



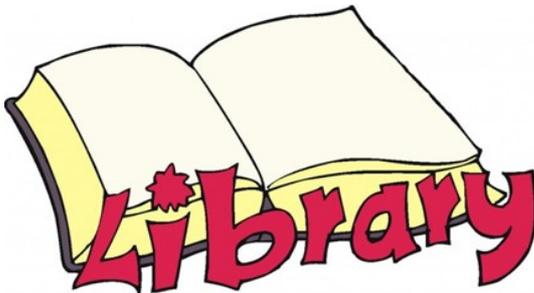
# Dunedin Stamp & Postcard Club

## NEWSLETTER

November 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.



Come along to our rooms and have a look in our library – there are catalogs that you can borrow for a month.

Check out this web site. It is on the links page of the club web site.

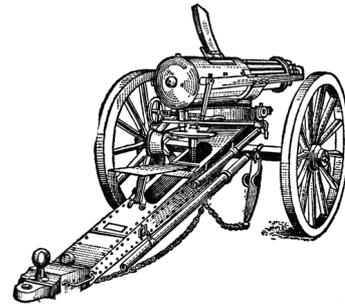
On it there is an online presentation of Sinclair McLaren's philatelic exhibits.

[sinclairstampexhibition.weebly.com](http://sinclairstampexhibition.weebly.com)

Also check out this site :

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2c4VvE1v1eY>

This takes you to the Melbourne Stamp Show 2017



### ARMISTICE STAMP SHOW DUNEDIN

*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

1. Log in to your Facebook page
2. Then Search for Armistice Stamp Show 2018
3. Click "LIKE" on any post and then you will be following

Please keep looking at these pages as they are always being updated regularly.

Check it out now at [armisticestamp-show.com](http://armisticestamp-show.com) plus you can also find it in Facebook.

[facebook.com/ArmisticeStampShow2018](https://facebook.com/ArmisticeStampShow2018)



## **Society News**

This month due to unforeseen circumstances we are having to change the advertised date of this month's (Nov.) meeting To Thursday 30 November. Our Timaru guest speaker, Ray Bennett, will still be available for another interesting night.

**NOTE :** Also all members are cordially invited to a **tour of DX Mail** premises at 5pm prior to our meeting. Location of DX Mail is at 36 Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin, (opposite our famous teeth sculpture) Please advise numbers attending to Mark Grellet at 4883680 by Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> November.

## **COMING UP SOON.**

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 12 noon.**

Our Christmas function this year will take place at the Wharf Hotel at midday. Again, numbers are requested to assist bookings so please ring Mark Grellet at 4883680 by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Minutes of 103<sup>rd</sup> AGM –**

This meeting was held on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2017 at St Mary's Church Hall, Mornington. Chairman, Mark Grellet welcomed 17 present.

Apologies: D.Allison, V.Sparrow, H.Edwards, B.Pitman, R.Hammer,S.McLaren (lateness).

Previous minutes, as per Sept.2017 Newsletter, were taken as read.

Matters arising: As R.Flett was shifting, the frames have been successfully stored at St Mary's hall. Webmaster was noted as S.McLaren. The Postcard rep. was B.Longstaffe. R.Flett had suggested a list of members and their interests, eg. Similar to Taranaki Club - this is still work in progress.

Inward: received Auck City Stamps auction #220, Philas stamps auction #128, Mowbrays auction #494, NZ Philatelic Fed Newsletter #75, Hendy Stamps Titirangi, Southland PS Newsletter Oct.2017

Outwards: Nil

Reports: President's report was tabled and received with an amendment – that Val Sparrow to be thanked for her excellent work and time as Exchange Superintendent.

Treasurer: Report was tabled and received. The year ending with deficit of \$57.82. The Exchange Circuit report has been audited by Chris Collins. Subscriptions to remain the same.

Armistice Show: A colour coded list has been produced to show timeline of jobs to do. The first issue of CALS to be released 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2017, also there will be Postcard Maxicards. The Show will be held at MoreFM Arena with 550 frames, 8 dealers so far. Chairman of the Jury is Sue Claridge, R. Samuels chairman event organized. Will be a Ladies prize. Everyone to please check the Website. Report received and carried. Matters arising : M Carr questioned our Chairman's reference to Sinclair McLaren single handed organizing The Armistice Stamp Show – this will require that our members are expected to help with the show nearer the time.

### Election of Officers:

M. Grellet as President, (A, Leftwich / D. Hellyer)

The existing committee to remain the same – with exception of A. Leftwich for health reasons. (M. Grellet / A. Drummond) Auditor : Jill Hogan.

### Trophies: Allingham to Val Sparrow:

NZ to M. Grellet. Postcard Cup to V. Sparrow. Webb Cup to A. Drummond  
Thanks to Sinclair McLaren for judging and his helpful comments.

General: B. Herron suggested the Club have a member as welfare person eg. Visits to hospital etc. G. Pelvin accepted appointment (M. Grellet / B. Herron) Another signature was required by B. Herron in Mosgiel to sign cheques – D. Hellyer was appointed (B. Herron /M. Grellet)

The Club to look into purchasing a colour laser printer to print our own Newsletter etc. At present it cost \$56.00 for 4 pages, storage ?

Help is required to assist selling raffle on meeting nights.

Stamp Fairs need to be revisited.

Exchange Branch wants more Booklets for the Circuits.

For the November meeting our speaker is Ray Bennett from Timaru – we hope to visit DX Mail beforehand.

Reminder of Southland Stamp Fair on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct.

This year's Xmas function to be held at Wharf Hotel on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.2017 at noon.

Meeting concluded with Mel Carr sharing his collection of bridges from around the world-many of which he had visited.

### Philatelic News

Once again NZ Post have come up with a surprise and have 2 new issues this month.

The first is the annual Christmas issue. No, they haven't done away with Christmas stamps like they have with the Health stamps.



Christmas is the one time of year that friends and family come together to celebrate with lots of food, colourful presents and decoration laden trees.

Some of the first items used to decorate Christmas trees were as simple as fruit and nuts. Sprigs of holly and other seasonal flowering plants were also used, as well as candles, which were a bit of hazard until the invention of lights. As the custom of putting up a Christmas tree slowly began to spread through Europe and on to America, the ornaments became more diverse as people started experimenting with different materials.

The first tinsel was made of beaten silver and was much heavier and limited in colour compared to today's vast array of glistening, colourful plastic and foil versions. Cookies, marzipan and other sweet treats were cut into different shapes such as circles, hearts and stars and hung on branches along with paper snowflakes and hand stitched angels.

This homemade style was overtaken in popularity when the art of glass blowing was taken up in Germany and delicate hand crafted baubles were produced. By the 1880's, Germany was leading the world in hand crafted glass ornaments. Moulds of children, angels, bells and more saw the shape and style of Christmas decorations change once again.

With the popularity of celebrating Christmas on the rise, the Christmas decoration market began to boom around the world. Soon Japan and the Czech Republic were producing decorations to be imported into America and Europe. The invention of new technology and materials meant that mass production was possible. Suddenly everybody could have glittering, colourful decorations adorning their Christmas tree.

The particular style of art that has been used to create this year's stamps is known as quilling. It's thought that its origins date back more than 500 years, but it was at its most popular during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The name came from the act of wrapping a strip of paper around a feather quill to create a tight coil. These days, people can get special tools and templates as well as machine cut strips to make their artworks even more detailed and precise.

Quilling's popularity peaked in the early 1800's as a hobby for 'ladies of leisure'. Although previous to that it had been popular among nuns as a way of decorating sacred texts, containers and holy pictures.

Quilling has been brought back to life in recent years with many hugely talented artists such as Yulia Brodskaya who is responsible for the stamp artwork, choosing it as their discipline. A close look at the art works displayed in this stamp issue give an idea of the time, patience and skill required to create these vibrant works.

The surprise comes with the second issue for the month, which was previously unannounced and celebrates the platinum or 70th wedding anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.



New Zealand Post has created this special commemorative stamp issue to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh's platinum wedding anniversary. Over their 70 years of marriage, they have achieved many remarkable milestones, of which family feature prominently. The stamps capture some of these magical moments.

While the Queen and Prince Philip were engaged in 1946, their engagement was not formally announced to the world until the following year – 10 July 1947 – when Elizabeth turned 21.

On Thursday 20 November 1947, the royal couple were married in Westminster Abbey. Despite all their royal responsibilities, some of the most significant moments in their lives are family occasions. The births of their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren are sure to have been among the highlights. The fourth generation of the royal family continues to grow, with another great-grandchild expected in the first half of 2018.

Together, the Queen and Prince Philip have broken many records. She is the longest-serving – and longest-living - sovereign in New Zealand's history, and the first to visit this country while reigning. He is the longest-serving consort and the longest-lived male member of the royal family. They are the first royal couple to see three generations of successors to the throne. No other members of the royal family have ever celebrated a platinum wedding anniversary, which makes this a very rare and remarkable milestone by any standard.

These stamps conclude the new issues for 2017, so what can we expect in 2018? So far only the annual lunar new year issue for the year of the dog has been announced. No doubt with the Commonwealth Games being held on the Gold Coast there will be an issue or maybe more to commemorate them. There will of course be the final issue in the World War I centennial series and such hardy annuals as the "Kiwi" series and of course Christmas. No doubt there will also be a sheet to support our own Armistice Exhibition, but will there perhaps be another issue to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice itself?

Now for some stress relief!

A young woman brought her fiancé home to meet her parents. After dinner, her mother told her father to find out about the young man.

"So, what are your plans?" the father asked the young man.

"I'm a biblical scholar," he replied.

"A biblical scholar, hmmm?" the father said. "Admirable, but what will you do to provide a nice house for my daughter to live in?"

"I will study," the young man replied, "and God will provide for us."

"And how will you buy her a beautiful engagement ring, such as she deserves?"

"I will concentrate on my studies," the young man replied, "God will provide for us."

"And children?" asked the father. "How will you support children?"

"Don't worry, sir, God will provide," replied the fiancé.

The conversation proceeded like this, and each time the father questioned the young idealist insisted that God would provide.

Later, the mother asked, "How did it go, honey?"

The father answered, "He has no job and no plans, and he thinks I'm God."

**Subject:** Gardening

As cunning as a .....

An old Maori man lived alone at his family home in the Hokianga. He wanted to dig his kumara garden, but it was very hard work. His only son, Hone, who used to help him was in the new Ngawha prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament.

Kia ora e Hone

I am feeling pretty bad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my kumara garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up the hard ground for my garden plot. I know if you were here, all my troubles would be over because being a good son I know you would dig the garden plot for me.

Aroha nui Papa

A few days later he received a reply from his son.

E Pa

For god's sake don't dig that garden. That's where I buried the bodies.

Love Hone

At 4am the next morning, the Whangarei C.I.B and the local police arrived with a search warrant and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologised profusely and left.

Later the same day the old man received another letter from his son.

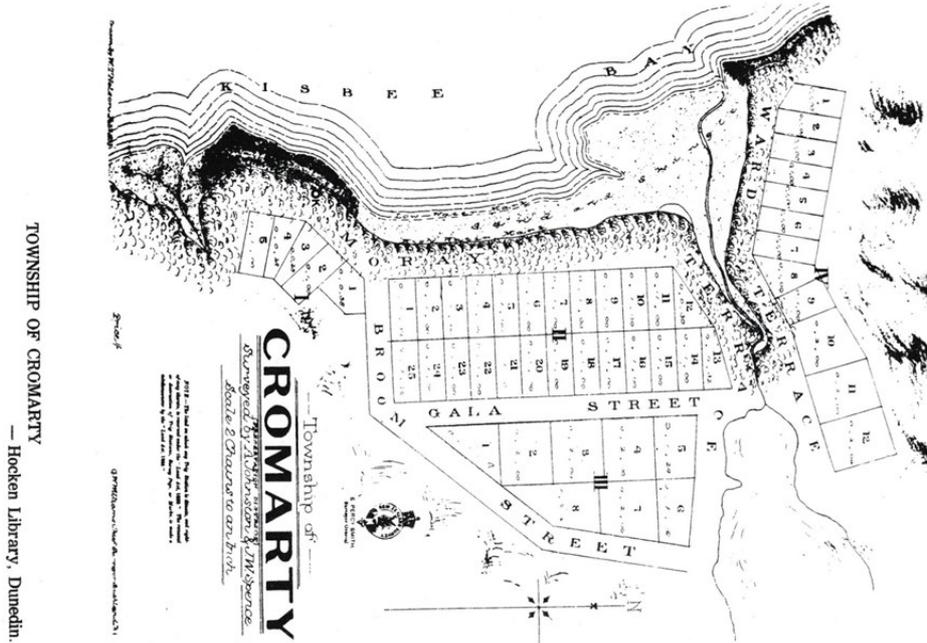
E Pa

Go ahead and plant your kumara now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love Hone

POST OFFICES IN OTAGO & SOUTHLAND OF A BYGONE ERA  
PRESERVATION INLET POST OFFICES

CROMARTY



TOWNSHIP OF CROMARTY  
— Hocken Library, Dunedin.

Gold was known at Preservation as early as 1863, but it was not until 1889 that it was found in any payable quantity. One of the lighthouse keepers, Philip Payne, who did a little prospecting in his spare time, landed on Coal Island with his mate, Wilson. They found gold at Number One Creek and later on further discoveries in Number Two and Number Three Creeks. The news of the finds filtered back to Invercargill and several small parties set out from Bluff to prospect in the Preservation Inlet. However, the Inlet goldfields would have petered out quickly but for the accidental discovery of a gold bearing reef on Wilson's River in November 1892. One result was that sections on the site of the township began to come into being. Two hotels and a boarding house were erected, storekeepers and tradesmen were attracted to Cromarty. For example, in 1893 two young men set up as jobbing shoemakers and were said to be doing well. Their shop was an ordinary six by eight tent. Post Office opened 13<sup>th</sup> April 1894 and closed 31<sup>st</sup> December 1913.

Te Oneroa and Longbeach



It was the Morning Star mine, the most successful at the Inlet which brought about the establishment of the Township of Te Oneroa dated January 1895.

When a Mr Gilfedder, one of the candidates for the Wallace seat in the 1896 election visited Preservation, he was told that the wards of the District were a Post and Money Order office, a public school, a track from Te Oneroa to Cromarty and a fortnightly mail service.

The following year a Post Office was opened in charge of the store keeper John Stirling.

By this year substantial buildings were replacing tents and sod huts. Schooling was available for children; church services were being conducted and men were moving their families to Preservation.

A track to the Waiiau was wanted, also a telephone line. Both were to come but would have been much more valuable to the Inlet folk if it came earlier.

Provisions were plentiful and fairly cheap. Rodger Brothers had established a branch at Te Oneroa with a good supply of books and goods of every description including drapery. Later the Rodger brothers added a library and a billiards room to the amenities.

## PUYSEGUR POINT

Puysegur Point lies within Fiordland National Park, 145 kilometres west, north west of Invercargill.

It is the site of a lighthouse station now automated but for many years the home of three married permanent lighthouse keepers.

The original wooden lighthouse was burnt down in 1943 by a man who had recently left a psychiatric hospital and made his way down to Coal Island across the fiord from the lighthouse. He decided the light was a deliberate plot to keep him awake at night by shining in his window so took matters into his own hands. He held all the keepers hostage with a rifle, smashed the radio telephone and set fire to the lighthouse.

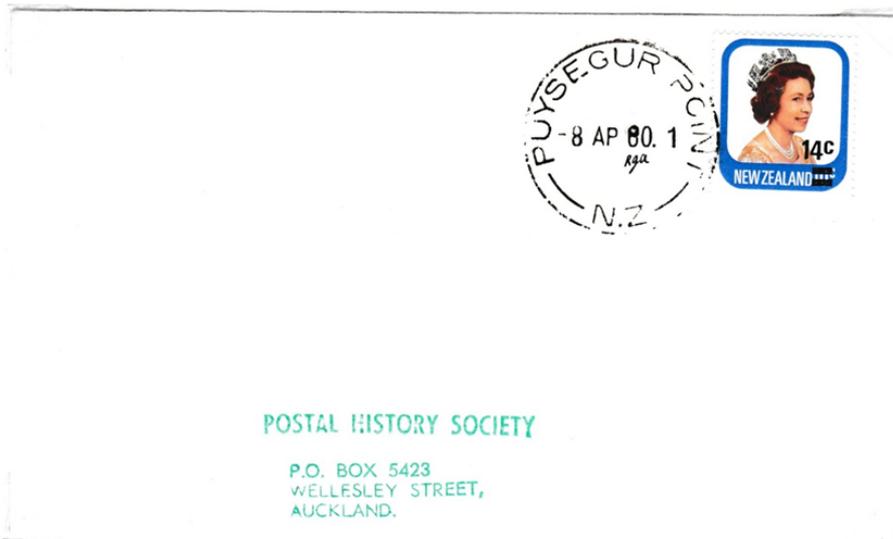
The concrete lighthouse which replaced it has now, in turn, been replaced by two automated beacons.

A large earthquake in this region on 15 July 2009 pushed Puysegur Point closer to Australia by 30cm.

Named on the first map of Chalky Inlet drawn in 1824 by Jules de Blosseville, midshipman of the French expeditionary vessel La Coquille (later renamed Astrolabe) probably in honour of the French navigator Antoine Hyacinthe Ann Puysegur (1752-1809)

Lighthouse Post Office opened 11 January 1892 until 4 June 1897

Lighthouse Telegraph Office opened 20 July 1908 until 31 January 1914, then reopened as a Post Office 1 February 1914 until 8 April 1980.



Last Day Cover J Class 3 Postmark

In 1896 a field geologist, Alexander McKay visited Preservation and wrote a very full report on the Goldfields. McKay found the Golden Site Mine at Cromarty already closed down, the miners at Coal Island and Steep-to Island had dwindled to a score. The Morning Star mine, above Te Oneroa, was still being worked with vigour, but McKay sounded a warning note when he reported that the store to the immediate south was very poor in gold. McKay was right and within a year or two the Morning Star Battery came to a standstill.

Altogether the Morning Star produced over 11,000oz of gold in its time.

Post Office opened 7<sup>th</sup> May 1897, closed 8<sup>th</sup> October 1913.



### Saw milling Industry

In addition to Gold Mining, Preservation had a saw milling industry. It ran for about 10 years until 1905 when all the milling bush at the inlet was included in the Fiordland National Park, this bringing the industry to a close.

Mickey Mouse is nearly 90 !

To commemorate the world famous Mickey Mouse 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2018, Italy has just issued (November 3 ) a pane of eight €0.95 stamps with different designs and a single €0.95 stamp, produced in sheets of 28. In the sheetlet pane the first stamp shows Mickey Mouse in the 1928 animated film *Steamboat Willie* created by Walt Disney. The next stamp shows Mickey in the 1930's in short trousers and Minnie Mouse created by Floyd Gottfredson. This is followed by Gottfredson's Mickey and Goofy ( initially known as Dippy Dawg) as they appeared in the 1940's. Later in the 1950's Mickey and Pluto drawn by Paul Murry made their appearance. Also in the set are Mickey and Atomino Bip Bip created by Romano Scarpa in 1959. Scarpa's prolific creativity added many popular characters to *Topolino*, such as Trudy (Peg Leg Pete's fiancée) and Dicky Duck. Representing the 1980's is Mickey and Goofy in *Sword of Ice* .

There is also a stamp that depicts the 2017 version of Mickey and Minnie Mouse as created by Giorgio Cavazzano.

According to Poste Italiane, these stamps are a good way to attract youths to stamp collecting – let's hope so ! However at the launch of the Italian Disney stamps in Lucca, the youths in attendance were asked to define philately, but no one apparently responded.

