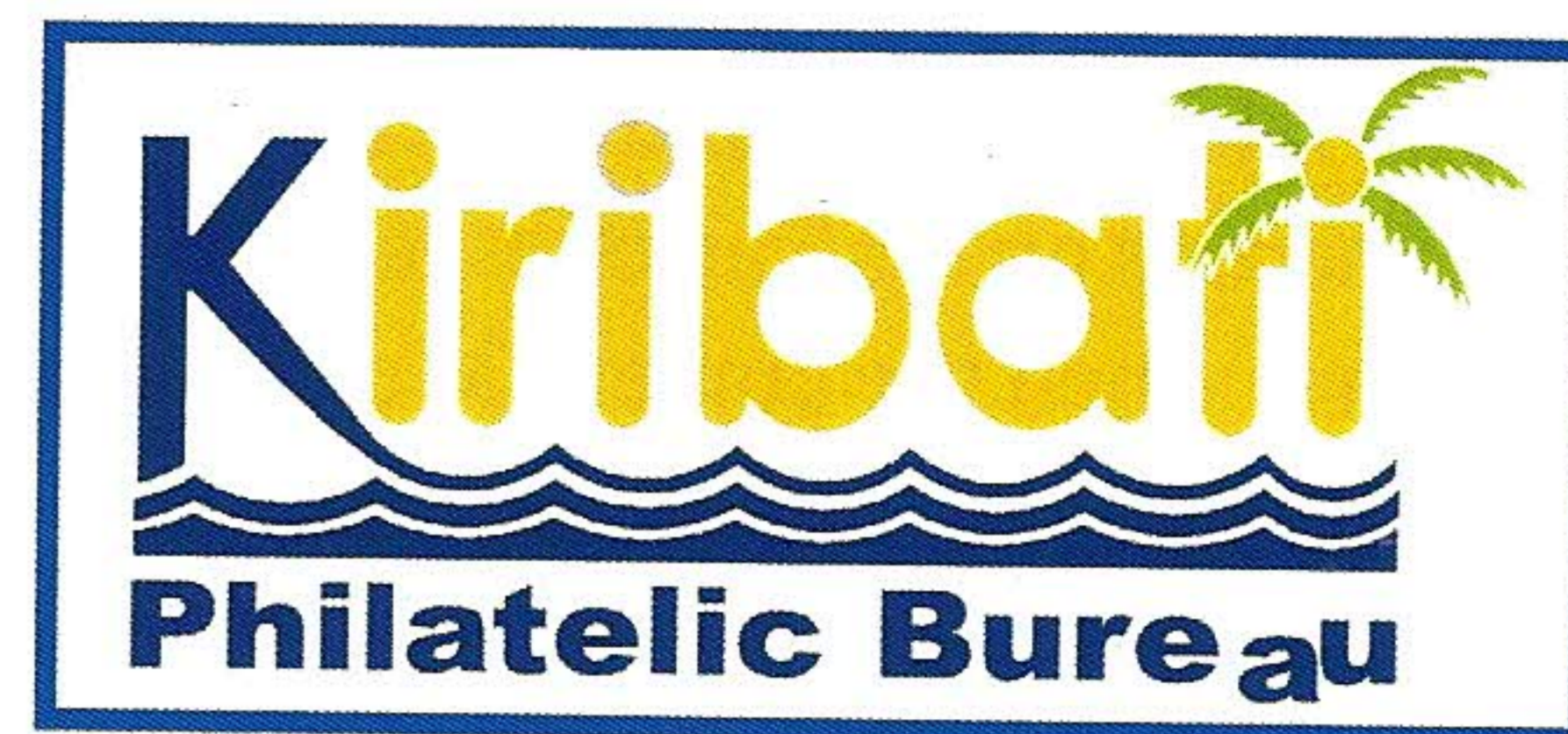


Kiribati - News for Bureau Account Holders.

The Kiribati Philatelic Bureau released the following letter basically informing account holders that they **can no longer send cheques to top up their account**. The bureau are working on alternative arrangements. Updates to follow in due course. Their letter below:-



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To all our valued customers,

INCREASED BANK FEES ON FOREIGN CHEQUES

New Year Greetings to you all!

It is with great regret to inform you that the Bank of Kiribati (the only bank in the country) has recently advised of the increased fees to be imposed on foreign cheques. The fees will be so high based on the 'send on collection' service which will require the cheque to be returned and endorsed from its original bank before the bank here can process it.

To escape such fees, the Kiribati Philatelic Bureau (KPB) wishes to inform you that we will temporarily ceased accepting foreign cheques as payment of stamps effective from 1 January 2014. We wish to encourage you to send stamp payment instead either by bank notes, bank telegraphic transfer (TT) or Western Union as the fees will be much cheaper compared to the fees incur on foreign cheques.

We regret for any inconveniences caused and assure you of our attention and best service at all times.

Kotimere Oromita

Kiribati - Cancellation Problems?

Steven Zirinsky supplied an illustration of a recent cancellation found on a cover from Marakei, commenting that they seem to be having problems.

The canceller, it does not appear to be a datestamp and is therefore almost certainly an "Official" handstamp also, and somewhat unusually, has Marakei Island within the outer rings, and has a manuscript 31/12/13 date added.

The handstamp is in very poor condition, and if anyone can add further details please contact the Editor.



New Hebrides - The Bill Holland Estate.

By agreement with his family Bill Holland's New Hebrides collection will be sold by auction, many of the most significant items being handled by David Feldman (Auctioneers), as indicated by the advertisement in this issue of Pacifica. We are pleased to be able to offer them our full support in maximising the return to the family.

However as is normally the case Bill's collection included a large amount of "middle of the road" material which PISC, at the express wish of Bill's family, will be offering through a series of PISC Auctions.

Following the successful Auctions of the collections of Mike Shaw; Clive Harvey and Ruth Tyler the "Bill Holland Auctions" will follow the pattern established in these earlier auctions, a printed catalogue for all members; individual items with small batches of lesser material targeted at the individual collector; with every lot scanned in colour and available on the PISC website.

The "Bill Holland Auctions" are being organised by Bill's close friend and fellow New Hebrides collector, Peter Phillips, on behalf of PISC, and at least two Auctions, timed to coincide with the distribution of Pacifica, will take place starting in July 2014. Even if you have not previously collected New Hebrides this could be your chance to make a start, at building a collection of this fascinating territory at reasonable prices.

Help us to ensure that Bill's prized collection gives as much pleasure to other New Hebrides collectors in future, as it did to Bill during his lifetime.