



# Dunedin Stamp & Postcard Club

## NEWSLETTER

August 2017



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.

### Society News

#### Next Meeting:

Don't forget to bring along your one page entry. (Letter "L")

#### **ONE PAGE COMPETITION**

What can you show us- - using the letter **L**. Only one page is required – surely you must have some stamps depicting Lions, Lithuanian stamps, Locals, Love, Lambs, Legs etc etc.

#### **Minutes of last month's meeting:**

General meeting held at St Mary's Hall, Whitby St on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

Welcome: President Mark welcomed the 22 members present

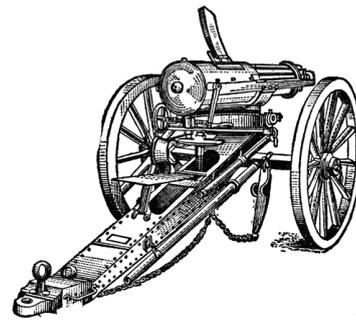
Apologies: R. Kilpatrick, P. Botermans, A. Stammers, P. Lane, B. Herron,

The passing of Dr John Clark was observed with a minute's silence. Barry Peake then spoke briefly about John's life.

Previous minutes: (June) Taken as read.

Matters arising: Mid year lunch was very good and enjoyed by those who attended.

Correspondence: Inward Mowbray Auction 491, Classic Stamp Auction 71, Newsletters from Southland, Timaru, North Shore Philatelic Societies, Fun Philately newsletter, Auckland City Stamps Auction 219. Outwards : Nil.



ARMISTICE STAMP SHOW DUNEDIN  
9 – 11 November 2018

*This is a full national stamp and postcard exhibition.  
The event coincides with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of hostilities in World War I.*

The Armistice Stamp Show 2018 Facebook Page

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General: Barry Peake proposed a collectors album as a memorial to deceased members, eg. Photo of a page or two from members collection to be kept in our library. Paul Dirks thought a joke printed in our last Newsletter was inappropriate. Russell Edwards commented on the item of cancellations – would have liked to see some of the illustrations that were missing. Barry was asked to find the links to the page in Linn’s Stamp News from which the article was taken.

Note was taken that volumes of New Zealand Postage Stamps Vols. 1,5, and 7 are missing from our library collection. Volume 1 is valued at \$500 approx. Do we purchase if funds available? Check with Don White, also Royal Philatelic website to be investigated. Meeting closed at 8 pm, followed by the Auction run by Graham.

NEXT MEETING.

This month we will have Wayne Bowen speaking about extensive collection of Eastern European stamps. Come learn about Russia and its complex philatelic world. This will be a fascinating talk – don’t miss it ! Also enjoy a friendly and informative discussion afterwards with a free cup of tea afterwards.

REMINDER FOR SEPTEMBER.

Now is the time to start thinking about your entries for our competitions night. For example – The ALLINGHAM CUP only requires one page of stamps from anyone who has never won a Society competition – that could be **YOU !!**

COMING UP IN OCTOBER - **AGM**  
 Consider standing for a committee position – remember next year will be exciting with our Armistice Stamp Show.

**Philatelic News**

Just one new issue from New Zealand Post this month (yes, I can hear the sighs of relief quite clearly). It features some of our ecological success stories, our Recovering Native Birds.



Predators and habitat loss have led to the steady decline of many of our native bird species. But with New Zealand agencies such as the Wildlife Services and the Department of Conservation, many of those species are finally on the increase.

New Zealand’s native birds have a unique history in terms of how and why they adapted into the mostly flightless species we are so well acquainted with today. A predominant lack of mammalian predators in the early days of their evolution meant that many species began to grow larger and lost the ability to fly. With the main predator being other birds, many native species also evolved without the instinct to run from trouble.

This posed a huge problem when the arrival of humans brought with it the arrival of mammalian predators such as rats, cats and stoats, all of which still pose a threat to our native species today.

This stamp issue focuses on five native bird species that have been brought back from the brink of extinction thanks to the hard work of agencies such as the Wildlife Service and the Department of Conservation. Their great work has seen them go on to become world leaders in bird conservation.

## The Demise of Health Stamps

New Zealand Post have sent out the following note:

In 1929 New Zealand Post worked with Children's Health Camps - now Stand Children's Services (Stand) - to create an annual stamp issue to help New Zealand's most at risk children.

Each issue had a different theme, with the aim to educate all New Zealand children and their families about good health. A donation from the sale of each stamp provided critical funding for the Children's Health Camps across New Zealand.

In recent times, mail volumes have been in decline and this has been reflected in the number of Children's Health stamps sold. Unfortunately, this has led to it no longer being financially viable for New Zealand Post and Stand to administer this stamp issue.

As a result, this annual stamp issue will no longer be continued, however New Zealand Post will continue to support the great work that Stand does by other means. September 2016 was the last date of issue for Children's Health Camp stamps, however this issue is still on sale here until 6 September 2017.

Stand's services continue to provide nationwide reach across the country. They are more intensive and specialist than ever before and now work with children in the context of their family, school and community. With ongoing funding from government and national supporters, Stand has the resources and funding at its disposal to improve life outcomes for our vulnerable children and their families through acting now to put these young lives on a positive trajectory.

If you'd still like to make a donation to support Stand it would be greatly appreciated. Please visit their give-a-little page to make your donation.

The one positive to come out of this decision is that it will now be possible to form a complete collection of health stamps.

As of the time of publication of this newsletter there has been no news of whether or now there will be an issue to replace this year's planned health stamp issue.

## **STAMPS HONOURING INVENTORS.**



Rudolf Diesel was born on March 18 1858 in Paris, France, the son of Germans from Bavaria. As a child the family moved to London, England, but Rudolf was sent to Bavaria at age 12 to complete his schooling while living with relatives.

He became a mechanical engineer and his name is permanently connected with the internal combustion engine he developed and refined in 1897. He later studied at the Royal Bavarian Polytechnic of Munich, graduating in 1880, and was employed by the famous Krupp firm, while working on the problem of a new engine.

His technical advances led to patents obtained in 1897 and a successful engine demonstration that same year.

The efficient new engine was quickly put into powering trains automobiles factories pipelines and more.

Diesel profited from his success, but died under mysterious circumstances in 1913 while traveling on a post office steamer headed from Antwerp to London. He disappeared during the night and is believed to have drowned. Various clues point to death by suicide, but some theories have suggested foul play brought about Diesel's demise.

Diesel has been honoured on numerous stamp issues worldwide Germany honoured the inventor on a 10-pfennig stamp issued on the 100th anniversary of his birth in 1958 { as shown above ] he is also depicted on German 300pf stamp issued in 1997 to commemorate the centenary of the diesel engine in 1977.

### Do these look familiar?



These stamps were issued on 17 May 2017 by Guernsey Post as their SEPAC Hand-crafts stamp issue, featuring Guernsey sweaters (as distinguished from the more familiar Jersey one we are used to here).



These stamps were issued by New Zealand Post on 1 June 2005 to commemorate the DHL Lions tour of New Zealand which took place that year. The similarity between the two sets of stamps is quite remarkable.

The Guernsey stamps are their SEPAC (Small European Postal Administration Co-operations) issue for 2017. Each year member nations issue a set of stamps with a common theme as their contribution to SEPAC.

Currently member postal administrations include Aland, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, Greenland, Guernsey, Iceland, Isle of Man, Jersey, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, and Vatican City.

The criteria for membership of the SEPAC group of Post Offices/Postal Administrations are:

- The Post Office/Postal Administration must be located within Europe
- The Post Office/Postal Administration must be independent
- The Post Office/Postal Administration must have a small home market with more than 50% of its Philatelic customers living outside its own country.

It can therefore be shown that Alderney, whose stamps are issued by Guernsey Post is ineligible for membership of SEPAC because it is not an independent postal administration, because it is administered by Guernsey Post.

Note the SEPAC logo on the sleeve of the 73p stamp. This is the Guernsey Post stamp that is their official entry to the SEPAC stamp competition which is held each year.