

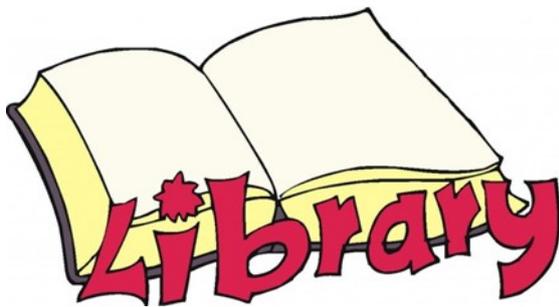
Dunedin Stamp & Postcard Club

NEWSLETTER

February 2018



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.



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.

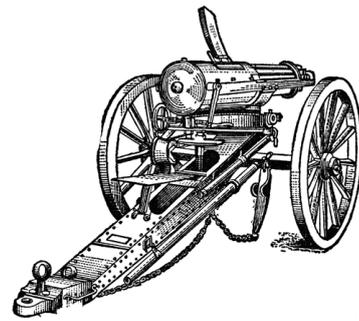
On it there is an online presentation of Sinclair McLarens' philatelic exhibits.

sinclairstampexhibition.weebly.com

Also check out this site :

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

This takes you to the Melbourne Stamp Show 2017



THE ARMISTICE STAMP SHOW DUNEDIN

*This is a full national stamp and post-card exhibition.
The event coincides with the 100th 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 plus you can also find it in Facebook.

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



Society News

Last Month

Our first meeting for the year was, as usual, a buy & sell night with no business being done during the evening. I am sure that everyone present was able to pick up a bargain or two and I hope that the sellers were satisfied with the amount of their sales.

I am sure that members will join me in extending our sympathies to Val Sparrow, our exchange branch manager, whose husband, Garry, passed away the weekend before the last meeting.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on Thursday 22 February at St. Anne's hall, St. Mary's church, Whitby Street, Mornington at 7:30pm. Wayne Bowen will be speaking to us and showing us some of his collection of stamps from the Russian area. We look forward to an interesting evening.

One Page Competiton

Just a short reminder to get your thinking caps on. Yes, it is the start of this years' Webb Cup – just one page for the next six months, on any subject providing that it ties in with our nominated Letter – this month it is **M**, then each month as listed in your 2018 programme. This letter **M** offers such a large scope of ideas – machines, monkeys, miners, motors, money, countries such as Malta, Mexico, Malaya, Malawi etc. Bring along your creations and ideas and show us all how easy it is !!

Stamp Fair at Timaru.

This next one will take place on Saturday 24th February at the Red Cross Rooms in Bank St. Timaru from 10am to 2.30pm. Anyone interested in postcards and/or stamps could find this most rewarding. In the evening the Timaru Philatelic Society will be celebrating their 90th Jubilee with a dinner at the Seven Oaks. We wish them well for a successful evening.

Library Notes.

A couple of Stanley Gibbons catalogues have been given to your library by Robin Kirkpatrick for which we thank him. They are Africa since Independence. These are now available for your perusal, please make use of them.

NORTH KOREA TO SEND MAN TO THE SUN BY 2028

Kim Jong-Un announced that North Korea would be sending a man to the sun within 10 years.

Reporter: "But the sun is very hot. How can you land a man on it?"

There was studded silence. Nobody knew how to react.

Then Kim Jong-Un quietly answered "We will land at night."

The entire audience broke out in thunderous applause.

Donald Trump heard what Kim had said and sneered "What an idiot. There is no sun at night time."

And his people responded with thunderous applause.

Philatelic News

Another surprise from NZ Post. On 21 January a rocket was successfully launched from the Mahia Peninsula in northern Hawkes Bay. To mark New Zealand joining the space race NZ Post issued a souvenir sheet of 6 stamps on 25 January, the day of our last meeting.



On Sunday 21 January 2018 New Zealand's role in the international aerospace industry was elevated to a whole new level, when Rocket Lab launched its Electron rocket into orbit from Mahia Peninsula. We celebrate this extraordinary achievement with a commemorative stamp sheet.

New Zealand has had an historically quiet role in the international aerospace industry – providing people, research and support and leaving the high-profile achievements in space discovery and exploration to leaders such as the United States, Russia, Europe and, more recently, China and India.

However, on Sunday 21 January 2018 the country's profile soared to a whole new level, as Rocket Lab used its New Zealand base to launch the Electron rocket into orbit for the first time. This landmark achievement was a critical step in the company's mission to make space accessible for commercial enterprises.

On 7 February a set of stamps was issued which feature some of our cycle trails, including Otago's own Central Otago Rail Trail.



The global financial crisis in 2008 hit New Zealand hard, so much so that the government held an emergency jobs summit. Politicians and businesspeople were pulled together to come up with plans and schemes that would create jobs and boost the economy. One of the more successful ventures was a strategy to build cycle trails all around New Zealand. Not only would this produce jobs for then and in the future, it would also give Kiwis a great way to see all that New Zealand had to offer.

The New Zealand Cycle Trail incorporates 22 great rides through some of New Zealand's most breathtaking landscapes. From restored heritage trails, epic swing bridges and curious wildlife to luxury accommodation and good food, the cycle trail offers something for everyone. Many of the trails can be broken up and done across multiple days, or even just tackled a section at a time if you're after a day trip. The difficulty of each trail varies with the location and terrain; some roll with the landscape while others follow pre-forged paths that were once railway lines or horse tracks. Regardless of the style of trail, difficulty level or length of journey, you'll experience New Zealand's landscape in a unique way.

NZ Post have now released their 2018 stamp programme (with a little prompting from your editor). The programme is as follows:

- 10 January—Year of the Dog
- 25 January—New Zealand in Space (Not originally included in the Programme)
- 2 February—Fish & Game
- 7 February—NZ Cycle Trails
- 7 March—Wahine Disaster 50th Anniversary
- 4 April—WWI 1918 Back From The Brink
- 2 May—Reconnecting New Zealand
- 6 June—Not Yet Announced
- 4 July—Kiwiana
- 1 August—Round Kiwi
- 5 September—Predator Free 2050
- 3 October—Armistice
- 7 November—Christmas
- 9 November—The Armistice Stamp Show (Not included in the published programme)
- 14 November—Ross Dependency, Annual Album

Crazy Stamp Facts.

The first country to use postcodes was Germany in 1942, a basic system using the 2 digit numbers of the postal area. The letter/ number systems were introduced first by the UK starting with Norwich in 1959.

The first two colour stamp was issued by Zurich in 1843 in black and red.

Some unusual printing companies, Diamond Soap Works, Jail Press, Salesian College of Pope Leo XIII.

The first four coloured stamp was printed in Russia 1879.

Centenary of Votes for women



Our Votes for Women Special Stamps mark 100 years since women first won the right to vote in the UK. Featuring key individuals and events of the time, our four se-tenant pairs of eight stamps include;

2nd Class Lone Suffragette in Whitehall, c.1908 and The Great Pilgrimage of Suffragists, 1913.

1st Class Suffragette Leaders at Earl’s Court, 1908 and Women’s Freedom League Poster Parade, c.1907.

£1.40 Welsh Suffragettes, Coronation Procession, and Leigh and New Released from Prison, 1908

£1.57 Sophia Duleep Singh sells The Suffragette, 1913 and Suffragette Prisoners’ Pageant, 1911

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