



Dunedin Stamp & Postcard Club

NEWSLETTER

May 2017



Meetings are held on the 4th 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.



Club News

Next Meeting:

Coming up quickly is the Stamp Auction, so bring along any material you want to add to this auction.

LAST MONTHS' MEETING MINUTES.

Held on 27 April with Mark Grellet in the chair, 20 members present. All present stood for a minute silence for Anzac Day.

Apologies received from B.Todd, P Botermans, G.Chiles, L.Williams, P.Dirks.

Previous minutes read & confirmed

General: Sinclair McLaren attended a COG meeting at DCC on our Club's behalf, not much in it for us at f the "Vanguard" stamp – what happened to the others? Reply was all others were burnt.

Inward mail: Fun Philately, Southland, Auckland, Taranaki newsletters, Mowbray, Auckland City auctions.

Call for nominations by Royal Philatelic Soc of NZ for Frank Walters Trophy.

Treasurer: our financial records are away to auditors.

Armistice Stamp Show: Sinclair showed some excellent mock ups that could become souvenirs for all to see.

Website: Members were asked to be followers of our new Facebook page. Very up to date.

Philatelic Focus: Ian Johnson remarked that the Timaru Club did not want to put a warning in their newsletter regarding circuit book stamps being replaced. A reminder to all about the Stamp Fair on 27th May – Hall to be confirmed with the church, Mark to action.
Meeting closed at 8.15pm

ARMISTICE STAMP SHOW DUNEDIN
9 – 11 November 2018

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH.

Members were asked to bring along at least four pages to be judged for the George Rolton Cup. For the night Sinclair McLaren acted as judge and gave his constructive comments on the entries. The winner was Alan Kilpatrick.

As there was no appointed speaker for the night, our chairman went around the room and asked everyone what they collected. Most started with their childhood collections but all expanded their subjects

WHAT'S COMING UP THIS MONTH.

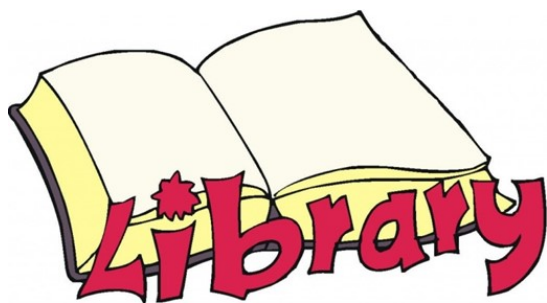
Don't forget to bring your 1 page entry along this month – anything beginning with the letter "I" Could be ice creams, Iceland, Igloos, Ireland etc.

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Where are you ? Do you require transport . We have the same members frequenting club events it would be fantastic to see larger turnouts to some events especially the upcoming stamp fair on Saturday the 27th. If you require transport please contact Mark on 4883680 Barry 4778296 or Bob 4898441



Come along to our rooms and have a look in our library – don’t forget, there are catalogs that you can borrow for a month. This month we have an extra cabinet of library books to look at – well worth spending some time going through them.

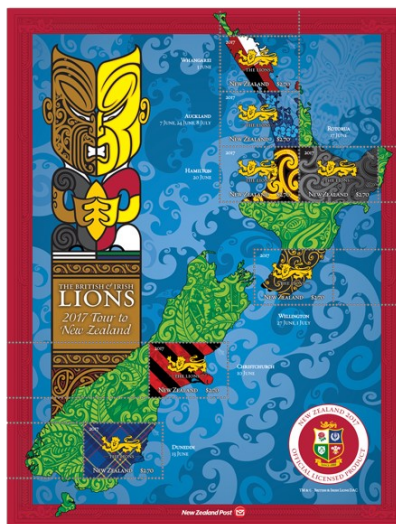
DUNEDIN STAMP FAIR
27th May 2017 at St Mary’s Hall -
Whitby Street.
9.30 - 2.30
Remember transport is available to all - see elsewhere in newsletter for details .
Please we need your support .

A reminder for those last to leave the hall on any club functions. **Please check that lights and heating are turned off.**

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Offices? What are we supposed to do, write on them? Why don’t they just put their pictures on Postage Stamps so the Postmen can look at them while delivering the Post.

Philatelic News

Two new issues from New Zealand Post this Month. The first, issued on 3 May, celebrates the forthcoming British & Irish Lions Rugby Tour.



Every four years The British & Irish Lions tour the Southern Hemisphere, and in 2017 it’s New Zealand’s turn to host and compete in a series that captivates a nation. The series will begin in Whangarei on 3 June, and over the course of six weeks, ten matches will be played in seven different cities against eight different New Zealand teams.

The British & Irish Lions rugby Tour was first dreamt up by a couple of English cricketers by the names of Alfred Shaw and Arthur Shrewsbury. The first Tour had the team playing 19 games of Aussie rules football, but the concept soon developed and the first officially sanctioned Tour to the Southern Hemisphere was organised in 1891. It wasn’t until 1899 that a Lions team was made up of players representing the four home nations of England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland - a tradition that continues today.

The stamps are presented on a sheet that follows The British & Irish Lions as they tour the country. Each stamp shows a region of New Zealand where the Lions will face off against a New Zealand team, with their fans supporting them at every game. The colours of each region have been incorporated into the stamps, as has detailing representing each location. For example, Dunedin has a tartan, which is representative of its highland ancestry, Auckland’s Sky Tower rises above hibiscus flowers and Rotorua’s famous hot pools are represented by curling grey koru.

The green map of New Zealand uses intricate detailing to depict New Zealand's rugby history and culture, such as a rugby ball representing the New Zealand Rugby Museum in Palmerston North and a rugby player in the Nelson region representing the first rugby game in New Zealand, which took place at the Botanics in 1870

To the left of the map, a stylised player from the New Zealand and The British & Irish Lions teams are depicted coming together in a hongi. The hongi is a sacred Māori physical embrace where two people become one by pressing noses and foreheads together.

The second issue, which was issued on 17 May, is entitled "He Tohu", celebrating the 3 founding documents of New Zealand.



He Tohu is a remarkable new exhibition, shedding new light on three iconic constitutional documents that shape our nation: 1835 He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni - Declaration of Independence of the United Tribes of New Zealand, 1840 Te Tiriti o Waitangi - Treaty of Waitangi and the 1893 Women's Suffrage Petition - Te Petihana Whakamana Pōti Wahine.

This permanent exhibition is in the National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa in Wellington, and will open on 20 May 2017. *He Tohu*, can have many meanings, but in the context of this exhibition it means simply "the signs" and refers to the signatures on the documents and to those who signed them.

The issue consists of three stamps - one for each of the documents. Two stamps feature a historic and modern figure - reflecting the relevance of the documents both at the time they were signed and today. The third stamp, Te Tiriti o Waitangi – Treaty of Waitangi, reflects partnership. The colours and style of the stamps echo the *He Tohu* exhibition.

New Isle of Man stamps hides logo.



The Isle of Man Post Office has added a hidden logo to its set of six stamps celebrating 300 years of English Freemasonry's first Grand Lodge. They were issued on May 11 2017. The stamps are filled with symbols and references including a hidden logo only visible under UV light, GPS references to places important in Freemasonry including those on the Isle of Man and a subtle ribbon honouring the 50th year of the office of the current Grand Master, HRH the Duke of Kent (Prince Edward, a cousin of Queen Elizabeth II)

The hidden image is the official logo of 300th anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England.

I have mention in some of the previous newsletters this year that Canada Post will be issuing stamps to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the formation of the government of Canada.

To commemorate this important milestone, Canada Post is releasing a set of 10 stamps on 1 June, with images and details of each stamp being released at regular intervals during May. At the time of writing this newsletter the first four had been released. Each stamp is in the shape of a maple leaf, the symbol of Canada.

The first stamp shows an image from Expo '67, which was held in Montreal.



Expo 67: The futuristic world fair, held in Montréal for six months during Canada’s centennial, drew more than 50 million visitors. The Expo 67 stamp depicts internationally renowned Montréal architect Moshe Safdie’s revolutionary Habitat 67 housing complex, which still remains an eye-catching feature of the city’s waterfront.

The next stamp celebrates Canada’s constitution.



The Constitution and The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms: The proclamation of the Constitution Act, 1982 on April 17, 1982, by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II signified a symbolic step in Canada’s independence as a nation. In addition to giving Canada full control over future constitutional amendments, the Act embodies the Charter, which guarantees essential rights and freedoms for citizens and everyone who lives in Canada. The stamp depicts a section of the cover of the printed Act.

The third stamp celebrates Canada’s contribution to space exploration.



Canadian Innovation – the Canadarm: Highlighting the achievements of Canada’s innovators, this stamp depicts the Canadarm I, which made its operational debut on the Space Shuttle Columbia (STS-2) on November 13, 1981. Ingenious Canadian technologies – from the walkie-talkie and the snowmobile to the electric wheelchair and the electric oven, from the snow blower and the pacemaker to keyframe animation and the IMAX motion picture system – have contributed to virtually every aspect of daily life.

The fourth stamp celebrates marriage equality.



Marriage Equality: On July 20, 2005, Canada became the fourth country in the world to pass federal legislation that gave all citizens the right to marry the one they love. The stamp depicts a section of a rainbow flag, which is a familiar symbol of pride for the LGBTQ2S (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Two Spirit) community.

The other 6 are still to have their details released. They will be shown in the next newsletter.