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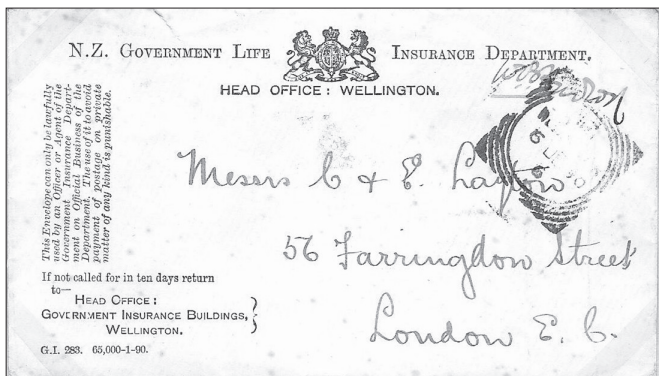
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## The New Zealand Government Life Insurance Department

From time immemorial, gold has exerted a fascination on mankind, with its promise of riches and security for life. Gabriel Reed first discovered gold in New Zealand in payable amounts in May 1861 at a place near Tuapeka, now called Lawrence, in the South Island of New Zealand.

Not all prospectors were irresponsible, happy-go-lucky men. Many had family responsibilities, but were living an uncertain and dangerous life in the pioneer days of New Zealand. One such was John F. Garrett, of Lawrence. He had heard of an Annuity Scheme run through the Post Office Savings Bank in England. It was his enquiry to the Postmaster-General of New Zealand to see if such a scheme existed in New Zealand, which led to the formation of the Government Life Insurance Department in 1869.



A typical cover from Head Office in Wellington, showing the signature of W.B. Hudson the Secretary of the Department.

The Government Life Insurance Department, in common with all other such Departments, enjoyed franking privileges in its early days. This meant that items sent through the post could pass 'free' of postal charges, provided that Authorised Officers properly franked them, or they carried superscriptions approved by the Post and Telegraph Department. However, as the Department was trading in competition with other Life Insurance Firms, it was felt that 'free' postage could give them an unacceptable edge in such a competitive field. Therefore, periodic counts of mail were made by the Post and Telegraph Department, and accounts of postage presented to the Government Life Insurance Department for payment.

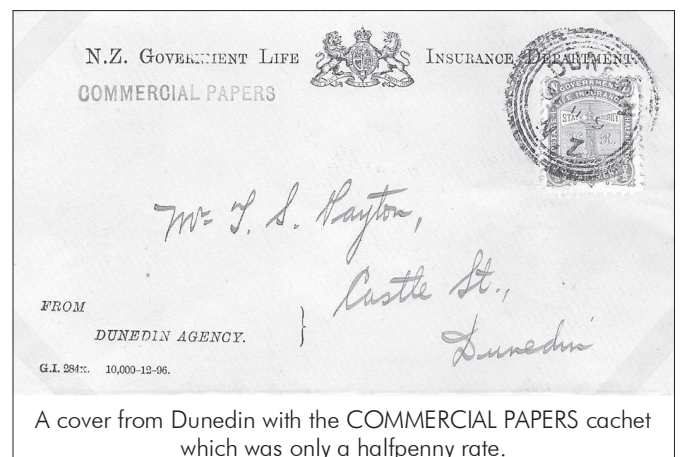
The system appears to have worked well until 1887, when there was a difference of opinion between the two Departments over the amount to be paid. It was agreed that the Government Life Insurance Department would be able to purchase from the Post and Telegraph Department, to prepay postage on their correspondence, stamps that were unique to that Department.



Design of the first stamps attributed to W.B. Hudson.

The stamps were issued first on 2 January 1891. There were six values, halfpenny, penny, two-penny, three-penny, six-penny and one shilling. The design is attributed to W.B. Hudson of the Department. It consisted of a stylised lighthouse flanked by the then Queen Victoria's monogram, V.R., with one letter either side of the lighthouse. The frame identified the value in figures and words and the Department, and the letters N and Z were incorporated in the top left and top right corners respectively.

When Queen Victoria died on 20 January 1901, the design of the stamps then in use became inappropriate, showing as they did the Royal Cipher V.R. The then Prime Minister, Richard John Seddon, instructed that new designs should be obtained, for which a prize of £5 would be offered.



A cover from Dunedin with the COMMERCIAL PAPERS cachet which was only a halfpenny rate.

Editor thanks Mr A P Berry for assistance with this article.

# News Release from FIP

There is to be a new class of competition for Youth, Youth Literature. Here are the basic rules and regulations which will apply.

## Definition of "Young Exhibitor"

Entries will be accepted from young people in the age groups accepted by the FIP Youth Commission, that is up to and including 21 years of age as at 1 January each year. Judging will be within the existing three age groupings in the Youth Class, that is:

- Group A up to and including 15 years old
- Group B 16-18 years
- Group C 19-21 years

The entries will be subdivided into the following categories:

- 1. Handbooks and special studies.** This includes philatelic presentations or lecture transcripts presented to the public by radio, television, film, slide show (including Power Point) and websites.
- 2. General Catalogues.**
- 3. Philatelic Periodicals.**
- 4. Articles.** This includes articles published in the philatelic or general press, such as school or tertiary institution publications and Club newsletters.
- 5. Electronic Publications.** These include electronic publications such as DVDs, CDs and web pages.

The number of articles will depend on the age of the exhibitor, and the type of material. At this stage it is recommended for:

**Group "A"** An article, or one year of a periodical or an electronic publication.

**Group "B"** Up to two printed articles or at least one year of a periodical or up to two electronic publications.

**Group "C"** Up to three printed articles or at least one year of a periodical and/or up to three electronic publications.

## Evaluation Criteria -

**Treatment of contents:** in the context of the age group this means evaluation of clarity and skill in communication.

**Originality, significance and depth of research:** the main considerations would be originality and what can be reasonably expected of the age group in terms of significance of subject matter and research undertaken.

**Technical matters:** the main consideration would be competence in dealing with technical requirements of the print or electronic medium.

**Presentation:** the degree of understanding of presentation requirements of the print or electronic medium.

Further information regarding this class can be obtained from Sue Claridge of Christchurch email [sueclaridge@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sueclaridge@xtra.co.nz)

# Stamp Camp 2009

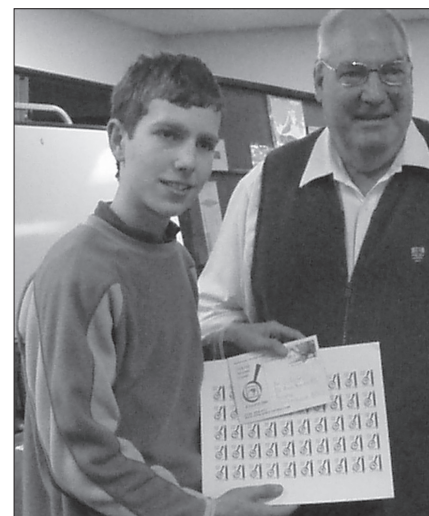
For over 40 years, a week long stamp camp has usually been held on an annual basis during the school holidays. Children from around the country go to such stamp camps for fun activities and also to learn about stamps and prepare their chosen topic for exhibiting.

This year's stamp camp will be held at the Blue Skies complex in Kaiapoi, just north of Christchurch from Sunday 12 to Saturday 18 July during the school holidays.



Stamp Design

Left: Hanley Wright with Geoff Tyson Club Leader with First Day Cover and sheet of stamps



Your support of our fundraising to help the Christchurch Junior Stamp Club run this stamp camp will be greatly appreciated. Canpex Inc. has been asked to promote the sale of this year's youth stamp camp fundraising souvenir, a customised advertising stamp designed by 13 year old Hanley Wright.

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|----|--|---------|
| 6a | Stamp Camp 2009 customised advertising stamp [+] mint      | \$12.50 |
| 6b | Stamp Camp 2009 customised advertising stamp [+] used      | \$12.50 |
| 6c | Stamp Camp 2009 customised advertising stamp single on FDC | \$5.00  |
| 6d | <i>special offer</i> —one of each item 6a, 6b & 6c above   | \$27.50 |

Orders with money can be sent to Canpex, PO Box 18914, Christchurch 8641.

## EXHIBITION PROTECTORS

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All prices include GST and postage within New Zealand.

# CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the following stamp collectors on achieving their PYC achievement award -

## BRONZE

Warrick Wright.

## SILVER-BRONZE

Felicity Andrews  
Brydon Sundgren  
Michael Davis  
Amy Rosenfeldt

## SILVER

Brydon Sundgren



Left: Michael Davis giving his talk for his Silver-Bronze Award at Christchurch Philatelic Society.  
Right: Warrick Wright with his Bronze certificate and badge.

## APPEX 2009 CLASS WINNERS

South Auckland Exhibition

R H White Cup	Leaf Burrows
Gordon Award	Leaf Burrows
B L Streeter Trophy	Amy Rosenfeldt
G N West Trophy	Isabella Beach
Thematic Award	Amy Rosenfeldt
Norton Cup	Alexander Breslin

## WEBSITES

- **New Zealand Post**  
<http://stamps.nzpost.co.nz/Cultures/en-NZ/stamphunters/>
- **Australian Philatelic Federation Youth Magazine**  
<http://www.apf.org.au/youth/mag.htm>

## TIMPEX 2009

The editor apologises for an error in the information regarding the fees of entry for Timpex 2009.

There is a frame fee of \$6.00 per frame for National class entries. Those entering in the development class are free. Closing date for sending entry forms is 31st July.

# Scrambled Words

Unscramble the word and write it out correctly in the space provided, they are all stamp collecting related.

1.	UMG
2.	NIHGE
3.	LAMBU
4.	SPAMTS
5.	EUGALOCAT
6.	GRINMA
7.	LALACITONENC
8.	HATEYPILL
9.	TAWKARMER
10.	LAHNOC HADE
11.	STOP COFFIE
12.	MOPSTARK
13.	SUSIE
14.	TIFRORONEAPS
15.	ZEETWERS
16.	BELKOOT
17.	RAHRUSCEG
18.	RATEMIUN TESEH
19.	MEMOTIRAVCOEM
20.	FOROP

# Oops!



Above: Incorrect music

The original stamp was issued on 20 July 1956, to commemorate the centenary of the death of Robert Schumann.

It was then found out that the music in the background

of the stamp was not composed by him but Schubert.

A second stamp was reissued on 8 October 1956 with the correct score by Schumann.



Above: Correct music

## Answers to Scrambled Words

- |     |              |     |                 |
|-----|--------------|-----|-----------------|
| 1.  | GUM          | 10. | CHALON HEAD     |
| 2.  | HINGE        | 9.  | WATERMARK       |
| 3.  | ALBUM        | 8.  | PHILATELY       |
| 4.  | STAMPS       | 7.  | CANCELLATION    |
| 5.  | CATALOGUE    | 6.  | MARGIN          |
| 6.  | PERFORATIONS | 5.  | BOOKLET         |
| 7.  | TWEEZERS     | 4.  | MINIATURE SHEET |
| 8.  | ISSUE        | 3.  | SURCHARGE       |
| 9.  | POSTMARK     | 2.  | PROOF           |
| 10. | POST OFFICE  | 1.  | COMMEMORATIVE   |

# ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

There are four awards, Bronze, Silver-Bronze, Silver and Gold

The Bronze and Silver-Bronze Awards can be examined by a stamp club leader, school teacher, youth group leader or adult stamp collector. The Silver and Gold must be examined by a person approved by the Philatelic Youth Council Executive.

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## BRONZE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FORM

### The Applicant:

1. Has formed a stamp collection over a period of more than six months Yes \_\_\_\_\_
2. Has given a short talk (approx 2 minutes) on four pages from the collection Yes \_\_\_\_\_
3. Has successfully answered simple questions on -
  - a) the pages shown for the talk Yes \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) general philately Yes \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is able to mount stamps correctly Yes \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is able to remove stamps from paper correctly Yes \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** The questions in 3a should relate to the type of collection formed ie. for Thematic collectors questions on the theme, for collectors of NZ, questions on New Zealand stamps.

The questions in 3b must be on general philately, suggested questions are:

- a) What is the purpose of perforations?
- b) What is the purpose of Watermarks?
- c) What is a First Day Cover?
- d) Who issued the World's first postage stamp?
- e) Why should you use tweezers?
- f) For what purpose would you use a stamp catalogue?

Four to six questions answered adequately is sufficient.

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Examiners Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Examiners Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club Position or Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Send the completed form to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland