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Stamp Camp 2006

Who would have thought all those years ago, after the first stamp camp was held, that 40 years later we would still have the enjoyment of camp.

The 2006 Camp was once again held at the Motu Moana Scout Camp in Blockhouse Bay, Auckland during the July Scholl holiday's. Campers arrived for a full week of activities, fun and the opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new friends.

With only three first time campers the routine quickly fell into place. The camp programme scattered stamp activities with games, guest speakers, the ever popular mystery bus trip, abseiling and concluded with the prize giving.



The mystery bus trip took the campers on a trip to see the NZ Post Auckland Mail Sorting Centre, then a tour around some scenic spots around Auckland, including Mt Eden, the Maritime Museum, across the harbour bridge and a ten pin bowling challenge before returning to camp.



Most campers choose to complete thematic projects and everyone completed their 8 page projects in good time by the Friday night deadline.

The prize giving is an opportunity to celebrate the success of the campers in completing their camp projects. Congratulations to all campers including Dawn Richardson, the winner of the Rob Hunt Cup, for best project.



This year was also an opportunity to invite many campers from previous camps and camp supporters as a book, detailing the history of the camps in their first forty years, was launched. Barbara Streeter has led a team to document the history by gathering stories, photo's and other interesting information about each camp.

As with all stamp camps a special thank you needs to go to the leaders, sponsors and supporters that help to make the camps a success. We hope to see you next year in Christchurch for the 2007 Camp.

Our 40th Birthday

40 years of Stamp Camps in New Zealand!! A very good excuse to celebrate and we did, on Saturday 8th July 2006 at the camp, which was held at Motu Moana Scout Camp in Auckland.

The afternoon started off with a welcome to all the visitors by Tim Beach, the Co-leader of the City of Sails Youth Stamp Club who were the organisers of the 2006 Youth Stamp Camp. This was followed by a really delicious afternoon tea, organised by the cooks and camp leaders with donations from parents, at which there were a number of visitors, ex-campers, ex-camp speakers, ex-camp helpers and other interested folk as well as the present campers and their parents. A scrumptious Anniversary cake, which was organised by Mrs Anne Bevan, was cut by Geoff Tyson and Barbara Streeter, Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of PYC, and then enjoyed by all present.



After this everyone congregated in the hall where Barbara spoke about the last 40 years of camps and the "Anniversary Book" which is being prepared for publication. We realise that the basic aim of stamp camps has not changed over the years. The children are taught to look after their stamps, to learn how to

use the tools provided and to do something with their particular subject in displaying it in the best possible way. At first the camps were held over a long weekend now it is six or seven days. The projects were two to four pages, now it is four or eight pages. There was always visiting speakers to impart their knowledge, and there still is, there has always been time to have fun and relax. Basically the art of stamp collecting doesn't change and that is what stamp camps are all about.

Several photos have been taken for the record and some of them will be included in the book. It was a great feeling that all those present realised they were a part of history, and that there is to be a permanent record.

Some of the visitors and parents stayed for the special anniversary dinner prepared by the camp cooks which was enjoyed by all.



May the Stamp Camps continue for many years to come as a way of helping the young stamp collectors of New Zealand to enjoy this great hobby. A fitting tribute to Rob Hunt, the young sixteen year old school boy who started them forty years ago and continued to organise or at least attend them, for thirty-eight years until his death in 2004.



Stamps are Delicate

It often takes time to learn how to handle stamps properly because they are just delicate little pieces of paper, and anything but a gentle touch can do some sort of damage. Most collectors go to great pains to protect stamps from greasy fingers, food and drink spills, fading from direct sunlight etc.

Some useful tools of the trade include glassine envelopes, to keep stamps flat and away from the elements when stored and not in somebody's album, stockbook or stock cards, which have pockets for holding loose stamps. Tweezers with flat (non-grooved) ends, for picking up and sorting through stamps, particularly the more valuable ones should always be used. This is because even when you wash your hands, there is always some grease on the skin, and this can eventually come off on to the stamps.

Developing a careful touch can keep stamps from getting creased, which is just one of many things that can make a stamp less desirable to collectors.

DID YOU KNOW

The Fielding Rural Mail Post Office No 1 was a **Motor Cycle** Travelling Post Office which operated between Feilding – Halcombe – Stanway from 1915 to 1918.

Dominion Airlines Ltd of New Zealand avoided postal regulations 1930-1 by carrying airmail between Hastings & Gisborne "free of charge". The letters did however have to bear a label signed by the pilot GB Bolt, who charged 6d "for his autograph".

Know Your Stamps?

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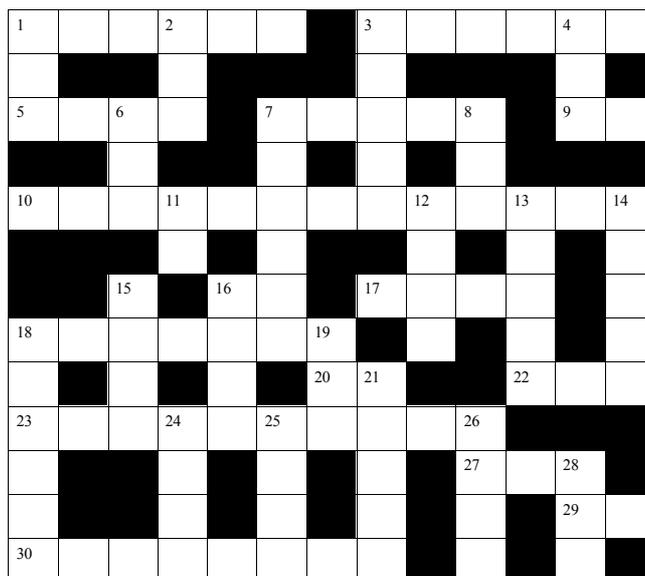
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Crossword

The crossword clues are mainly based on NZ issues to make it "really simple" good luck.



Across

1. 1950 Statue in Christchurch (6)
3. 2003 Veteran Vehicle (6)
5. 1995 An animal (singular) (4)
7. 2003 Return of the King (5)
9. Script ..Watermark (2)
10. 2001 Garden Flower (13)
16. A politically correct Postcard (2)
17. 2005 Bacon on the hoof (4)
18. 1992 Abel Tasman's Ship (7)
20. Edward Rex (or Hospital Series) (2)
22. 1972 Airline (3)
23. 2000 Water gird (5,5)
27. 1994 An Attraction up North in the 1950s (3)
29. 1971 Country ..? (2)
30. 2000 A South Canterbury Definitive (4,4)

Down

1. 1976 Farm Transport (3)
2. Bid up and get yours at Auction (3)
3. 1994 Rainbow? (5)
4. 2002 The Raider (3)
6. 2001 A type of Craft (3)
7. 1984 Great War destination (6)
8. A Single Stamp (3)
11. 1988 Christmas-old English (2)
12. 1996 Extinct Bird on the road to Whatipu (5)
13. 1980 Takapuna Resident (5)
14. 1998 Art with a Trombone (5)
15. 1997 To be avoided in the Garden (4)
16. You buy one of these from the Post Office (4)
18. 2002 Group one Winner (6)
19. You can buy Stamps here (3)
21. Destroy Paper (3,2)
24. 1991 Birthday.... (4)
25. 1994 Ross Dependency Flyer (4)
26. 1990 A Conservative ?(4)
28. 1997 Feathered Box (3)

