



# Dunedin Stamp & Postcard Club

## NEWSLETTER

May 2018



*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.**

### This Month

The one page letter for this month is P plants plains poland plenty of choices their so no excuses.

**Stamp Fair: at Mosgiel Methodist Church on Saturday 26 May 9:00 am—3:00 pm.**

This months speaker is one of New Zealand's most knowledgeable on philatelic matters John Watts from Auckland. John has written a number books on various stamp related matters including the one I showed at the last meeting . If you only attend one meeting this year let this be the one.

As you note from the minutes we now will be having an afternoon meeting so if you have been unable to attend evening meetings here is an opportunity to my other fellow collectors in a warm friendly get together . the first meeting will be held at Bob Herrons 6 glenbrook Drive Mosgiel park on street and walk down driveway.

# The Armistice Stamp Show 2018

9th - 11th November 2018

More FM Arena, Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin

Full details are on our website

[www.armisticestampshow.com](http://www.armisticestampshow.com)



## Last Month

Minutes:

Present: 17

Apologies: B. Todd

A minute's silence was observed for ANZAC day.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting in March were taken as read. Moved G. Pelvin, Seconded A. Drummond Carried

Matters Arising from the Minutes: Mark had a notice in the midweek STAR newspaper.

A mid week meeting can be held any day except Thursday or Friday. B. Herron suggested the middle of the month on a Monday, either the 7th or 14th of May. Val suggested the format of the meeting be informal with members to take along stamps to swap or trade, help with doing pages for displays, etc.

A motion was put forward to hold a meeting on Monday 14 May at B. Herron's home 2pm, this being halfway through the month before the Thursday meeting. Moved D. Hellyer, Seconded S. McLaren, carried. PLEASE CONTACT BOB if transport is required.

Treasurers Report: Books being ready for the end of the financial year were passed around for members to view. B. Herron moved financial reports be accepted for Inland Revenue and the companies office. Seconded M. Grellet, carried.

New member application for Jeff Long, moved A. Leftwich, seconded M. Carr, carried.

Stamp fair May 26th. Check availability of hall? Motion: look at booking a hall in Mosgiel, moved A. Drummond, seconded A. Leftwich, carried.

R. Edwards gave a brief history of his Vietnam collection, followed by S. McLaren with his collection holes in stamps—perfins.

## Philatelic News

The new issue from New Zealand Post month is entitled Reconnecting New Zealand. It takes a look at the mammoth effort that was undertaken to rebuild state highway 1 and the main trunk railway line following the Kaikoura earthquake in 2016.



On 14 November 2016, a magnitude-7.8 earthquake struck 15km north-east of Culverden, North Canterbury. The event's impact on road and rail infrastructure was instant and devastating. The South Island itself moved, thousands of landslides came down, and land rose and slumped along the eastern coast. This issue illustrates the determination that literally moved mountains to reconnect communities and New Zealand.

It took one year, one month, and one day to reopen State Highway 1 after the magnitude-7.8 Kaikōura Earthquake on 14 November 2016. Freight trains had returned to the railway just 10 months after tracks had been thrown into the sea. In all, 1,700 people worked more than 2 million hours to move mountains and reconnect the communities isolated by the quake.

It was an extraordinary response to an extraordinary seismic event: 21 faults had ruptured, generating the strongest ground shaking ever recorded in New Zealand. The South Island itself moved, thousands of landslides came down, land rose and slumped along the eastern coast. Transport infrastructure was devastated, with coastal and rural communities isolated overnight. The instant disruption to tourism, freight and primary industries was felt nationwide.

The North Canterbury Transport Infrastructure Recovery alliance was set up to restore the network, and keep traffic moving on alternate routes. This partnership between the NZ Transport Agency and KiwiRail was new territory, as was the collaboration of Downer New Zealand, Fulton Hogan, HEB Construction and Higgins on such scale. With work sites spread over a large geographical area stretching from North Canterbury to Marlborough - some very remote - the recovery effort sought to merge the knowledge of local contractors with resources from all over New Zealand. The team would grow to 1,700 people from over 100 organisations over 2017.

It was a national effort, with supplies travelling the length of the country. Bridge beams and seawall blocks were manufactured on both Islands and brought to site by road and rail. It wasn't until early Spring that supplies could be moved between sites north and south of Ōhau Point, where the largest landslide had fallen. Repairs on the Main North Line represented the largest rail construction effort since World War II, with 220 work sites along 190km of track. Kaikōura harbour was returned to the community exactly one year after the quake, and the NZ Transport Agency committed to reopening SH1 on 15 December.

Due to rain, the team was pushed to the wire. In the hours before the gates swung open, the updraft from helicopters was used to dry the road so chip seal could be laid in order to make good on the promise to open the road.

The isolated communities were finally reconnected. Though the landscape remains fragile and there are still significant improvement works to do, the rebuild is a testament to what can be achieved when people work together with a clear vision and determination.

A number of postal authorities will be issuing stamps and related philatelic products to mark the marriage of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle on 19 May. There has been no announcement from New Zealand Post as yet, but I am wondering if there will be yet another unannounced issue to mark the occasion.



Australia Post has recently issued a stamp commemorating the 150th anniversary of the first cricket tour by an Australian side.

The 1868 tour of England was undertaken by a team of 13 Aboriginal cricketers. After arriving in England, the Aboriginal XI played 47 matches against county and local teams, between May and October 1868, including a match against the viscounts and earls of Marylebone Cricket Club on the hallowed turf at Lord's.