

The New Hebrides (1892-1952)

Condominium in the South Pacific



The archipelago of the New Hebrides consists of 83 islands and is located about 2.500 km northeast of Sydney/Australia. The New Hebrides were under British-French control from 1887 on. In 1906, the United Kingdom and the French Republic agreed on the establishment of a so-called condominium and administrated the archipelago jointly.

This exhibit focuses on the stamps issued and used in the New Hebrides between the establishment of the New South Wales postal agency in 1892 and the period right after World War II. It shows the British issues and then related French issues within each general time period. It covers the first New Hebridean postmarks on stamps of New South Wales and New Caledonia, local issues by Australian and French shipping companies, provisional British and French overprints, the first definitive condominium issues of 1911/12 and associated overprints, the 1925 dual currency definitive series, the 1938 gold currency definitive series and the first special issue of the Condominium (1949 UPU-issue).

Significant material is boxed in red.

Exhibit plan:

Introduction

1. Pre-Condominium postal agencies and local issues (1892-1908)
2. The provisional overprints (1908-1910)
3. The definitive series of 1911/12
4. The provisional overprints of the 1920s (1920-1925)
5. The dual currency definitive series (1925)
6. The gold currency definitive issue (1938/1941)
7. The UPU-issue of 1949

Literature:

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Cancellations and registration type numbers used refer to the Goyns/Klinger book (abr. GK)