

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE COLLECTION

Many locals will fondly remember Ian Kenny and his wife Joan who lived on Norfolk Island since 1961, with Ian running fishing charters here for many years. Chris and Leanne Kenny have recently placed Ian's philatelic collection on loan to the Norfolk Island Museum Trust and we are keen to share some of the highlights.

It's a large collection numbering 379 envelopes in total, however this includes duplicates, some having ten copies of the same envelope! Most of Ian's collection consist of Norfolk Island First Day Covers, but a few are also from New Zealand. While a stamp is the a small adhesive piece of paper proving an amount of money has been paid, a First Day Cover is an envelope postmarked on the stamp's day of issue. Nearly all the First Day Covers in the Kenny collection also include a cachet artwork on the left, further commemorating a topic or theme.

The majority of Ian's collecting occurred between 1966 -1994, and provides a great insight into the life of a stamp collector on Norfolk Island, as well as the variety of topics being covered by the Norfolk Island Philatelic Bureau.

The Kenny collection includes a First Day Cover for Norfolk Island's first definitive issue which was released in 1947. The image was taken by Roy Bell and shows Ball Bay. Twelve stamps were issued in total, all worth different values (larger envelope below). The 1947 issue is considered a hallmark for any serious Norfolk Island philatelic collection.



Another interesting piece of Ian's collection are four stamps from 14 February 1966 that were printed between 1960-1962 but later overprinted with decimal currency. One of the stamps, depicting the Salt House at Emily Bay, was changed from 10d (or 10 pennies) to 10c.



Just some other topics covered in the collection include fungi, birdlife, aircraft, Kingston buildings, Lion and Rotary Clubs on Norfolk Island and whaleships.

While the collection has been rehoused, it is not yet on display. If you would like to view the entire collection please feel free to ring 23788 or email us at info@museums.gov.nf to organize a time.



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