



# Dunedin Stamp & Postcard Club

## NEWSLETTER

November 2016



### Club News

#### THE DUNEDIN STAMP & POSTCARD CLUB

Note the new heading – well this is now our alternative name as a result of our latest AGM. The Dunedin Philatelic Society is still our official name and very historic too – our founding in 1913 make us one of the oldest stamp club in New Zealand, so we don't want to lose that heritage. The change to “modernize” our name will help more recognition with the general public, many of whom do not understand the word philatelic. Also we now hope to attract the many postcard collectors out there as they now have a local club they can join. So if you know of any postcard collectors please spread the word and invite them to contact a committee member, or just come along to our monthly meetings.

The other remit to increase our subscriptions by \$5 was also passed unanimously. This was needed for practical reasons to keep up with ongoing costs, such as postage – now \$1 per person per issue, not counting printing costs.

Your committee and office bearers have remained unchanged for the coming year.

Another change brought in at the AGM was that the Clarke Cup would now be for 8 pages, so as to get members wishing to enter National competitions, the jump up to 16 pages should not be too hard.

#### Trophies Awarded:

Webb Cup	A. Drummond
Benson Postcard Cup	B.Longstaffe
New Zealand Trophy	M.Grellet

**CANCELLATION**  
**The Stamp Fair planned for 26<sup>th</sup> November, has been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.**

#### PEN FRIEND REQUEST

The club has received a pen friend request from a Mr Joao Carlos Ruller who is 63 and worked in the post office in Brazil from 1968 to 1992 he has varied philatelic collecting interests anyone interested should contact secretary Jane for more details .



## NUMBERS REQUIRED

Those intending to go through Southern Colour Print on November 24<sup>th</sup> could you please confirm with Mark by Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> Nov .

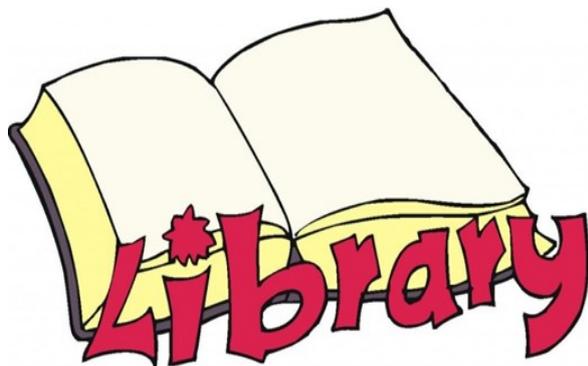
4883680 or 021 2364169 [mark-@clear.net.nz](mailto:mark@clear.net.nz)

With their intention to attend and if they wish to go for a meal with both Southland and Timaru club members

Also those wishing to attend the Christmas dinner on 11<sup>th</sup> December at the Wharf Hotel at midday .



ARMISTICE STAMP SHOW DUNEDIN  
9 – 11 November 2018



Your library has a new addition this month due to the kindness of New Zealand Post providing an interesting book, called “Reining in the Dinosaur” by Vivienne Smith. This is the story behind the remarkable turnaround of the Post Office and the beginning of NZ Post in April 1987. In a period of 10 years, over 1000 post office outlets had been closed and over 5000 staff had lost their jobs.

P.S. This book is already out on loan to a club member at present.

*Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at St Mary's Hall, Whitby Street Mornington (behind the BP garage)*  
**All philatelists and postcard collectors welcome.**

## NEXT CLUB NIGHT.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** will be special night as we have Ray Bennett from Timaru giving us another of his interesting talks. This time it is a “Pot Pouri” of subjects, such as Loose Letters, Ship Letters, Travelling Post Offices, etc. So please make a real effort to attend, you will see items that are rarely shown anywhere. Also in attendance will be members from Timaru and Southland Clubs. Should be great night and our final Club night of the year.

## **Philatelic News**

Again there are two new issues from New Zealand Post this month. The first is the long awaited Christmas issue (remember when Christmas stamps used to be issued in September), and the second is a miniature sheet to commemorate the 2016 Christchurch Stamp and Postcard Exhibition, which is being held 18—20 November.



The beautifully illustrated stamps in this issue feature key characters from the nativity story: Joseph, Mary, Baby Jesus, a shepherd and a wise man. Available as five gummed stamps as well as three self-adhesive stamps, they're perfect for the most popular sending time of the year. The gummed stamps come together on the miniature sheet to form a complete Christmas scene.



The Christchurch 2016 Stamp and Postcard Exhibition will be held from 18 to 20 November at the Addington Event Centre. This national exhibition will feature a full range of philatelic exhibits plus postcards and other collectables - nearly 5,000 pages of material in total. The theme of the exhibition is the centenary of the founding of the Canterbury Aviation Company by Sir Henry Wigram.

New Zealand Post is the exhibition's official sponsor, and will have a central stand at the exhibition for those wishing to purchase stamps and coins, or arrange for the special daily cancellations to be applied to mail items.

## Special exhibition collectables

In keeping with aviation theme of the exhibition, we're issuing two very special exhibition products - an exhibition miniature sheet and a souvenir first day cover. The miniature sheet depicts the arrival of the Fokker Trimotor VH-USU (known as the *Southern Cross*) at Wigram Aerodrome on 11 September 1928, after the first successful flight between Australia and New Zealand. It incorporates a replica of the 1958 stamp that was issued to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the first trans-Tasman flight. The first day cover features a scenic photo of the Avon River

The Ruby slippers from the 1939 classic movie *The Wizard Of Oz* was in the news a couple of weeks ago because the pair of shoes on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington DC. , were fading and money was needed to conserve them, so a public fundraising campaign was launched , and fortunately the 300 000 target was reached in just a few days . Interesting on October 20 th this year The Isle of Man issued stamps featuring the films' Ruby red shoes . The stamps one which has traditional gum and the other is self 'adhesive are part of the island's Christmas set showing iconic items from holiday pantomime productions .





Real rocks adorn Switzerland's stamps for the opening of the Gotthard Base Tunnel.

Two stamps were issued to commemorate the opening of the world's longest and deepest traffic tunnel, they also contain actual rock dust from the tunnel's construction. The tunnel is 35 miles long. In constructing this tunnel, roughly 28 million tons of material were removed from the Gotthard Pass, of which around 33 pounds went to Swiss Post for the stamps. The rock was ground into dust and then applied to the stamps using a special printing method and finish, or varnish. The texture finish can be seen more clearly on the oblique view of the stamp sheet.

### **Time for crystal ball gazing**

As 2016 draws to an end It seems pertinent to me to briefly have a look at what the near future may have in store for us.

The only indication I have come across so far from New Zealand Post is that there will be an issue for the Year of the Rooster in January. However, it can be assumed with some certainty that there will be a nature/environment issue early in the year, an issue in the World War I series, possibly this time focusing on the battle of Passchendaele, the annual Matariki, Health & Christmas Issues, and (a national stamp exhibition issue?).

It is also likely that there will again be a sheet focusing on some aspect of Kiwiana. I expect that New Zealand Post will also follow in the footsteps of Australia Post and will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the introduction of decimal currency on 10 July 1967. Australia Post released an issue to commemorate the 50th anniversary of their decimal currency in February this year.

Internationally, from what I have been reading recently, there are some interesting commemorations coming up next year. Finland will be celebrating the centenary of their independence from Russian control in 2017 with a series of issues to mark important events.

Canada will also be commemorating the 150th anniversary of confederation in 1867, although I have not yet read anything about stamp issues commemorating this milestone that may be issued.

I have also read recently that the United States Postal Service may be releasing a stamp or stamps to commemorate the 100th birthday of President John F. Kennedy, who was born in 1917. Because President Kennedy was such a popular figure, not only in the United States, but internationally as well, I expect that there could be a considerable number of countries who will issue stamps to commemorate this event.

According to the NZSDA website there is a "Royalpex" exhibition to be held in Hamilton 24—26 November 2017. I have not been able to find any further information about it, on either the NZPF website or on the NZ Post website, and I am wondering if it is a national exhibition or one that is either a local one or one being run by NZSDA themselves. Incidentally when I looked this up on the NZ Post website they still had "Baypex" 2014 as a forthcoming exhibition.