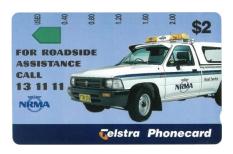
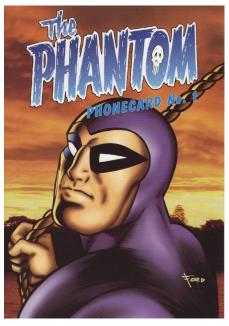
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EDITORIAL

Featured in this Newsletter is the only NRMA Folder and Gift Pack that the Editor has sighted in almost 30 years. The Editor acquired this Folder and Gift Pack at an NRMA Branch Office in late 1996 and used the Voucher in it to obtain 12 months membership of the NRMA which was applicable to his car.

The Editor is aware that images of this pack may be seen at the following two (2) websites:

- sergent.com.au at webpage sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/pack-nrma.html, and
- ausphonecardcollectors.au at webpage ausphonecardcollectors.au/anritsu_packs?page=1#gsc.tab=0. by scrolling down the page until the NRMA Folder, as in the screenshot below, is reached.



Images of the packs taken by the Editor from both these Websites are shown on page 3 below, where it can be seen that these images are identical.

At the bottom of the ausphonecardcollector.au webpage on which the NRMA pack is shown is the statement "Copyright of" the ausphonecardcollector.au Website Owner followed by the copyright symbol "©". However, The Owner of the ausphonecardcollector Website does NOT own the copyright to the Editor's NRMA Folder image, and is in fact infringing the Editor's Copyright of that image.

Could the Owner of the ausphonecardcollector Website, to whom the Editor emails these Newsletters, please remove the Editor's NRMA Folder image from his Website, because the images of the Editor's NRMA Folder were ONLY given to the Sergent Website Owner, and NOT to the ausphonecardcollector Website Owner.

Also remove the images from the ausphonecardcollector Website of the other Editors Packs, similarly taken from the Sergent's Website, as shown and identified on page 4 of this Newsletter.

Comparison of the NRMA Folder Images taken from Websites ausphonecardcollectors.au and sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/menu-2nd.html.





Above is the NRMA Folder Image taken from webpage ausphonecardcollectors.au/anritsu_packs?page=1#gsc.tab=0

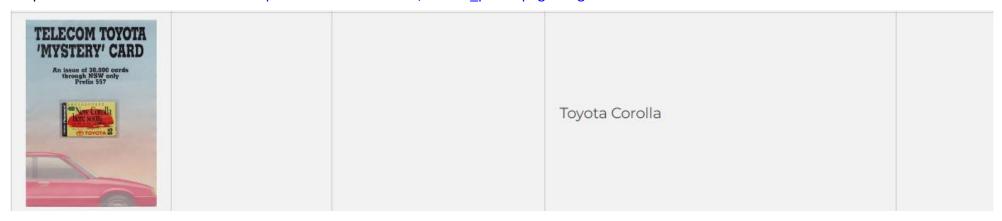
Above is the NRMA Folder Image taken from webpage sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/pack-nrma.html

The Phonecard Pack images shown below, on the ausphonecardcollector Website, are infringing the Editor's Copyright of those images.

The Kidney Kar Kard LIMITED EDITION 1995 GABRIELE'S Pack as shown on the Sergent's Website at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/pack-kidneykar.html and on ausphonecardcollectors Website at ausphonecardcollectors.au/anritsu_packs?page=1#gsc.tab=0



The **TOYOTA COROLLA PACK** as shown on the Sergent's Website at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/pack-prudential.html and on the ausphonecardcollectors Website at ausphonecardcollectors.au/anritsu_packs?page=2#gsc.tab=0



The NRMA Phonecard, Folder and Gift Pack

The National Roads and Motorists' Association (NRMA) is an organisation, in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, that offers roadside assistance, motoring advice, and car servicing etc. to its members.

The NRMA Gift Pack was produced by the NRMA in late 1996 for anyone to purchase from one of its many branch offices, or kiosks, and was originally only available for gift membership into the NRMA. The NRMA Gift Pack contained an NRMA Folder, and the Folder contained the NRMA Phonecard as well as a prepaid voucher for 12 months membership of the organisation. The purchase price of the Gift Pack was just under \$80 AUD and it could be either used by the purchaser, or given by the purchaser to someone else, as a gift.

These folders were not numbered, however it is believed that there was a NRMA Folder and Gift Pack made for each of the 3,000 of the First Issue of \$2 Prefix 1313 NRMA Phonecard that were issued in November 1996, which had Serial Nos. 1313 00000 to 1313 02999 as is shown below in an extract from the Telstra Collect Australian Phonecard Bulletin, No. 15, December 1996, page 11. Furthermore, it is believed that the NRMA subsequently acquired 2,000 more of these phonecards from Telstra, with Serial Nos. 1313 03000 to 1313 04999, and gave many of these phonecards to its employees, before Christmas 1997, as a token of appreciation to them from the management of the NRMA.

\$2 NRMA P965911 1313 3,000

The full article containing the above extract can also be seen at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/apb-no15dec96.html by scrolling down to page 11.

The Editor is not aware of any other details or images of the NRMA Folder and Gift Pack being provided in publications or on the Internet, other than the 2 Websites already identified in this Newsletter. If any reader of this Newsletter is aware of where there are other details and/or images of this Pack and/or Folder, could they please email to the Editor where he can find them?

Images of the front and back of the NRMA Phonecard from the Folder are shown below.





The highest sighted Serial Number so far on an NRMA Phonecard is S/No. 1313 04977 and the back of this card is shown on the right.

For more information refer to the Sergent' webpage at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/nrma.html#\$2.00_NRMA



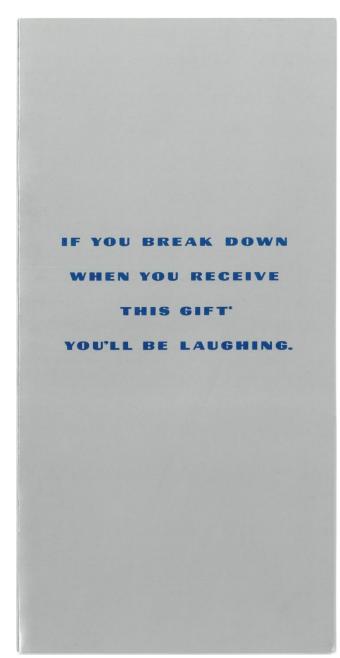
Front and Back Images of NRMA Folder partially in its Gift Pack

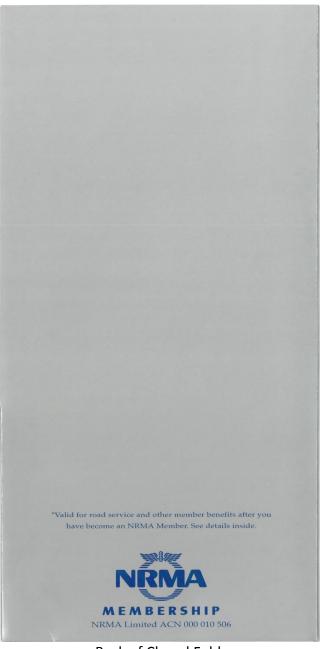


A Closed NRMA Folder partially in its Gift Pack showing Front of both Folder and Gift Pack



A Closed NRMA Folder partially in its Gift Pack showing Back of both Folder and Gift Pack





Front of Closed Folder

Back of Closed Folder

ear Motorist,

This is the perfect gift for you and your vehicle.

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Or you can complete the details on the back of the voucher, sign it and send it to:

Reply Paid 37, NRMA Membership Gift Voucher, 151 Clarence St. Sydney 2001. (No stamp required)

If you'd like more information, please call **132 132**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

All of us at NRMA look forward to being of any help we can to you.

Yours sincerely,

KUJ. 6%

Richard G. Cox General Manager

NRMA



Inside Faces of Open Folder with Phonecard attached



Front of Unassembled NRMA Gift Pack

Back of Unassembled NRMA Gift Pack

The Phantom Phonecards and Packs

There are four known types of The Phantom Packs which are as follows:

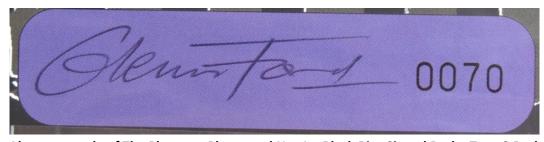
- 1) The Phantom Phonecard No. 1 Black Felt Pen Signed Packs,
- 2) The Phantom Phonecard No. 1 Black Biro Signed Packs,
- 3) The Phantom Phonecard No. 1 Unsigned Packs, and
- 4) The Phantom (Chip) Smart Phonecard No. 2 Packs.

The Differences between the Black Biro, Black Felt Pen and Unsigned Phantom No. 1 Packs

The same Phantom No. 1 Phonecard folder was used for Pack Types 1, 2 and 3, as listed above. The differences between these Packs was only whether the Pack had been signed or not, and if the Pack had been signed then whether it had been signed with a black felt pen or a black biro. These differences only occur on the back of the Pack, and can be clearly seen below:



Above example of The Phantom Phonecard No. 1 - Black Felt Pen Signed Pack - Type 1 Pack



Above example of The Phantom Phonecard No. 1 – Black Biro Signed Pack - Type 2 Pack



Above example of The Phantom Phonecard No. 1 - Unsigned Pack – Type 3 Pack.

There were 5,000 Phantom Phonecards produced, as shown in the extract below, and they were issued in early 1996. \$5 Phantom - C956012 \$5,000

The full article containing the above extract can also be seen at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/apb-no11apr96.html by scrolling down to page 10.

The Phantom Phonecard No. 1 Types 1 and 2 Signed Packs contained the Telstra Anritsu Prefix 1075 \$5 Phantom No. 1 Phonecard, as shown below.





There were 3,000 of the Signed Packs with only about an estimated 30 of them being the Type 2 Black Biro Signed Packs. The Type 1 Black Felt Pen Signed Packs are believed to have Pack Numbers ranging from 0001 to about 0050, and also from about 0080 to 3000, while the Type 2 Black Biro Signed Packs are believed to have Pack Numbers ranging from about 0050 to about 0080. For all the Type 1 and 2 Packs the Phonecard Card Number matched the Pack Number.

The Phantom Phonecard No. 1 Type 3 Unsigned Packs never had the plastic sleeve for holding a phonecard attached to the Packs, and thus were never issued with a phonecard. There were 2,000 of these Packs with Pack Numbers Ranging from 3001 to 5000.

In total there were 5,000 of these 'The Phantom Phonecard No. 1 Packs' produced, but only the first 3,000 of them were signed by Glenn Ford, and fitted with a phonecard.

At the end of the extract "The PHANTOM" article, shown on the next page, which was taken from the Australasian Phonecard Monthly – Vol. 3 No. 11 (Nov 1995) page 8, and can also be seen at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/apm03-11.html by scrolling down to page 8, it is stated that "There will be no loose phonecards available – all 5000 cards can only be purchased as a package".

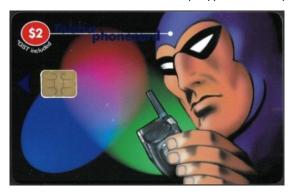
So far, the editor has only sighted \$5 Phantom Prefix 1075 Phonecards within the Serial Number Range of 1075 00000 to 1075 02999, and not one of these cards within the Serial Number Range of 1075 3000 to 1075 04999. This could indicate that the missing 2,000 Telstra \$5 Phantom Prefix 1075 Phonecards could have been used in an agreement with Telstra to have 2,000 Telstra \$2 The Phantom (Chip) Smart Phonecards produced which would have resulted in Telstra acquiring and destroying 2,000 Telstra \$5 Phantom Prefix 1075 Phonecards.

This could have been a similar agreement to that which was made between Captain Munchies and Telstra for them to exchange 3,500 Prefix 951 \$5 Captain Munchies Phonecards for 1,000 \$2 Captain Munchies Issue No. 4 Coloured Bottle (Chip) Phonecards and 1,000 \$2 Captain Munchies Issue No. 5 Shop (Chip) Phonecards as was detailed in the Australasian Coin and Banknote Magazine, June 1998, on page 38; an extract of which is provided below on page 13 of this Newsletter. As a result of this agreement the 3,500 returned \$5 Captain Munchies Phonecards were destroyed by Telstra.

Just in case the Editor is wrong in believing Telstra destroyed the last 2,000 of the \$5 Phantom Prefix 1075 Phonecards, could any reader of this article able to acquire an image of one of these phonecards showing a Serial Number greater than 1075 02999 please send it to the Editor's email address shown at the top of page 2.

The Phantom (Chip) Smart Phonecard No. 2 Packs

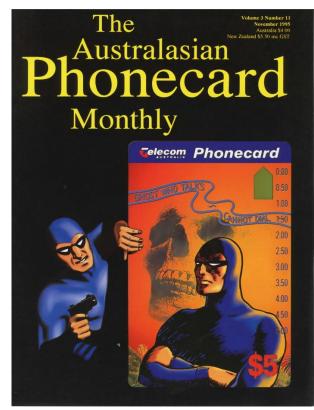
All of these Packs were signed with a black felt pen, and contained the Telstra Chip \$5 Phantom Phonecard with card number 01002001P, Chip Type C and expiry date of 31/05/2003 as shown below.





The Victorian Telephone and Smart Card Collectors Club (VTSCCC) – Australian Smartcard Catalogue states that there were 2,000 of these Phonecards produced, and they were issued in 2001. Hence it is believed that there were 2,000 of these Packs produced with Numbers ranging from 0001 to 2000, and that all these Packs had their Phonecard Number matching the Pack Number. For Example, Phonecard No. **0975** was matched to Pack No. **0975**.

Extracts taken from the Australasian Phonecard Monthly – Vol. 3 No. 11 (Nov 1995) front cover and pages 8 and 9 which can be found at https://www.sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/apm03-11.html.





Front Cover

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The PHANTOM

The Phantom is the world's oldest superhero. He pre-dates Superman by about three months. The difference being that Superman (Batman, et al) are comic book heroes, whilst the Phantom is a comic strip hero, existing only in syndicated newspaper strips.

The comic books that are published here in Australia are collections of strips that originally appeared in American newspapers - with the exception of the occasional Swedish story. Semic, a Swedish publisher, began commissioning original Phantom stories in the late '50's, to keep up with their hectic schedule of weekly Phantom comic books.

Frew, the Australian publisher, sometimes reprints these stories.

Frew has also produced three of its own original stories, all written by Frew's owner and director, Jim Sheperd, and illustrated by the late Keith Chatto. A fourth story, illustrated by Glenn Ford, is due out early next year.

Semic are still the leading publishers of the Phantom in the world, with a circulation of approximately 90,000 throughout Scandanavia, Russia and Czechoslovakia. Frew has a circulation of approximately 50,000, more impressively in only two countries - Australia and New Zealand.

The Phantom is also published in South America, Italy, Spain, India and Thailand.

As the circulation of the Australian comic indicates, there are a lot of Phantom fans in this country. Phantom collectables are met with ravenous enthusiasm.

The comics themseleves, as back issues, command huge prices. A No. 1 issue recently sold at an auction for \$3,500 in fine to near mint condition. Other collectables such as rings, badges, 70's paperback novels, 60's board games and model kits, etc., are in constant demand.

In 1993, Dynamic Marketing, in conjunction with the Phantom Zone, introduced the world's first Phantom Trading Card series. Distributed only in Australia and New Zealand, they were an instant success and sold out within a month. The second series, released a year later and produced in larger quantities, sold out quickly as well.

The Phantom Zone, in collaboration with Fantasy Phonecards, are releasing their first Phantom Phonecard in late November, 1995. All indications are that this will be an instant sellout. Only 5,000 are being produced compare this with 10,000 of the first Phantom Trading Card series - which will undoubtably be snapped up by Phantom collectors just as quickly.

A Phantom phonecard was produced in Germany a few years ago and now fetches \$100 loose.

The Australian phonecard is packaged with a two page comic book, written and illustrated by Glen Ford. Glen is the "official Australian Phantom artist". He designed the two Trading Card series for Dynamic Marketing, as well as Phantom T-Shirts, posters, diaries, neckties and covers for the comic.

Each phonecard package will be numbered and signed by Glen.

There will be no loose phonecards available - all 5000 cards can only be purchased as a package.

Captain Munchies PHONECARD STORY



N July 1995 Captain Munchies issued it's first prepaid phonecard with a photograph of the 24 hour Food and Convenience Store, lit up like an oasis in the dark night sky. 10,000 of this \$5 anritsu cards were produced by Telstra, many of which were given away as prizes in our "Eat here to Win" promotion which was advertised on TV, Radio, Cinema, in the Local Press, as well as our Web Site and even on one of our picture postcards.

Our Second and Third issues are actually Phone, Food and Coke cards, being a \$5 Food Credit with a free Coke at Captain Munchies, and \$5 Pre-Paid, Remote Access phone time provided by Teledata. 500 of each of these card have been produced of which 100's of cards have been used as give-aways over the Radio and were among the prize pool of Coca-Cola sponsored summer promotions like the recent Rottnest Island Festival and

the Margaret River Surfing Masters. Telstra changed to smart card technology and around 3,500 Issue No.1 magnetic cards were returned to Telstra for destruction and replacement new chip cards.

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Our Issues No 4 and 5 are Telstra Chip cards which were printed in haste and a number of misprinted cards were released by Telstra some of which were recalled and destroyed, but 123 B&W error cards escaped into the hands of collectors.

The balance of that order are our Issues No 7 (777 cards) and No 8 (860 cards) which are due this week. They have a similar design to No. 4 & No. 5 but have the Chip on the face incorporated into the layout, and on the back is written "after making phone calls, return this used phonecard to Captain Munchies for a Free bottle of Coca-Cola".

In between there came our Issue No.6 which began as joint sponsorship package deal for the recent World Windsurfing Championships being held at South Beach, Fremantle. We were going to provide a \$5 Food credit on the back of 1,000 special issue \$5 EziCall phonecards, to be given to Competitors, Judges, Officials, Volunteers etc. but the sponsorship package fell apart

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so we issued 500 Summer Sports cards with a picture of a windsurfer on a \$10 prepaid rechargeable remote access Teledata phonecard. Being located by the footbridge entrance to the Victoria Quay International Passenger Terminal, we get to serve many overseas visitors and we sell quite a lot of phonecards to sailors, cruise ship passengers and crew from an assortment of ships in port.

We serve a lot of US Navy battle groups who visit our city. Fremantle is among their favourite R&R ports.

We have issued several navy cards with photos of visiting ships. The very FIRST phonecards to be produced in Western Australia were the \$25 & \$50 set of Two, with a photo of the USS Independence which were sold to many of the sailors from the carrier in and around Captain Munchies during their R&R visit to Fremantle. (April 11th – 16th) The phonecard is attached to a Captain Munchies food voucher and a souvenir picture postcard with a different photo of

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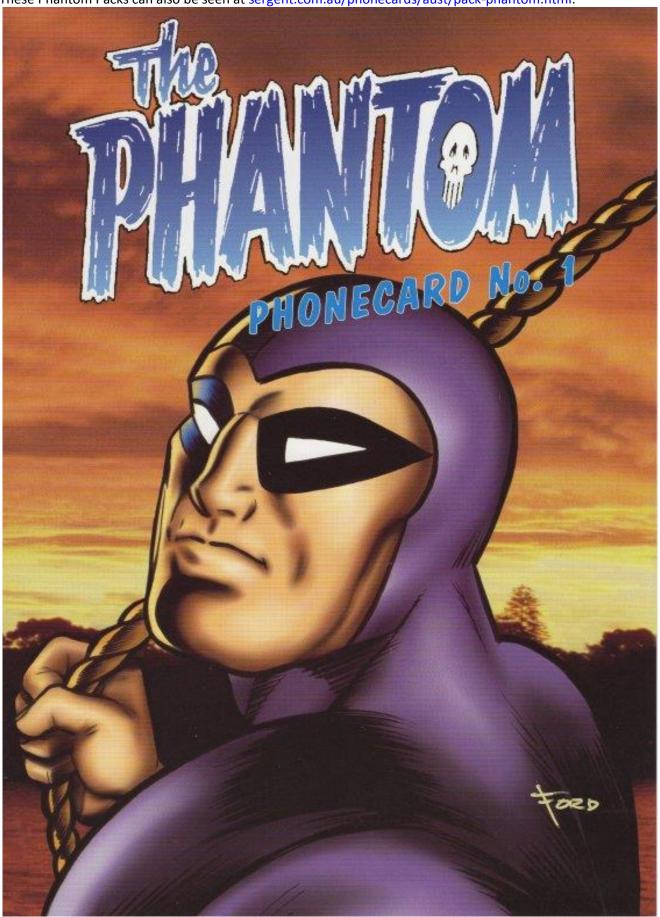
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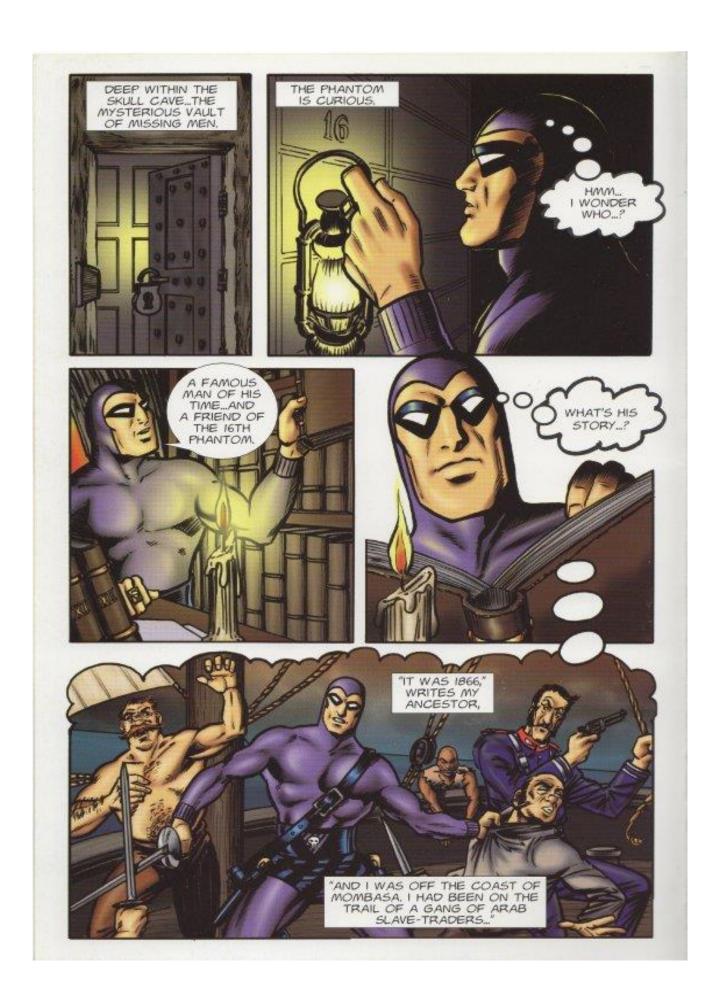


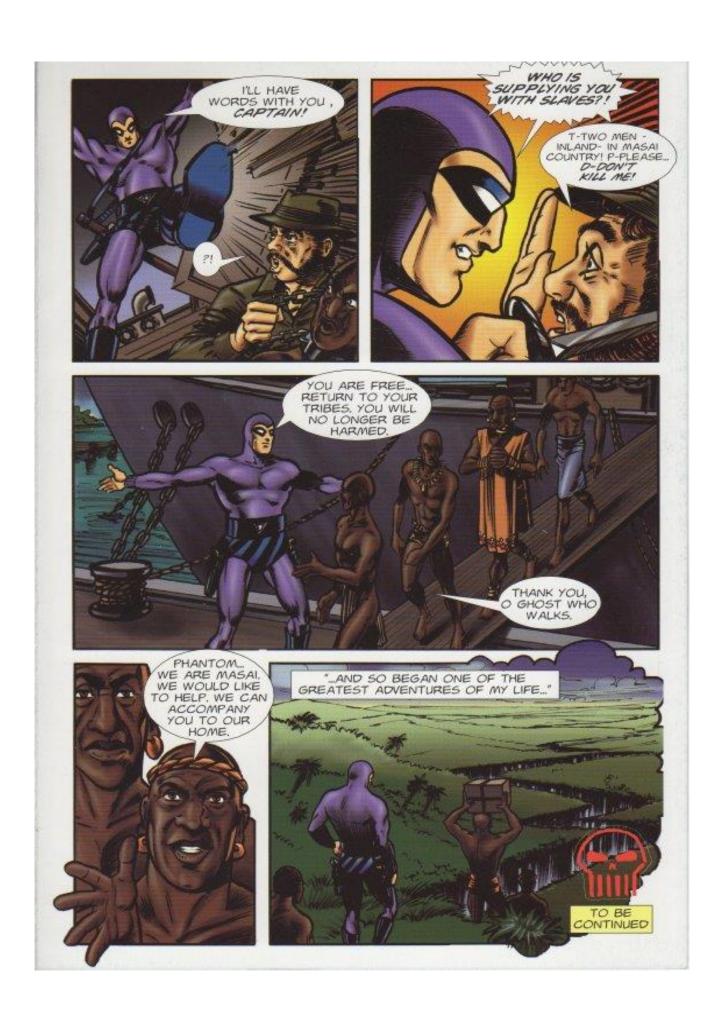
The Phantom Phonecard No. 1 Packs

NOTE: All the pages of Phantom No. 1 Packs were the same except for the back page of the Pack. These Phantom Packs can also be seen at sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/pack-phantom.html.



Front of Closed Pack.



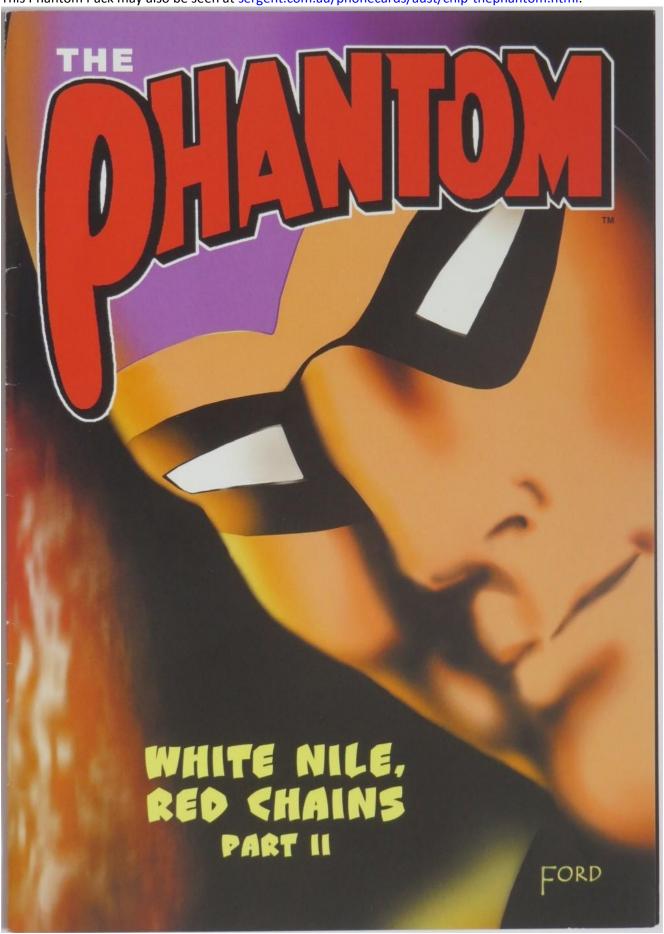








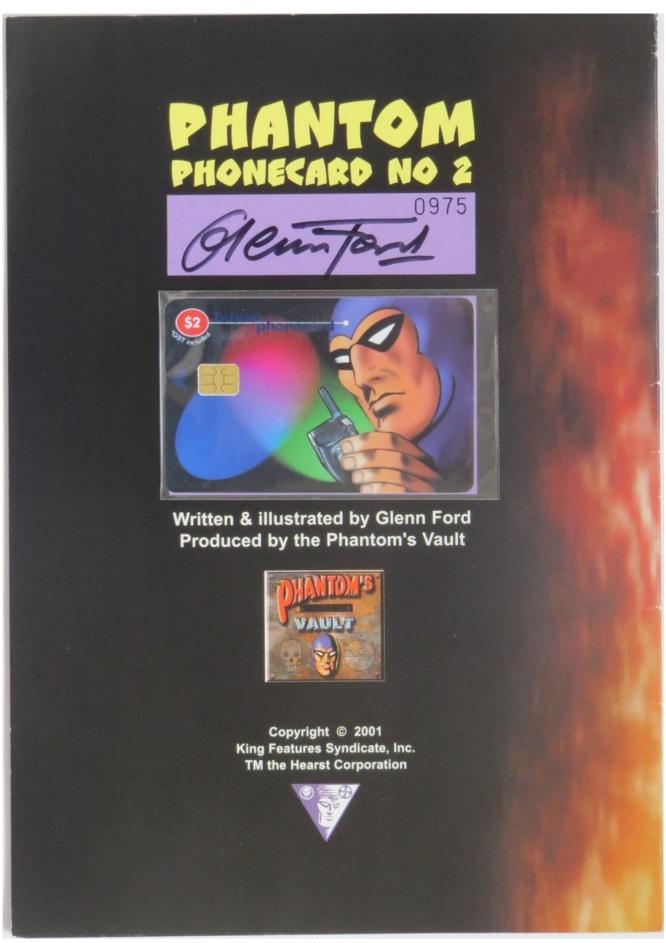
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Front of Closed Pack.





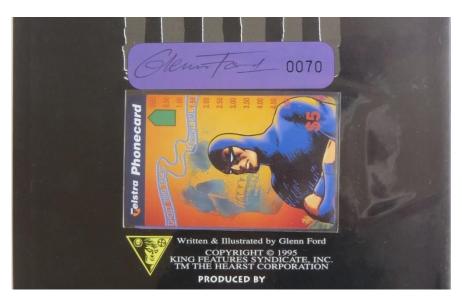


Back of Closed Pack.



Phonecard Serial No. 0975 was matched to Pack No. 0975

WANTED



Wanted: Images of Backs of The Phantom Phonecard No. 1 Packs which contain the Telstra Prefix 1075 \$5 Phantom Phonecard with Pack Numbers in the range of **0036 to 0064** and also in the range of **0074 to 0190**. This will enable a better estimate of the actual number of Packs which have been signed with a Black Biro to be made. So far only 6 packs have been sighted that have been signed with a black biro, and they have pack numbers in the range of 0064 to 0074 inclusive.

If you can get any images of the backs of these Packs within the desired Pack Number Ranges specified above, could you please email them, to the Editor at the email address as provided at the top of page 2 of this Newsletter. Any of these Images sent to the Editor will be acknowledged in a subsequent Newsletter.

EMAILS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in emails to the Editor are not necessarily those of the Editor.

Dear Editor,

It was with great interest that I read your article regarding your dealings with the owner of the ausphonecardcollectors.au website. I have also had bad experiences with the owner. I am the author of the Sergent website of Phonecards that was created in 1996 and has taken nearly 30 years of hard work to provide information for fellow collectors. The sole purpose of this website is to assist other collectors with information. A lot of collectors have provided additional information and together we have enabled it and our knowledge to grow.

Unfortunately this information was not good enough for the owner of the ausphonecardcollectors.au website, and he decided to build his own website, but in so doing, he copied my entire Telecom and Telstra Magnetic Phonecard Prefix Listings, along with some of the images displayed on my website and built his own. Then he had the audacity to put copyright notices all over his site and claim everything to be his own. How do I know it is my information, it still has all the errors and typos that I had made, and have subsequently corrected. I sent numerous emails to him, but have never had a response. I can't believe he complained because a portion of one image from his website was used in the MPC Newsletter without acknowledging his website, when there are numerous images from my site on his, with no acknowledgment of my website to be seen.

Recently I discovered that he had added Card Phone Australia information to his site. Once again he has copied all the Prefix List data from my website. I see that the owner has now taken over the role of Editor for the MPC Newsletter. In this role, I hope that he learns from his own complaint, to respect the rights of others.

From Bruce Sergent

Thank you Bruce for your email and it will be interesting to hear if the owner of the ausphonecardcollectors.au reaches out to you to try and resolve this issue of your perceived copyright infringements.

It is also of interest to note that there are images for some prefixes on the ausphonecardcollectors.au website that are wrong. For example at webpage ausphonecardcollectors.au/anritsu_list-of-prefixes?page=2#gsc.tab=0 some of these images for their Prefixes, as shown below, can be seen to be wrong. Hopefully these will be corrected.

image	Prefix Number	value	description	Code	printed	cardrange	comments
SS Lines Chaire Research	267	\$10.00	Tourist - Kangaroo	G930123a	100000	26700000- 26799999	
Side Process	268	\$10.00	Tourist - Kangaroo	G930123a	75000	26800000- 26874999	
SS	269	\$10.00	Tourist - Kangaroo	G930123a	100000	26900000- 26999999	
S5 Chile Planter	270	\$10.00	Tourist - Kangaroo	G930123a	65000	27000000- 27064999	
CAMBODIA ST	290	US\$5	Cambodia - Satellite	1930529	10000	2900000- 29009999	
CAMBODA \$10	290	US\$5	Cambodia - Satellite	1930529	8000	29012000- 29019999	

Hi Editor,

I have stumbled across this Phantom Pack but am seeking your opinion as I have not seen it before

I'm sure you are all aware of the Phantom Pack number 1 with the card prefix 1075 C956012 of which there were 5,000 issued sourced from Bruce Sergents site

Again, I could not find any reference at the same site

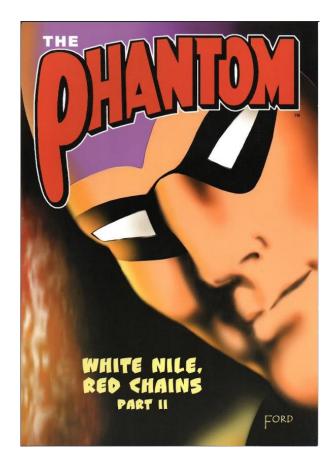
The pack in question is titled White Nile, Red Chains Part II

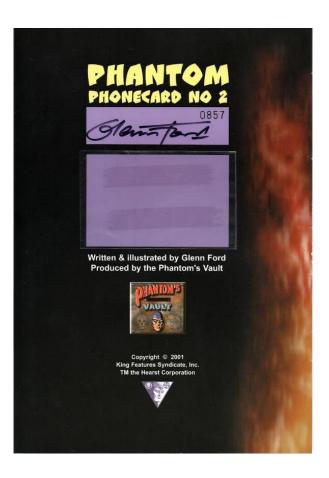
Unfortunately the card is missing-Signed by Glenn Ford number 0857

Not sure if I might have had the card at one time or another or not

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.....Refer scans below

From the APCC President





Thank you APCC President for your email.

I think that the best way I can assist you, and other collectors, is to include a detailed article on the Telstra Phantom Phonecards and Packs in this Newsletter. You will find it starting on page 10 of this Newsletter. Also, the Phantom Phonecard No. 2 Pack is now on the Sergent's Website at webpage sergent.com.au/phonecards/aust/chip-thephantom.html.

PHONECARD CLUB NEWS

AUSTRALIAN PHONECARD & COLLECTORS CLUB

(AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PHONECARD CLUB)

The APCC Club is located in Adelaide, South Australia, and has Members located in other States of Australia

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month except for January, at a time and venue provided to Members of the Club

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"Matters of Interest" are presented and discussed.

A Raffle at each meeting with the proceeds used to host our

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Contact the APCC President on (08) 82970388

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Established in 1992 and still going strong.

PO Box 166, Beaufort, Victoria, 3373 Australia

The Melbourne Phonecard Club's Website is at http://www.melbournephonecardclub.org.au.

The club holds five meetings per year at the SPAN Community Centre 64 Clyde Street, Thornbury, Victoria.

The next meeting is set for 12:00 Noon Saturday 7th March 2026 and Visitors are welcome to attend.

The Club has many interstate and overseas members.

Please email postmaster@melbournephonecardclub.org.au for membership and other enquiries.

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12 Newsletter per year.

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