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Fascination of Collecting Olympics

In 1870, after attending the Olympian Games of the Wenlock Olympian Society, Baron Pierre de Coubertin was inspired to found the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Coubertin built on the idea with the aim of establishing internationally rotating Olympic Games that would occur every four years. In 1894, at the University of Paris, it was decided that the first Olympic Games to come under the auspices of the IOC would take place in Athens in 1896. And thus the beginning of a world wide event was formed.

For the 1896 Olympics, the event was celebrated with the release of a set of twelve stamps. All of these Greek stamps depict ancient style of competitors, one of which is shown to the right.

The 1928 games were in Amsterdam: the Olympic

champions in football were Uruquay and their country issued these two stamps of a set of 3 stamps to celebrate the win.





Berlin held the games in 1936 which saw the release stamps, and on the 1st August 1936 miniature sheets by the German Post, one of which is shown here.





There was a gap because of the Second World War until 1948 when London held the games. The main stadium was Wembley and a slogan meter mail is shown, used by the British Olympic Association, which was approved by the Royal Mail.

For the first time the Olympics came to the southern hemisphere in 1956 when Melbourne was the host city. At these games a New Zealand athlete in the 50,000 metre walking race was Norman Read, shown on this stamp of Dominion Republic.





The games of 1992 in Barcelona were celebrated by many countries and shown is this se-tenant strip from the USA.

Postal stationery of USA shows how you can look for not the iust front. but also other pictorial images on back. the Both can be



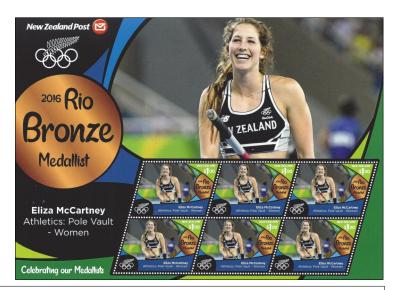
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displayed, if you wish to show either one or both in your display.

To celebrate all this year's New Zealand medal winners at Rio De Janeiro, NZ Post issued some miniature sheets after the games. Shown is one of them with Eliza McCartney.

The variety of material for this collecting theme has become very varied with the popularity and promotion of these events, which adds to the fascination of collecting.













Award of Merit

Tim Beach has been involved with the Philatelic Youth Council of NZ inc. executive committee from 1991, including the Treasurer's role 1992 & 1993 ,until elected as Chairman 2012 to the present time.

Concerning Philatelic Youth Stamp Camps - he attended his first camp in 1987 as a youth and he has been a Teaching Leader for over the last 15 years at various annual camps.

With the City of Sails Philatelic Youth Club, Auckland, he has been for the past 12 years Leader of the club.

Tim has been an Exhibitor over many years both as a youth and as an adult. He also has many times exhibited at various clubs. exhibitions, National Exhibitions held in New Zealand well as at overseas exhibitions, achieving amongst other awards Gold at "Timpex

2009" held in Timaru. As a youth he exhibited at the Canadian "World Youth Exhibition" in 1992 and was awarded a Large Silver and Special Prize. He also attended this show as a representative of the Philatelic Youth Council of NZ inc. & spoke at the FIP Youth Commission's Meeting about the PYC's publication 'Philatelic Guide' which had just been released at that time.

Regarding the renowned artist and designer James Berry, he has become a researcher of his achievements and over the years also has accumulated an extensive archive of this gentleman's work and story.



Stamp Camp 2017 Advance Notice

Stamp camp next year will be held at Ardmore, Auckland.

Dates are from 9th to 15th July 2017. More details in our March newsletter.

EXHIBITION PROTECTORS

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STAMPFEST 2016

Kidsfest Stamp Fest 2016 was held in conjunction with the Christchurch Youth Stamp Club meeting on the 16th July. Members were able to mix with attendees who had been provided the details of the meeting from the Christchurch City Council website and printed matter outlining the events being held during the July school holidays. This year marked twenty-five years of the annual Christchurch event.

Previously the stamp fest meeting had been held during the week and not in conjunction with the usual junior clubs meeting day, so organisers were unsure as to how many children would turn up. In this instance attendance was down but this suited the activities planned for the event.



The event commenced with a series of short presentations on why collect stamps, types of stamps, the first stamps issued and topics that you can collect. Youth club members Warrick and Leyton Wright lead several quiz sessions that were very successful – the first being an opportunity for attendees to get to know each other and the second involved the children answering questions from the stamp exhibit pages on display. Hands on activities included a practical session on how to soak stamps off and how to store them afterwards. There were prizes for the quiz winners and goodie bags for the attendees at the end of the very successful afternoon.

Sue Claridge, August 2016



Hutt River Province Principality

The Hutt River Province Principality, in Australia, became a separate nation in April 1972. The history of the

micronation began in 1969, when

Australia changed its agricultural policy.
The new laws covered the problem of an excess of wheat. Farmer Leonard Casley was informed that he was only allowed



to use ten percent of his almost 1000 acres for wheat. After a campaign to change the legislation fell through, Mr Casley decided to secede. He submitted a notice to the Australian authorities, complaining that they were damaging his livelihood. The authorities did not protest within the required period of two years. So, on April 21 1972, the Hutt River Province became a separate nation. Australia continued to treat him with contempt, so he declared war, ceasing hostilities less than a week later. Hutt River Province issues stamps and coins. Although the stamps have no real postage value, they are popular with collectors. The shown stamp features a desert pygmy monitor.

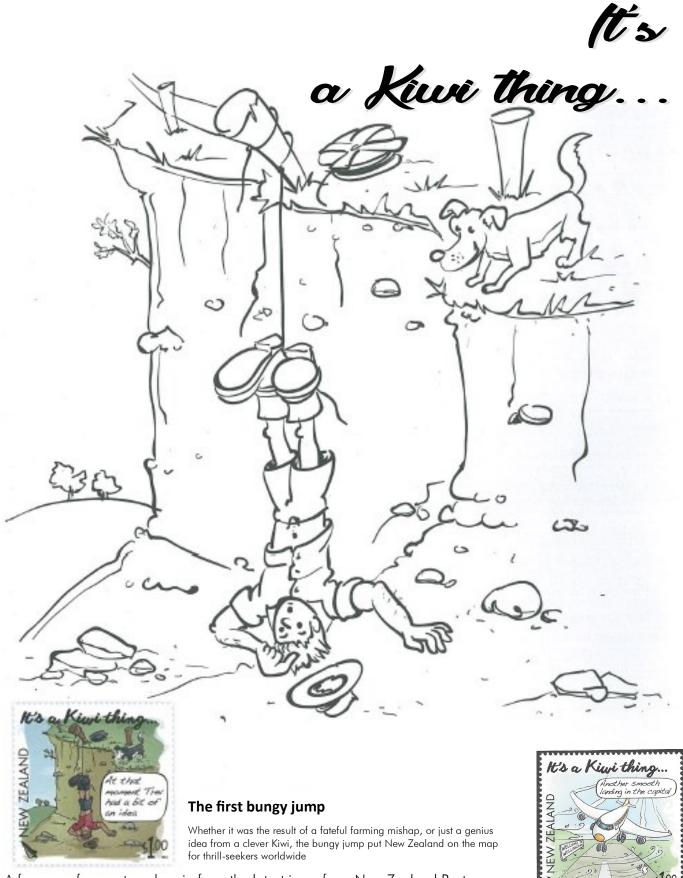
The Editor thanks Tim Brown of the Christchurch Youth Stamp Club for this article on an unusual Australian collecting theme.

EXHIBITION PROTECTORS

Our latest shipment of protectors has necessitated a small rise in price. The present price we have held for seven years. New prices are Pack of 25 \$25 and Pack of 100 \$60.

Answers to the Winter Crossword

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A fun page for you to colour in from the latest issue from New Zealand Post.

