stamps), \$2.15 (FDC)
Artist: Mary Butterfield, Norfolk Island
Printer: Southern Colour Print, Dunedin, New Zealand
Sheet Layout: 2 panes of 15/30 stamps per sheet with illustrated gutter

Werken Dar Shep

This new issue is one I have wanted to complete for some time. It illustrates the method of unloading the ships that ply between Norfolk Island, Australia and New Zealand. We can expect a ship every 2-3 weeks, either from New Zealand or Australia. Each ship brings approximately 500 tons, mostly food items and building material.

Ships moor approximately 1 kilometre off shore, due to the island not having a harbour. Small, unpowered lighters are towed back and forward carrying the cargo, which is loaded and unloaded using cranes. As can be imagined at times the job can become quite precarious due to rough seas and heavy dangerous cargo. Everything is brought in this way including buses, bulldozers, cars, timber and Rice Bubbles. It is a major tourist attraction for those visitors who are fortunate to be visiting when the ship arrives.



Technical Details:

Issue Date: 13 July 2004
Values: 50c, \$1.10, \$1.65
M/Sheet \$1.65
FDC Value: \$3.75
FDC M/S: \$2.15
Artist: Tracey Yager, Norfolk Island
Printer: Southern Colour Print, Dunedin, New Zealand
Sheet Layout: 2 panes of 15 stamps (1 sheet of 30)

Hippeastrums

This issue is along the lines of our colourful Day Lilies issue, with the same layout, but features 10 beautiful hippeastrum flowers. The common red hippeastrum has been a favourite in Island gardens for many years but only recently have we seen the variety of cultivars now available.

The flowers in this issue are also from the garden belonging to Gerry Downie and Nancy Menzies. Mary Butterfield has once again completed the photography and design for the stamps.



Technical Details:

Issue Date: 16 August 2004
 Values: 10 stamps @ 50c each
 FDC Value: \$5.50
 Designer: Mary Butterfield, Norfolk Island
 Printer: Southern Colour Print, Dunedin, New Zealand
 Sheet Layout: 2 strips of 5 to a set (10 stamps) in 2 panes of 25 per sheet

QUOTA International - Norfolk Island 25th Anniversary Issue

QUOTA on Norfolk Island was chartered on 15th August 1979 with 28 members. This club has an on-going commitment to Hearing and Speech, Education, Medical Assistance and the communities needs, upholding the QUOTA motto - "WE SHARE".
 QUOTA International was founded in Buffalo, USA in 1919 by Wanda Frey Joiner and was the first service club by women. Hearing and speech impairment, disadvantaged women and children are two areas in which QUOTA International is involved.
 Norfolk Post is pleased to join the ladies of QUOTA with this special anniversary. It has been agreed by the Norfolk Government that 25c from each miniature sheet sold through the Bureau will be passed on to QUOTA.



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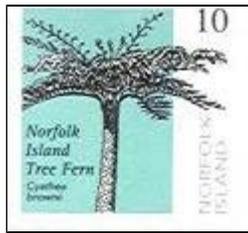
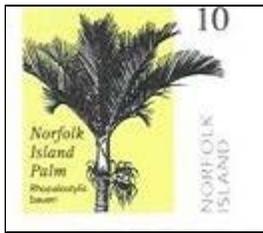
Issue Date: 16 August 2004
 Value: \$3.25
 FDC Value: \$3.75
 Designer: Mary Butterfield, Norfolk Island
 Printer: Southern Colour Print, Dunedin, New Zealand
 Sheet Layout: 1 Miniature Sheet

New Local Stamps

The Postal Service will release a new Local Postage Booklet on 28/09/04. The Booklet will contain 20 stamps, made up of two sheetlets of 10 stamps. The stamps feature illustrations of two native plants - the palm and tree fern.
 This is the first of these local stamps for several years. It is difficult to believe that over 250,000 local postage items are handled each year - which amounts to a lot of "bills". This simple, locally produced stamp, is a concept unique to Norfolk Island.

Technical Details:

Issue Date: 28 September 2004
 Value: 10 cents x 20
 Designer: Sue Draper, Norfolk Island
 Printer: Photopress, Norfolk Island
 Paper: Pancake

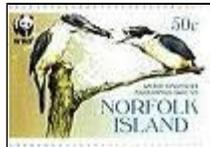
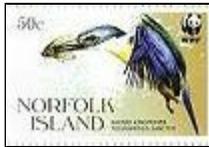


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 Prod. Qty: 120,000 stamps

World Wildlife Fund for Nature

Norfolk Island has once again been invited to join the WWF for Nature to produce a stamp issue featuring an endangered native bird - the Sacred Kingfisher. This beautiful small bird, once quite common, has declined in numbers over the years, due to competition for nesting sites by introduced birds and loss of its natural habitat.

WWF has collaborated with Crown Agents to produce this very attractive issue on our behalf, which will be sold to many thousands of collectors of WWF material, who do not normally collect Norfolk's stamps.



Technical Details:
 Issue Date: 14 December 2004
 Values: 50c x 2, \$1.00, \$2.00
 Sheetlet: \$8.00
 Value: \$4.00 per set
 Designer: WWF Artist
 Printer: Southern Colour Print, Dunedin, N.Z.
 Prod Qty: 65,000 set & 14,000 m/s

25th Anniversary of Self Government

Norfolk Island is a territory of Australia, but in 1979 it was given special powers by the Australian Government to run its own affairs. This includes finances, immigration, quarantine, justice, health and education as well as the usual local government responsibilities of roads, waste management and planning. While the Budgets and size of the population the Norfolk Island Governemtn deals with, is tiny compared to the other jurisdictions in Australia, it does have a wider range of responsibilities.



Technical Details:
 Issue Date: 14 December 2004
 Values: 1 x \$5.00 stamp
 FDC Value: \$5.50
 Designer: Jason Godward, Norfolk Island
 Printer: Southern Colour Print, N.Z.
 Prod. Qty: 30,000 stamps

Christmas 2004

Christmas this year will be commemorated with a set of 4 stamps. The design features nature's true Christmas Tree, the Norfolk Pine, (*Araucaria heterophylla*). This simple but effective design is reminiscent of Norfolk's early stamps, but is still modern in appearance. The background of each design has the words of classic Christmas carols.



Technical Details:

Issue Date: 26 October 2004

Values: 50 cents x 2; \$1.10; \$1.65

FDC Value: \$4.25

Designer: Jason Godward, Norfolk Island

Printer: Southern Colour Print, N.Z.

Prod. Qty: 30,000 sets
