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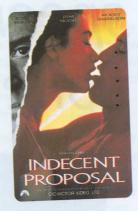
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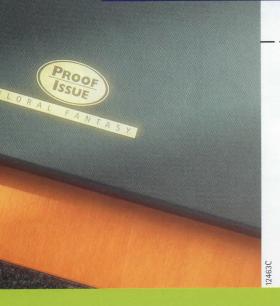
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Welcome to an exciting new publication, the Australia New Zealand Phonecard Magazine.

Australian and New Zealand collectors who were previously catered for in the pages of The Australasian Phonecard Monthly and the New Zealand International Phonecard Collector will find that they will gain many benefits with the introduction of this new magazine.

While the existing needs of each country's collectors will continue to be addressed, the new magazine's specific focus on the activity surrounding phonecard collecting in Australia and New Zealand will benefit the dual country collector as well as introduce other collectors to the phonecards of their respective close neighbour.

Each month we will be entertaining and educating readers about the hobby, from what to look for, to the new, evolving technology and the latest, greatest phonecards.

We'll provide news, views and profiles from both sides of the Tasman, and the Phonecard Magazine will also feature regular articles and updates on the nations in the Pacific and near Asia as well as information on the broad international scene.

As with any new publication, particularly where it replaces an existing one (in this case two), adjustment is required on the part of both the reader and the publisher/s, especially when the magazine is the only one of its kind in both countries.

As most readers will be aware by now, the Phonecard Magazine is being produced from two locations on either side of the Tasman, Tamworth, New South Wales and

Auckland, New Zealand. The magazine itself is printed and distributed from Auckland.

Even as I write this editorial. considerable activity is still taking place regarding the amalgamation of the extensive subscriber lists from the two previous publications. Many readers were subscribers to both the Monthly and the Collector and as most will have a credit to either one or both publications, these have to be calculated and recognised.

Readers of the previous Phonecard Monthly may find that there is some repetition between the last issue of the Monthly and this, the first of the Phonecard Magazine.

Dealers and collectors who previously advertised in the Monthly, will need to note carefully the deadlines for the receipt of material for publication in the Phonecard Magazine. They are not as liberal as they were previously.

Finally, I'd like to welcome on board all the existing subscribers from The Australasian Phonecard Monthly and the New Zealand International Phonecard Collector, as well as the new readers who have subscribed to this publication or may be simply borrowing it from a friend to read.

Your observations and opinions are welcomed and your readership is appreciated.

Viddy Jermacans Editor, Australia



CLUBS/SOCIETIES/FAIRS

Sydney's Big Collector Weekend

Australia and New Zealand's leading phonecard dealers will be in attendance at the Australian International Phonecard Fair '96 to be held on Sunday, the 10th of November, at the All Seasons Premier Menzies Hotel, 14 Carrington Street, Sydney.

Collectors will be able to choose from one of the largest and most comprehensive stock of Australian and world phonecards on offer anywhere in Australia.

Telstra are expected to have a retail sales table and archival material on exhibition, while several other agencies and custom phonecard issuers may also be at the fair. Leading hobby magazines will have sales and/or information tables.

The preceding day, Saturday, November 9, the same venue will host the Australian International Banknote Fair '96. Phonecard collectors will be well catered for at this fair, as many dealers attending the Phonecard Fair the next day will also be in attendance on Saturday.

For further information contact Mark Freehill on (02) 9913 3036.

Club Fair in Melbourne

The Rosebud & District Phonecard Collectors' Club is holding a Phonecard, Stamp & Coin Fair, on Saturday

November 16, 1996 at the Caufield Secondary College, corner Booran and Neerim Roads. The fair is open from 10 am to 4 pm and admission is free.

There is ample parking and refreshments will be available to those attending. Telstra will be providing prizes which will be distributed on the day.

For further information, including table bookings (\$35.00 each), contact John Thomas on phone (059) 86 2261 or fax (059) 86 6943, or write to the Club at P.O. Box 211, Rosebud, Victoria 3939, Australia.

Something for Everyone

The weekend of 11 and 12 January will be an excellent opportunity for both dealers and collectors to partake in a get-away-from-it-all holiday and combine it with the Sunshine Coast's major two-day Phonecard, Stamp and Coin Show. The Show will be staged at the Caloundra Cultural Centre and many prominent Queensland and interstate dealers will be in attendance.

For further information on this Show contact Dan O'Loughlin on Ph/Fax (07) 3849 2682 or Michael Vickers on ph/fax (07) 3269 1158.

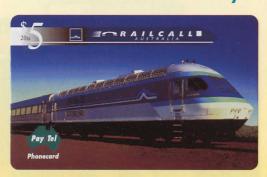
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20 Oct	Wallsend Stamp, Coin & Phonecard Fair	Wallsend Pioneers Hall	Wallsend, Newcastle
25-27 Oct	Qld. Stamp, Coin & Phonecard Expo	RNA Showgrounds	Fortitude Valley, Brisbane
26 Oct	Aust. Phonecard Coll. Club Fair	Toc-H-Hall	Edwardstown, Adelaide
27 Oct	Epping Stamp & Coin Fair	School of Dance Hall	Epping, Sydney
27 Oct	Stamp & Coin Fair	Carlton Street	Granville, Sydney
2-3 Nov	National Coin, Stamp & Phonecard Show	Convention Centre	Canberra
3 Nov	Phonecard, Stamp & Coin Fair	Town Hall, Semour St	Sandgate, Qld.
9 Nov	Australian International Banknote Fair	All Seasons Premier Menzies Hotel	Sydney
10 Nov	Aust. International Phonecard Fair	All Seasons Premier Menzies Hotel	Sydney
10 Nov	Croydon Stamp & Coin Fair	Masonic Hall	Croydon, Sydney
16 Nov	Rosebud & District Phone. Coll. Club Fair	Caufield Secondary College	Caufield, Melbourne
17 Nov	Wallsend Stamp, Coin & Phonecard Fair	Wallsend Pioneers Hall	Wallsend, Newcastle
22-24 Nov	Indo-Phonecards '96	Plaza Senayan	Jakarta, Indonesia
22 Nov	National Coin, Stamp & Phonecard Show	Westside Hotel	Hobart
23 Nov	National Coin, Stamp & Phonecard Show	Albert Hall	Launceston, Tas.
24 Nov	National Coin, Stamp & Phonecard Show	Civic Theatre Centre	Burnie, Tas.
24 Nov	Stamp & Coin Fair	Carlton Street	Granville, Sydney
15 Dec	Wallsend Stamp, Coin & Phonecard Fair	Wallsend Pioneers Hall	Wallsend, Newcastle
11-12 Jan	Phonecard, Coin & Stamp Show	Caloundra Comm. Centre	Caloundra, Qld.
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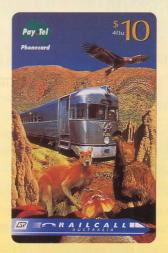
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SPECIAL MOVIE



Each year production companies invest millions of dollars to produce what they hope will be a box office hit.

Putting the right promotion behind these movies is critical to their success, with PhoneCards emerging as a great way to extend awareness.

Movie title releases on PhoneCards are growing in popularity around the world and so is the interest from collectors to start collecting this interesting theme.

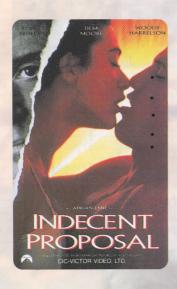
Paramount Pictures, 20th Century Fox and Universal Studios all keep up with the play in providing their most recent movie imagery on PhoneCards, often in conjunction with video releases to the public.

Japan was one of the first to put popular movie themes on PhoneCards and is one of the most prolific.





Tom Cruise, Bruce Willis, Michael J Fox and Demi Moore feature on the PhoneCards shown, but these are just a few of the Hollywood stars that appear on a large selection of Japanese PhoneCards.







FEATURE

British Telecom (BT) has also released movie themes on PhoneCards, although its releases are not as frequent as Japan.

Only fairly recently, BT moved to provide full face imagery on its PhoneCard product and since doing this, the impact of their images has improved.

You will notice in the Walt Disney 'Toy Story' card that nationwide cinemas indicate when the feature is hitting the big screen. This card was released through BT's retail outlets to advise the general public that 'Toy Story' was nearly here! A good concept we thought, promoting preticket sales for the cinemas.

The card featured is only one of five cards in the set. Interesting also is the text printed on the reverse of this card. Check it out if you happen to come across the BT 'Toy Story' PhoneCards.



It's a tough question to answer - name all the countries of the world that have produced movie themes on PhoneCards?

Germany has many releases, particularly utilising the Walt Disney format, and also produces some interesting imagery with an added advantage of being able to print an image on both sides of the PhoneCard. Why? In most cases, chip cards are commonly used and there is no need for space to be provided for magnetic panels or punch operated systems.



We feature a 1994 Lion King release, front and back, to indicate just how visually attractive both sides of the PhoneCard can be when this extra space is available.



Italy too, has joined other countries in releasing movie themes on PhoneCards. It operates a magnetic code system that reads the card when it is inserted into the payphone, but also chooses to have a corner cut-off the card to indicate which direction to insert the card into the payphone – interesting!



Here also, they have taken the liberty to utilise what space is available to apply additional imagery on the reverse of the card to advise the public at which cinema the movie is now showing.



Telecom Ireland has also released PhoneCards with movie themes, providing attractive images for collectors to snap up. It also operates a chip-card system, but has additional finishing touches such as bar coding on the reverse of the product for ease of handling and stock controlled releases.

Impressively, its cards are presented in a sealed wrapper, protecting the finish and ensuring the card maintains its original mint condition.



In Australia, are the hugely popular X-Files PhoneCards. Two sets, each containing four different cards, have been produced featuring the show's stars, Mulder and Scully, along with scenes from the show's X-Files. Each collection is produced in a full colour pack with matching serial numbers.

Walt Disney themes are probably the most strongly collected throughout the world and represent some of the very best PhoneCard imagery.

Bell Canada came out with stunning Batman images, which are both interesting and very vibrant in colour. The popularity of collecting movie theme releases on PhoneCards will grow as the hobby further develops. If you are a new collector to the market, what better way of starting a theme than one that has endless variations.

As we look around, we always see and find interesting additions for our movie theme collection. The quality of the releases, image-wise, seems to be improving.

We know we can't collect all cards released, so a safe bet is to pick one or two themes or favourite stars to add to your collection as they are released.









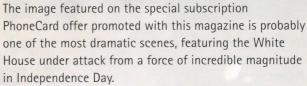
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Starring Jeff Goldburn, Will Smith and Bill Pullman, Independence Day has created the greatest stir for its amazing special effects. Live action, state-of-the-art computer generated images, pyrotechnics and in-camera explosions were just some of the techniques used to make this a memorable movie.



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TECHNO CARDS

A new telecommunications player has entered the United Kingdom to rival British Telecom.

Energis launched in the United Kingdom less than three years ago, with the promise it would offer a new range of information and communications services, in addition to the standard telecommunications services already available.

New Energy in UK Market

It aims to offer services very different from those which are already available – to meet the real needs of customers. Within a short time it seems to be delivering its promises.

Energis is owned by The National Grid Company plc, which enabled it to create the Energis network very quickly, using the earthwires between electricity pylons

SPECIFICATIONS				
\$	Card Produc	tion run	Production	
\$75	Maple Leaf Bullion	1250	November	
\$5	Northern Lifeguard Association	10,300	September	
\$5	World Landmarks - Tower Bridge	1750	October	
\$5	World Landmarks - Opera House	1750	October	
\$5	World Landmarks - The Capitol	1750	October	
\$10	World Landmarks - Eiffel Tower	1750	October	
\$20	World Landmarks - Taj Mahal	1750	October	
\$5	GI Proof - Floral Fantasy (blue flags)	150	November	
\$5	GI Proof - Floral Fantasy (poppies)	150	November	
\$10	GI Proof - Floral Fantasy (sunflowers)	150	November	
\$20	GI Proof - Floral Fantasy (clematis)	150	November	
\$30	GI Proof - Floral Fantasy (montage)	150	November	
\$50	Endangered Animals - Elephants	1750	October	
\$50	Art Collection - Boating Party	1750	October	
\$5	Nestle Kit Kat	5500	December	
\$10	Independence Day	7500	October	
\$5	Christmas - Snowy roof	72,750	October	
\$5	Christmas - Christmas tree	72,750	October	
\$5	Christmas - Montage	1750	October	
\$10	Christmas - Elves	65,750	October	
\$20	Christmas – Sleeping child	30,750	October	

to carry fibre optic cables capable of transmitting images and data as well as the spoken voice. In London where there are no pylons, Energis simply came to a commercial agreement with London Underground to lay its cable through its tunnels.

Energis customers are able to be connected to this network either directly or indirectly through their existing BT lines or cable television networks.

The Energis network is the first national network in the world to be built entirely using an advanced transmission technology called Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH). It virtually guarantees continuous communications for critical applications.

Of particular relevance to PhoneCard collectors is that Energis will soon be releasing a range of general issue remote access cards. The cards will be able to be used on any touch-tone phone in the United Kingdom and in 50 other countries.

These general issue cards look to be very exciting, presenting strong thematic images such as landscapes, famous United Kingdom castles, baby animals etc. Run sizes are yet to be determined.

Energis is working in partnership with Auckland communications company, Strategic Marketing Services to market these cards and have found keen interest from advertisers. Retail channels for the cards are also being established throughout the United Kindom, with plans to extend them as opportunity allows.

Look out for the first remote access card issue from Energis, which is expected soon.



EVENT MASTERS PHONEGARD COLLECTION



Just as Disney's new feature animated movie

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Dame is hitting the theatres,

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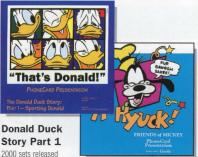


the 7 Dwarfs

3000 sets released Dec '94 at \$ 85 Current value \$ 155

Pinocchio

3000 sets released April '95 at \$ 80 Current value \$ 160



Story Part 1

2000 sets released Dec '95 at \$ 140 Current value \$ 400

Friends of Mickey Part 1

2000 sets released April '96 at \$ 195 Current value \$ 400



Goofy of the Friends of Mickey Series 5 individual cards \$ 40



Donald Part 1 3 cards \$ 24



Snow White 3 cards \$ 45





Mickey Mouse Story Part 2 4 individual cards \$ 35



Mickey Mouse Story Part 1 4 individual cards \$ 450



Pocahontas 1 card \$ 8



Lion King







Mickey Mouse Story Part 3 4 individual cards \$ 32



Mickey Mouse

Story Part 1

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PAPUA NEW GUNEA

Are you looking to collect affordable, attractive and relatively easy-to-obtain phonecards, which are issued in such small quantities they attract the investor?

Well, look no further than Papua New Guinea!

The P.N.G. Telikom Phonecard Management team, led by Xavier Victor, has carefully laid down an issuing policy that serves both the interest and aspirations of this wonderful country as well as providing collectors with an attainable, affordable and attractive range of cards.

To quote some of the decisions made:

- Telikom aims to release about four main issues annually as well as special event issues and suitably approved advertising cards.
- Cards will depict only Papua New Guinea related themes.
- Face value and quantity of cards released will relate primarily to the local demand, with occasional smaller limited issues to a minimum of 1000 for collector appeal.
- No private issues or subjects foreign to the country.
- All phonecards to be available through sales agencies for a period of 6 months, unless demand exhausts any cards and thereafter until stocks are sold.

The main implication of this very stable and conservative policy is that all cards will be available to the public at face value. In addition, the total face value of an annual collection is

around K100 or \$A100 - a very modest sum compared with most other agencies!



Since the first trial card in 1988, there have only been 78 different cards issued at a face value of K461. Collecting Papua New Guinea phonecards therefore offers collectors the real option of a one country collection.

The first set appeared in 1991 for the South Pacific Games and was shortly followed by a set showing Ela Beach by night.

Several low value advertising cards came out in 1991/92, followed in April 1992 by a very attractive set of 6 different cards produced for Expo '92 in Seville, Spain. Some of these Expo cards had seven printings and a few of the later ones are still available today. Reprints of the early P.N.G. cards therefore have a fascination for the prefix collector.





In 1994, starting with the single Essen Exhibition card, all subsequent issues from P.N.G. have not been subject to reprints. This has simplified collecting as well as assuring collectors about quantities produced.

The trend of producing about 4 colourful, attractive and relevant issues each year continued during 1995 and 1996.

FEATURE









With the steady increase in quantity and availability of Cardphones throughout Papua New Guinea, we are now seeing a fairly rapid turnover of cards, particularly the low value, K1, K2 and K5 cards. A more recent phenomenon is the increased popularity of K10 cards in the emerging mining areas such as at Lihir which has caught many by surprise, with these cards selling out virtually overnight.

As there are practically no local collectors of P.N.G. cards, a situation Telikom will soon address, an examination of overseas sales indicates that most of the sets of the last three years are extremely scarce.

Most complete sets sold in total were less than 250!

Telikom's mailing list shows that of these sets, 55% went to European collectors, 20% to Australian, 15% to Asian and 3% to New Zealand.

With most cards being used locally, the 250 mint sets held by collectors are certainly a rarity!

Clearly, Papua New Guinea offers much to both the collector and investor of phonecards. Telikom's policy of not producing private cards must soon make it unique and surely another reason for collecting the country as a one-country collection.



In April this year, P.N.G.
Telikom attended AusCard
'96 held at the Opera
House in Sydney. Their
success of this major
Phonecard Fair persuaded
the management team to
attend the Hong Kong
Expo held in July and they
have also arranged to go
to CardEx '96 in the
Netherlands in October.







This increased exposure of Papua New Guinea's phonecards internationally can only lead to more collector interest and as such make the earlier issues very attractive to have.

Telikom produced special overprint cards for both Fairs attended to date:

Aus Card '96 K20 Bird of Paradise (1000 printing).
Hong Kong Expo '96 K5 Coastline View (1000 printing).



A percentage of these cards, like all P.N.G. cards, are available on general sale in the country.

Interested collectors should get in touch with their most enterprising dealer or contact Telikom direct at:

Overseas Phonecard Sales

Telikom Payphone Business Unit P.O. Box 351, Waigani, Port Moresby Papua New Guinea

Tel: (675) 300-5093, Fax: (675) 300-5060

Jim Shearing, Port Moresby, September 1996.



ARTIST PROFILE



Juit Cards

August 1996, Telstra attended two major phonecard and collectable fairs in Hong Kong and Singapore. To commemorate their attendance at these two fairs, Telstra produced custom cards which were on sale for the duration of the respective fairs.



Singapore

2000 folders containing a \$5 Phonecard featuring a yellow orchid on a purple background were available at the Phonecard Exhibition

Singapore '96. Approximately 1000 of these cards and

folders were sold, the remainder of the folders being destroyed on the last day. A \$5 promotional card of the same design with the colours reversed (purple orchid on a yellow background), was released in Australia and is available through the Phonecard Collector Service.



Maastricht.



CardEx '96

To commemorate their attendance at CardEx '96 in Maastricht, the Netherlands, in early October, Telstra produced 2000 folders containing \$2 and \$5 Custom Phonecards. The design of these two cards follows a practice of "joined-pairs" as issued previously for Hong Kong '95 and for Hong Kong earlier this year in July. This commemorative Phonecard series uses designs





Hong Kong

In Hong Kong, 2000 folders containing a \$2 and a \$5 card were available to those attending Collectable Expo '96. The two individual Phonecards combine to make a complete picture of the earth, indicating the extent of participants in the exhibition. Approximately 700 folders were sold during the Expo and, as the remaining folders

influenced by the style of the master Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh. The colourful and expressive cards

Telstra's participation in the major exhibition at

the above, will be released in Australia through

Phonecard Collector Services.

symbolise Australia and the Netherlands and celebrate

A promotional set of Phonecards, with some variations to

were destroyed, this makes the number available to collectors quite small.

A similarly designed se-tenant pair of \$5 Promotional Phonecards (with different colouring) were produced for sale within Australia through the Telstra Phonecard Collector Service.

This Christmas, you can go



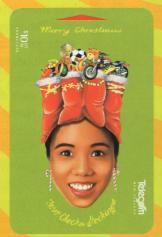


Experience a Kiwi Christmas.

They're rad! They're Telecom's Kiwi Christmas PhoneCard™ series – and they'll be a hit. We're releasing a very limited number of cards to retailers only ... and NO Collector Pack.

The five cards celebrate the unique colour and life of a Kiwi Christmas ...
they're collector's essentials! The cards go on sale at PhoneCard™ retailers
throughout New Zealand on November 15. So mark your calendar, or for purchasing
details call one of the Telecom PhoneCard™ Accredited Dealers on the facing page.







Collect a Christmas tradition.

Be quick! Telecom's 1996 Christmas Collector Pack is out soon – and it's a winner. Called 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, there are only 2250 for New Zealand collectors and 500 for overseas distribution.

The Collector Pack is just \$NZ95, and includes four general issue cards, plus a unique short-run card. If you're a subscriber, you'll receive your ballot form soon. If you're not, get your ballot form by returning the coupon on the facing page, or by calling 0800 508 805 (within NZ) or +64 9 307 2190 (from overseas).

You can also purchase the four general issue cards from over 5000 Telecom PhoneCard™ retailers throughout New Zealand - from November 15. Just look for the 'PhoneCards Sold Here' sign.

Twas the Night Before Christmas - LhoneGard ™ series

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Get off to a flying start.

Not yet a New Zealand PhoneCard™ collector? Get a FREE Starter Kit and you'll learn the many rewards and pleasures of this fascinating hobby.

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Great holiday reading.

Now there's a comprehensive guide to the world of PhoneCards: Telephone Cards - A Collector's Handbook by Steve Hiscocks. This is a 'mini encyclopedia' (not a catalogue). It's packed with facts and figures, and gives an array of specialist tips and advice. It also lists phone companies releasing cards around the world, and provides useful books, catalogues and contacts.

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Where to get your Cards – in any season.

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The Art Collection - Pacific Coin Company

The next famous work of art to feature in the six-part Art Collection PhoneCard Series by Pacific Coin Company is the Luncheon of the Boating Party by Pierre Auguste Renoir.

Renoir was a French impressionist painter recognised as one of the greatest and most independent painters of his time. His superb 'Boating Party' painting is featured in both editions of this stunning series.

The Masters Premier Edition presents the \$50 Art Collection PhoneCard in a beautiful gold leafed frame, along with a numbered 22ct gold plated plaque. The \$50 PhoneCard is displayed in the Gallery Edition in a golden frame, which is hung in the 'miniature gallery'. Both editions are released in very low numbers of 350 and 650 respectively.



Cats - Pacific Coin Company

A new Telecom PhoneCard product is planned to be released by Pacific Coin Company during November. The Cat collectors set will be the first \$2 packaged product to hit the New Zealand PhoneCard market. Six \$2 PhoneCards featuring adorable cats are to be produced. These are presented in a large glossy collector folder, which provides interesting information about the various breeds depicted.

Two pack styles will be available: the Cat Collectors Set and the signed Cat Collectors Set, which will be an individually numbered Certificate of Authenticity signed by cat photographer and author Graham Meadows.

Both editions will be issued with a delightful 1997 cat calendar featuring the cats on the PhoneCards and the signed edition are to be accompanied by a hard-covered book about cats.



Classic Coca-Cola Images on Phonecards

A second set of ten Telstra \$2.00 Coca-Cola Phonecards has been issued by the Melbourne company, Universal Coin Co. for overseas promotional purposes.

As with the first set of ten Coca-Cola cards entitled "A Phonecard History of Coca-Cola" (featured in the August 1996 issue of The Australasian Phonecard Monthly), there were only 2000 printed of each card and there is an attractive folder available for them.

The images, which feature some of the best artwork Coca-Cola has produced during its long lifetime, are great and it would be a real challenge to obtain a set.

All ten Phonecards in each folder feature matching serial/prefix numbers which run from 1231 to 1240 inclusive.







Donald Duck Part II - Event Masters

He's a lovable 'try-hard'. The first Donald Duck series, released last December, found much favour with collectors who missed out on buying the now valuable early Disney Mickey Mouse releases at original issue price.

The second in this five-pack series will be released in December this year. Donald Duck has now hung up his sports shoes and discovered girls - particularly one special sweetie called Daisy. Donald is smitten and the results are truly gorgeous. Donald Duck Part II portrays Donald's romantic side. This will be developed further with next year's issue revealing Donald as the respectable family man.

As with the first release, only 2000 Donald Duck Part II collector packs will be released by Event Masters.

To celebrate this first edition of the Australia/New Zealand Phonecard magazine, Event Masters is offering any new or current VIP Standing Order customers a free 12 month subscription to this magazine (see advertisement in this magazine).





Bruce Buddicom -National Manager Telecom **Payphones**

Welcome to the Australian New Zealand Phonecard Magazine and a new era which offers us the opportunity to develop a closer relationship between the New Zealand and Australian telephone card markets.

Readers of the former New Zealand-only publication will be accustomed to seeing my regular column and now, with the advent of this new magazine our fellow Australian collectors will also get to share in the news from the New Zealand

A publication which serves the phonecard collector market on both sides of the Tasman presents a number of favourable possibilities. Firstly, the new format will mean a much wider audience for New Zealand PhoneCards™, and a corresponding increase in the profile of Australian phonecards within New Zealand. At the same time, collectors in New Zealand will benefit from a more comprehensive coverage of some very exciting Australian cards.

In general, I believe closer ties with Australia will serve to increase the exposure of New Zealand collectable cards on an international basis. This can only be of benefit to New Zealand collectors when it comes time to sell or swap cards overseas. It will also assist Telecom Payphones in its efforts to enhance our profile in the world market.

As a collector, your attention is understandably focused on your collection, however it can be advantageous to develop an understanding of the payphone industry as a whole. The world of payphones is one of constant change and much of this is due to the continual advances in technology.

One recent advancement of which you should be aware is the development and increasing use of remote prepaid cards. The card can be used to make calls from payphones, normal residential and business phones and can be used in a number of countries. The card itself is a means of recording the number which identifies the caller's account and is frequently used in conjunction with a PIN number. It is possible for a caller to memorise their remote prepaid card number and enter this when making a call.

What sort of effect will remote prepaid cards have on the phonecard market in New Zealand? Already the cards have been the subject of much international debate as to whether or not they should be classified as a collectable phonecard. However, if overseas trends are anything to go by, we are likely to see remote prepaid cards becoming a sought-after collectable. In the United States particularly, the cards have a very strong following with many collectors specialising in this form of card. Already available in Australia, the remote prepaid cards should be available in New Zealand very soon, with Telecom New Zealand intending to release its cards as a promotional product later this year. This will in no way impact on the production of magnetic PhoneCards[™], however, we believe collectors will seek the cards out and that the collecting will be complimentary to the magnetic cards already being produced.

BRUCE BUDDICOM

Grant Burtenshaw National Sales and Service Manager, Telstra Payphone Services

Telstra Phonecard is definitely one of our greatest success stories. First introduced in Australia in 1989. it has since received the highest penetration of any telecommunications product since the home telephone.



Last year, annual sales broke the \$100 million mark for the first time after five years on the market, and over 60 million cards have been sold to date.

Phonecard collecting has become one of the fastest growing hobbies in Australia, attracting both young and old audiences. Already over 19,000 people are registered with the Telstra Phonecard Collector Service and additional clubs have been formed across the country.

The success of Phonecard has been phenomenal thanks, not only to its convenience, but also to the fantastic designs produced every year. Telstra produces six to eight stunning Official Series coinciding with various celebrations, events and themes throughout the year.

These are sold individually, or beautifully packaged in Limited Edition Folders exclusive to the collector market. Our most recent folder was the successful Antarctic series in honour of one of the world's most hidden treasures, which has been very successful among collectors.

The past couple of years has also seen an acceleration in Phonecard advertising which has increased the scope for collecting.

Popular businesses and organisations such as Qantas and Smith's Chips, are taking advantage of the marketing power of "the billboard in your pocket" and collectors are benefiting from the variety.

It's true that collectors in Australia enjoy a wide range of innovative designs and creative concepts. With literally thousands of different designs already produced, there's no limit to the imagination and the way in which people may collect. Already there have been over 90 different themes identified in Australia.

The quality of our designs is also recognised and commended on an international scale. Our \$5 Phonecard featuring a cockatoo sporting five birthday candles on its crest, was judged the Best Overall Card at CARDEX '95.

This year our designs have succeeded in making the short list for each category entered in CARDEX '96, proving that our compositions cater for a much wider audience. With further recognition we plan to broaden our market and position our product on an international scale.

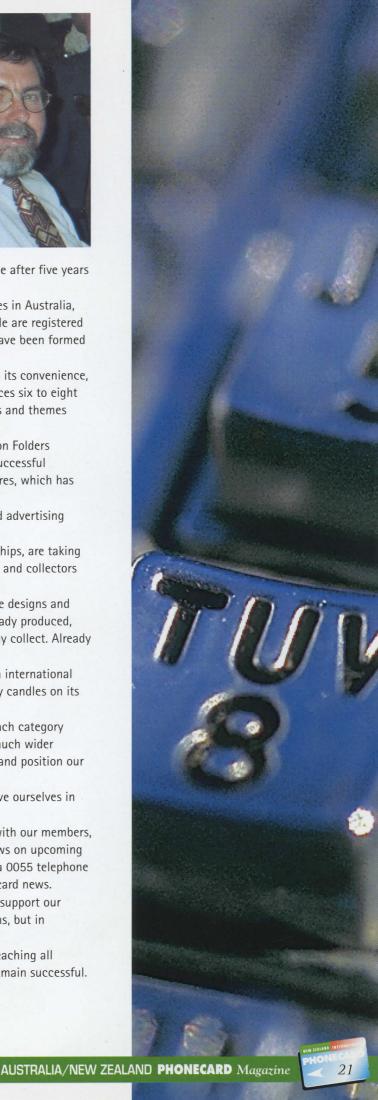
Back home we continue to support our collector network and involve ourselves in Phonecard fairs and exhibitions on local to national levels.

To maintain our relationship with collectors, we continually liaise with our members, Phonecard Dealers and Phonecard Clubs, sharing with them the news on upcoming releases, card codes and serial numbers. We have also established a 0055 telephone line to further assist us in keeping the market up to date on Phonecard news.

We feel it is important to have an active interest in the hobby, and support our collectors wherever possible, not only by producing fantastic designs, but in providing product information wherever possible.

Communication is the key to expanding our collector market and reaching all potential audiences. With this clearly in mind, the market should remain successful.





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VALUE

Welcome to the gallery of the 90's ... presenting famous Disney Characters instead of Mona Lisa... using PhoneCards instead of canvas ... collecting is passion join the fun.

EVENT MASTERS' PHONECARD SERIES IF DISNEY

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER



Christmas

October sees the release of Telstra's three card series which celebrates Christmas with a classic Australian flavour, including a kangaroo bearing gifts, Santa sitting on a glorious Australian beach and Santa's hat perched on top of the Sydney Opera House.

The three cards will be included in a Limited Edition Folder, of which 3,000 will be issued, together with a fourth (\$2) Phonecard. This \$2 card will only be available for issue with the folder.



Welcome Home Dinner

Celstra Phonecard

To commemorate Australia's achievements at the Atlanta Olympics, Telstra packaged 2000 three card sets of Phonecards, of which 1250 were given to guests at the Official Welcome Home Dinner in Sydney. 750 of these packs were made available to collectors through an arm of Telstra.

The three cards, reproduced in Gold, Silver and Bronze, each list the winners and placegetters in each Olympic event where success was achieved.

Planes & Trains

Telstra has some Phonecards with interesting themes programmed for early next year. In February, it proposes to release a set of four cards featuring prominent World War II fighter planes, whilst April will see the issue of a set of four cards which feature well known historical and tourist locomotives; the 3801 and Loco 1243 from NSW, the Puffing Billy from Victoria and the Loco A10 from Queensland.

In addition to the regular collectors of the official issues of Telstra, thematic collectors will undoubtedly be attracted to these two sets.

Watch for the next issue of the Phonecard Magazine for more information on these two sets which will be available as both loose cards and in Collector Packs.

Welcome From Paytel Australia

PayTel Australia welcomes the advent of the new Australia New Zealand Phonecard Magazine serving the interests of collectors in both countries.

PayTel is proud to be an active supporter of phonecards for use in the many PayTel payphones operating throughout Australia. The company specialises in cellular/satellite payphones for transport and "outback" applications, with installations in all Australian states.

PayTel's phonecards feature railways, shipping and Australian flora and fauna, and are usually produced in relatively small numbers. They also feature many aspects of Tasmania in association with the Bass Strait ferry "The Spirit of Tasmania".



PayTel's latest releases feature birds and trains – a beautiful card set and limited edition Collector's Pack depicting some of the unusual birds seen in the Kakadu National Park of the Northern Territory, under the title "Bird Life of Kakadu".

- A unique set and pack designed by Country Link (State Rail Authority of New South Wales), advertising their rail services to several of the Floral Festivals held in Sydney in Spring throughout NSW.

Coming in October are two "mini sets" featuring two of Queensland's popular Traveltrains - The Kuranda Tourist Train (Cairns) and The Spirit of the Outback which travels to Longreach (the home of Queensland and Northern Territory Airways - QANTAS as we know it).

These new releases and many other items of interest to all collectors are described in PayTel's regular (free) newsletter "The PayTel Collector". PayTel's innovative Collector Club offers many benefits to collectors including special Collector Club free issues, regular monthly prizes and "frequent buyers" vouchers for redemption with PayTel or selected phonecard dealers.

In addition to their many Australian collectors, PayTel is looking forward to cementing their already strong ties with New Zealand and other overseas collectors through the pages of the new Phonecard





RELEASES







Christmas Pack

Ho, ho, ho, the season of goodwill and general shopping mayhem fast approaches. Christmas is now only weeks away.

To celebrate, the Telecom PhoneCard Collector Service will release a wonderful Christmas '96 collector pack in late October.

This collector pack features everybody's favourite Christmas figure – Santa Claus. With his red fur-lined coat, white beard, big jelly belly and merry laugh, Santa Claus brings a smile to both young and old.

Santa Claus has been with us for hundreds of years, but we have known him in many different ways – from his early days as St Nicholas, the patron saint of children, through to the jolly figure we love so much today.

Uncertain youngsters will enter Santa's den with trepidation, but with the expectation that this is the man that will deliver that long awaited gift to them on Christmas Eve.

Traditional Santa Claus images feature in this wonderful five-card collector issue. The four core cards will also be released as general issue PhoneCards, but the fifth montage card has been produced exclusively for the Christmas '96 collector pack.









Collector Portfolio - Landmarks

Preceding the Christmas '96 collector pack will be the stunning new Collector Portfolio, featuring world renowned landmarks, which was released early October.

This collector issue is effectively a replacement for AdCard volumes and features strongly thematic PhoneCards. This first Collector Portfolio issue contains five cards featuring, arguably, the world's most famous landmarks.

The majestic Taj Mahal, the neo-gothic style of the London Tower Bridge, the Capitol in Washington DC, the imaginatively designed Sydney Opera House, and the Eiffel Tower - the symbol of Paris. You don't need to have travelled the globe to know these tributes to architectural greatness, as they are well recognised the world over and are now presented on PhoneCards.

All five cards are different, with no montage card. None of the cards will be available through any other means.

Not only are the cards contained in a beautifully presented folder, but a separate booklet with art prints of the images displayed on the PhoneCards, along with interesting statistics and details on these world-famous landmarks, are also contained.

Both collector packs are being released in plenty of time for those who wish to buy them as Christmas presents for PhoneCard collector friends or family.

FUTURE RELEASES

Look forward to an exciting and varied series of collector releases in the first few months of 1997.

This includes the intriguing marine plant life summer general issue, the next release in the popular 'Year of ...' series – the Year of the Ox, the second Collector Portfolio release.

LATEST CARD

The following is a Media Release provided by Telstra on the 20th August 1996, confirming what has been "tipped" for some time now - Telstra's move to smartcards. It is reproduced in its entirety.

Smartcard to become a reality for Australians
The success of Telstra Phonecard has led consumers to
look for opportunities for wider applications. The
technology to achieve this has been identified by Telstra
to be Smartcard.

National Sales and Services Manager, Telstra Pay phone Services, Grant Burtenshaw said that Telstra is examining the feasibility of the existing Phonecard being replaced by disposable smartcard technology.

"The millions of Australians who are already regular Telstra Payphone users will welcome a new style payment card that can continue to deliver easy access to payphone calls, via more than 30,000 Telstra card operated payphones, plus a range of new applications", Mr Burtenshaw said.

"Last year more than 13 million Phonecards were sold and Telstra has issued more than 1 million Telecards in the market", he said.

"More than 40 per cent of Australians have used a Telstra Phonecard, and this strong customer base gives Telstra a competitive edge when it comes to rolling out a new payment card.

"Telstra also enjoys the support of the most extensive payment card distribution network in Australia with more than 17,000 retailers currently selling Telstra Phonecards.

"Customers and retailers are asking to be able to use the Telstra Phonecard for many functions including purchasing goods from vending machines, paying for parking and transport, entertainment, and fast food, and we are working closely with all group leaders in these industries as we move towards implementation.

"And with other exciting applications for Telstra's smartcard in development such as multi-media, the future of Telstra's smartcard is extremely exciting."

Mr Burtenshaw said Telstra is already the market leader in payment cards in Australia, not only through Phonecard, but also popular products such as Telecard, Telstra VISA card, Homelink and the new PhoneAway card.

"Telstra's experienced customer base and retail distribution has Telstra well placed to be the leader in the Australian smartcard industry", Mr Burtenshaw added.

The potential move towards Telstra smartcard will enable information and money to be stored on a computer chip embedded on cards. This will allow Telstra customers to use the card for a variety of retail purchases and services, including public.

Also included in each Limited Edition Folder, which will be available from the Phonecard Collector Service in October, is a fourth (\$2) Phonecard. Only 3000 folders will be issued at \$49.50 each

ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONAL RELEASES Austel

The 7th Phonecard in the Austel series will be released in October, advertising telephone changes on the Queensland Sunshine Coast.

20,000 of these cards will be distributed in Queensland, with 4000 available to collectors through the Telstra Collector Service.



Telstra Payphone Services

Telstra is releasing their own advertising phonecards in October, spreading the message that Phonecard and payphones are the best way to make a call when out and about.

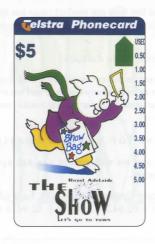
This three card series (\$5, \$10 & \$20) features campaigns that can be seen in payphone cabinets around the country.

4000 of each card will be available from October through the Telstra Phonecard Collector Service.



ISSUES

Royal Adelaide Show
This \$5 Promotional
Phonecard was produced to
celebrate the Royal Adelaide
Show. 2000 were sold
exclusively at the Show, with
an additional 2000 now
available to collectors
through Collector Services.



Olympic Athletes

To celebrate the return of Australia's Olympic athletes, Telstra produced two special Phonecard series in late August.

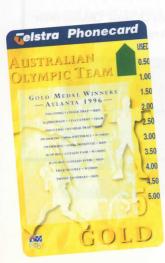
The first was a three card Welcome Home Parade series (\$5, \$10 & \$20), featuring illustrations of Australia's most successful sporting events.

50,000 of each card were sold through retailers situated on or near the Welcome Home Parade routes around Australia, with 5000 individual cards now available

exclusively to collectors through Telstra's Phonecard Collector Service.

Also produced was a three card $(3 \times \$4)$ series which was packaged and given to guests attending the Official Welcome Home Dinner in Sydney.

Only 2000 packs were produced and feature bronze, silver and gold phonecards, listing the event winners of each medal. 750 of these packs are exclusively available to collectors through Telstra for \$77.00 (plus postage & handling). Orders are to be faxed to David Albert, Telstra sponsorship, (02) 9261 8272.





Northern Lifeguard Association

Hundreds of New Zealanders are rescued from our waters every year by lifeguards belonging to the various Surf Life Saving Clubs around the country. However, these clubs cannot operate without the support of their community.

This has seen Northern Lifeguard Services organise a major fundraising campaign, which involves approximately 300,000 households, situated between Raglan in the Waikato region and Cape Reinga, being called on to make a donation for the invaluable service that lifeguards offer. Sponsored by Power New Zealand, anyone who makes a donation of \$25 or more will receive one of these PhoneCards free.



Nestle Kit Kat

Luxurious creamy chocolate encasing crunch wafer biscuits make Nestle Kit Kats a wonderful treat. And, if you haven't tried one straight from the fridge, do, – you could be converted for life!

Kit Kat is recognised on PhoneCards around the world and on other high profile branding positions such as London Taxis. The image used for this PhoneCard is taken from an overseas advertising campaign and is visually exciting.

Only 5000 of these cards are being produced, with 600 used internally by Nestle and the other 4400 being sold through PhoneCard retailers. They will be promoted by a campaign that rolls out in December.



COMPANY PROFILE

SYDNEY STAMP CENTRE

Sydney Stamp Centre has been dealingg in telephone cards since 1968. During this time our product range has included an Australian and New Zealand catalogue, illustrated albums for both New Zealand and Australian telephone cards with annual supplements and special telephone card protectors for your phone cards.

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LATEST PHONECARD RELEASE













Sydney Stamp Centre has been appointed to distribute the latest very limited edition of two issues of Fiji Phonecards.

Collectors may list themselves for on-going new releases. Dealers' orders will be considered.

		AUS\$	QTY
FIJI - A NEW AGE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS	(4) MINT	30.00	
FIJI - POSTAL INDEPENDENCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	(2) MINT	15.00	
POST & CERTIFIED PACKING		2.50	
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OVERSEAS NEWS

Pictorial Cards of Malta



Malta is an isolated country in the central Mediterranean and a member of the State of the Commonwealth. It lies about 100 kilometres south of Sicily and in 1981 had a population of 341,000. Its

official language is Maltese, which is influenced by Italian and English. The capital is Valletta.

The island has seen many invaders in its history. It was given to the Knights of St John by the Emperor Charles V in 1530. Independence was granted in 1964, but since that time, despite income from tourism, the economy has experienced considerable difficulties because of the decline of the naval base which had been owned by the English.

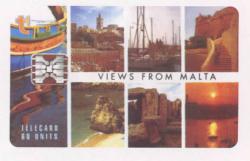
The first phonecard of Malta was launched at the 1991 Malta Trade Fair. The phonecards are of the "chip" variety, all chips being produced by Schlumberger of France. Four different chip types are found on Maltese "Telecards". These chips and all Maltese phonecards and varieties have been catalogued by Mr Goodwin Said in the Said Malta Telecards catalogue 1995.

The first definitive series was issued at staggered dates in 1991 and 1992 and each card comes in at least four different varieties depending on the chip or whether it has a matt or glossy surface. Some varieties have small issues and command high premiums.



March 1992 saw the first advertising card released for Melita Cable Television with a manufactured quantity of 10,000. In July that year, the Holiday Inn card was released with an issue of 10,500. The chip side had a montage of "Views From Malta".

These cards quickly became known as Malta Pictorials and are sought after by collectors around the world. Attractive designs, with a limited issue, from a small country with an historically colourful



past make "Malta Pictorials" a fine addition to one's collection.

Christmas 1991 and 1992 saw the release of limited edition cards with a Christmas theme. A 100 unit card celebrating the 5th Games of Small States of Europe was released in May 1993 with two different chip varieties. The chip side shows the Fortified City of Mdina-Old Capital of Malta until 1565.

World Environment Day is celebrated on the next release in June 1994 with an artist's impression of a native wild bird on the chip side.

Christmas 1994 and two cards were issued, the first one with bells on it. Previously all Malta Pictorials had an issue of around 10,000. The second Christmas 1994 issue had a diversion from this policy, with only 5,000 issued. The ninth Malta Pictorial has an issue of 30,000, the theme being the Silver of Malta.

Malta Pictorials are not impossible to get hold of. The mint cards come in wrappers with a red strip and cards should not be taken out of these wrappers. Used cards are also available, however Maltese locals are aware of the international collectability of their "Pictorials" and will not part with them easily.



Michael Doohan

In April 1995, Limited Editions Phonecards Pty. Ltd. made available to collectors 5000 of a \$20.00 Telstra Phonecard in a Collector Pack. Although the card featured the World 500cc Motorcycle Champion, Michael Doohan, it did not sell as well as expected by the producer, partly no doubt due to the cast number and variety of Custom phonecards that were available to collectors at that time.

The result was that some 4,600 of the cards were returned to Telstra. Understandably, the demand for the remaining 300-400 folders and cards is increasing, with prices being asked for the folder now exceeding \$200.00 as against an issue price of \$59.50.

Since the card was issued in early 1995, Michael Doohan has gone on to win a further two World Championships and as such, remains firmly in the public eye. Doohan features on numerous Japanese phonecards, all of which command "top dollar" with collectors, particularly those with a thematic taste for motorcycles.

I predict that the Australian Doohan card will maintain its current value and possibly increase as demand for the folder increases.



Valentines Day

Probably the hottest card in the New Zealand market at present is the 'Lioness' card.

Produced by Telecom in 1994 to celebrate last year's Valentines Day, the cards were all though to have been destroyed. The card was never distributed to observe Valentines Day as it was felt the image on the PhoneCard, of two lionesses, was possibly controversial.

However, a number of the Lioness cards were accidentally mixed-up with the replacement Valentine card featuring a more traditional red rose image. During a rationalisation of stock, the red rose Valentines

cards were included in a 'lucky dip' and hence some of the Lioness cards were sent to retail outlets.

Only approximately 2000 of the Lioness card were accidentally distributed before the error was realised. However, this makes them very rare indeed and very hot as New Zealand collectables.



"The Great Easter Bunny Cover-Up"

Another recent interesting find, relates to the 1993 Easter PhoneCard. This \$5 card which features a fluffy chick holds a well kept secret. These cards were once printed onto a laminated card which also depicted an Easter Bunny. A few of the Easter Bunny cards have turned up and all except one had been scratched off, leaving obvious marks on the front. One card though was in pristine mint condition and was an interesting find. We are unsure how many of these cards are in the market today, but should you be a lucky holder of one of these, we suggest you contact an accredited PhoneCard Dealer to have your investment valued. Happy hunting for the rare bunny!

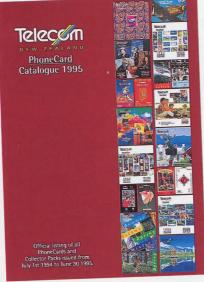




A few used cards of the later issues are now becoming hard to obtain in good condition. As the popularity of collecting used cards in New Zealand continues to grow, more and more are going straight to private collections and are not reaching the secondary market. Also, the number of overseas collectors who either trade or buy New Zealand cards is growing.

A good example of a hard to obtain, used PhoneCard is the Maori Legends Part II \$20 card. As this is the fourth card to complete the picture and only 40,000 cards were produced, it shows great potential to increase in value. Other scarce cards in used condition seem to be the \$20 Sea Lion from the Sea Mammals Series, the \$50 Amazing Aotearoa - Tourists snap these up and take them offshore as mementoes. The \$5 Birds Series II is also scarce as only 24,000 of each were produced.

So pick these up while you can, as they all look towards good investments for the future.



TELECOM PHONECARD CATALOGUE 1995

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Aotearoa PhoneCards Tourists are one of

Tourists are one of the biggest users of PhoneCards in New Zealand. Hence, many New Zealand

PhoneCards are designed with this market in mind. One of the most popular has been the recently released Amazing Aotearoa series.

Sporting picture postcard images of Pohutu Geyser (\$5), Queenstown (\$5), Lake Matheson (\$5), winter snowfall in the South Island (\$5), the Far North sand dunes (\$10), Cook River estuary (\$10), Milford Sound (\$20) and Mt Cook (\$50) they make a very picturesque set.

This is a special general issue series, in that the cards are being sold primarily through tourism related outlets rather than being distributed widely through all Telecom PhoneCard retailers, with retailers in particular areas being offered cards featuring scenes of their own area. This means North Island scenes are harder to obtain in the South Island and vice versa.

This combined with the fact that many tourists use a card then retain it as a momento of their New Zealand visit makes used cards very difficult to obtain with many collectors on waiting lists to buy these cards.

The \$50 Mt Cook card in the Amazing Aotearoa series is the most wanted. With only 20,000 of this card produced, it is very difficult to obtain good, used examples. In fact, such is the demand for this card, it is currently fetching \$25. Perhaps collectors could try to pick up mint copies of the card, use them to make calls

and still end up with a very good card, with their phone calls effectively half price.



ANF Phonecard

The Australian Newsagents Federation had Telstra print 1000 of a \$2.00 card for their National Convention and Expo which was held in Brisbane in July this year. Approximately 550 of the cards were given to those attending the convention (placed in their information satchels) while a further 400 or so were available at the Expo. (Rumours of 4000+ cards being printed are unfounded).

It has taken some time for information on this phonecard to surface but there is now a "mad scramble" to try and obtain it with prices being asked around \$200 each. As many of these cards were given to people with no interest, or in fact knowledge of phonecard collecting, they will often still be in their satchels, used, put away etc, and as such the number available to collectors, particularly in a mint condition, will be quite small.

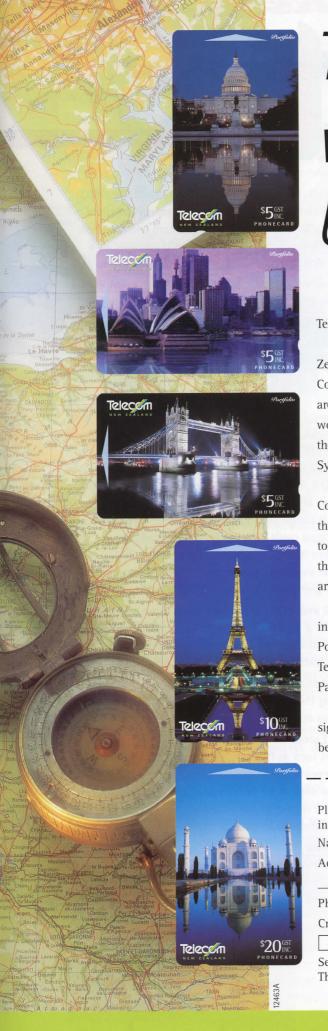
Definitely a card to obtain now if possible, as evidenced by dealer "buying" adverts. Again, a card which should hold its current value due to the circumstances of its release.











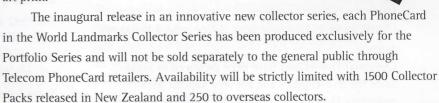
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Enter an exciting new world with Telecom's PhoneCard™ Portfolio Series.

Exclusive to Telecom New Zealand, the World Landmarks Collector Series Pack pays tribute to architectural wonders around the world, among them, such greats as the Taj Mahal, Eiffel Tower and Sydney Opera House.

Beautifully packaged, each Portfolio Collector Pack contains five PhoneCard's, three \$5, one \$10 and one \$20 PhoneCard, together with a colourful booklet containing the history of each monument and a quality art print.



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Thematics



Among the many different popular collecting themes that have emerged, the 'Christmas' theme is proving one of the fastest growing.

Telecoms around the world, after a slow start, now seem to be putting more emphasis on their Christmas issues with designs full of colour and great graphics.

Cardphone usage climbs over the festive period in many countries, which means higher production runs of Christmas cards. This gives the Christmas theme collector a somewhat easier chance of obtaining cards at a reasonable price.

Images of Santa mixed with the ever popular Coke theme have given Christmas cards an even higher profile. Christmas cards from the United States and Australia featuring both themes are very sought after and, although usually produced in limited runs, are fairly easy to obtain and moderately priced.

Following is a brief overview of a few of the hundreds of Christmas cards that have been issued around the world.

Japan

Christmas PhoneCards have been produced in Japan since the mid-eighties and are very popular with collectors. Hundreds of designs are available and most can be picked up at reasonable prices.

Cartoon images of Santa going about his duties seem to be the favourite design, although cats, children and typical Christmas scenes are all featured among the

> many cards that NTT (Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation) has produced.



British Telecom produced one of the first Christmas cards outside of Japan in 1987 (issue 100,000). It has followed up with several other Christmas general issues, which have all been produced in fairly large numbers making most, easy to obtain.

Somewhat harder to procure are several private and internal issues that have small print runs.



In 1992 Ireland released its first Christmas PhoneCard (issue 150,000). It was issued with a card and envelope to promote the fact that the card could be given as a present. Was this the first Christmas GiftCard?

Telecom Eireann has produced very attractive single card issues for Christmas every year since.



Holland

The Dutch Telecom, ptt, produced its first Christmas set in 1991. It comprised four cards. Of these, three were general issue cards with production runs of between 10,500 and 90,000. The fourth, a four unit card (20,000), was made available to collectors in a presentation pack and also given away as a complimentary gift.

The 1992 and 1993 issues were again three general issue cards with a fourth 'gratis' card. These two issues were a successful attempt to inject some humour into the season's festivities.

There are also a few private advertising cards with the Christmas theme, but with runs as low as 1000 they can be hard to acquire.

Eastern Europe

Countries such as Hungary, Croatia, Bulgaria and the Czech Republic are in general producing top-class, attractive designs on their PhoneCards. This has carried over in the issuing of their Christmas cards, with several very appealing issues seen to date.

Scandinavia

The Scandinavian countries have also entered into the spirit of Christmas. Norway, Denmark and Finland have all produced attractive PhoneCards.





Norway featured Christmas elves on last year's issue (150,000), while the Swedish card of 1993 (150,000) showed Santa and his beloved reindeer soaring through the sky above Stockholm.

Singapore

Singapore Telecom issued its first Christmas PhoneCard in 1990 - a delightful set of four cards showing Santa on his travels. With over 400,000 of three of the cards

 $(2 \times \$10, 1 \times \$20)$ and 100,000 of the \$50 card produced, it is one of the easier sets to obtain.



United States

Most of the major card issuers in the United States have released Christmas PhoneCards. These tend to be single issues, but some companies have issued sets, such as the AT&T set of six (1992), the Century Communications set of eight designs (1994) and Sprint's Christmas Trial 10-card set from 1993.

With most issues for remote access cards, print runs can be smaller than usual and cards more difficult to obtain.

Australia

It's Chrismas 'Down Under' and not a snowman or robin in sight.

The first Christmas PhoneCards from Australia were issued in 1992. Three cards were produced depicting summer scenes, using Australian native wildlife. A \$5 card (500,000) and \$10 card (300,000) went on general sale with a special \$1.50 card (10,000) sent out free to mail order clients.

The following year, two further Christmas cards were produced. The \$5 card (600,000) featured the Outback and the \$10 card (300,000) an urban scene.



The 1994 Christmas release incorporated the United Nations 'Year of the Family' celebration. These were available in a commercial greeting card for sale through retail outlets.

December 1995 saw the issue of two three-card sets with a \$5, \$10 and \$20 card in each. One of these sets was also sold in greeting card form.



New Zealand

New Zealand's first set of Christmas PhoneCards was produced in 1990. It consisted of five cards – 3 x \$5 cards (150,000 each), a \$10 card (60,000) and a \$20 card (40,000).



The designs were selected from hundreds of entries entered in a competition run among Auckland primary schools.

A free greetings card was made available for a limited time with every purchase, but this was not considered a GiftCard set.

The 1991 edition was a four-card issue with two \$5 cards (100,000 each), a \$10 card (50,000) and a \$20 card (30,000). The designs are mirror imaged in bright, vibrant colours.

Last year saw the next Christmas issue. It was a four-card set with two \$5 cards (110,000 each), a \$10 card (60,000) and a \$20 card (45,000). A short run \$5 card (3750) was also produced, which was only available in the collector's pack.

This year's Christmas issue promises to be the most popular yet, with four great general issue cards and, once again, a short run card for the collector packs.

New Zealand has released other Christmas related issues. Two limited-edition single cards were issued by Telecom NZ in 1993. These featured SPOT the dog and were distributed to staff and clients to thank them for their year's effort and support.

A set of three GiftCards was also produced (2 x \$5 and \$10 cards) in 1994 and sold for a small premium through Whitcoulls' nationwide outlets. The \$5 cards showed a Christmas tree and a Santa sack full of gifts. The \$10 card depicts the traditional Christmas dinner table.

In 1994, the ANZ Bank presented its staff with a \$10 card, depicting a Christmas beach scene with 'cartoon' Kiwis doing what New Zealanders enjoy best at Christmas - barbequing at the beach.

Meanwhile around the globe, Christmas collectors will be getting ready for this year's issues from around the world.

Article compiled by Glen Wilson, Kiwi Phonecard Shop, Auckland, NZ



SMART CARDS



1. Gold Coast Trial

The VISA Cash Gold Coast trial continues to provide the banks, service providers and Visa International with an assessment of the technical and consumer expectations of stored value cards.

The \$5 card has been discontinued and stocks have been used up at most banks. Coca Cola vending machines in some shopping centres are now taking VISA Cash as a payment mechanism. The number of service providers continues to grow as VISA Cash gains a greater acceptance during the trial.

The Warner Brothers theme parks continue to sell the 5 different designs of \$20 cards available, and these are now well accepted as a payment mechanism.

2. VISA Cash Usage in Atlanta

In addition to the Olympic venues, VISA Cash is accepted at more than 1500 merchant locations around metropolitan Atlanta, including fast food outlets, convenience stores, gas stations and movie theatres.

The more than 4200 terminals deployed around the metropolitan area represent the world's largest ever introduction of chip-card acceptance devices. This number includes not only standard point-of-sale devices, but also specially designed and powered terminals for subway turnstiles, payphones and fast food outlets.

During the month of July, VISA and three of the largest banks in the South-Eastern United States conducted almost 100,000 transactions for a volume of more than \$372,000 for consumers using VISA cash.

For further information on VISA Cash products, please contact VISA Cash Collector Services on (02) 9923 1422 or write to P.O. Box 1546, North Sydney, NSW 2060.

SPECIAL FEATURE

3. Coca Cola VISA Cash Cards

Coca Cola and Westpac Banking Corporation released 200 \$20 VISA Cash cards at the Cards Australia '96 Conference held in Sydney in late August 1996.

The cards, inserted in a VISA Cash Souvenir Issue folder were given away to the delegates of the Conference to commemorate the world's first implementation of VISA Cash in a Coca Cola vending machine.

These cards are not available through VISA Cash Collector Services.

4. APEC VISA Cash Cards

The second Asia Pacific Economic Community (APEC) meeting on the telecommunications and information industry was held on the Gold Coast during September 1996.

A complimentary folder containing a \$20 Commonwealth Bank VISA Cash card was given away to delegates of the Conference. A total of 400 cards and folders were produced.

The Asia Pacific Smart Card Forum was advised that the Asia Pacific market is the growth opportunity for smart card technology, with the volume of smart cards expected to grow from a current 8% world market share to 30% by the year 2000.

These cards are not available from VISA Cash Collector Services.

5. Gold Coast Theme Park Limited Editions
Warner Brothers and VISA Cash Collector Services are launching a Limited Edition series containing the five \$20 ANZ VISA Cash Cards. The five card designs are

Movie World, Batman, Lethal Weapon, Sea World and Wet 'n' Wild.

A total quantity of 1000 sets will be produced and will be sold through Movie World and Sea World on the Gold Coast, and VISA Cash Collector Services. The selling price of these Limited Edition sets is \$170.00 and will be available from the first week in October 1996.

6. VISA Viewer

The VISA Viewer is a small, personal device that provides consumers with portable access to information stored on a chip card. The matchbox-size or card-size chip card readers displays the cash balance of VISA Cash stored value cards – both disposable and reloadable.

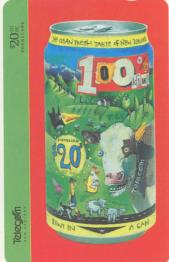
The VISA Viewer is compatible with all chip services for which VISA standards have been created.

These were available at the end of September this year, and retail for \$25.00.





Mis Can Fly



New Zealand's reputation for innovative PhoneCard[™] design has once again been honoured with news of the success of 'KiwiCan 1996' at this year's CardEx Awards.

The KiwiCan \$20 General Issue PhoneCard beat competition from around the world to take the supreme award at he event in Maastricht, Holland, by representatives from Telecom Payphone and the Telecom PhoneCard Collector Service.

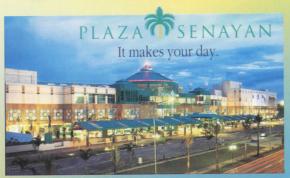
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