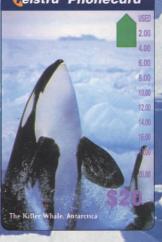
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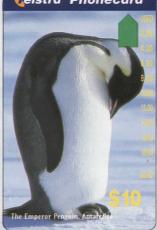
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#### **EDITORIAL**

Firstly, I must apologise to the many readers who have been awaiting this, the August, issue of APM which has not been distributed until mid month.

The reason behind the delay is that I have been negotiating over the last two months with the publishers of the **New Zealand International Phonecard Collector** in regards to combining resources with them to produce a joint Australia New Zealand Phonecard collector magazine. I held off publication of the August issue pending a finalisation of these negotiations.

#### **New Publication**

An agreement was signed earlier this month whereby the current **New Zealand International Phonecard Collector** and **The Australasian Phonecard Monthly** magazines are combining to bring you one bi-monthly publication featuring all the latest phonecard news plus colourful, informative and interesting articles from both sides of the Tasman.

This magazine, which will commence publication in October of this year, has been named the Australia New Zealand Phonecard Magazine (ANZPM).

The magazine will be similar in style to the existing NZ publication, in that it will be A4 in size (larger than the current APM), will be printed on gloss paper and will be in colour throughout. It is anticipated that there will be a minimum of 48 pages plus cover per issue.

#### **Dual Editors**

The magazine will have two Co-editors. I will be responsible for the Australian (and as appropriate international) content and Sandy Roydhouse (based in Auckland, New Zealand) will be responsible for the New Zealand content (and as appropriate international content).

The magazine will be formatted, printed and mailed out from Auckland, New Zealand.

The Australasian Phonecard Monthly will cease publication with the September 1996, issue which will be distributed in the second week of September.

#### **Subscription Transfer**

**Subscribers** to the APM will have their current subscriptions transferred to the *Australia New Zealand Phonecard Magazine* on a pro-rata basis. AllI subscribers will receive, with their September issue of APM, a notification of the 'credit' they have with the new magazine.

#### Content

Regular columns in the Australia New Zealand Phonecard Magazine will keep readers up-to-date with the ever changing phonecard market:

- . Latest card releases
- . What's Hot
- . Collector Pack releases
- . Dealer issues and News
- . Overseas News
- . Market Updates
- . Errors, Flaws & Varieties
- . Thematics

Plus, each month our **cover story** will feature one of the exiting aspects of collecting. It could be licensed products, the Olympic Games, butterflies, scenery, transport, etc.

#### **Brochure**

Enclosed with this issue of APM, readers will note a **brochure** which provides an insight into the new publication; its size, subscription rates, advertising rates and lastly (reduced in size), extracts from a recent issue of the New Zealand International Phonecard Collector providing an example of the forthcoming magazine's style and colour.

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#### Subscriptions

Anyone subscribing to the ANZPM will receive two free mint \$10 phonecards, one each as produced by Telecom New Zealand and by Telstra. Images on the two cards have not as yet been finalised but it is anticipated they will feature popular movie themes.

Subscribers to the current NZ International Phonecard Collector will recall that they received a \$10 Telecom NZ PhoneCard featuring a McDonald's theme with their subscription.

A decision will be made (and announced in the September issue of APM) as from which date subscribers to the current APM and the NZ IPC magazines will receive the two cards, ie. to those recently subscribing or re-subscribing to either (or both of) the two magazines without knowing that a new magazine (with associated bonus of free cards) is about to commence.

#### Changes

With the commencement of the new magazine, a number of practices which are currently in place with The Australasian Phonecard Monthly will be modified. I will be writing to dealers, clubs, etc. over the next few weeks, explaining the changes which will impact on them, eg. in regards to advertising rates, deadlines for editorial and adverts, etc.

A number of "finer" points still need to be resolved and these will be passed on to subscribers/readers with the next issue of APM.

Should you have any queries or any comments to make, please contact me as per phone/fax or letter (details on page 1). I will try to address your concerns in a timely fashion - Editor.

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The Fair offers a unique opportunity to view and purchase a wide range of Australian and world phonecards, coins, tokens, medals, milataria, banknotes, stamps and other philatelic material, catalogues, numismatic and philatelic books. All price ranges will be catered for.

If you wish to sell your collections or any single items, then bring them along to the Fair as the dealers attending are very keen to buy stocks of the abovementioned material. You will be happy to see that dealers will make competitive offers for all philatelic and numismatic collectables.

**S**ome of the leading dealers who will attend the Fair include: Wishart Phonecards, F.A. Luis Philatelics and Phonecards and Ken Piper Stamps from Queensland, Richard Juzwin Pty Ltd, Nilgiri Stamps and John Watson Numismatics from Victoria, Canberra Numisco, Leo Jackimow Stamps & Coins and Tony Byrne Numismatics from the A.C.T. Gabrieles Philatelic (and Phonecard) Service, Prospect Stamps & Coins, Star Stamps, Pacific Rim Coins, Pittwater Philatelics, Kenneth I. Foux Numismatics and David Pretty Collectables from NSW.

**D**urrant House Collectables, from Tamworth, publishers of *The Australasian Phonecard Monthly* and the forthcoming *Australasian Coin & Banknote Magazine* will also be attending the Fair.

The Fair itself is organised by Canberra Numisco, PO Box 1, Hughes, ACT 2605.



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### **AUSTRALIAN NEWS UPDATE**

#### **TELSTRA**

#### **Advertising, Promotional & Custom**

#### **Austel**

Telstra has released two **Advertising** Phonecards on behalf of Austel, the telecommunications regulator of Australia. These \$5 cards advertise the change of telephone numbers in **Adelaide** and **Tasmania**, and feature eye-catching designs related to these two unique cities.





Individual cards are available through retail outlets in South Australia and Tasmania, however, **4000** are offered to collectors exclusively through the Telstra Phonecard Collector Service.

#### WA Central Area Transit (CATS)

These two **\$5** Advertising Phonecards represent the "Central Area Transit" of Western Australia. Featured on the cards are a CATS bus service captured, along with sleek black cats, representing the style and professionalism of the service.





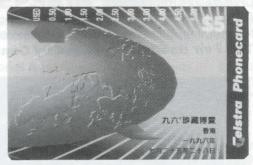
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Individual cards are available in Western Australia, with **4000** also available through the Telstra Phonecard Collector Service.

#### Hong Kong

Two \$5 Promotional cards have been produced for sale within Australia to celebrate Telstra's involvement in the international Hong Kong Collectable Expo '96 (25-28 July). The two individual Phonecards combine to make a complete picture of the earth, indicating the extent of participants in the exhibition.





A limit of **6000** cards are available through the Telstra Phonecard Collector Service.

A similar designed se-tenant (\$2 and \$5) pair of Custom cards (with different colouring) was available for sale from the Telstra stand in Hong Kong at Collectables Expo '96. Approximately 700 of the 2000 folders/cards printed were sold.

#### Singapore

This \$5 Promotional Phonecard celebrates Telstra's involvement in the Phonecard Exhibition Singapore '96, held from 2 to 4 August. Distinct and colourful (purple orchid on a yellow background), this design borrows from the unique Singapore culture and features a magnificent Orchid and the Merlion.



**6000** of this card have been produced and they are available for sale within Australia through Telstra's Phonecard Collector Service.

A similar \$5 <u>Custom</u> Phonecard (yellow orchid on a purple background) was available for sale from Telstra, in Singapore, during the Exhibition (prefix number 1191).

Approximately 1000 of these cards (in folders) were sold during the course of the Exhibition. The balance of the folders remaining were destroyed in Singapore on the last day.

#### WA School for Deaf Children

The WA School for Deaf Children has issued **2000** \$5 <u>Custom</u> cards to raise funds for the School. The phonecards are mounted on an attractive matching backing card which is numbered the same as the phonecard.

The card features examples of sign language (which is believed a world first).

#### Wallet Card

A **\$5** Wallet <u>Custom</u> Phonecard (prefix number 1123) has been issued to spearhead Telstra's promotion of Phonecards as a viable advertising medium. It comes as a cleverly simulated money wallet and was issued to media users.

#### **Upcoming Releases**

The next official Telstra Phonecard release is the traditional Christmas series, due for release in October 1996. This year's design celebrates the festive season with bright, colourful illustrations.

The cards feature classic images of a kangaroo bearing gifts and the Sydney Opera House wearing a Santa hat. Collectors purchasing the Christmas Limited Edition Folders will also receive a bonus Christmas gift from Telstra to add to their personal Phonecard collection.

#### **Phonecard History of Coca-Cola**

Seen at the Singapore Exhibition was a set of ten \$2

Promotional issue Phonecards entitled the 
Phonecard History of Coca-Cola. I understand that 
2000 of each of these cards have been produced 
and they have been distributed in folders, in the sets 
of ten, with matching serial numbers.

The Prefix numbers range from 1198 to 1207.







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| \$20 NAB Credit Union Multi Logo Used \$   | 610  |
| \$50 NAB, Credit Union, Multi Logo Used \$ | \$15 |

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| Credit Union \$5 Mint Expiry 6/96 | POR   |
| WESPAC \$5 Used 5025 in Folder    | \$45  |
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#### **PAYTEL NEWS**

#### New Releases...

The next card release from The PayTel Collection features three beautiful birds. The set is entitled "Bird Life of Kakadu" (see advertisment next page), and the birds featured - the Azure Kingfisher (\$5 card), the Jabiru (\$10 card) and the Red-collared Lorikeet (\$20 card) - inhabit the northern parts of Australia and can reliably be seen in one of Australia's greatest National Parks - Kakadu.

One of the most important features of Kakadu National Park and one which was largely responsible for it gaining World Heritage listing is its wetlands areas. PayTel's matching Collectors' Pack displays the birds against a wetlands scene backdrop. The pack cover features Pied Geese in flight within the park; did you know that nearly 1 1/2 million geese pass through Kakadu during the course of one year? PayTel is indebted to Greg Miles, long term Ranger at the Park, for photographs used on the pack and the Jabiru card, together with fascinating information about the wildlife at the Kakadu National Park.

Another fascinating new card is "The Tasmanian Devil". This single \$5 Special Purpose card (no pack) has been produced with the *Spirit of Tasmania* logo for use on the "Spirit" across Bass Strait.

The Tasmanian Devil is a ferocious looking black and white marsupial found only now in Tasmania although it is believed to have existed on mainland Australia long ago.

The card features an original watercolour by **David Hopkins** of Devonport, Tasmania.

#### The Internet

PayTel is pleased to announce that information on many aspects of PayTel's operations are now available on the <u>world wide web</u> at the following address:

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#### Coming....

As many readers will know, PayTel is concluding a major contract fitting Satellite/cellular payphones to all Countrylink trains. A second Countrylink card series featuring the Xplorer trains will be released during September, 1996.

Thanks to Graham Rooke, PayTel, for the Update on news and on forthcoming releases - Ed.

#### INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATICS

The Sydney based company International Numismatics was selected to participate in the "Centennial Collectibles: OLYMPHILEX '96 Stamps, Coins and Memorabilia", a major exhibition of the 1996 Olympic Arts Festival, which was held in downtown Atlanta, July 19 through

August 3. This marked the first time in Olympic history that collectors of Olympic stamps and memorabilia exhibited in the same space.

International **Numismatics**' involvement "Centennial Collectibles" included coins, phonecards, Olympic memorabilia and much more. Philately, numismatics and memorabilia have traditionally played a significant role in the history and evolution of the Olympic Games.

In 1895, the Greek government used revenue from the anticipated sale of the Olympic Games stamps to finance construction of many venues for the 1896 Athens Games.

The Olympic coin tradition dates back to Phillip II of Macedonia, father of Alexander the Great, who issued coins in celebration of his chariot's winning an Ancient Olympic Games competition.

Olympic Games memorabilia have been collected by many people over the years; this comprehensive and dynamic exhibition showcased some of the world's major collections.

#### **\$2 BEACH SCENE** COMPLIMENTARY

In addition to the listing of overprinted \$2 Beach Scene Complimentary cards (prefix number 1064) which was included in the July issue of the Australasian Phonecard Monthly, two additions to the list are provided:

- . International Numismatics (many cards given away to overseas clients);
- Westland Phonecards.

Any others?

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#### KANGAROO PHONECARD CLUB INC.

The Annual General Meeting of the Kangaroo Phonecard Club Inc. will be held on the 10th of September 1996, commencing at 7.30 pm at 10 Queensport Road, Murarrie.

Everyone is welcome to the meeting, however only financial members can vote. Program will be the Annual General Meeting and election of Officers followed by Club Exchange Books & Bargain Table. **Membership Fees for 1996/97** are now due and remain the same as last year.

Annual Senior Membership \$10 (\$5 Joining Fee for new members)

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Note: Joining Fee for 1st year only.

Anyone not able to attend the meeting can forward their payment with their membership card to the Club Treasurer, PO Box 481, Bulimba, Qld 4171.

### BIG WEEKEND FOR PHONECARD ENTHUSIASTS IN THE WEST

Western Australia's long weekend in late September (28th to 30th), will be a bonus for phonecard collectors and enthusiasts.

**Captain Munchies Swap Meet** 

On Saturday, the 28th, the next Swap Meet will take place at **Captain Munchies**, at #2 Beach Street, Fremantle. Lionell Richards advises that another big weekend is planned with numerous attractions and prizes being arranged for those attending.

**Phonecard Exhibition** 

Following on from a similar, highly successful, exercise earlier this year, on the 29th and 30th of September, a major Exhibition of phonecards is being presented at the **Scarborough Civic Centre**, **Function Hall**. The exhibits will be judged and commented on by persons with considerable international philatelic expertise and prizes will be awarded to successful exhibitors.

The Exhibition, which will be open to the public from 10am to 6pm on the Sunday and from 10am to 5pm on the Monday, will feature some 70 frames of phonecards. As well, a presentation of "telephones down the ages" will be on display and an actual functioning telephone exchange will be available for viewing and use. **Admission is free.** 

#### **CANCELLATION OF FAIRS**

Ed Cummings (Edlins of Canberra) advises that due to an inability to obtain suitable venues the respective National Coin, Stamp and Phonecard Shows originally set down for Sydney (Parramatta) on the 7th and 8th of September and for the Gold Coast on the 14th and 15th of September, have been cancelled. Apologies are extended for any inconvenience caused.

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#### **Bits N Pieces**

How many collectors have realised that the Summertime I & Summertime II cards actually overlap to form two parts of a puzzle? I wonder if the 'jigsaw' will ever be completed?



Thanks to John Kruger I must admit its not something I actually ever noticed - Ed.

#### AmeriVox "Fleagle"

I recently received in the mail, from the World Telecom Group in California, one of their latest AmeriVox releases.

This US\$20 card depicts an eagle profiled above a waving U.S. flag.

Affectionately known as the "fleagle", the card was released in mid-June with an issue of 60,000.



The World Telecom Group advises that with their "new state of the art" switch in full operation, they are proud to announce that using any AmeriVox card, a user can now access international call destinations from within the United States; you may also program (via the main menu) up to 99 speed-dial numbers free of charge. It is understood that after the company's Toronto Conference, 26-28 July, there will be "even more exciting news about AmeriVox international expansion and other enhancements and benefits to all AmeriVox cards".

Thanks to Carol F. Condon for the card and above information - Ed.

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| 29 | □ VICTORIA   | \$100 | \$35  | \$25  | \$10  |
| 36 | ☐ NEW SOUTH WALES  | \$160 | \$130 | \$65  | \$32  |
| 40 | ☐ WESTERN AUSTRALIA  | \$29  | \$27  | \$25  | \$23  |
| 46 | □ ACT  | \$89  | \$79  | \$60  | \$45  |
| 49 | ☐ NORTHERN TERRITORY   | \$24  | \$22  | \$20  | \$18  |
| 53 | ☐ \$5 GENEVA BEAR  |       | \$69  | \$69  | \$65  |
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# USA VISA CASH CARD UPDATE

With the Olympic Games now completed, it is a good time to look back on a number of Visa Cash card issues that occurred during the Games, about which we did not previously have any information.

The three stand-out issues all involve cards that were given away through various means, namely:-

- \* Nations Bank Media Card;
- \* Nations Bank Opening Ceremony Card;
- \* First Union Atlanta Braves Card.

None of these cards were ever made available to the general public, and although printed in a range of different quantities, are all highly collectable and eagerly sought after.

#### **Nations Bank Media Card**

Only **10,000** of this \$5 card were produced of which almost all were distributed to accredited media persons at the Olympic Games. These cards are now selling for around \$50, but this price is likely to rise as examples are hard to come by.

#### **Nations Bank Opening Ceremony**

Although **89,200** of this card were produced, it is nevertheless a sought after card because one was given away to **each** person who attended the opening ceremony. For those who think this may have been a cheap way to get a nice card, think again - the minimum ticket cost was US\$630 per seat! As over 85,000 people attended, there were less than 4000 of the cards available through the card distributors, and the retail price of the card in the US is already up around US\$75.

#### First Union Atlanta Braves Card

Another true promotional issue of **10,000** cards which were produced and, all were given away to attendees at a **Braves** game (the Braves are Atlanta's Major League Baseball team). The only supplies available to the collector market are cards that have been bought back from spectators.

Expect tp pay at least \$60 for this card, while they last - the Americans are very keen on baseball in general, and this one seems likely to be snapped up quickly wherever it becomes available.

#### **General Issues**

Both Nations Bank and First Union have continued with their general issues through-out the Olympic Games period - Wachovia is not set to issue any further cards beyond their Salute To Atlanta series. All the cards listed in the May edition of this magazine are now available. As well as Olympic themes and Atlanta topics, there were also some interesting advertising ("co-branded") series released.

#### **First Union Universal Studios**

As expected from a set of cards advertising one of the major Hollywood studios, the images on these cards are probably the **best** non-olympic scenes on US cards. They show:-

\$ 5 Arnold Schwarzenegger \$10 Jaws (shark eating boat) \$20 Earthquake Ride \$50 Back to the Future Ride \$100 King Kong

This issue is generally only available in full sets, although a few "short sets" of the \$5 and the \$10 card only are available through the Australian distributor.

#### First Union Burger King

Issued to advertise the major US competitor to McDonalds family restaurants, the Burger King set contains one \$20 and one \$50 card (available as a set only).

#### **First Union United Artists**

Another advertising set issued for a Hollywood production house, but unfortunately the cards do not show movie images. Instead they depict the United Artists logo and a picture of its Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame (again available as a set only).

#### **Nations Bank Izzy in Action**

Izzy was the **official mascot** for the Allanta Games, and the loose set of cards featuring him has been available for a few weeks. The Collector Pack has only just been released, featuring the set of three cards with matched serial numbers. Only **600** hand numbered packs have been produced and the retail price is around \$250.

#### **Nations Bank Olympic Coins**

This long-awaited set (pictured in the advertisment on the back cover) is finally available, and is one of the most attractive Olympic themes. Fortunately, the cards will be available singly and the US\$10 card in particular should be popular.

Readers will note that many of the striking cards referred to on this page are featured in colour on the outside back cover of this magazine - Ed.

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# PAPUA NEW GUINEA UPDATE

#### By Jim Shearing

Following Telikom's attendance at AusCard '96, the phonecard management team decided to maintain its exposure to the overseas collector market by attending the Collectable Expo '96 in Hong Kong and the CardEx '96 Show in Maastricht, Netherlands in October.

PNG Telekom's attendance at Auscard '96 was seen as 'a step in the right direction' and Jerry Damoi and Simon Koima were particularly pleased to meet so many dealers and new collectors.

Whilst sales of the **Pepsi-Cola**, **Orchids** and special **AusCard** cards proved to be by far the most popular, the other sets available were not quite so keenly sought. The **Peter ToRot**, **Birds of Paradise and Milne Bay** sets were potentially scarce as the Peter ToRot set had previously sold fewer than 100 to collectors and the Birds and Milne Bay sets had a low printing of 2000 for the K10 and K20 values.

#### **Phonecard Scarcity**

Since AusCard '96 there has been a somewhat unexpected demand for all K10 cards, particularly from the new mining areas, eg. Lihir and Porgera, where Cardphones have been installed. This has resulted in all the K10 values of these sets selling out! These sets are therefore no longer potentially scarce, they are very scarce!!

My advice to interested collectors would obviously be to get these sets very quickly. As Australian dealers are now stocking PNG cards, you may be lucky and be able to locate some at new issue price.

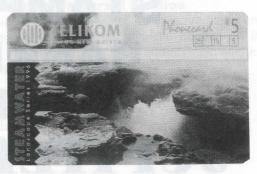
#### **New Issues**

To coincide with the Hong Kong show Telikom have released two new sets in addition to a Show Card.

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| K2    | Seascape Manus Island        | 20,000 |
| K2    | Coastal View Kavieng         | 20,000 |
| K5    | Hotwater Milne Bay           | 8,000  |
| K5    | Waterfall Southern Highlands | 8.000  |



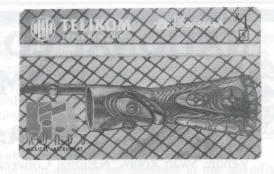






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| K1  | Kundu   | 24,000 |
|-----|---------|--------|
| K2  | Horn    | 12,000 |
| K5  | Whistle | 8,000  |
| K10 | Garamut | 8,000  |





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Hong Kong Special: K5 Hong Kong Expo Logo

1,000



Both of the new sets are extremely attractive. The *Landscape* set is the first to depict some of the beautiful scenery in PNG with the photos being taken by **Rocky Roe**.

The **Musical Instruments** cards were the work of the young Port Moresby artist, **Tony Sipa**, who also designed the Bowls and Christmas sets. He has just finmished the artwork on the last set for the year, **Cultural Ceremonies**, which should be due out in about October.

This will therefore maintain the policy of issuing about 4 sets in the year with a face value of around K100.

The surprise issue for Hong Kong was the special card with a printing of only 1,000.

The AusCard special card also had a printing of 1,000, not 600 as previously reported in this magazine. Telikom's agreement with Landis & Gyr, the Swiss printers, stipulates a minimum of 1,000 for any one design. In many ways this is not a bad thing as it will avoid any 'silly' small printings.

It is also worth mentioning that Telikom recently confirmed its **policy** of **not issuing** any **Private** or **Custom** cards. All cards will be available to the public at face value.

#### **No New Advertising Cards**

Whilst Telikom has been sending out literature on the efficacy of Advertisng cards to local businesses, there have been no new takers, although it would not surprise if **Coca-Cola** did not take up the opportunity to match the effort made by the South Pacific Brewerey's cards featuring **Pepsi Cola**.

#### **Excellent Collectable**

The cost of a year's PNG cards continues to be so affordable that you could probably purchase 10 years supply for the cost of one year from Australia! Its certainly worth thinking about!

I am sure this is partly why so many United Kingdom collectors have progressively **switched** to collecting cards from the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

One final point regarding AusCard '96, relates to the success the children from Ela Beach International School, Port Moresby had with the Exhibition Poster Competition. They were thrilled to hear and read about the popularity of their display and the prizes, generously donated were presented at a school assembly with a follow up photo and article in the *Post Courier* newspaper.

#### **Stunning Variety**

APM's Editor recently contacted me about an <u>error</u> he found on some of the <u>Expo '92 set</u>. The 10 unit Forestry card (203A68856 - 1st print) and the 25 unit **Culture** card (203A99940 - 1st print) were found with the word GUINEA, printed in red under the logo, actually spelt GUINFA.



#### sneak more

I was able to confirm this on a 10 unit **Forestry** card (209C43901 - 2nd print) and found the same error on a 5 unit **Agriculture** card (306D31217 - 5th print).

A few cards from the whole set could be affected, but who has any to search through?

Any one else sighted this printing mistake? - Ed

Happy hunting and keep collecting Papua New Guinea phonecards.

Jim Shearing, Port Moresby,
Papua New Guinea, July '96

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#### **CHINA THEMES**

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Jiangsi Province (China) \$70 Mau Zedong (Mau Tse Tung) set 6 Chengdu City (China) \$90 Scenery & Panda set (3) Unknown (China) Founding Emperors set (4) \$75









Sri Lanka Telecom Mau Tse Tung set (6)

\$60





| Telstra (Aust)                       |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Reflections of China set (4)         | \$35 |
| 1994 Chinese Year of the Dog set (4) | \$27 |
| 1995 Year of the Pig Card            | \$20 |
| 1995 Year of the Pig Folder          | \$26 |
| '96 Year of the Rat set (5) with     |      |
| matched Serial Numbers               | \$40 |

#### Japan

"93 Year of Rooster set (2) issued at Asian Inter. Invitation Stamp Exhib. Taipei





#### **TELSTRA - AUSTRALIA**

Middle East Peace set (3)

\$85











| 80 |                                    |      |
|----|------------------------------------|------|
|    | RSPCA set (2) PACS # 21 & 22       | \$18 |
|    | P & LJ Seiders \$2 Australiana     | \$10 |
|    | \$5 Kookaburra                     | \$ 8 |
|    | \$5 Birthday Cocky                 | \$ 8 |
|    | \$10 4XXXX                         | \$15 |
|    | \$2 Museum of Cotemp. Art PACS # 9 | \$ 6 |
|    | \$2 Buzz                           | \$ 3 |
|    | \$2 Telecom Generic                | \$ 4 |
|    | \$5 HMAS Albatross PACS #23        | \$ 9 |
|    | \$5 x 3 Syd. Op. H'se PACS # 5,6,7 | \$28 |
|    | \$5 Luna Park                      | \$ 9 |
|    | \$5 Toyota                         | \$ 7 |
|    | \$3 Geelong (Zodiac)               | \$ 7 |





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| * | \$5 Sydney 2000 Olympic Bid           | \$16 |   |
|   | 2 X \$5 Tamworth in Folder            | \$25 |   |
|   | \$5 Batman single card                | \$ 9 |   |
|   | \$5 Batman card in Folder             | \$15 |   |
|   | NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service |      |   |
|   | Pack containing 15 x \$2 cards        | \$45 |   |
|   | \$5 Phantom card in Folder            | \$20 |   |
|   | \$2 Thirlmere I (train) single card   | \$16 |   |
|   | \$2 Thirlmere II (train) single card  | \$16 |   |

#### \$5 AusCard '96 Custom Cards



Serial Numbers 0113400000

| 0113400000              | \$100 |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 0113400001              | \$ 50 |
| 0113400002 - 0113400019 | \$ 10 |
| 0113401134              | \$100 |
| 0113400888              | \$ 50 |
| 0113401888              | \$ 50 |
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#### **CAMBODIA (Telstra Prefix Numbers)**

| US\$2 Idol prefix # 975                   | \$  | 7  |  |
|---|-----|----|--|
| US\$10 Satellite Dish prefix # 881        | \$1 | 7  |  |
| 2nd Collector Pack issued (2000) Contains |     |    |  |
| Prefix no's 289, 290, 413, 519, 573       | \$8 | 30 |  |

#### **HONG KONG**

New World Telephone 1st Issue set 3 Remote Access Phonecards in Folder HK\$320 Face Value. Expiry Date 8/97

\$120

#### **TELECOM NEW ZEALAND**

| 5 x \$10 Animal Eyes in Folder            | \$70 |
|---|------|
| \$5 CIPEX '96 1927 Indian Scout in a Fold | der  |
| inc. 2 Door Cards (500 folders only)      | \$30 |



4 x \$5 McDonalds set 4

\$30

#### **GLOBAL NEW ZEALAND**

Inaugural Issue "Abel Tasman National Park"
Four card set \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100
Remote Access Cards. Not used. Foil still
over PIN. Expiry Date 31 Jan. '96 \$100









#### **AmeriVox**

| The World of Elvis Sets 1 to 5. Four Cards | in    |
|--|-------|
| each set. Sets individually packaged       | \$150 |
| The World of Elvis LP of Armed Forces      |       |
| Network Radio Interview Germany '60        | \$50  |
| Limited Ed. Collectors Pack (1000 only)    |       |
| NZ Winners 93-94 Whitbread Race            | \$120 |
| Jose Careras In Australia                  |       |
| Limited Ed. Collector Pack (1500)          | \$50  |
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#### **TELECOM AUST. - PREFIX NUMBERS**

| Ī | \$2 SA Vineyard P # 40                 | \$30 |
|---|--|------|
|   | \$2 SA River Murray P # 83             | \$30 |
|   | \$5 Platypus <u>Used</u> 2 Hole P # 87 | \$30 |
|   | \$5 Giraffe Used 2 Hole P # 88         | \$30 |
|   | \$5 Olympic Games Swimming P #136      | \$25 |
|   | \$5 Olympic Games Swimming P #137      | \$25 |

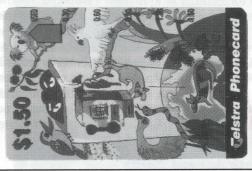
#### **PAYPHONICS**

| \$5, \$10, \$30 \$50 set of Trial Cards | 7180 THUODIS |
|---|--------------|
| Not rounded at the edges                | \$100        |
| \$5, \$10, \$30, \$50 set in Folder     | \$70         |
| \$10 Christmas Card in Folder           | \$8          |

#### **TELSTRA MEMBERSHIP CARD**

Five only available

\$70



#### **BOOKMUNCHER - NO PREFIX NUMBER**

\$5 Bookmuncher (5 only)

\$80





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# THE GRAPEVINE

#### by Insider

When is a Phonecard a Phonecard and when is a Phonecard just a piece of Plastic?

When phonecards were first introduced into Australia, some individuals began to produce overprinted Telecom cards with the aim of selling them to collectors to make a quick profit. This practice, which was also prevalent internationally, did not catch on with collectors and died an early death. Since that time, the hobby has grown without undue influence from such negative aspects.

Unfortunately, however, it appears that aspects detrimental to the hobby are again occuring but this time they

are more difficult to spot.

Some of the ways that bogus operators are making their presence known is as follows;

Setting up a bogus issuing authority and producing fake cards such as Coke cards and animal cards issued for Zambia amd Malawi Telecoms. Neither of these two telcos have any knowledge of these cards and it appears they have been produced solely to take advantage of colectors.

Setting up as a remote access card issuer (usually in the USA but not always confined to that country), and selling remote access cards with either no time on the cards, time at exhorbinate rates, or being

less than honest with regards to numbers printed and distribution channels.

Setting up as a non remote card issuer possibly with some hardware such as phones using Anritsu cards, mag stripe, etc. but having little or no retail outlets to sell the cards to the phone-using public.

The above problems are occuring in many countries and while most collectors in each country appear to know which cards are worth collecting from their own country, they are not so knowledgable in cards from other countries.

#### **Remote Access Cards**

If a company is serious about their remote cards as being a consumable to be used by collectors they will have attractive charge rates and will have advertising in retail venues (flags outside shops, stickers in shop windows), the press (advertisments) and so on. A bogus company will place advertisments only within the collector magazines as this is the target group and you will be hard pressed to find retail outlets stocking or advertising this product. An issuer of remote cards hopes that collectors will not use the telephone time component of the cards and of course all overseas sales will generally be safe as these cards in most cases can not be used overseas.

#### Non - Remote Access Cards

For cards issued by new countries such as Zambia, the only sure way of knowing if the cards are genuine is to contact the card issuing authority. This is the responsibility of the dealers, as under the Trade Practice Act a merchant must ensure his products are bona-fide. If a dealer sells a card as a Zambian phonecard then it had better be a legitimate phonecard. If a consumer (collector) buys such a card then they have the right to demand a refund if they subsequently discover it is a 'rort'.

What if a company is particularly clever and makes a phone to use its phonecards - are these then legitimate? In the case of a company that makes three phones for example and places them in a site where they cannot be accessed by those customers buying the phonecards, then obviously the system was set up to make money from the sale of cards to collectors and not from sales of calling time. Ask yourself the question

of whether the cards are actually usable in phones or are they just theoretically usable in phones.

What is a "Legitimate" Issuer

Our Telstra sells millions of cards each year and the vast majority are actually used in payphones. Any company that comes along and issues a total of 4000 cards per year for example is hardly comparable. How do we know that such a company is less than honest in its claims that it is a serious Telco as opposed to a collector of collectors' money? Work out the profit on the sale of 300 cards per month. Asume a profit of 20% of face value on 300 x \$5 cards per month. This would generate an income of only \$300 per month!

If a company can manufacture phones, pay staff wages and buy daily bread, I would be quite surprised! Clearly such a company is not seriously considered a legitimate issuing authority.

If collectors pay attention to the finer points of a card issuers policy then the collector can make an informed choice to collect or not collect these cards.

Insider

# PHONECARDS EXHIBITION SINGAPORE '96

On Thursday the 1st of August, wearing a jumper, jeans and coat, I departed on a Qantas flight for Singapore to attend "Phonecards Exhibition Singapore '96".

It wasn't long after landing and leaving the airport that the coat and jumper were swiftly removed as the 9.30pm temperature was 30 degrees and the air was extremely humid.

#### **Hot Work**

Accompanied by David Mohan (Card Phone Aust.) and nine items of luggage between us, we departed the next morning for Takashimaya Square in Orchard Road. This was where the Exhibition/Fair was to be held.

Takashimaya Square is a huge, modern, shopping complex and the fair was held in a court yard type scenario on the building's second floor.

Setting up the booth was quite 'sweaty work' as the building's airconditioning system did not commence operation until after 9am - the shops in the complex not openening until 10am each day.

This was the first time that I had attended a phonecard fair in an open space which was open to the human flow (and gaze and enquiries) of everyday shoppers. Whilst such an environment made it extremely hard to concentrate and converse at most times, the exposure of the highly attractive themes on phonecards to the general public can only encourage further involvement in the hobby.

An interesting sidelight of the weekend was a huge video screen (actually some 20+ video screens) at one end of the inside plaza, which played (very loud) music all during the fair.

#### **Excellent Representation**

A total of 44 dealers and telcos (including Telstra and Telecom New Zealand) were in attendance. Australian representation at the fair was prominent with Card Phone Aust., International Numismatics, Universal Coin Co., the Melbourne Phonecard Centre and Eljay Stamps & Coins, as well as yours truly, in attendance.

#### **Fair Cards**

At page 4 of this issue, comments are made about the \$5 Telstra Phonecard released in a folder at the Exhibition. As indicated, only about 1000 of these cards (out of a print run of 2000) and folders were purchased by the public and participating dealers. The rest of the folders were destroyed as will be the Phonecards.

A 1000 (or less) of a particular print run is not many and these cards should prove reasonably good value in a collection.

The Exhibition organiser, the Kreta Ayer Stamp Society, commissioned 10,000 \$3.00 Singapore

Telecom phonecards to commemorate the event. The card (and folder) featured a **McDonald's** theme and proved popular with phonecard collectors and the general public alike.



**Telecom New Zealand** had produced another of their **SPOT** PhoneCards to commemorate the Exhibition.



It features SPOT "laughing with the Golden Buddha outside Yong Gallery in Singapore".

Incidentally, whilst on the subject of SPOT, featured also is the SPOT card produced by Telecom for the preceeding weeks Hong Kong Collectable Expo



In this case, "SPOT keeps out of the sun while cruising Hong Kong Harbour".

SPOT certainly seems to have attracted considerable international attention as I had many enquiries for the AusCard '96 SPOT PhoneCard.

In conclusion, a very hectic three days (with the dealers operating until 8.30 and 9.00 each night) which combined with the flying time between Singapore and Sydney left me well and truly "beat" for some days on my return.

**Viddy Jermacans** 

# COLUMBIAN PHONECARDS

#### Scarce & Beautiful

#### by Elias Garcia

Although telephone cards are not widely used in Columbia, quite a variety of them have been issued in the South American country. Some of them are quite nice and all of them are very good collecting items because they are quite scarce.

Only five years ago, in 1991, "Telecom" - the Columbian state owned telephone carrier - started issuing phonecards (Magnetic cards manufactured by Tamura); since then, there have been 61 different cards, plus a few produced by local authorities as well as some promotional cards made by companies.

#### **Four Series Issued**

So far, four series of cards have been issued: **three** cards in the first, **seven** in the second, **forty eight** in the third and **three** so far in the current fourth series. The **first series** - face value 3,000, 5,000 and 10,000 pesos (at the time US\$3.52, \$5.88 and \$11.76) - was devoted to **tourism** (foreigners are the main users of phonecards in Columbia) with views of some of the landmarks of the country: Congress, the beautiful Carribean coast town of Cartagena de Indias and the pre Columbian stone figures of San Agustin Archeological Park.



Cartagena - Columbia

The cards in the <u>second series</u> are the less attractive of all the ones issued in Columbia. They are plain black and white, although sometimes with a touch of red and blue, with **promotional messages** from Telecom. There were four cards worth 5,000 pesos, two of 10,000 pesos and one of 20,000 pesos (at the time US\$5.55, \$11.11 and \$22.22).

The <u>third series</u> is the gem of the Columbian phonecards. Named "Masters of Columbian Painting", it's devoted to the art of 12 contemporary painters, from the world known Fernando Botero and his "gordos" (fat people) to the locally very popular, Ana Mercedes Hoyos and her Caribbean paintings. Page 18 — Phonecard Monthly

This collection of Columbian paintings is at the same time a general catalogue of painting: all tendencies from pure realism (Manzur, Caballero) to abstraction (Hernandez) are represented.

So are different aspects of every day life from the XIX century pastoral images of Juan Cardenas to the colourful, modern designs of Maria de la Paz Jaramillo.

Also, all kinds of subjects from still life (Teye, Santiago Cardenas) to circus gnomes (Grau), soccer players (Manzur), female (Morales) and male nudes (Caballero) or dreamy landscapes (Ariza).





Dario Morales Painted 1973

Maria de la Paz Jaramillo Painted 1992

There are four cards featuring **each painter**: two x 5,500 pesos (US\$5.5), one x 10,500 (US\$10.5) and one x 15,500 pesos (\$US15.5). In this series there is, for the first time in Columbia, a 500 pesos surcharge (US\$0.50) on top of the actual calling time.

#### **No Print Runs Available**

There are no figures available on print runs for Series 1, 2 and 4. Only Series 3 is well documented thanks to the excellent **catalogue** of Columbian Phonecards written by Mr. Leo Temprano. Depending on the card, only between ten and twenty thousand copies were issued.

Unfortunately, after producing that great series, Columbian Telecom has gone back to promote their own services in the current **fourth Series**. There are three cards, priced 5,500 pesos (US\$5.5), 10,500 (US\$10.5) and 15,500 pesos (US\$15.5), including the handling surcharge.

#### Local Issues

Apart from these four series issued by the official Telecom, local authorities have issued cards in some cities: Tulua (at least two cards), Cali, Medellin, Barranquila.... Unfortunately, the authorities have helped very little with information, thus it's unknown even how many different cards they have issued.

As for other cards, **Banco de la Republica** has issued a **promotional card**, the <u>only known example</u> of this kind in Columbia. Also, there is talk - although no real confirmation - of a phonecard issued for the use of inmates in "La Picota", **Bogota's main jail**.

#### **Quite Collectable**

Although it's very difficult to find a dealer who can sell you a whole set of the official cards, with a little patience and not a lot of money - between two and five US dollars per card - you can still assemble a beautiful collection of used Columbian phonecards: nearly all, if not all, of the 61 issued so far are still in the market.





Two of the Second Columbian Issue

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# A FAMILY

# (Phonecard Collecting) HOLIDAY IN INDONESIA

by Bert Elson, Hobart, Tasmania

Our last trip to Indonesia was in 1991, the year before we stumbled on our first phonecard and our lives changed. The night before we flew out this time, April 1996, I dreamed of arriving in Denpasar Airport. I dreamed of going through customs and finding a public phone in the terminal building with five cards lying around on top of it, another ten scattered around on the floor and twenty in a nearby rubbish bin!

**Dissapointment!** 

When we arrived there was indeed a phone there but, upon sight of our quick glance around it (not a card to be found) an Indonesian baggage handler appeared out of nowhere and tried to sell us a handful of extremely worn Australian cards Sigh!! Not the first collectors here!

Despite this initial setback we did have a lot of fun collecting cards in our two months travelling around Indonesia. Indonesian cards are particularly collectable. They are similar to Australian cards being light weight and for, an addicted one hole collector, offer the huge benefit of punched holes.

Their artwork is excellent and some of the series such as the butterflies are truly beautiful. Unlike Telstra with its strange policy of small series, Indonesia offers a mix of single or two card sets right up to long sets of many cards. And, with a population of over 100 million, new cards are coming out all the time. Out of the 60 or so cards we found on our trip there were almost 40 different illustrations.

#### **Hard To Find**

Cards were, however, remarkably hard to find, though we did spend a lot of our time climbing volcanoes and on offshore islands where telephones were scarce.

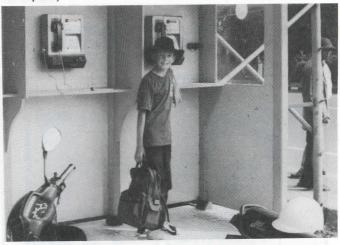
It was a pleasant **surprise** how many cardphones there were in the larger cities and interesting to see how widely used phonecards were. It seemed that almost every Indonesian had a **"kartu telepon"** - but still none were to be found lying around. On investigation, the reasons were:-

- 1. There are no slots for used cards most Indonesians just put used cards back in their wallets.
- 2. Many phonecard sales outlets had signs offering to buy back used cards.
- **3.** The minimum card is 75 units. This allows 75 local calls so turnover is low.

We had our greatest success in tourist areas where we simply kept an eye out for foreigners making calls (usually overseas) and asked them for their cards when they had finished with them. This got us the high value cards whilst we had success with the low value ones by just asking every Indonesian at a

cardphone if they had any used ones in their wallet. (Try that one in a foreign language!)

The five fanatics in the family had this down to a fine art by the end of the trip (the sixth member was getting cheesed off at everyone wanting to hang around the cardphones in the Matahari Department Store rather than go and visit an ancient temple complex).



Conrad Elson (11) checks out the cardphones at Mataran on Lombok
Friendly Co-operation

In between periods of enforced phonecard collecting black bans we scuttled off down to the nearest Matahari and had some great successes including the shop assistant who gave the girls two cards she had finished with then, when we came back later that evening, handed over to the boys 11 used cards she had collected from her friends.

Given the period of time we were away we found far fewer cards than we would normally get back in Australia - but the fun of each card being new and unexpected made up for this many times over. Considering that Indonesia is our nearest neighbour, has such highly collectable cards and is visited by large numbers of Australians each year, the collecting of Indonesian cards will hopefully become more popular in Australia in the future.

We are certainly hooked!



Shinta Dance (1992)



Bird Series (1994)

# THE PHONECARDS OF THAILAND

#### Part 9. Allan Douglas

This is the final article in the current series on Thai phonecards. When I have accumulated more issues of this country's cards and updated my collection, I will resume listing the cards to help other collectors identify the Thai cards that they have and in completing their collections.

To complete this segment, I have selected the ten different monthly issues of Baht 100 cards released to promote the 18th SEA Games which were held in CHANG MAI from the 9th to the 17th of December, 1995.

Also selected, are the first two high value **international phonecards** issued by the T.O.T. (Telephone Organisation of Thailand) and I will end the listing with the **first four** cards issued by **Lenso**, who appear to issue only international phonecards.

#### **18th SEA GAMES**

Readers of these articles on Thai cards may recall that I listed a set of 4 cards promoting this event. That set was issued on 12-07-37 (or 12 July 1994), and consisted of the usual 4 values that most Thai sets contain - Baht 25; 50; 100 and 200.

As the countdown to this event took place the T.O.T. commenced issuing a Baht 100 card **each month** from April 1995 until the completion in December, which saw two different cards issued in that month.

The front of each of these cards feature three of the sports that were part of the games. Also appearing on the front of the cards is the logo of the games as well as the little character "Sawasdee", who is the game's mascot.

On the back of each card, all the events are shown along with the logo, mascot, torch bearer and another design. The three sports shown on the front of each card are boxed on the back of the cards.

All cards were issued on the 9th of each month and all were of Baht 100 value.

April: Athletics Sepak Takraw Swimming



Archery Badminton Basketball

UGSINSHWI PHONECARD TOT 100 BAHT

18th

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May:

June: Bowling Boxing Cycling

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July: Fencing Football Gymnastic

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PHONECARD OF TOT 18th

18th



Aug: Lawn Tennis Table Tennis Shooting



Sept: Weightlifting Board Sailing Volleyball



Oct: Golf Billiards Taekwondo



Nov: T. Boat Race Silat-Olahraga Judo



Dec 1: Rugby Football Muay Thai Logo



Dec 11: Sawasdee carrying Torch and Logos



Rear of each card similar other than 'boxing' of the sports featured on the front eg. April's card

#### T.O.T. INTERNATIONAL PHONECARDS

On a trip to Bangkok I went to the T.O.T. building which was located next to the GPO. I wanted to buy phonecards but was told that they did not sell them. In the area where I was I saw quite a number of phone booths and this was where **international calls** were made from. If one was making an international call, the T.O.T. staff put your call through after sending you to a booth.

With the issue of these two cards by the T.O.T., I can only presume that they now have phones in that area which will accept these two types of phonecards.

 Issue Date:
 01-10-35 or 1st October 1992

 Baht 500
 Thai Art Pattern
 12,000

This light blue coloured card has the same art pattern as Thai Art Pattern 1 which was previously issued on lower value cards. The card also has ISD on the top of the card.

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Issue Date: 01-10-35

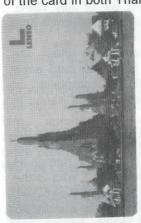
Baht 1000 Thai Art Pattern 12,000
This green coloured card was also issued on the 1st of October, 1992.

#### LENSO INTERNATIONAL PHONECARD

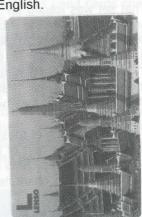
I believe that the first issue of these cards was in August 1994. There are two different values issued in each release. The values are Baht 250 and Baht 500. On a trip to the Bangkok GPO I did notice these yellow type of phones spaced around the posting hall of the GPO and having a look at them, I saw they were Lenso card phones.

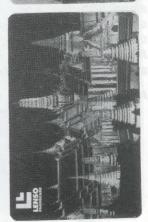
The Lenso cards are also the **first Thailand chip cards** as all of T.O.T. cards are of the Optical type. The cards also come in sealed plastic envelopes which when I am buying mint cards always pleases me when it comes to chip cards.

The front of the card has a full face picture and in the front left hand corner is a large "L" and "Lenso" written under it. On the back of the cards is the chip and a description of what the picture is on the front of the card in both Thai and English.









The backs of the cards are in yellow and white with blue writing except for the black serial number. Along the yellow strip at the top of the card reading from left to right is the card value in both Thai and English - 250 Baht: International Phonecard: Lenso. There is **no date of issue** on the cards as there is with the T.O.T. issues.

First Issue

August 1994 Baht 250 Wat (Temple) Arun This temple was also featured on a T.0.T. card.

Baht 500 Wat Phra Kaeo

15,000 of each card was issued.

Second Issue

April 1995 Baht 250 Wat Arun by Night Baht 500 Wat Phra Kaeo by Night

20,000 of each card was issued.

Some thing that I have noticed on these Lenso cards is that the **first issue** carried the serial numbers of 2THLETA 00014180 on the Baht 500 card. On the Baht 250 card the serial number is 2THLETB 00014156.



On the **second issue**, Lenso have changed the Control Numbering and on the Baht 250 card is 3THLET001 001948 and on the Baht 500 card is 3THLET002 001948. Lenso have carried this numbering system on and in other issues of Lenso cards that I have in my collection the numbers have now reached THLETA010 00000.

This checklist of Thai cards will be continued at a later date when I update the list from new cards arriving from my supplier in Bangkok.

Allan Douglas, PO Box 139, Chermside, Qld. 4032

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| 24-25  | Aug     | National Coin, Stamp & Phonecard Show     | Convention Centre          | Canberra                   |
| 25     | Aug     | Stamp & Coin Fair                         | Carlton Street             | Granville, Sydney          |
| 25     | Aug     | Epping Stamp & Coin Fair                  | School of Dance Hall       | Epping, Sydney             |
| 25     | Aug     | Collectables Fair                         | Jupiters Casino            | Broadbeach, Gold Coast     |
| 8      | Sept    | Croydon Stamp & Coin Fair                 | Masonic Hall               | Croydon, Sydney            |
| 14-15  | Sept    | Sydney Stamp, Coin & Phonecard Fair       | Sydney Opera House         | Sydney                     |
| 15     | Sept    | Wallsend Stamp, Coin & Phonecard Fair     | Wallsend Pioneers Hall     | Wallsend, Newcastle        |
| 22     | Sept    | Epping Stamp & Coin Fair                  | School of Dance Hall       | Epping, Sydney             |
| 22     | Sept    | Stamp & Coin Fair                         | Carlton Street             | Granville, Sydney          |
| 28     | Sept    | Bega Stamp, Coin & Phonecard Fair 1996    | Bega Town Hall             | Bega, NSW                  |
| 28     | Sept    | Captain Munchies Swap Meet                | No. 2 Beach Street         | Fremantle, WA              |
| 29-30  | Sept    | Phonecard Exhibition                      | Civic Centre               | Scarborough, WA            |
| 29     | Sept    | Phonecard, Stamp & Coin Show              | Petersham Town Hall        | Petersham, Sydney          |
| 29     | Sept    | Phonecard, Stamp & Coin Fair              | Town Hall, Seymour St.     | Sandgate, Qld.             |
| 4      | Oct     | National Coin, Stamp & Phonecard Show     | Westside Hotel             | Hobart                     |
| 5      | Oct     | National Coin, Stamp & Phonecard Show     | Albert Hall                | Launceston, Tas.           |
| 6      | Oct     | National Coin, Stamp & Phonecard Show     | Civic Theatre Centre       | Burnie, Tas.               |
| 9-13   | Oct     | CardEx 96 (Conference & Exhibition)       | Exhib. & Congress Centre   | Maastricht, Netherlands    |
| 13     | Oct     | Croydon Stamp & Coin Fair                 | Masonic Hall               | Croydon, Sydney            |
| 17-20  | Oct     | National Stamp & Phonecard Show           | Town Hall                  | Caufield, Melbourne        |
| 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    | Holiday Inn Menzies        | Sydney                     |
| 10     | Nov     | Australian International Phonecard Fair   | Holiday Inn Menzies        | 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        |
| 24     | Nov     | Stamp & Coin Fair                         | Carlton Street             | Granville, Sydney          |
| 6-8    | Dec     | Indo-Phonecards '96                       | To be selected             | Jakarta, Indonesia         |

### CLUB & SOCIETY NEWS

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The following article was recently published in the Australian Phonecard Collectors Club Magazine. It is reproduced with their permission.

#### STAMPEX 1991

In October 1991 a philatelic exhibition, "Stampex '91", was held in Adelaide. Among souvenirs available for sale were the \$2 and \$5 Telecom Phonecards, overprinted with the exhibition logo. Buyers paid a surcharge for these souvenirs, on a clear understanding that proceeds in excess of face value were in aid of the exhibition.

A recent mention in an Australian stamp journal quotes Telecom/Telstra dissociating itself with their production, the unwritten implication being that they were not worth collecting as they were privately overprinted and thus of a dubious status.

As a collector of many years' standing, I have always pleased myself what to collect and to buy, and will continue to do so - "what do you think?".

We unearthed the **following facts** relating to the above mentioned souvenirs.

The \$2 and \$5 Generic Phonecards were overprinted for and on behalf of the organising committee of "Stampex '91". Both values were overprinted in black and red, so that a complete "set" comprises four different cards. Two main printing runs were made, with an additional third print to complete sets, as a result of unbalanced initial sales which had favoured the lower of the two values.





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The \$2 card sold for \$3.50 and the \$5 card for \$8. A total of **890 of the \$2 cards were overprinted** in **both colours** and **375 in each colour of the \$5** cards. As a result, <u>375 complete sets exist</u>, each set having cost the original buyer \$23.00, or \$9.00 above face value.

The **original printing** comprised **500 cards**, or 125 sets of four. As a result of advance orders, it was found that no cards were likely to be available for sale at the exhibition. The committee then ordered a **further 250 sets** to be printed, of which only a small quantity remained after the exhibition.

A supplimentary **third overprint** of \$2 cards was then authorised, to have complete sets for interested collectors. All cards were sold out shortly after the exhibition and no further supplies are available from "Stampex '91".

The cards were overprinted by a specialised **heat-printing process**. Contrary to apparent rumours, the different printings are said to be identical in appearance. Any commercial claims or offers of "different printings" should thus be treated with **extreme caution**.

However, we understand that initial **trial printings** were made by the standard **letterpress** process, which proved unsuccessful. A few of these trials, which are said to be completely different from the final version, are said to be in **private hands**.

Whilst we are in no position to enter into any arguments regarding the "status" of these souvenirs and the attitude of official bodies, the following comments may be helpful.

The provision of pretty pictures on phonecards world wide clearly serves as an **added** selling point, in addition to their utility value as a convenient and economical tool when making public telephone calls. The changing designs are clearly aimed at perceived collector demand rather than being based on altruistic intentions of making an everyday utility article more attractive.

That they also help to **augment** the issuing bodies' **revenue** goes without saying.

Having thus established their status as collectables, readers' attention may be drawn to **precedents of** "**private overprints**" on the Australian collecting scene. Those with more than a nodding aquaintance with **philately** (collecting of stamps, postally issued articles, "postal history", etc) will probably be aware of the following.

In 1970 a postally issued minature sheet, commemorating the 200th anniversary of Cook's discovery of the eastern coast of Australia, was overprinted in the white margin with text relating to "ANPEX 1970", a national philatelic exhibition held in Sydney in the same year. 50,000 of the 1,287,000 issued minature sheets were thus overprinted and were sold at a premium as a fundraiser for the exhibition.

Today's retail price for the minature sheet as issued is around \$25.00. Similar action was taken to help raise funds for the international philatelic exhibition

"AUSIPEX '84" held in Melbourne, with normal commemorative minature sheets currently retailing at around \$4, the various overprints range between \$15-\$75. Many similar examples could be cited.

By the same token, many of the pictorial prestamped envelopes, during the heyday of their popularity, were overprinted with additional data for fundraising purposes of worthy organisations, as well as by hungry individuals out for the killing.

"To buy or not to buy?" - We feel that collectors may well be fickle, but they are certainly not stupid. They are perfectly capable of making up their own minds and to please themselves, without being coerced or regimented. They will always do so, as afer all, "beauty is in the eye of the beholder".

P.J. (Adelaide)

#### **Additional Information**

First and second printings consist of different \$5 Generics, ie. TC1 Prefix 16, TC11-2-2 Prefix 45. Therefore, there are only 125 sets of six cards. We believe the number of \$2 Generic Trial cards are 6 red and 12 black. Telecom, as it was then, initially did not give permission to overprint the cards. "Stampex '91" was the first official overprint.

Information - Courtesy Australian Phonecard Collectors' Club Magazine.

### Bega Philatelic & Numismatic Society PO Box 285, Pambula, NSW 2549

Correspondence received from John Stannard, advises that the above Society will be holding the 1996 Bega Stamp & Coin Fair on Saturday, the 28th of September, 1996, at the Bega Town Hall, Zingel Place, Bega.

The fair will **include phonecard displays and sales**. It will be open to the public from 9.30 am to 4.00pm. Admission is free.

Any enquiries re the fair should be directed to John Stannard on (064) 95 7382.

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2. Red Dog Mint \$18.00



3. Cyclone Tracy set of Two Mint \$15.00



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6. Xmas Island set of Two Used \$15.00



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#### First Union - Burger King



What an upset! - Burger King has beaten McDonalds to the punch in advertising on Visa Cash cards (only available as set) Set of two cards (US\$70 face) A\$130

#### **Universal Studios**







Advertising the Universal Studios Theme Park in Florida, and each card gives the holder \$5 off the entrance price. The \$5 card is a promotional issue. The \$20 card shows the "Earthquake" and the \$50 the "Back to the Future" rides. Full set of five cards (US\$185 face) A\$360 Short set (\$5 and \$10 - few only) A\$70

#### First Union - United Artists



This set advertises United Artists' chain of threatres (10,000, available in sets only) basketball, tennis, rowing and Set of two cards (US\$30 face) A\$75

#### US Athletes



track & field. \$10 card Set of four (US\$180 face) A\$320

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#### General Issues

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#### Special Issues

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