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First Stamp's of New Zealand

In 1838, Alfred Edward Chalon was commissioned to paint a full length portrait of Queen Victoria of England as she appeared at the time of her coronation, wearing full Robes of State. It was from this painting that the New Zealand design was adapted.

These stamps are called full face Queens because they show a frontal view of Queen Victoria, whereas the two later sets showed a side view. This design was also used by some other countries and is referred to as the Chalon head.

Perkins, Bacon & Co. were to be the printers of New Zealand's first stamps, and requested that Edward Henry Corbould make a water-colour sketch of the head and bust of Queen Victoria for

the guidance of the engraver William Humphrys.

Humphrys was a very skilled engraver and, using an instrument known as the burin or graver, he cut lines and dots into the surface of a small plate of soft steel and produced the die.

Between 1840 and 1855 there were many letters between the Post Master General for New Zealand and the printers in London. Finally in February 1855, on the ship Simlah, cases containing stamps, plates and a printing press were landed in Wellington and then transhipped to Auckland, per the Nelson, in March.

The Colonial Secretary took delivery of the stamps which, after being checked, were released to six New Zealand towns.

It seems no steps were taken to ensure that the stamps should be issued simultaneously at each office. The recognised date of issue is July 18, 1855, but this date is only when stamps were first made available at the chief office in Auckland. Lyttleton was on August 28, and Wellington October 1.

New Zealand did indeed release a world recognised stamp of quality for the 1850's. The painting by Alfred Edward Chalon is shown on the miniature sheet to commemorate the Royal Philatelic Society's one hundred year anniversary in 1988. Several other countries issued stamps showing the Chalon head - Bahamas, Natal and two Australian states, Queensland and Tasmania.



Left: NZ
miniature sheet

Right: New
Brunswick,
Canada

Far Right:
Queensland,
Australia



Stamp Camp 2012

The Philatelic Youth Council's National Stamp Camp was held at the St. Johns Camp site at Waddington near Sheffield during the first week of the school holidays, 1st to 7th July. Hosted by the Christchurch Youth Stamp Club on behalf of PYC, the annual camp gives a big lift to young stamp collectors, advancing their level of basic skills usually to exhibition level. The camp had fourteen campers who all finished their projects – always a challenge.

Stamp Camp is a holiday camp first with stamp collecting the theme. Waddington was a great site with good facilities. The bunkrooms were warm, kitchen exceptionally good and the study area had enough room for work tables with good lighting. Showers were not bad with plenty of hot water! Out of Camp activities went well and include the Sheffield Pie Shop and Springfield Donut, Air force Museum and Tiki tour of Christchurch with geo-caching in-between!

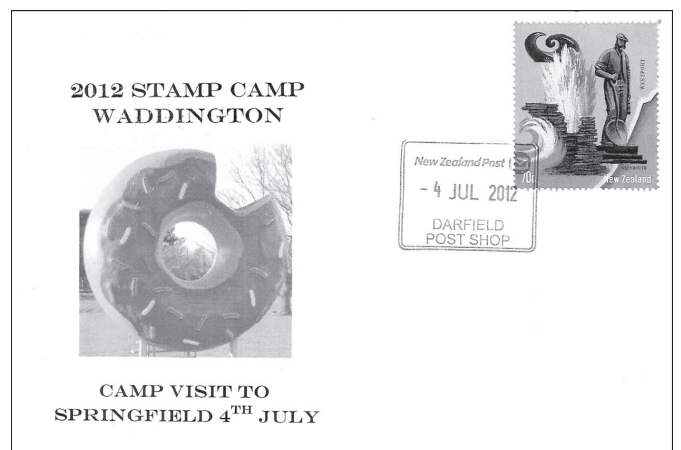
The stamp projects had marvellous results. Subjects included NZ Revenues, Animals as Companions and Friends, Christmas, Agriculture, Wild to Working (Dogs), Search For The Big Five, Armed Forces, Gold, Kiwi Stamps of NZ, The Glory of Gardens, Water Creatures, Children's Books. Eight, sixteen and a couple of 32 page improvement exhibits were completed.

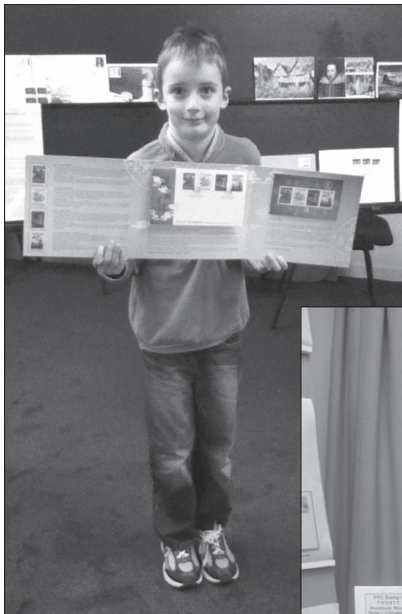
Friday was Judgment Day with 11am being the cut off time. Always a bit of panic for some, it was good to see that campers had all finished their projects. After lunch campers went for a visit to town while the judges had a time free of distraction. They were very pleased with the quality of exhibits through the age groups.

After a special dinner for campers and visitors, the awards were presented. Campers each received a goody bag with a stock book and some other little item specially chosen for them. Each had an official camp cover, featuring the new Donut at Springfield and FD cancelled Tiki Tour stamp. Then the Camp Awards were presented. Louisa Slack from Lower Hutt was overall winner with the Rob Hunt Cup for Best Project and Best Team Leader. The Iris Tyson Memorial Award went to Marcus Hugham from Hamilton. Best 16+ page entry to Anna McTaggart of Lower Hutt. The Val and John Hunt Trophy to Warrick Wright of our Christchurch Youth Club. The highlight of the evening is the Awards the Campers present to Leaders and fellow campers. They are rather fun and have a good dig at us all and make for a fun camp.



So a very good Camp, good facilities, great results, making the efforts of the organizers and the sponsors to bring about great results well worth the efforts.





Left: Thomas of Christchurch who was the winner of guess the number of Kiwis in the jar at CPS 100.



Above and Left: Junel and Rocel of Pukekohe Juniors showing club members their recent competition entries.

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".

ERRORS ON STAMPS



Find the error on the stamps.
Answers on page 4.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



See if you can spot the nine differences on this Great Britain stamp of 1987 between the genuine stamp on the left and the 'forgery' on the right. Draw a circle round each difference on the stamp on the right.

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.

Silver-Bronze

1. The applicant must have been collecting stamps for at least 12 months and must have qualified for the PYC Bronze Achievement Award.
2. The applicant (or a club leader) should write to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland 1140 advising the name and address of a preferred examiner, as well as requesting a Silver-Bronze Achievement Award application form and question paper.
3. The application form and question paper will be sent to the examiner, who will give the ten question paper to the applicant.
4. The applicant should complete the question paper without assistance. There is a time limit of seven days.
5. The examiner should ensure that the applicant has an eight page display of stamps which has been entered into a Society Youth Section or Youth Inter-club competition and received a 60% mark or more, has given a five minute talk on the display, has answered at least five questions on the display and is able to demonstrate an understanding of how to detect watermarks and measure perforations.
6. The completed examiners form and completed question paper should be returned to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland 1140.
7. If the examiner approves the award and the applicant has answered at least 60% of the question paper correctly, the Silver-Bronze Certificate and Silver-Bronze Achievement Award badge will be sent to the examiner or the stamp club leader for presentation at a stamp club meeting.

Silver

1. The applicant must have been collecting stamps for at least two years and must have qualified for the PYC Silver-Bronze Achievement Award.
2. The applicant (or a club leader) should write to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland 1140 advising the name and address of a preferred examiner, as well as requesting a Silver Achievement Award application form and question paper.
3. The application form and question paper will be sent to the examiner, who will give the question paper to the applicant.
4. The applicant should complete the question paper without assistance. There is a time limit of seven days.
5. The examiner should ensure that the applicant has a 16 page display of stamps of National Emerald Award standard, has given a 5 to 10 minute talk on the display, has answered at least eight specialised questions on the display and is able to demonstrate an understanding of how to use a stamp catalogue.
6. The completed examiner's form and completed question paper should be returned to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland 1140.
7. If the examiner approves the award and the applicant has answered at least 75% of the question paper correctly, the Silver Certificate and Silver Achievement Award badge will be sent to the examiner or the stamp club leader for presentation at a stamp club meeting.

Answers to ERRORS on STAMPS

Australia – the northern part of the earth is completely illuminated by the sun, the southern hemisphere completely in the dark, when the sun rises and sets from east to west not north to south.
Liberia – oh dear, spelling mistake, should be ALFA ROMEO