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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 26TH 2008 AT THE UNION JACK CLUB, SANDELL STREET, LONDON STARTING AT 14.00.
THIS WILL A JOINT MEETING WITH THE **PACIFIC ISLANDS STUDY CIRCLE**
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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Enclosed with this *Kiwi* is the annual membership renewal form. Please return this as soon as possible to the Honorary Treasurer. If you fail to renew your membership for 2008, we wish to **remind you** that no further *Kiwis* will be sent until your subscription has been received.

----- ENCLOSURES

With this issue of *The Kiwi*, you should find enclosed:

- ❖ A membership renewal form
- ❖ The annual programme and membership card.

If either is missing, please contact the Honorary Treasurer

SOCIETY NEWS:

NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Society will be a joint meeting with the Pacific Islands Study Circle. Those who have attended previous joint meetings will remember how enjoyable they are and the range of material that is shown. This meeting will, no doubt, be the same.

Displays are required from members of The New Zealand Society of Great Britain on subjects relevant to the relationship between New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

Those with appropriate material and who are willing to display it, please contact Derek Diamond who will be chairing the meeting.

NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHERN REGIONAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Northern Regional Group will be held on February 16th, 2008 at St. Luke's Church, Orrell starting at 13.30.

This is a members meeting and all those attending are invited to bring along items of their own choice – as much as they want.

NEXT MEETING OF THE WESTERN REGIONAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Western Regional Group will be held on March 8th, 2008 at St. John's Church Hall in Taunton, starting at 13.30. Will members please bring along items that have not been shown before – Cinderellas, Postal Stationery, Picture Postcards unwanted gold nuggets etc. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Will members please note that this will be the last meeting to be held at this venue as the hall is to be demolished at the end of August. The location of future meetings and dates will be announced through *The Kiwi* as soon as they are known.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Society publications are now available:

SP 1: *Aspects of Collecting New Zealand Stamps.*

SP 2: *Index to The Kiwi Volumes 1 to 50.* Printed and CD Version.

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MINUTES OF THE 56TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN HELD ON NOVEMBER 11TH 2007.

Apologies had been received from Ernie Leppard, Keith Collins, Paul Wreglesworth and John Smith
The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the 14 members present.

1. Minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting had been published in the January 2007 issue of *The Kiwi* and were unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting subject to clarification of Item 3 : John Smith presented the accounts in his capacity of Hon. Auditor.

Proposed by Maurice Allen and seconded by Bernard Atkinson.

2. Presidents Report and Review of 2007

The Chairman reported that Ernie Leppard had now been in hospital for about 4 months and was not likely to be discharged in the foreseeable future. He is recovering very slowly but has retained his interest in stamp collecting. He recently made bids in the sale of Bernard Symonds collection and was delighted to have completed his collection of early booklets. The meeting wished to send their good wishes to Ernie.

In the absence of our President, the Chairman presented a review of the of the Society's activities for 2007:

2007 has been another successful year in the life of the Society. The last meeting of 2006 included a very successful Annual Auction. This was the first year that team work had produced the auction and our thanks are due to all those involved. The Main meetings started in January with a comprehensive review of Internal and External Airmails from our former Chairman, Lewis Giles. March saw the biennial 12 sheet competition which saw some new entrants. Congratulations to the winners in each class. The May meeting was entertained by our Scottish member, David Stalker, on the unseasonal topic of 'Christmas'. In June, those present celebrated the centenary of the granting of Dominion status to New Zealand with a meeting devoted to the 1d Dominion. It was unfortunate that the New Zealand High Commissioner had to cancel a visit to the Society at short notice. Hopefully, he will make it in the near future. In October, the annual out of London meeting took place at the Convention of Sussex Philatelic Societies at Ardingley. Those attending were taken on a fascinating trip around the North Island by Our Man in New Zealand, John Watts. The meeting was also notable for the awarding of Honorary Life Membership to John for his 30 years of service to the Society.

There has also been a full programme of Regional Meetings during the year. Most of these were open to those members attending to bring along items of interest. This appears to be a very successful meeting format.

Next years meeting promise to have the usual range of topics ranging from postcards to Chalons. There will be a philatelic weekend in Torquay in September: we hope to see you all there enjoying the bracing sea breezes.

The other major event of the year has been the transfer of our Library into the NPS Library. Although it may appear regrettable that this was necessary, it solves a number of major problems with the library and gives members of the Society access one of the widest ranges of philatelic literature in the world. We would encourage you to use the material available.

During the year we were saddened by the death of Bernard Symonds who was responsible for creating the Midland Group.

We were also pleased to hear of the success of Society members in Kiwipex in November 2006. Four won Large Gold medals and also took a number of the major awards.

Thank to all those who do so much to keep the Society running. As always, the Committee is always looking for those willing to help. We look forward to another successful year in 2008.

3. Financial Report from the Acting Hon. Treasurer (Derek Diamond)

Copies of the Annual Accounts were circulated. Derek Diamond reported that since he had taken over in June, he had been spending time understanding the accounting methods of the previous regime. He felt that he now understand the structure and paid tribute to John Smith who had been involved for a number of years and had been very helpful in explaining the previous

system. Derek said that he was both proud and delighted to have been able to present a set of accounts that balanced.

He explained to the meeting that at a superficial level, the accounts were very healthy with income of £14,000 and expenditure of £8,000 resulting in an operating surplus of £6,000. However, there were some exceptional circumstances this year which need to be understood. First, there was an income of £2,500 from the sale of the surplus library items: this will be hypothecated to a Library Fund for the upkeep of the Library. Secondly, postage costs were lower this year than the real cost as a large quantity of postage stamps had been bought at a discount in 2006 and were still being used for postage. This capital sum had been entered in the 2005 accounts.

Nevertheless, there was an overall surplus of £1,500 which was a very satisfactory outcome. Accordingly, **he recommended that the subscription remained unchanged at £15 for 2009.**

A question was raised as to whether there were any plans to use the outstanding reserve balance of £25,000 which is held as a bond. The Treasurer replied that there were no immediate plans but money may be required as a deposit for the printing of further publications. The Committee will discuss the matter.

The question was also asked about the amount of profit made on the annual auction. A profit of about £50 seems small on total sales of £3,500. The Treasurer explained that the remainder of the charge to vendors was absorbed by the cost of producing the catalogue and the extra postage. It was agreed that the auction was a valuable service to members and should continue so long as it paid its way. It was also suggested that the catalogue could be e-mailed to members to save postage. This will be considered for future events.

The accounts were unanimously accepted. Proposed by Brian Stonestreet and seconded by Tony Stevens.

4. Report from the Hon. Packet Secretary (Bernard Atkinson):

Bernard Atkinson presented his accounts to the meeting.

Overall, he said that it had been another successful year with a profit of about £1,300.

He asked that those receiving the packet ensure that they adhere to the correct procedures. As always more material is required.

The Packet Secretary's report was unanimously accepted. Proposed by Brian Stonestreet and seconded by Tony Stevens.

5. Report from the Hon. Library Liaison Officer (Michael Wilkinson):

Michael said that in the 5 months since he had been appointed, he had held a number of discussions with the Librarian of the NPS. These had been directed towards ensuring that the library was available for members on production of their membership card and that other parts of the agreement were clear. The discussions had been concluded satisfactorily and, although there are some areas which were not yet clear, he was sure that they would be clarified in due course.

Two areas of interest were new acquisitions and maintenance. Agreement had been reached that the NPS Library will select which items to acquire in its own name and the Society will then purchase any other items that it feels should be added to the Library. The drawback with this arrangement is that if, for any reason, the NPS Library ceased to exist and the Library was returned to the NZ Society, there would be gaps in it. However, it seems likely that the arrangement with the NPS will continue in perpetuity so that concern is minimised. The other area that is still to be clarified is the responsibility for the maintenance of the loaned items and binding of journals. This is likely to fall on the NZ Society but Michael will report back in due course.

Michael also reported that he had a considerable number of journals remaining which were not required by the NPS. He would be seeking to sell them to members via an auction in 2008.

Thanks were expressed to Michael for his work in continuing the good work started by Derek in ensuring that Society members have access to a high quality library as part of their membership subscription.

6. Election of Officers of the Society

The outgoing committee had all agreed to stand for re-election:

President	Ernie Leppard
Vice Presidents	Allan Berry, John Smith
Chairman (E)	Derek Diamond
Vice Chairman	Vacant
General Secretary (E)	Keith Collins
Editor of <i>The Kiwi</i> (E)	Andrew Dove
Packet Secretary	Bernard Atkinson
Treasurer (E)	Derek Diamond
Auctioneer	Alan Baker
Honorary Library Liaison Officer	Michael Wilkinson
Membership Secretary	Derek Diamond
Publicity Officer	Paul Wreglesworth
Meeting Reporters	Andrew Dove and Derek Diamond
Auditor	John Smith

Additional members of the Committee were proposed as follows:

- Northern Group Secretary – Jack Lindley
- Scottish Group Organiser – John Studholme
- Western Group Organiser – Paul North

The proposed Committee was elected unanimously. Proposed by Tony Stephens and seconded by Maurice Allen.

7. Any Other Business

1. Notification had been received that the library of the Caledonian Philatelic Society had been lost during a recent refurbishment of its home in the Glasgow University Library. All volumes have a hand stamp 'Caledonian Philatelic Society' in them. If anybody sees anything answering this description, please notify the Chairman who will pass the information on.
2. Arrangements are well in hand for the Philatelic weekend in Torquay next September. Hopefully, there will be good turnout. Further information will be published in *The Kiwi*.
3. The question of the number of members was also raised. Currently, about 280 copies of each issue of *The Kiwi* are posted. Although the total membership has dropped by 6 in the past 4 years, there has been a trend to lose members in recent years. The Committee will consider options and it was suggested that we should ask Warwick Paterson to post another flyer with his Newsletter.

8. In conclusion, Brian Stonestreet thanked those who had organised the very successful meeting at Ardingley. He also reflected the feelings of the meeting when he thanked Derek and Esmé Diamond for the extra duties taken on in the past year.

The meeting closed at 11.55.

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 30th September 2007

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Brought Forward 1/10/06				Auction 06	3,487.98	3,472.17	
Current Account	3,492.97			Kiwi Production:			
Deposit Accounts	<u>23,350.57</u>	26,843.54	26,352.98	Printing	2,341.00		
				Postage & Expenses	325.30	2,666.30	4,323.00
Interest: Deposits		764.69	774.10				
				Meetings			
				UJC	1,073.00		
				Regional	115.64		
Packet A/c received		1,500.00	1,500.00	Torquay deposit	250.00		
				Coventry	<u>290.00</u>	1,728.64	1,920.23
Library & Publications		73.40	58.91	Society Expenses:	79.43		
				Competitions	<u>44.10</u>	123.53	225.77
Coventry 06		265.00					
Kiwi Adverts		1,055.00	430.88	Library		-	-
Auction 06		3,530.00	3558.30				
				Subscriptions:			
Subscriptions - including advance payments and donations		4,461.05	4263.14	ABPS	97.20		
				N.Z. Federation	<u>40.00</u>	137.20	153.60
Literature Sales	3,141.52			Carried Forward 30.9.07:			
Expenses	<u>614.43</u>	2,527.09	-	Library Fund	2,527.09		
				Current Account	5,349.03		
				Deposit Account	<u>25,000.00</u>	32,876.12	26,843.54
		<u>£41,019.77</u>	<u>£36,938.31</u>			<u>£41,019.77</u>	<u>£36,938.31</u>

Audited and found correct in accordance with the books, papers and statements produced to me

J.A.W.Smith FCIB, ACIS, Hon Auditor

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN
PACKET ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH 2007

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Gross Income from Packet Sales	10,314.18	9,067
Deduct payments received but not yet remitted to owners 30.9.07	2,275.15	1774
Add payments received and held over at 30.9.07	8,039.03	7,293
	1,773.88	2,627
	<u>9,812.91</u>	<u>9,920</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE:</u>		
Cheques to Members		
Postage, Telephone, Printing and Stationery.	8,064.87	7,834
Insurance 2006/2007	206.49	174
Advance payment of Insurance for 2007/2008	34.56	-
	212.00	212
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>8,517.92</u>	<u>8,220</u>
PROFIT FOR YEAR	1,294.99	1,700
	<u>9,812.91</u>	<u>9,920</u>
<u>SUMMARY:</u>		
Balance brought forward 1.10.06		
Add Profit for Year	416.57	216
	1,294.99	1,700
	<u>1,711.56</u>	<u>1,916</u>
Deduct Transfer to General Society Funds	1,500.00	1,500
	<u>211.56</u>	<u>416</u>
Add amount due to Members 30.9.07	2,275.15	1,774
	<u>2,486.71</u>	<u>2,190</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
Current Account	3,986.71	3,690
Less in Transit to General Fund	1,500.00	1,500
	<u>£2,486.71</u>	<u>£2,190</u>

The Packet Account has been audited and found correct in accordance with the books and papers produced to me.

J.A.W. Smith, FCIB, ACIS, Hon. Auditor

Once again I would urge members to follow the instructions contained in the letter which accompanies each packet, (Telephone forward and confirm on remittance slip). I still require material for inclusion in future packets.

Bernard Atkinson

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MIDLAND GROUP ON 6TH OCTOBER 2007

Mini displays on the subject of 'Design' were shown by four of the members attending.

Ian Samuel started with a display of commemorative miniature sheets focussing particularly on those with philatelic exhibition overprints. He drew attention to the beautiful art work on the surrounds which blend in with the stamp designs used.

John Potter showed some of the 1925 Dunedin Exhibition stamps which show a mixture of Maori and Art Deco influence with associated covers, postcards and an unusual letter card. The issue was designed by Harry Linley Richardson so, for good measure, John showed a sheet of the KGV 8d indigo blue stamps which were also designed by Richardson.

Mike Smith displayed some unusually shaped stamps – round, diamond, triangular shaped, a hologram stamp and the pigeon-gram triangular sheet of 1997 as well as the composite designs of the Christmas stamps for 1991 – 1993. In addition, he showed a study of the 1946 Peace issue, the designs of which expressed gratitude to all who had contributed to the achievement of Peace.

Laurence Kimpton showed the designs of the cachets and covers for the trans-Pacific flights of 1939 – 1940 – both ways. One cover had a cachet, including a flying boat design, which never flew that service. He also put up a selection of BCPA airmail singles, blocks and booklets, some of which are quite rare.

The date of the next meeting is to be advised but will probably be in late March/early April 2008 when members may 'Feel Free' to bring along anything that tickles their fancy!

NOTES FROM THE JOINT MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH AND NORTHERN REGIONAL GROUPS HELD IN CARLISLE ON OCTOBER 13TH, 2007

A very successful joint meeting of the two groups took place at Carlisle chaired by Alexander McCulloch. There were 9 Scottish and 4 English exhibitors including one new Scottish member, Keith Walker, who was attending his first meeting.

The displays given were as follows:

Stuart Potter showed covers from the 1934 official flights from Australia – New Zealand. There were 5 flights in all and he showed examples from the 17/2/1934 and 29/3/1934 flights.

John Studholme showed a range of examples of the 1d Field Marshall stamps.

Jack Lindley showed booklet panes, the 1905 specially used booklet plate, the 1907 10/- Official booklet, booklet pairs on cover and parcel postmarks. He then went on the show Coronation Airmail covers.

Paul Wreglesworth showed postal history of the Second Sides. Included in the display were a wide range of markings including Acknowledge and Receipt (AR) markings, markings for international carriage, compulsorily registered, found open and officially sealed, a South African War 'Opened under Marshal Law', irregularly posted and deficient postage.

Peter Brown showed a selection from the Scenic Stamps series of issues. **Keith Walker** showed covers from the north Dunedin Post Office. **Ken Andison** showed a selection of issues from 1996 – 2000. **David Edwards** showed the 5c Spotless Crake in blocks up to the 4 Kiwi reprint.

Mike Kirwan showed errors and varieties including production errors (imperforate or misplaced perforations), printing errors (offsets), colour shifts, missing colours, multiple inking and inking flaws. **Don Scregg** showed part of his Christchurch Exhibition collection that could not be accommodated in his competitive exhibit at Kiwipex where he won a Large Gold medal.

David Stalker showed items from the FastPost service and commemorative new issues showing Scott Base, the Annual Chinese New Year issue (Year of the Pig), Plunkett Society, Scouting and New Zealand Rugby League.

Alexander McCulloch completed the displays showing items from the 1935 Second Pictorials including the 1d temporary perforation in Plate Block and the 4d Wartime issue (which was printed by Waterlow and perforated by De La Rue) in two Plate Blocks. He also showed the 1954 QEII first issue including a page of the very scarce abnormal plate block of the 2½d on 3d and a variety of forgeries of the 2d on the small 1½d. He also showed a piece of cloth which Captain Cook brought back from the Sandwich Islands for his wife. Associated with the cloth was a letter confirming its authenticity.

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN GROUP HELD ON NOVEMBER 10TH 2007

Twelve members were present with apologies from two more. The display was by John Watts: 'A Tour of the North Island using Advertising Envelopes'. This was the same display as that given at Ardingley on October 13th, 2007 and reported in the November issue of *The Kiwi*.

It was an excellent display and much enjoyed by all those present. We thanked John for the display and the members responded in the usual manner before the meeting closed at 16.30.

PROGRAMME FOR 2008

The programme for 2007 was confirmed as:

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| ** January 26 th | Joint meeting with the Pacific Islands Study Circle |
| * March 29 th | Postcards |
| * May 31 st | Chalons – Members Queries |
| ** July 26 th | King George VI |
| September 27 th – 29 th | A Philatelic Weekend in Torquay |
| * November 29 th | AGM and Auction |

*The meeting will start at 11.00

**The meeting will be preceded by a Committee Meeting

A NOTE FROM THE HONORARY EDITOR

During 2007, *The Kiwi* was entered in the New Zealand National Literature Competition. In the Judges comments, the magazine was severely criticised because of the content and was marked down accordingly. The basis of the criticism was the lack of philatelic content.

After starting as Editor in March, 1997, I wrote in the second issue that I produced that I believed that the function of *The Kiwi* was fourfold: the official channel of communication of the Society, a source of factual information, a route through which original research could be published and, lastly, a forum for members queries to be answered.

This remains my view. However, I would be very pleased to hear the views of the membership on all aspects of the magazine. I would also like to encourage those who might be able to produce an article or other contribution to the Journal. Whatever, my wishes, *The Kiwi* can only be as interesting as the contributions that I receive.

RESULTS OF THE 2007 ANNUAL SOCIETY AUCTION

The Society held a successful auction on 24 November. Total sales exceeded £4,000 and postal bidders dominated much of the action. The Society thanks:

Alan Baker	: Auctioneer
Andrew Dove	: Compiling Auction catalogue
Lewis Giles	: Display of lots
Brian Stonestreet	: Handling of lots during the auction
David Goodgame	: Recording
Derek & Esmé Diamond	: Printing auction catalogues, recording auction, collecting payments and settling with vendors

LIST OF PRICES REALISED

(Any lot not shown did not sell)

Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£
B	3	23	40	61	11	94	4	142	18	229	26	318	65
C	10	24	11	62	16	95	19	143	6	237	6	319	35
D	8	25	10	63	12	96	18	146	28	242	33	320	52
E	3	26	16	64	10	97	32	148	60	244	31	322	50
F	1	27	16	65	21	100	18	150	130	246	22		
G	1	28	14	66	8	101	31	151	50	248	65		
H	9	29	12	68	6	102	33	152	120	249	15		
I	9	30	45	69	17	103	16	153	40	250	8		
J	1	31	12	70	20	104	19	166	70	251	14		
K	1	32	14	71	6	105	25	167	5	252	43		
L	9	33	80	72	10	106	14	171	8	256	60		
M	6	34	55	73	7	107	15	173	9	257	19		
N	5	35	22	74	11	113	15	180	6	258	14		
O	6	38	14	75	9	114	16	182	21	276	38		
P	45	39	9	76	3	115	6	185	18	277	10		
Q	14	40	40	77	6	116	4	186	13	278	22		
AA	1	41	11	78	6	117	5	187	9	281	5		
BB	15	42	5	79	5	118	10	188	4	289	50		
CC	26	43	8	81	2	120	14	189	8	290	25		
DD	26	45	7	82	2	121	3	190	16	293	22		
4	12	46	10	83	2	125	44	191	14	296	50		
8	20	47	9	84	3	127	5	193	60	298	70		
	18	51	16	85	17	128	36	196	16	300	7		
13	38	53	46	86	10	131	21	198	17	309	15		
15	5	54	150	87	5	132	12	201	47	310	25		
18	15	55	180	88	6	133	7	211	20	311	20		
19	10	56	17	89	11	134	16	213	5	314	100		
20	4	57	37	90	3	135	21	214	13	315	40		
21	24	58	22	91	5	137	12	219	75	316	90		
22	70	60	50	92	10	141	24	221	10	317	9		

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MEETINGS OF THE NORTHERN REGIONAL GROUP IN 2008

The Northern Regional Group will meet on February 16th, May 17th, September 13th and November 8th in 2008.

NEW CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE SCOTTISH REGIONAL GROUP

From January 1st, 2008, the co-ordinator for the Scottish Regional Group will be John Studholme. His address is Glenallan, Kings Road, Longniddry, East Lothian, EH32 0NN, e-mail address: john.studholme@btinternet.com and telephone number 01975 852171.

INFORMATION RECEIVED:

MEDIA RELEASES

STAMPS COMMEMORATE NZ'S INTREPID ANTARCTIC ADVENTURERS

16 October 2007

The 50th Anniversary of The Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition is being commemorated in New Zealand Post's Ross Dependency stamp issue.

The expedition was a joint venture between Great Britain and New Zealand, led by British Dr. Vivian (later Sir) Fuchs and supported by the New Zealand team headed by local hero Sir Edmund Hillary.

The expedition aimed to achieve the goal of epic adventurer Sir Ernest Shackleton to achieve the first crossing of Antarctica from Weddell Sea, with a Ross Sea support group.

Committing £50,000 to the 3473 kilometre expedition, the New Zealand Government formed a special committee to help oversee the bilateral project. Six hundred and sixty five people applied

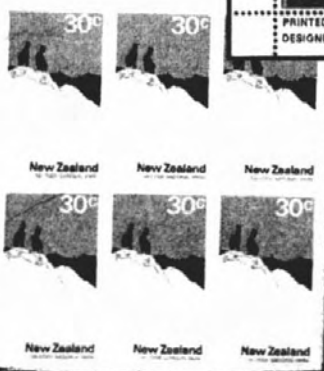
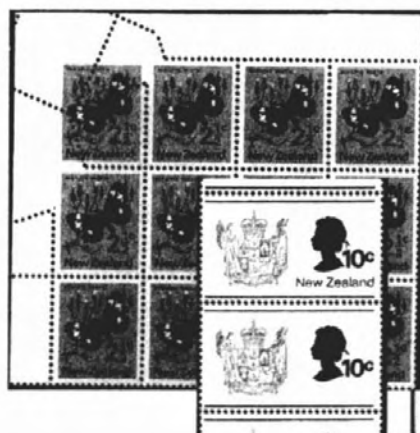
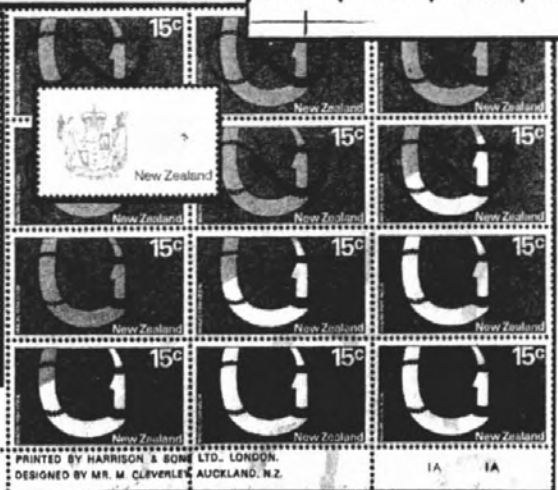
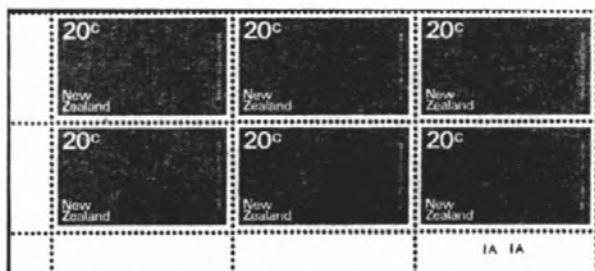
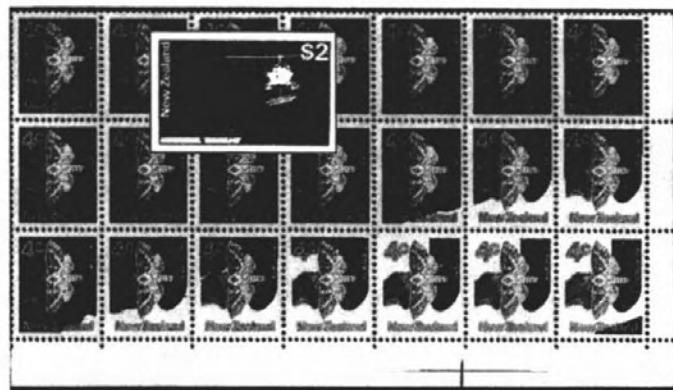


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Classic Stamps Ltd have been given the Paul Wales multiple gold medal winning collection of the 1970 Definitives of New Zealand to offer for sale by tender.

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to join the expedition, while a public appeal was launched to help raise funds to support what was considered the last great journey in Antarctica.

Fuchs and his advance party established the Weddell Sea base in the summer of 1955 – 56. Hillary and his team, travelling on the HMNZS *Endeavour* arrived at McMurdo Sound in early January 1957.

The mess hut at Scott Base was completed on 20 January 1957 and the New Zealand ensign rose for the first time in the New Zealand Ross Dependency.

Life in the ice settled down for both teams into a matter of routine, planning and forward reconnaissance work. Hillary's team was to support Fuchs' but Fuchs was running late due to difficult crevasse areas. Faced with the prospect of an unacceptably long wait, he sought approval to continue on to the South Pole. Approval was given and Hillary's team reached the Pole on January 4th, 1957. They had less than one drum of fuel left to spare.

Sir Lawrence Kirwin, director of the Royal Geographical Society was to say, 'good old Ed.'

Fuchs arrived just days later on January 20th.

New Zealand Stamps general manager Ivor Masters says this is a slice of New Zealand Antarctic history, New Zealand Post is proud to commemorate.

'These men were the bravest of the brave; intrepid, stoic and staunch. They were the modest heroes of their time but their feats still loom large in the mind of New Zealanders at Scott Base. We hope these stamps bolster interest in New Zealand's role in exploring the last unexplored continent.

Stamps:

- 50c – Beaver aircraft
- \$1.00 – Sledge
- \$1.50 – Sledge dogs
- \$2.00 – TE20 Ferguson tractor
- \$2.50 – HMNZS *Endeavour*

The stamps and first day cover were designed by Cue Design, Wellington and printed by offset lithography by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin. They will be available from the usual outlets from 7 November 2007.

PERSONALISED STAMPS



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A new sheet of personalised stamps will be available from November 7th, 2007 and is illustrated above. The tabs in between the stamps may be used to carry a photo or message of your choice. For further information visit: www.nzpost.co.nz/personalisedstamps. The sheetlet was designed by Saatchi and Saatchi of Wellington and printed in offset lithography by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin.

TARAPEX 2008

Bulletin Number 1 for Tarapex 2008 which will be held in New Plymouth between November 7th and 9th, 2008 has now been issued. The venue will be the TSB Stadium which is adjacent to the racecourse and which was also used for the Tarapex 1998 National Stamp Exhibition.

All classes are catered for and the exhibition will be held under the patronage of the New Zealand Philatelic Federation Inc. It will be governed by the 'Approved Regulations for New Zealand National Philatelic Exhibitions'.

The first bulletin contains the exhibition regulations and all potential exhibitors are recommended to obtain a copy. The closing date for entries is 30th June, 2008. Adult frame fees are \$25 per frame.

A copy of the bulletin is on the philatelic federation website: www.nzpf.org.nz. There will be an exhibition website opened soon: www.tarapex.co.nz. The address for correspondence is:

Secretary, TARAPEX 2008, P.O. Box 7129, New Plymouth, New Zealand.

E-mail: tarapex@xtra.co.nz.

As with previous recent National exhibitions, a series of souvenirs is to be issued. The first order form is enclosed with the bulletin and illustrates the first 2 stamps showing Mount Egmont.

RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS ARTICLES:

A FOLLOW UP TO 'WHAT WOULD SMITHY HAVE SAID?'

HARRY FOX

I was very interested to read Evan Williams article on the rivalry between Kingsford-Smith and Ulm and the 1934 Trans – Tasman flight (1). I would like to add a little further information.

The Avro 618 and the Fokker F VII/3m were, in fact, the same aeroplane but the version made by Avro was made under licence by A. V. Roe. The 'Southern Moon' was altered to enable Ulm to try and obtain the franchise for carting mail from Australia to the United Kingdom. The modifications included a larger wing, more powerful engines and larger fuel tanks. The attempt to impress the Australian Postal Authorities came to nothing as the aircraft was severely damaged on the beach in Ireland whilst preparing for the flight across the Atlantic. After the damage had been repaired, all that remained of the original 'Southern Moon' was the tail unit and one of the wheels!

Regarding the special cover shown: there were at least 3 different printings. The first is illustrated in Evan's article, the second shows 'Oot' and '1935' (rather than 'Oct' and '1934') and the third has a dotted line on the right omitted. There are 6 recorded postmarks (these are not cachets), all of which are worded the same but have a slightly different layout. A full description of these variations can be found in Volume 2 of *The Airmails of New Zealand* (2).

I must confess that I do not understand the first day cover statement as this is simply a cover carried on the first flight by Kingsford Smith carrying official mail. It is, as it states, the 6th crossing by the aircraft.

I do not think that the first All Australian flight can really be classed as successful as the 'Southern Sun' crashed at Alor Star and was a complete write-off. It is recorded that the loss of 'Southern Sun' was ultimately the reason for A. N. A. being wound up.

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SOME THOUGHTS ON 'THE NATURE OF PERFORATIONS'

ALLAN BERRY

I have read with interest the article entitled 'The Nature of Perforations' by Derek Diamond which was published in the last issue of *The Kiwi* (1). The varieties that Derek encounters in the 1898 First Pictorial Definitive set I also see in the early Government Life Insurance issues, and they occur in other issues as well, notably the Sidefaces.

The article concentrates on a 'tree' in an effort to explain what happened and how. I am a little concerned about the divisions 23 and 24 being divided into whether or not the correction involved official patching. In discussions with others, particularly the late Dr. Ken McNaught, the considered opinion was that patching was used in all cases to cover the misaligned perforations and that the new perforations were put in place after this patching. I would submit that it is likely that such patching would only survive on unused copies of the issues affected as it would come away when used stamps so affected were washed off paper.

Derek also uses the terms external and internal when describing perforations of a different gauge on the edge of the stamp, be it top, bottom, right or left. The old nomenclature worried Ken McNaught and he wrote an article on the subject which was published in two parts in *The New Zealand Stamp Collector* (2, 3). Also useful is his article in Volume 70 of *The New Zealand Stamp Collector* (4, 5). Ken felt that in describing these mixed perforations, the correcting measure, which would be in the right place, had to be described as left of, right of, above or below the incorrect perforations, depending on which edge of the stamp was affected – hence 11 over 10 and so on.

To add to the discussion, it may be useful to refer to my article in *The New Zealand Stamp Collector* (6) in which I described a horizontal pair from the last printing of the 2d V.R. Government Life with the bottom selvedge still attached which was imperforate between the stamp and selvedge. I believe this is accidental and would probably be classified in Derek's tree as 12.

One of the interesting questions is how they were able to perforate only part of the sheet using a line perforator. There is no doubt that the whole process was very labour intensive, but I suppose that they had the man power to undertake the task.

At that time, also, every sheet of watermarked paper was treated with the same security as bank note paper. Each was numbered and had to be accounted for. *The New Zealand Stamp Collector* published a series of articles in the early 1970's showing the date that sheet numbers were delivered to the Custodian of Stamps. The sheets were larger than required, so pieces of the selvedge could be cut off to be used for patching, either on that sheet or another. It would be interesting to know whether the patching strips showed any evidence of the watermark.

I believe that the first part of the process was that once out of place perforations were observed, patching paper was placed over them at the back. It would then have been relatively easy for the worker to line up the defective sheet to put in a row of perforations in the correct place.

In my Government Life collection, I have a used copy of the 2d V.R. stamp that was torn and officially repaired by patching before issue. Amazingly, the patching has survived.

As I said earlier, my interest is because the same varieties occur in the first issue of the Government Life stamps. Indeed Ken's articles were to a large extent prompted by a book *Government Life Insurance Stamps* by Jim Brodie (7) into which I had a significant input.

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I do not know whether it occurs in the First Pictorials, but you may also have to consider the how and the why of the process when stamps were patched in replace defective impressions. This certainly happened in one case in the first Government Life stamps, and in the second issue as well. I know that it also happened as late as the 1940 Centennial Issue although these stamps were not printed in New Zealand. That suggests that a sheet was put aside to provide stamps for the purpose. All very interesting and confusing.

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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND MEMBERS QUERIES:

HELP PLEASE WITH AN UNUSUAL POSTAGE LABEL

ERIC LEWIS

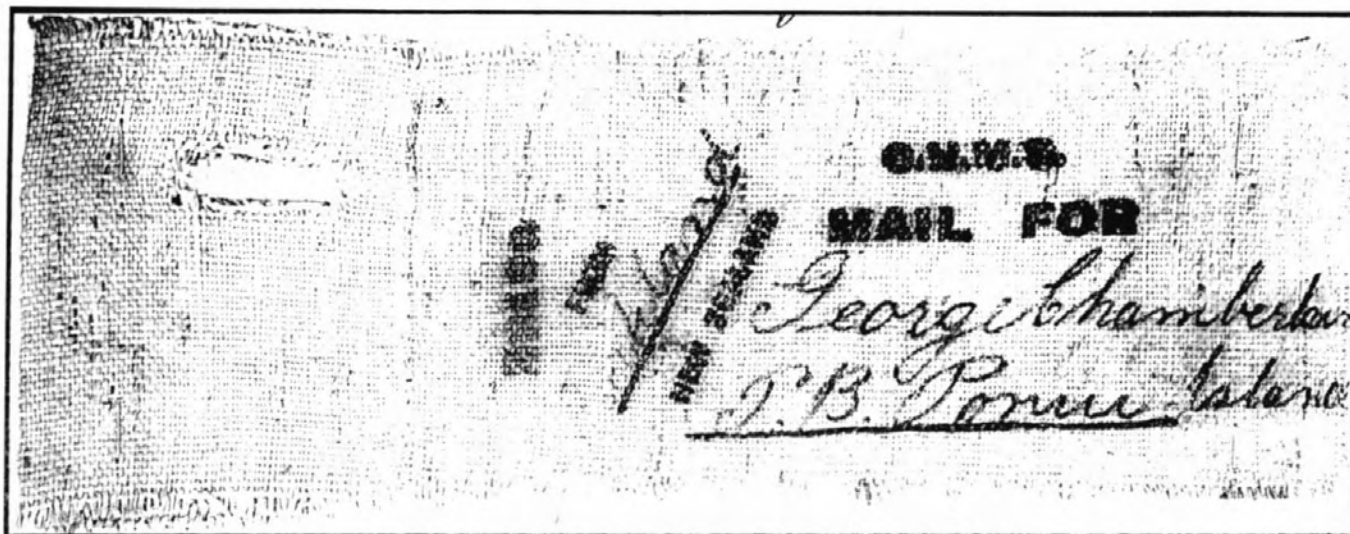


Figure 1 (80% of actual size)

One of my interests is in unusual postage media, for example, leaves posted home as souvenirs etc. A recently acquired item is shown in Figure 1 and I would be grateful for help in identifying its function and the reason for its existence.

It is made out of coarse linen which is double thickness at the left hand end of the piece. At this end, too, is a slot. The cachet is printed 'FROM NEW ZEALAND' but manuscript 'AUCKLAND'. Also, can anybody identify the island named in the address and tell me what 'P.B.' stands for?

Any assistance would be gratefully received – answers to the Hon. Editor, please.

BRITISH MAIL INWARDS TO NEW ZEALAND NOW HANDLED BY DX MAIL

ALAN TUNNICLIFFE

Since 1 October 2007, overseas mail items coming into New Zealand have been handled not by NZ Post, as has always been the case in the past, but by DX Mail.

DX Mail is a privately owned registered postal operator that has been in the mail delivery business for many years, since long before the deregulation of internal mail carriers. It is owned by the Freightways Group, a transport and courier company that is NZ Post's largest competitor in the field.

The treatment of inwards mail from the British Isles (i.e. from Royal Mail, the Channel Islands and Isle of Man) is carried out in various ways, depending on the type of postal item (letter, packet or parcel) and the address to be delivered to (street address in main centres, streets elsewhere, private box or bag, or rural delivery).

When mail is addressed to a PO Box (as is most of my mail), then DX Mail will hand the mail over to NZ Post for delivery, as they normally do for internal mail that they receive which is going to NZ Post private boxes.

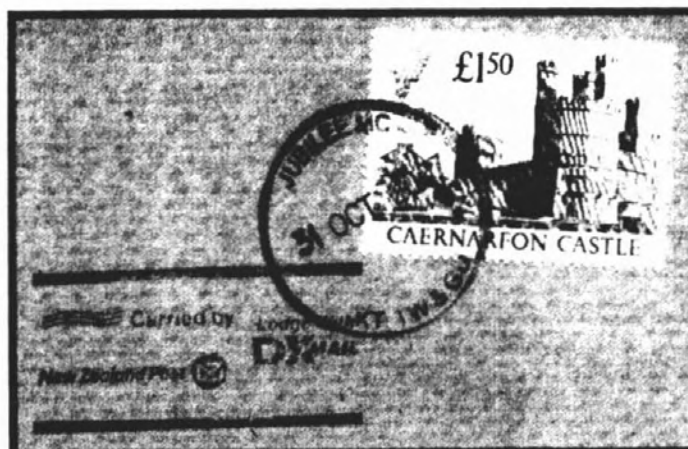


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows the stamp from the envelope I received with the November issue of *The Kiwi*. The £1.50 Caernarfon Castle stamp, datestamped at Jubilee on 30 October 2007 has the DX Mail marking in black applied near but not over the stamp and Royal Mail datestamp. I have however, seen over items where the DX Mail marking does go over the stamps. This marking has two parts, the LF part saying "Carried by New Zealand Post" and the RH part saying "Lodge With DXMAIL". This is the same marking that is applied to internal mail given to NZ Post to deliver.

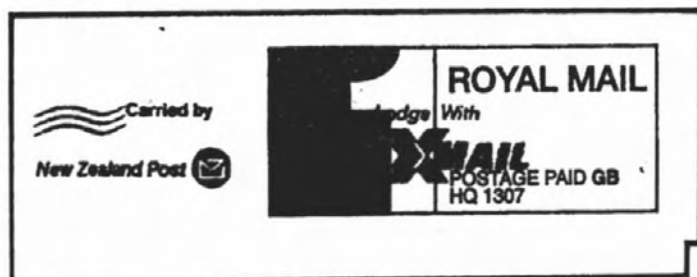


Figure 2



Figure 3

Figure 2 and Figure 3 are examples of mail from England and Jersey Island where the postage was not paid by stamps but indicated by printed indicia. In these cases the DX Mail marking is a red machine printed one with identical wording to the black one in Figure 1 and likewise is the same as that normally applied by DX Mail before they hand mail over to NZ Post for delivery.

Figure 4 is from a plastic envelope a blue sticky label has been applied by DX Mail in this case.

Mail addressed to rural areas and places outside the mail centres, where DX Mail does not deliver mail themselves would be treated similarly, although I do not have examples to illustrate.

In contrast, when mail is addressed to street addresses in the main centres where DX Mail does deliver householder and business street addresses, is handled differently. The DX Mail markings only say "Lodge With DXMAIL" and the postal items are delivered by DX Mail carriers using

motorcycles to deliver to mailboxes in the central city and suburbs of cities such as Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Figure 5 shows the DX Mail marking over one of the stamps on a large size envelope delivered to my house by DX Mail.



Figure 4



Figure 5

Figure 6 is an example of a packet. In this case DX Mail has attached a blue sticky label and in addition a NZ Post brown PacketPost (up to 500g) label has been applied. This treatment has been the same whether the items was delivered by NZ Post to a PO Box or a street address, in the latter case presumably because DX Mail do not want to handle heavier non-letter mail items themselves.



Figure 6

This situation is an interesting development in the modern world. One question that remains to be answered is what will happen when mail from Britain is delivered by DX Mail to street addresses where the addressee has recently moved to another address. Householders in NZ can use NZ Post's redirection service (at a fee) and during the Christmas season there are likely to be many thousands of Christmas cards coming into NZ from UK that will end up at the wrong addresses and will be returned to NZ Post for delivery. I presume that NZ Post will then charge DX Mail an extra fee for redirection as this mail will be identifiable. Any further information and future developments will be reported on later this year.

POSTAL STATIONERY QUERIES

NEIL JONES

The May issue of *The Kiwi* carried notes of the March Society Meeting (1) in which it was reported that Derek Diamond had shown a postal stationery envelope which did not match known sizes.

I can report two King Edward VII unused ½d postcards which also do not conform with the recognised sizes (Figure 1). Postcard (a) has a stamp in dark blue and measures 134mm x 91.5mm. Postcard (b) has a blue stamp and measures 140.5mm x 89.5mm. I wonder whether these two cards are from the small supplies provided for use in the Dickie dispensing machine which are mentioned in Volume IX of the handbook (2). Can anybody help?

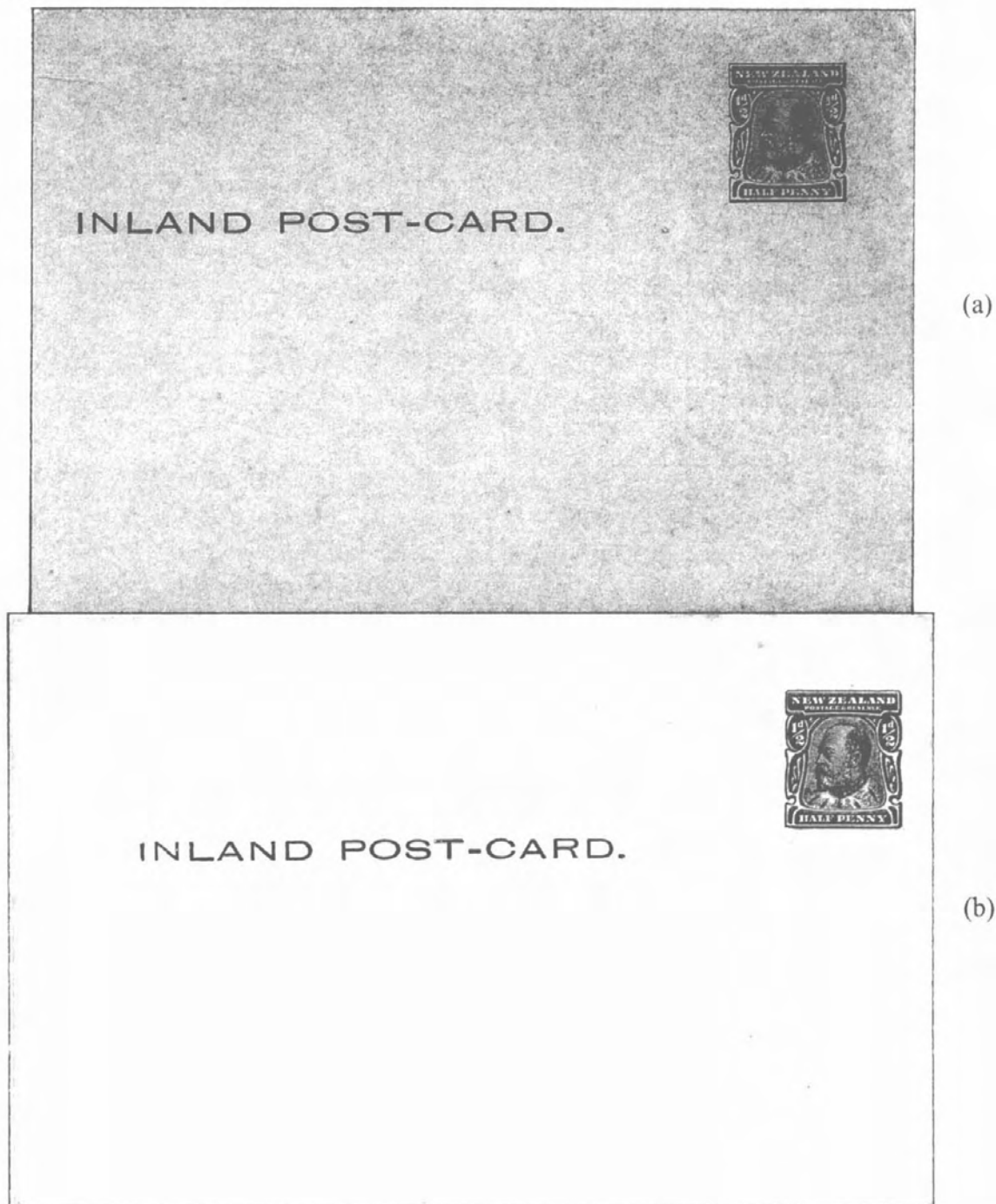


Figure 1

I also have a used Government Stationery Department envelope which is illustrated in Figure 2. The printing order number is [2,000/3/1901 – 1762. Robert Samuel records the introduction of the ER monogram as being in August 1901 (3) and illustrates an envelope with the printing order number 2,000/8/1901 – 6510. The example shown would seem to suggest that the new monogram was introduced in March 1901 although, considering that Queen Victoria died on January 31st, 2001, the new design was produced very expeditiously.

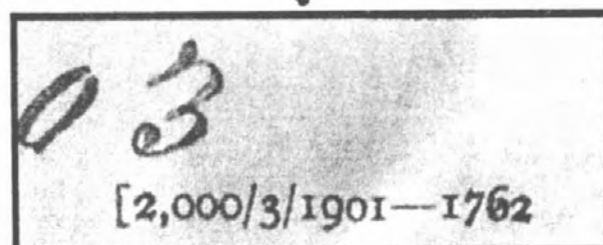
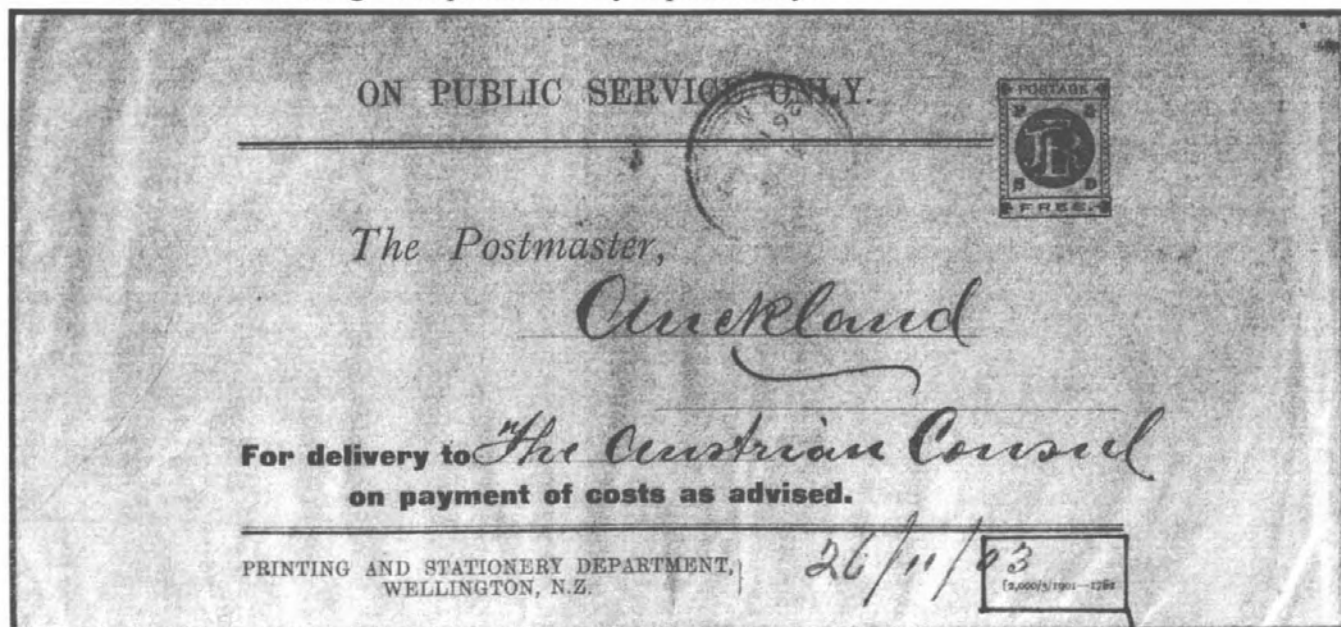


Figure 2

Has anyone seen an example with this print order number before or any other thoughts?

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POSTMARKS

MIKE SHAND

Whilst I was enjoying Kiwipex last year, a very nice gentleman from New Zealand Post gave a talk and was asked, amongst other things, about the quality of New Zealand Post postmarking. He made reassuring noises BUT in my mail since that time, items such as that shown in Figure 1 could be considered 'normal'.

Having used up all their ink on such items, they kindly make compensation by allowing re-use of stamps for postage by not postmarking stamps as they pass through (Figure 2).

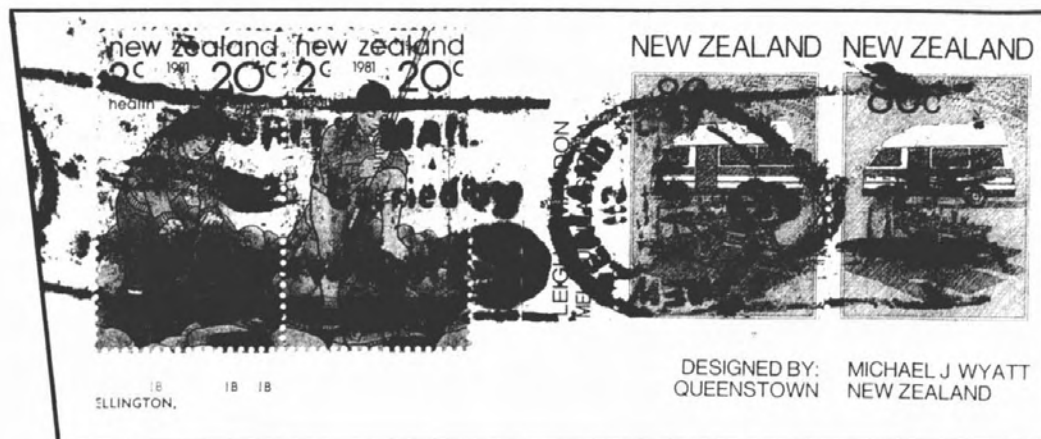


Figure 1

Luckily, the puritanical Canadian Post Office is firmly against allowing re-use so helps them out! (Figure 3). Both the items shown in Figures 2 and 3 originated in Auckland and were delivered in Ottawa on November 27th (the KOA postal code is used in the Ottawa area).



Figure 2

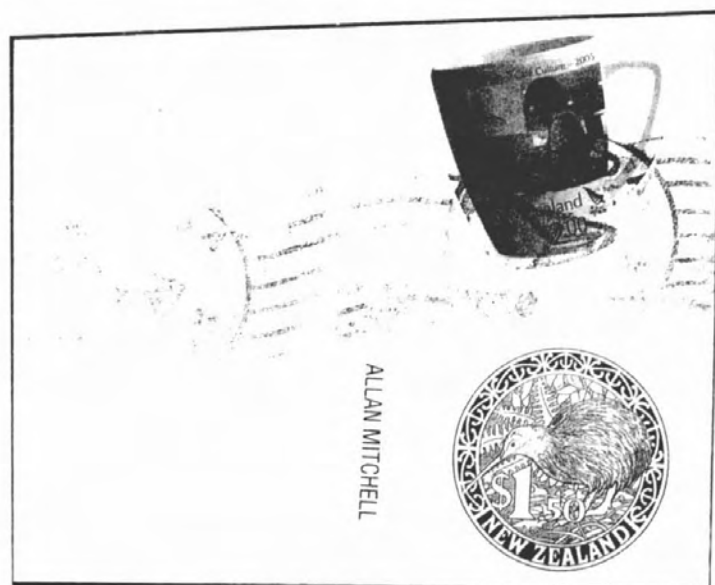


Figure 3

Alas, the only decent postmarks that I seem to get are when my friend Alan Tunnicliffe, who edits the *NZ Air Mail News* does a mailing from Ferrymead Historic Park (Figure 4). Good postmarks are indeed a thing of Postal History:



Figure 4

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