

Weed Flowers of Norfolk Island



Norfolk Island is plentiful with many unpopular introduced plants commonly known as “weeds”. Many of these weeds, if taken time to notice, have beautiful flowers.

Wild tobacco \$1.80 is thought to have been introduced to provide a smoke for the convicts. Originating from the central regions of South America, it was quite useful, as the leaves were used in island households as “wipes” and the dry twigs as kindling.

Morning Glory \$1.60 is an invasive climbing vine with large attractive mauve flowers. Originating from North Africa, it can take over rainforest areas. Fortunately, it is edible to cattle and they keep it in check to a large degree.

Creeping Crofton Weed, 50¢ known as “William Taylor” after the gentleman who is thought to have introduced it to Norfolk, is a low sub shrub that takes over pastures.

Lantana 50¢ is a quick growing thorny shrub with small pretty flowers. A native of tropical South America, it has been a very serious problem throughout the Pacific Islands.

Jodie Williams is the designer of this issue of 6th February 2007.

Adventure Sports



There are many Adventure Sports enthusiasts on Norfolk Island and the designer of this issue is often seen around the island on his mountain bike.

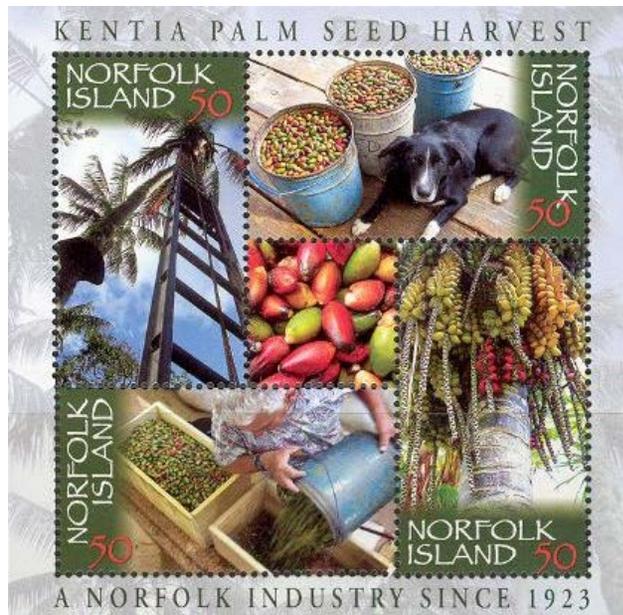
Boats have always played a role in life on Norfolk Island, however the kayak is quite new to the tourism industry. There are tours that take you kayaking to some remote places around the Island.

Surfers and Wind Surfers definitely have their place here on Norfolk Island. On a summers day, and with a good breeze on the bay, you can generally catch a glimpse of a wind surfer heading through the passage between Emily and Slaughter Bays towards Nepean and Phillip Islands.

The local surfing lads can be seen on any given day waiting patiently for the right surf whether it be a fine day or otherwise. Such is the life of an Adventure Sports enthusiast.

Rob Nisbet is the designer of this issue of 3rd May 2007.

Palm Seed Industry of Norfolk Island



The Palm Seed industry began on Norfolk Island back in the 1880s when Belgium propagators travelled the world looking for different and exotic plants to grace the conservatories of the Belgium Aristocracy.

The Palm was extremely popular because it proved to be a hardy indoor and outdoor plant and was aesthetically pleasing to the eye.

The picking of the Kentia palm seeds on Norfolk Island can take several weeks to complete and is very labour intensive. The tall palm trees are picked by hand using ladders and ropes.

The local people who still sell the seeds have the option to pick their own crop or have the local exporter and his team of palm seed pickers come to their home and do the picking. The Kentia Palm seed industry on Norfolk Island began in 1923 and has survived throughout the years. The height of the industry was in the 1980s when a bushel of seed was sold for over \$800.00.

This issue was designed by Mary Butterfield, Issued 29th May 2007.

Ghosts of Norfolk Island



Stories of ghosts on Norfolk Island abound throughout the history of the island.

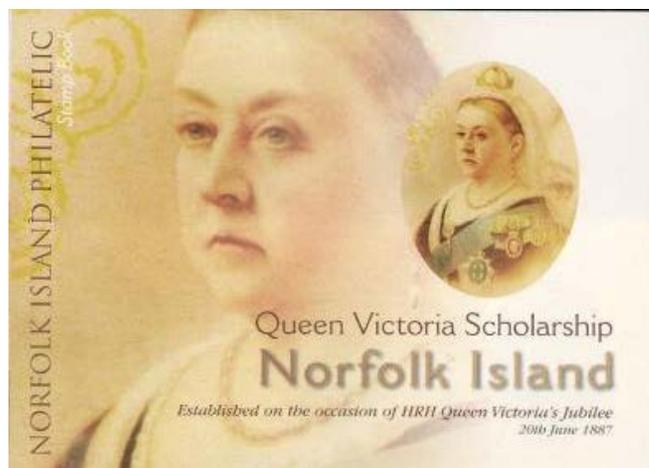
Many of the stories originate from the historic Kingston area – the Royal Engineers Office has been responsible for many unusual happenings. Also Kingston pier, if visited late at night may show you a very unexpected figure. Many occupants of Government House have heard the haunting sounds of the violin player in the night.

AND if you happen to be driving home late at night, you may meet a mysterious hitch hiker hitching a lift to many locations around the island.

Norfolk's unusual history has been painted with chilling stories that are still being told today.

This issue was designed by Emily Ryves & Issued 26th June 2007.

Queen Victoria Scholarship Award

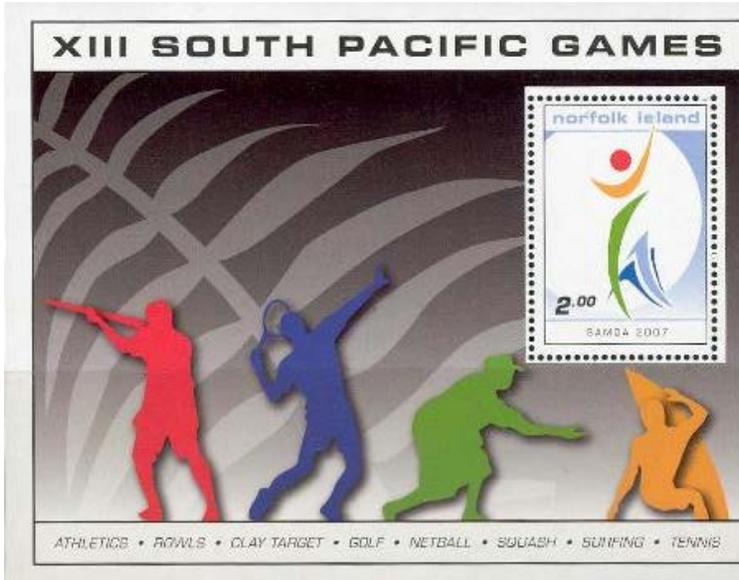


In 2007 the 120th Anniversary of the Queen Victoria Scholarship Award was celebrated.

Each year, junior and senior scholarships are awarded to students at the Norfolk Island Central School for their academic ability, sporting achievements and citizenship. This prestigious award is given out at the end of the school year during the school presentation. Names of all recipients, since 1887 are recorded on an Honour Board in the school's library.

The artwork for this issue was provided by the Norfolk Island Central School. This was Issued 31st July 2007.

XIII South Pacific Games



The XIII South Pacific Games 2007 were held in Western Samoa.

Norfolk Island was a participant in these games with representatives for Lawn Bowls, squash, golf, netball, athletics, surfing, clay target and Tennis.

The designer of this issue is Tracey Yager.

This series came out 28th August 2007.



This issue celebrates the bicentenary of the commencement of the closing of the 1st convict Settlement.

The first European settlement on Norfolk Island was commenced in 1788, only 6 weeks after Sydney was settled. Although it was established as a penal settlement, many soldiers and emancipated convicts took up land here and a sizeable community resulted. However, it was an expensive and difficult outpost, so the authorities decided to close it down and the majority of the residents were transferred to Tasmania. This transfer took place at a very leisurely pace over 7 years, at which stage all habitable buildings were torn down to dissuade other European powers from colonising the island.

2007 Commemorates 200 years since the commencement of the transfer and the issue will be part of the commemorations to be held on Norfolk Island in November with a group of descendants visiting from Tasmania.

The designer of this issue is Rob Nisbet, and was first issued 13th November 2007.

Banyan Park Playcentre



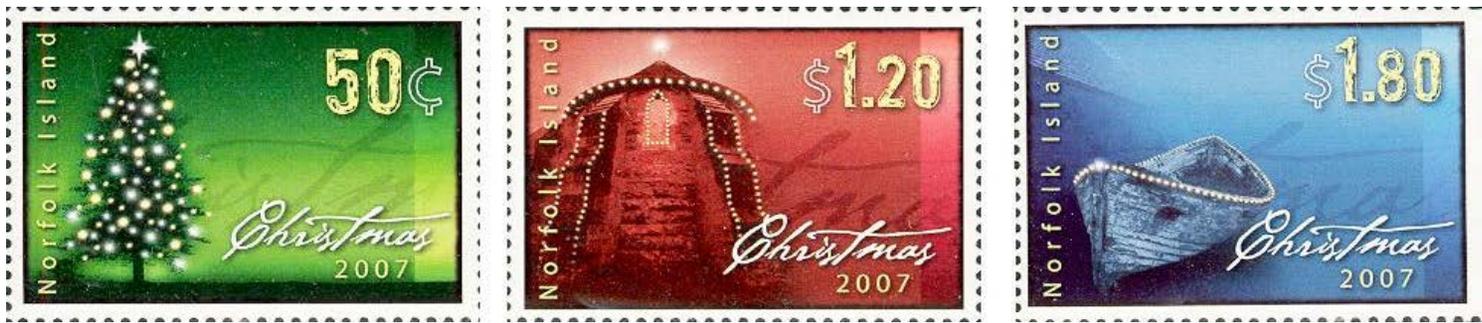
Banyan Park Playcentre was established by a group of enthusiastic members of the Young wives and Mother's club who fundraised to build a place for their children to get together and play.

The local government provided the land which has a very large 200 year old Banyan tree growing on it, hence the name "Banyan Park Playcentre".

Banyan Park Playcentre is a non-profit, non-government organisation, which provides professional pre-school teaching to those children that attend.

The designers of this issue are Christine McRitchie and Alice Sampson. These stamps were released 27th November 2007.

Christmas 2007



The first stamp in this issue depicts a young Norfolk Island pine decorated with Christmas lights creating a festive atmosphere.

The second stamp depicts the back of the Melanesian built St Barnabas Chapel. This historic chapel was built by the Melanesian Missionaries using the stones of the convict built New Gaol ruins. The Chapel is preferred place for weddings and christenings

The third stamp is an old lighter once used to ferry cargo from ship to shore. It now stands alone on Kingston's shore and is a popular place for children to play and for bridal parties to be photographed.

The designer of this issue is Rob Nisbet, This issue is dated 27th November 2007.
