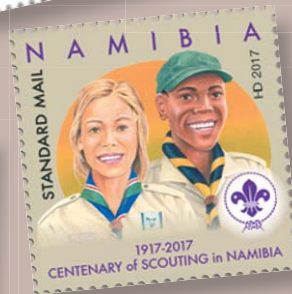
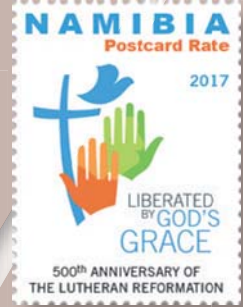


NamPost Philately Brochure

STAMP
PROGRAMME
Preview



We Deliver More.



Dear esteemed Philatelist,

The year 2017 will be an exciting one for Namibian philately! NamPost will be issuing fascinating new commemorative series, featuring a wonderful array of themes, designs and artworks. Amongst them are the first philatelic product designs of a young artist keen to establish herself as a Namibian stamp designer. With her creative vision, Elke le Roux brings a fresh look and feel to our stamps with her Diamond Trains debut – an absorbing aspect of our past.

As the milestones of the formation of our independent nation move further into history, we will continue to celebrate important centenaries and other significant anniversaries. The year 2017 will see several. The Lutheran Reformation, which began half a millennium ago, had a wide influence on religion and society. Our stamp issue coincides with the 12th Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation, which will be hosted by Namibia. Scouting has made important worldwide contributions and will

celebrate one hundred years in Namibia. In the context of centenaries, it is also important to acknowledge the role of the most influential individuals who defined the long path to Namibian independence. To achieve this, NamPost is busy with a compelling venture, to be advertised in early 2017 as an additional theme not featured in this brochure.

Our natural heritage continues to provide many of the subjects that keep our stamps so popular. In time for Easter, we will be celebrating our indigenous Easter bunnies.

Over the last 25 years, NamPost has issued a great diversity of stamps. They have travelled the world as miniature ambassadors, have portrayed Namibia in its colourful natural and cultural splendour – and have won several international awards, including the 'Most beautiful Stamp in the World' award (twice). Most stamps of earlier issues have been sold out, but a few copies of some popular themes, and limited numbers of some year packs, are still in stock.

Visit www.nampost.com.na to find out which ones are still available. Stamp collecting is a good investment of time and money; it is highly educational – and just plain good fun! Get started this year!

Mrs Hannelie Maasdorp

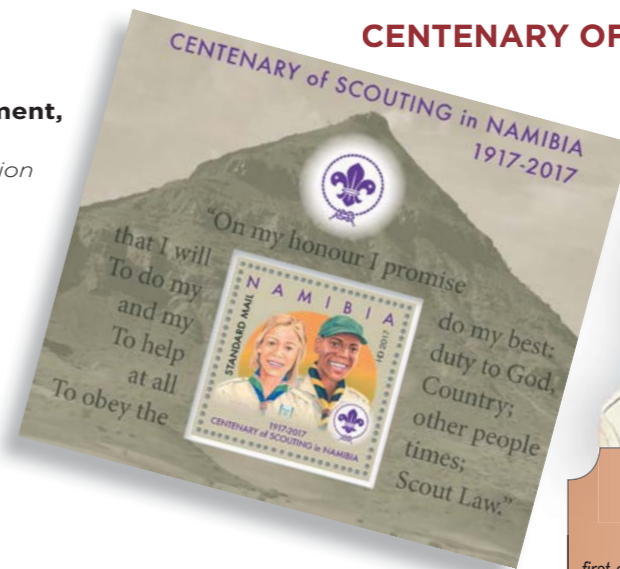
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Scouting is a worldwide movement, providing guidance and productive pursuits to the youth. The organisation prioritises outdoor activities, which is ideal in Namibia with its inspiring environment and sunny weather. Scouting focuses on teaching self-reliance and playing a constructive role as individuals in society. The movement is divided into three branches to accommodate different age groups and their interests – Cubs cater for the youngsters, Scouts for teenagers and Rovers for young adults.



Issue date: 17th of February 2017

Artist: Helge Denker

Products: Single-stamp souvenir sheet; first-day cover with special canceller & information insert

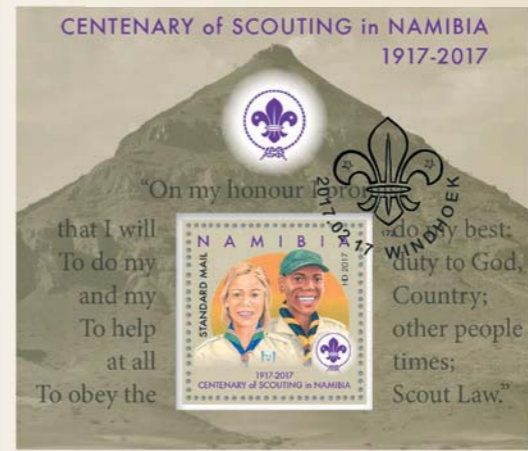
Stamp size: 35 mm x 35 mm

Souvenir sheet size: 105 mm x 90 mm

Quantity: 10,000 souvenir sheets; 800 first-day covers



1917-2017
CENTENARY
of SCOUTING in NAMIBIA



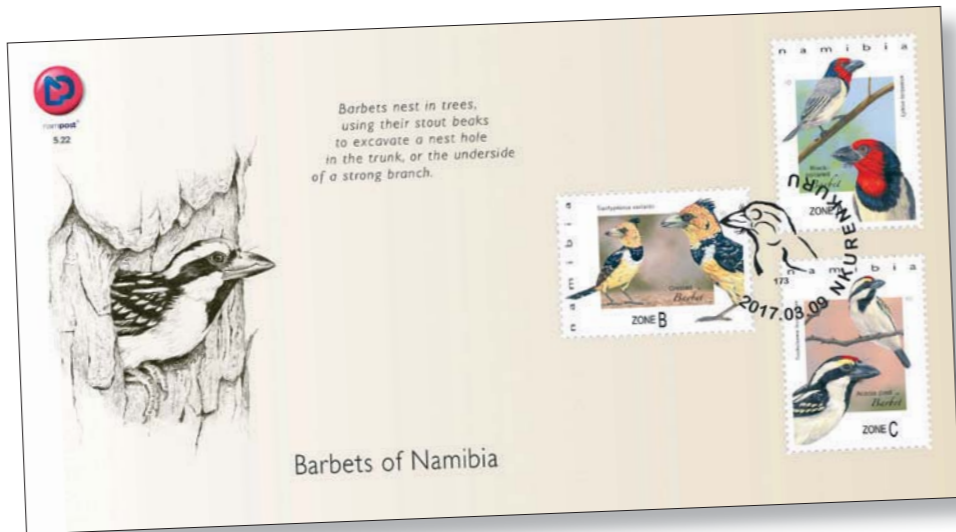
BARBETS OF NAMIBIA



Issue date: 9th of March 2017
Artist: Helge Denker
Products: Three stamps, first-day cover with information insert, special canceller
Stamp size: 30 mm x 40 mm
Quantity: 20,000 stamps of each denomination;
 800 first-day covers



A small family of distinctive birds, barbets are stout little creatures with powerful bills and – for their small body size – large heads. They live in pairs and feed mostly on fruits and insects. Their preference for fruit tends to restrict their range to countryside with natural or introduced fruit trees, with wild figs an absolute favourite. All barbets excavate their own nests in the thick branches or trunks of trees, using their bills as wood chisels. This has given them their Afrikaans name houtkapper – the ‘wood chopper’. Because of their nest-building abilities, barbets are often parasitised by honeyguides, which lay their eggs in the barbet nests, to be incubated by the barbets. Barbets are highly-successful breeders, often raising more than one brood in a season, and are not adversely affected by the parasitism. Three species of barbet and one species of the related, but much smaller tinkerbird are found in Namibia.



HARES AND RABBITS OF NAMIBIA

Under the collective term ‘bunny’, hares and rabbits are known to all, young and old. They are an indelible part of the folklore of many cultures, and the Easter bunny has become one of the most widespread anthropomorphisms next to the teddy bear. In numerous societies, people see the image of a hare in the crater patterns of the full moon, which has resulted in many fables about the relationship between the moon and the hare. Although they look very similar, there are a number of significant differences between hares and rabbits, the most distinct being that hares are born fully-furred and with their eyes open (termed ‘precocial’), while rabbits are born almost naked and with their eyes closed (termed ‘altricial’). Hares and rabbits also have various anatomical differences, such as the comparatively longer hind legs of hares.



Issue date: 15th of April 2017
Artist: Helge Denker
Products: Two stamps (se-tenant pair); first-day cover with special canceller & information insert
Stamp size: 24 mm x 58.5 mm
Quantity: 20,000 stamps of each denomination; 800 first-day covers



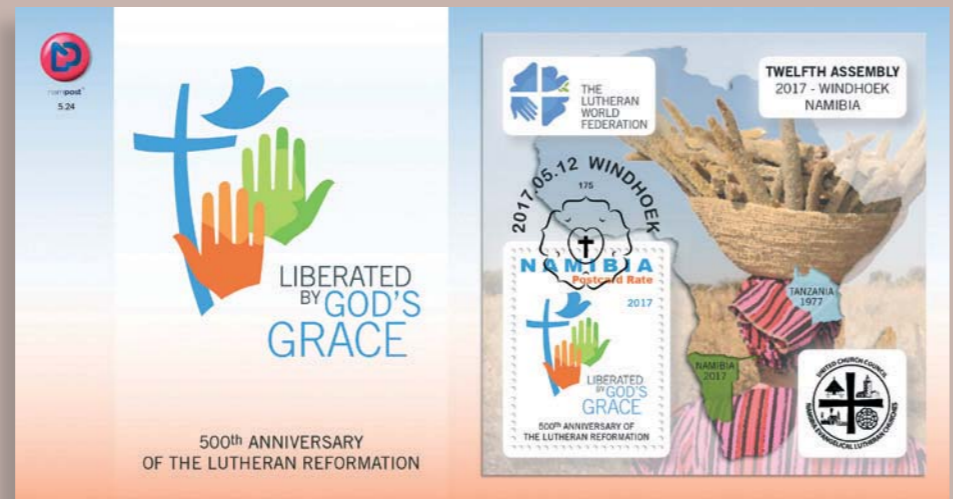
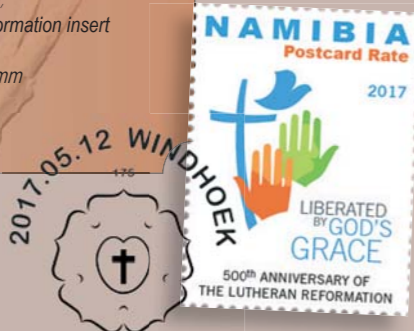
500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION

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Issue date: 12th of May 2017
 Artist: Helge Denker
 Products: Single-stamp souvenir sheet; first-day cover with special canceller & information insert
 Stamp size: 30 mm x 40 mm
 Souvenir sheet size: 105 mm x 90 mm
 Quantity: 20,000 souvenir sheets; 3,300 first-day covers

The Protestant Reformation redefined a part of Christian religion over the last half-millennium.

Martin Luther published his 95 Thesis in Germany 500 years ago, which is widely acknowledged as the trigger for the Reformation. The movement was continued by others and spread across much of Europe. Due to Luther's initial influence, the Reformation has generally become known as the Lutheran Reformation. Today, the Lutheran World Federation, the worldwide association of Lutheran churches, convenes every six to seven years to deliberate on current issues. Under the theme 'Liberated by God's Grace' the members of the federation will gather in Windhoek in May 2017.



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FLAME LILIES OF NAMIBIA

With petals resembling flickering flames in both colour and form, the flame lily, *Gloriosa superba*, is the aptly-named archetype of the Colchicaceae – the flame lily family. The common name lily is used widely for a great variety of plants from a number of different families within the scientific Order Liliales, including the most typical family, the Liliaceae. All lilies are geophytes, which means they have an underground bulb that stores nutrients to enable the plant to survive from season to season. Namibian lilies are dormant during dry times, when the above-ground parts of the plant die off. They respond quickly to rain, and may be seen in great profusion soon after heavy downpours. The members of the Colchicaceae are widespread, with around 170 species occurring around the world. About 70 of these occur in southern Africa, and several of them are endemic to Namibia.



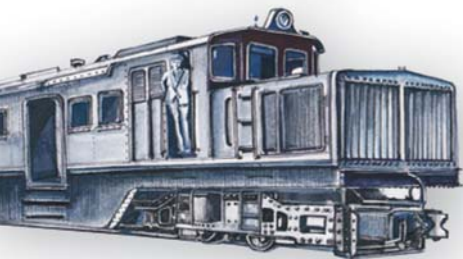
Issue date: 15th of June 2017
 Artist: Helge Denker
 Products: Three stamps; FDC with special canceller & information insert
 Stamp size: 35 mm x 25 mm
 Quantity: 20,000 stamps of each denomination; 800 first-day covers



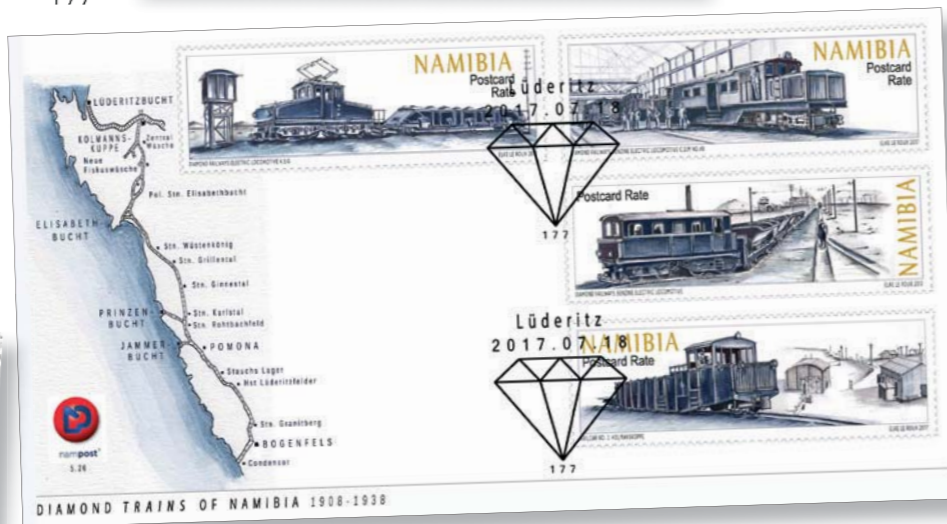
DIAMOND TRAINS OF NAMIBIA

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Diamonds and trains both evoke adventure and romance. The harshly-beautiful and lonely desert landscapes of Namibia's south-western coast, where diamonds were discovered in 1908, add another dimension of mystique. The first diamonds were discovered through the initiative of a railway supervisor, who is reputed to have told his labourers to look out for 'pretty stones', leading to the first find. It is thus no surprise that trains and diamonds were interlinked from the outset of mining in Namibia. Mining in this area required innovation and great resolve, with transport through the desert one of the greatest challenges. Trains and railways soon became the main mode of carriage along a vast stretch of coastline between Lüderitzbucht and Bogenfels, with a variety of electric and fuel locomotives employed between 1908 and 1938.



Issue date: 18th of July 2017
Artist: Elke le Roux
Products: Four stamps;
 FDC with special canceller & information insert
Stamp size: 75 mm x 26.1 mm
Quantity: 20,000 stamps of each denomination;
 800 first-day covers



ROLLERS OF NAMIBIA

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'Splashing colours turquoise, blue and purple rolling across the open sky in rapturous aerial display... – the roller.' Such marvellous birds of colour inspire lyrical admiration. They are part of a large lineage that includes the kingfishers and bee-eaters – also colourfully-feathered. The five species of roller that occur in Namibia all have particularly bright plumage. Most are conspicuous birds, often favouring open perches overlooking hunting fields, where they hawk insects in flight or catch prey on the ground. Rollers engage in elaborate and often noisy aerial displays, which give them their name. The lilac-breasted roller is the most widely-distributed and best-known of the Namibian species.



Issue date: 1st of August 2017
Artist: Helge Denker
Products: Five stamps; first-day cover with
 special canceller & information insert
Stamp size: 35 mm x 35 mm
Quantity: 20,000 stamps of each denomination;
 800 first-day covers



SMALL CANINES OF NAMIBIA



Domestic dogs have quite a number of wild cousins in Namibia. Five small canine species occur here, each weighing less than 15 kilogrammes. The two species of jackal and the two species of fox are true canids and are all part of the scientific Family Canidae (of which the African wild dog is also a member), while the aardwolf, an insect-eating oddity within the Order Carnivora related to the hyaenas, is the only member of the Family Protelidae.

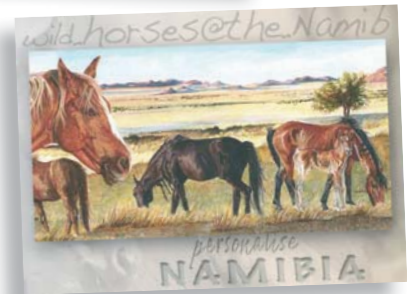
Issue date: 29th of September 2017
Artist: Helge Denker
Products: Five stamps;
 FDC with special canceller & information insert
Stamp size: 48 mm x 30 mm
Quantity: 20,000 stamps of each denomination;
 800 first-day covers



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