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NEWSLETTER

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Our Sesquicentennial Stamp Anniversary

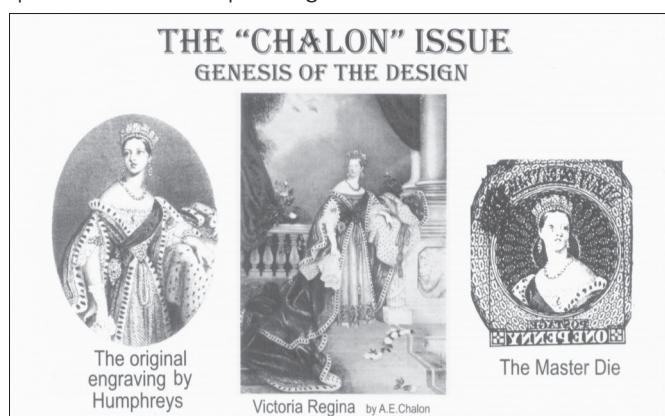
Here is the story behind New Zealand getting its own stamps.

Back in 1851 the issue of New Zealand having its own stamps needed a Proclamation to be passed by our Government, and a detailed budget from the Postmaster-General of New South Wales, down to paper, gum and ink costs.

On 22 December 1852 the acting Postmaster at Wellington submitted the following report to the Colonial Secretary -

"His Excellency having informed me of his intention of writing to England for Postage Stamps for the use of the offices in New Zealand, requested at the same time that I would convey to him in writing the value of such stamps as I thought would be required at the present rate of postage now levied."

In 1853 the authorities ordered a printing press, plates and sundry supplies, but realised the work could not proceed in Auckland. The main concern was the supply of basic materials available to proceed with the printing.



The portrait of Queen Victoria by Alfred Chalon, in which she is wearing full Robes of State which she wore at her coronation, is the basis for the design of our first stamps.

They are sometimes called "Full Face Queens" to distinguish them from later issues.

Our very first stamps were produced in London by Perkins, Bacon & Co., and they arrived in Auckland and were released for sale in 1855.

Soon there was a need for more stamps and in October 1855, Mr J Richardson of Auckland was appointed to print them. He had many difficulties with matching the ink colour to that used in London, thickness of paper to produce quality impressions, and size of paper he was able to obtain from Australia.



Can you imagine the difficulty of having a piece of paper which wasn't large enough to cover the whole of the printing plate? Mr Richardson had to carefully overlap another piece of paper to cover the whole plate for each sheet of stamps to be printed. As a result some stamps were sold with a slight impression of the next stamp along the bottom because the join didn't coincide exactly with the gutter margin. He also obtained his inks from Australia, and although he tried to match the colour, this is another variation to the Perkins Bacon stamps. Who would be a printer in 1855!

COMPETITION

We have 20 copies of New Zealand 2005 Cinderella Sheet No 1, which is shown in our article on this page, to give away as prizes.

The question is -

How many values are there in New Zealand's first issue of 1855?

Send your answers to Competition, PO Box 2979, Auckland, and the first 20 correct entries will receive a cinderella sheet.

Remember to include your name and address.

Stamp Camp 2005

The Camp will be held at the Brookfield Outdoor Education Centre (also known as Brookfield Scout Camp) from late afternoon Sunday 2nd October to Saturday 8th October 2005. The camp is located in the picturesque Moores Valley, which leads into the Wainuiomata valley.

Brookfield is approximately 25km by road from Wellington City and is set in a large and private bush/grassed flats site. A small stream passes through the Campsite.

Activities will be typical of the well-established PYC National Stamp Camp style. Each camper will undertake a camp project that will be judged towards the end of the camp. Many experienced leaders will be present to pass on their skills, encouragement and knowledge to all campers. There will be a mystery bus trip - this will certainly include a visit to Te Papa (in Wellington) to view the "Stamped" Exhibition that is being held to

commemorate 150 years of New Zealand stamp issues. "Stamped" includes part of the Queen's Stamp Collection, a must to see.

The campsite comes complete with canoes (and life-jackets) to use on the small lake, flying fox, confidence course, campfire areas, bush walks, bird observation, tree identification and (if desired in advance by campers) an abseiling tower.

Sleeping accommodation is in bunkrooms with males sufficiently separated from females!!

The Camp budget is being prepared. It is anticipated that the Camp Fee will be the same as last year, ie. \$150.00 per camper.

In short, lots of open air away from town/city, plenty of space, lots to learn, much fun to be had and many many more friends to be made.

The application form to attend this camp is enclosed with this newsletter with all the details.



Interior of the Maire Lodge, where the project work will be done.



Interior of Dining Room looking through to the kitchen.

PHILATELIC TERM

Gutter Pair – two stamps, separated by a blank margin, from the centre column of a sheet.

They are available in this issue of farmyard animals and if you buy them like this they should be kept complete with both stamps and the strip in the middle.



DID YOU KNOW



In New Zealand there is no law against having forgeries in your collection, but it is illegal to deal in forgeries. In the United States it is against the law to possess a forged foreign stamp.

The first stamp forgery was found only four months after the first postage stamp came into use. Someone had tried to make a Penny Black! Rowland Hill wrote in his diary in September 1840: "I saw the forged label, it is a miserable thing".

EXHIBITION PROTECTORS

New shipment now arrived
Same quality.

Please send your orders.

Made from high quality polypropylene
(size 248 x 290mm)

Pack of 25 \$15
Pack of 100 \$50

Order from – Philatelic Youth Council of NZ,
PO Box 2979, Auckland

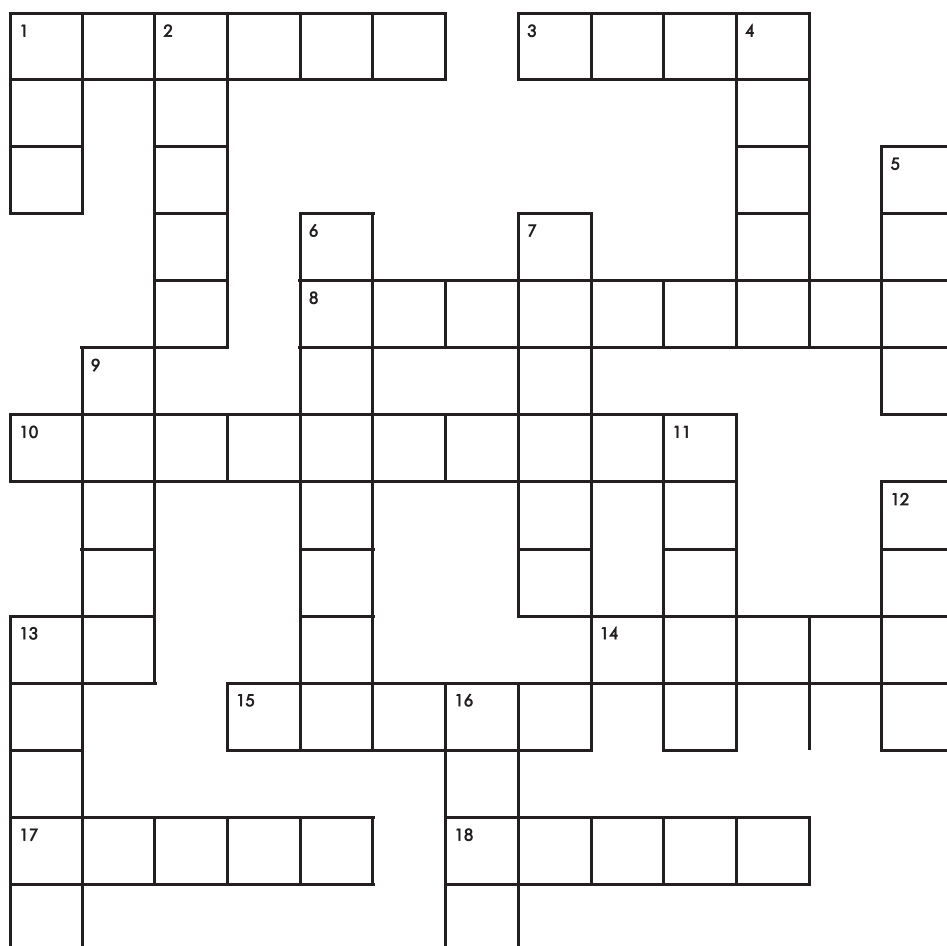
Money with your order please. All prices include GST
and postage within New Zealand.

150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF NEW ZEALAND STAMPS



The second release of New Zealand Post stamps to commemorate 150 years is now on sale and covers the years 1905 – 1955. In this selection of stamps are some very spectacular previously released stamps.

Crossword



Across

1. The paper space between two panes on a sheet of stamps.
3. Leave in water for some time.
8. A pattern pressed into stamp paper to discourage forgery.
10. Stickers and labels that cannot be used for postage, named after a fairy-tale character.
_ _ _ _ _ stamps.
13. Not she, but _ _ . (Don't be tricked: this is not a stamp word!)
14. A new stamp is made to celebrate every one of this person's birthdays!
15. Related stamps on sale at the same time.
17. Four or more unseparated stamps, but not a strip.
18. A suggested design for a stamp.

Down

1. Sticky material on the back of stamps.
2. The connecting idea of a set or series of stamps.
4. This Australian animal has appeared on many stamps.
5. A real stamp which has been altered to make it seem more valuable.
6. These can be used to pick up stamps carefully.
7. A person who buys and sells stamps.
9. A small piece of gummed paper for mounting stamps.
11. A book to hold a stamp collection.
12. Unused stamps in perfect condition.
13. A pastime that is done regularly for fun.
16. A stamp that has been sent through the post.

CONGRATULATIONS

The class winners from Appex 2005 are -

Richard Kemp	GN WEST TROPHY Thematic (12 and under 18)
Mark Wilcox	R H WHITE CUP Traditional (12 and under 18)
Richard Kemp	THEMATIC AWARD City of Sails Member
Mark Wilcox	GORDON AWARD (Traditional) City of Sails Member

40 YEARS OF CAMPING HISTORY

2006 marks a milestone for stamp camps. Barbara Streeter is endeavouring to compile a 40 year history of the camps. She is looking for any old photographs, programmes or memorabilia or souvenir covers that campers have collected over the last 40 years. What a challenge!

You can contact Barbara via PO Box 2979, Auckland or telephone 09 299 5993

COMPETITIONS

PYC INTERCLUB, PHILATELIC YOUTH COUNCIL

29 OCTOBER

Entry Form and Entry 14 October 2005

Classes – Traditional, Thematic or Postal History

Entrants are to be aged 15 years or younger on the 1st November 2005

- Judging will be carried out using the judging sheets approved by the PYC.
- There is no entry fee, but return postage must be paid by the club or individual.
- Entries must arrive no later than the 14 October 2005
- Entries must be of four pages and have to be submitted through a Stamp Club. Both Community and School Stamp Clubs are eligible to enter.
- Entries should be sent to D Rosenfeldt, PYC Interclub Competition, 60 Omana Rd, Papatoetoe, Auckland.

New Zealand 2005 National Stamp Show

17-20th November 2005

North Shore Events Centre, Glenfield, Auckland

celebrating 150 years of New Zealand stamps



17 – 20 NOVEMBER

Entry Form by 11 October 2005

Entry by 11 November 2005

Youth Development Classes

Class 6.1.1: 12 years old and under, 8 pages

Class 6.1.2: 12 years old and under, 16 pages

Class 6.1.3: over 12 years of age, 8 pages

Class 6.1.4: over 12 years of age, 16 pages

- Entry Fees for youth FREE. Where an entry is to be returned by post or courier, a pre paid courier bag should be supplied or payment included with the entry to cover the cost of its return.
- All the philatelic material and work on the pages should be that of the entrant. This includes the mounting of the philatelic material, the writing up on the pages or the computer work used to create printed pages. Each page should have the exhibitor's name and address on the reverse and each page should be numbered in the bottom right corner.
- Completed Entries should in the hands of the Exhibition Committee by Friday 11 November. Exhibits may be couriered to NZ 2005, C/- Len Jury Ltd, 1st Floor, 18 Shortland St, Auckland City. By arrangement, hand delivered entries will be accepted up till 10.00am on Wednesday 16 November at the Exhibition Venue.
- Judging will be carried out on the exhibit as presented in the frames. The PYC recommended judging sheets will be used. A critique will be provided for each entry. Gemstone Awards will be made and each entrant will receive a certificate indicating the Gemstone level achieved. Special prizes will be awarded in each class at the Judges discretion. Diamond - 90 to 100, Ruby - 80 to 89, Emerald - 70 to 79, Sapphire - 60 to 69, Topaz - 50 to 59.