

Use of NZ P-Stamps at Christmas

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Merry Christmas



Image © Moira Hobbs 2022

*Lester Hutton
40 Bromley Rd,
Bromley
Christchurch 8062*



Cover 05/20

This was the cover for the Christmas card that we sent to some collectors of P-Stamps in NZ.

The image is by the talented UK Artist **Moira Hobbs**
100 stamps were printed.
20 were used on covers. All FDI



This was the specially printed insert in our Christmas cover.



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*Seasons Greetings
&
all the Very Best for 2023.*

*Thank you for your
support during the year.*

Happy collecting.

Kind regards.

*Jo Blyth & Tony Ward
2022*

Some inserts were used like a maxicard.



We organized 3 Christmas Series that involved groups of 8 collectors.

The first Series group was hands-on for the 8 contributors.

A plain envelope, with enclosed Christmas card, was used posted out individually to the other contributors. We thought it was a good way of encouraging goodwill between like minded collectors.

Each one contributed an image for a personalized stamp.
Sometimes they are personal images and otherwise royalty free images.
A single sheet of stamps [50] was printed for each.

This gave a block of 4, a single and a cover for each design to the 8 contributors.
The remaining 2 stamps of the original 50 that were left over went to that stamps creator.

We had the stamps printed and each collector received the necessary stamps and the addresses for the other collectors with the instruction to create their own card and cover, get it postmarked and into the mail.
Individuality was shown by many.

Later I will show Christmas Series 2 & 3 – the more planned productions were with specially printed covers that we arranged and had postmarked together then distributed a complete batch to each collector.

Series 1 Christmas card cover as received.





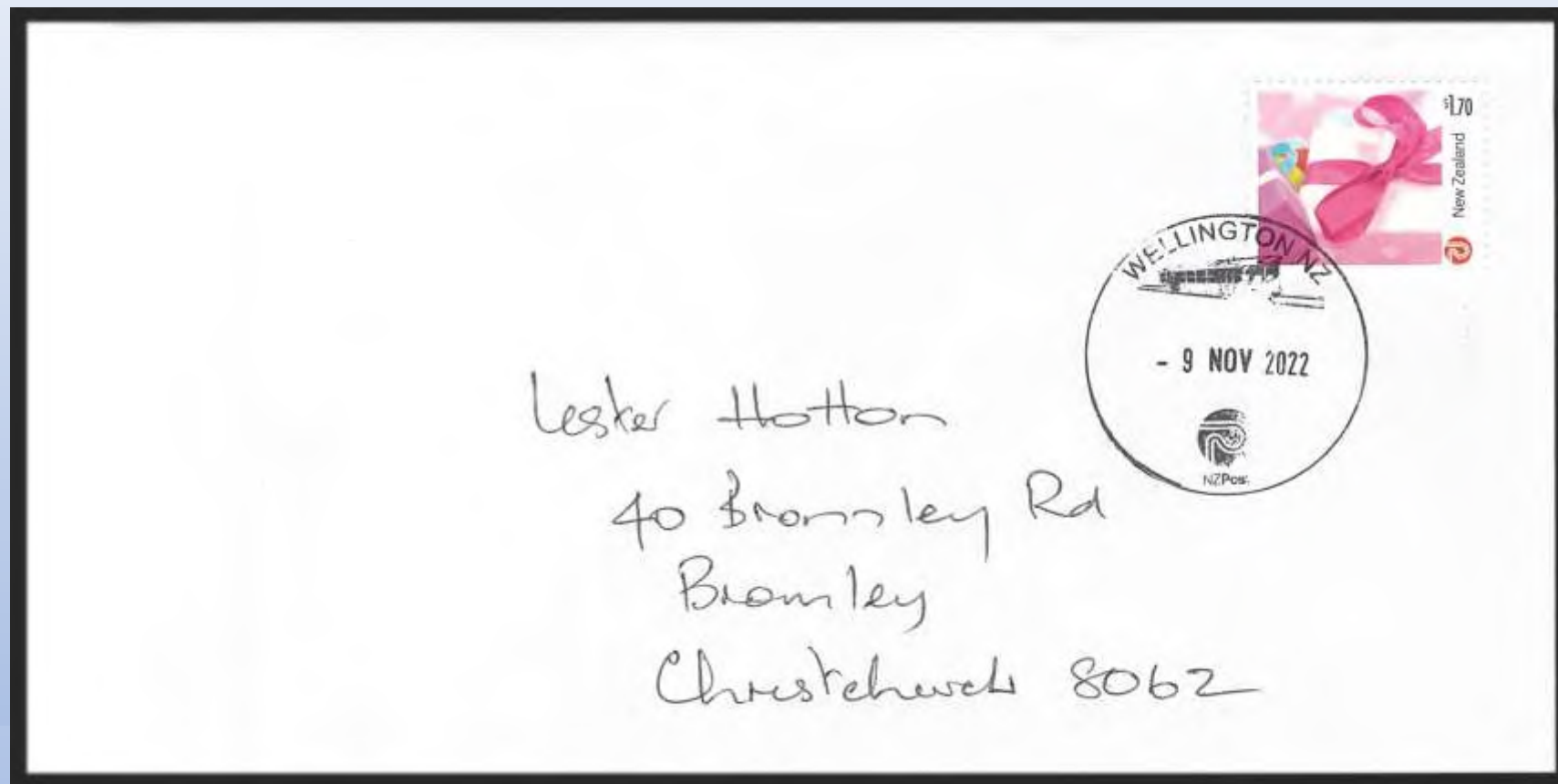
An ordinary image that has been 'adapted' by a junior for Christmas as taken on her cell phone

Much fun and hopefully delight for the recipient.

A very limited edition stamp.

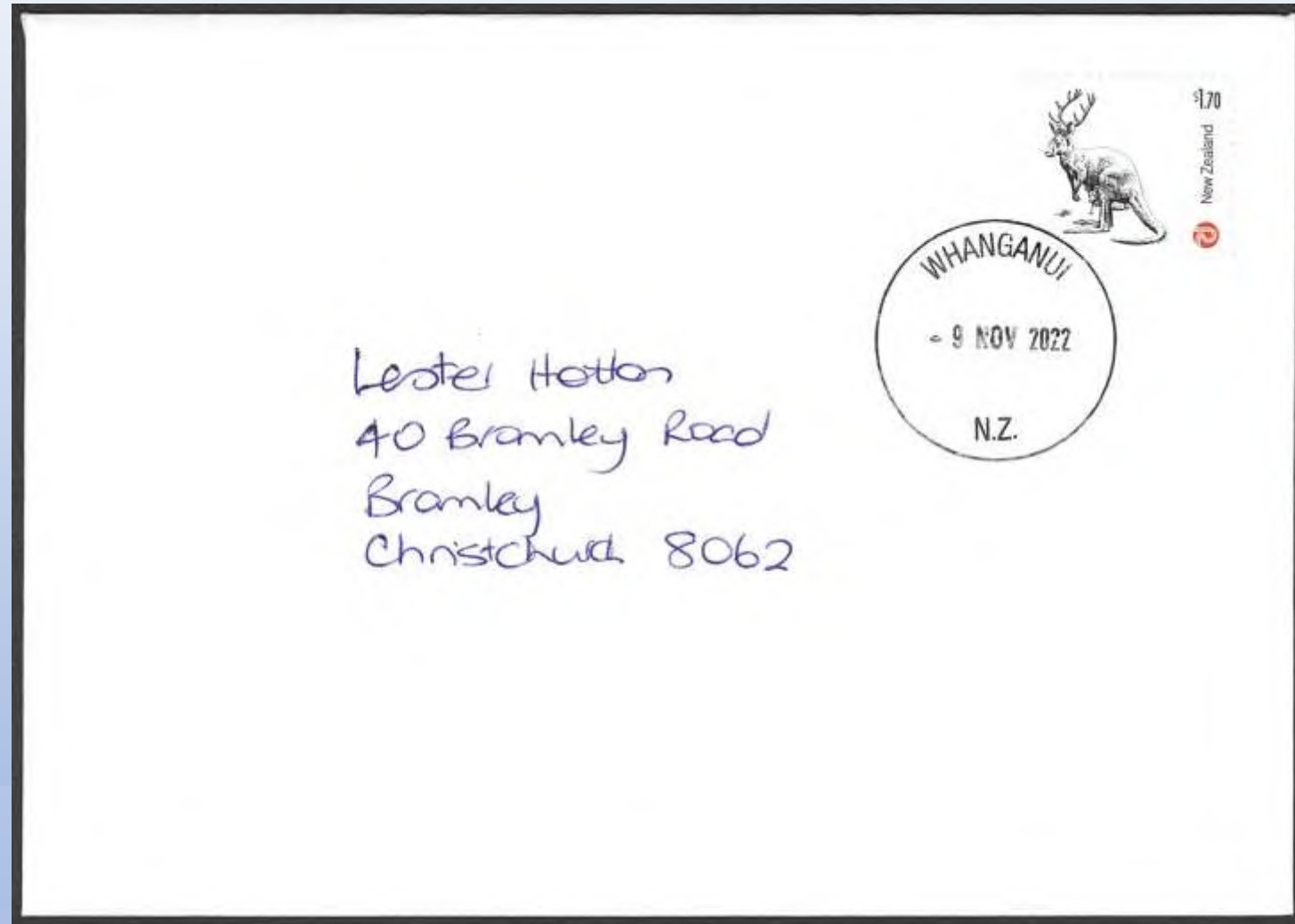
Just one sheet of 50 printed and in these Series only 8 covers produced

The plot thickens



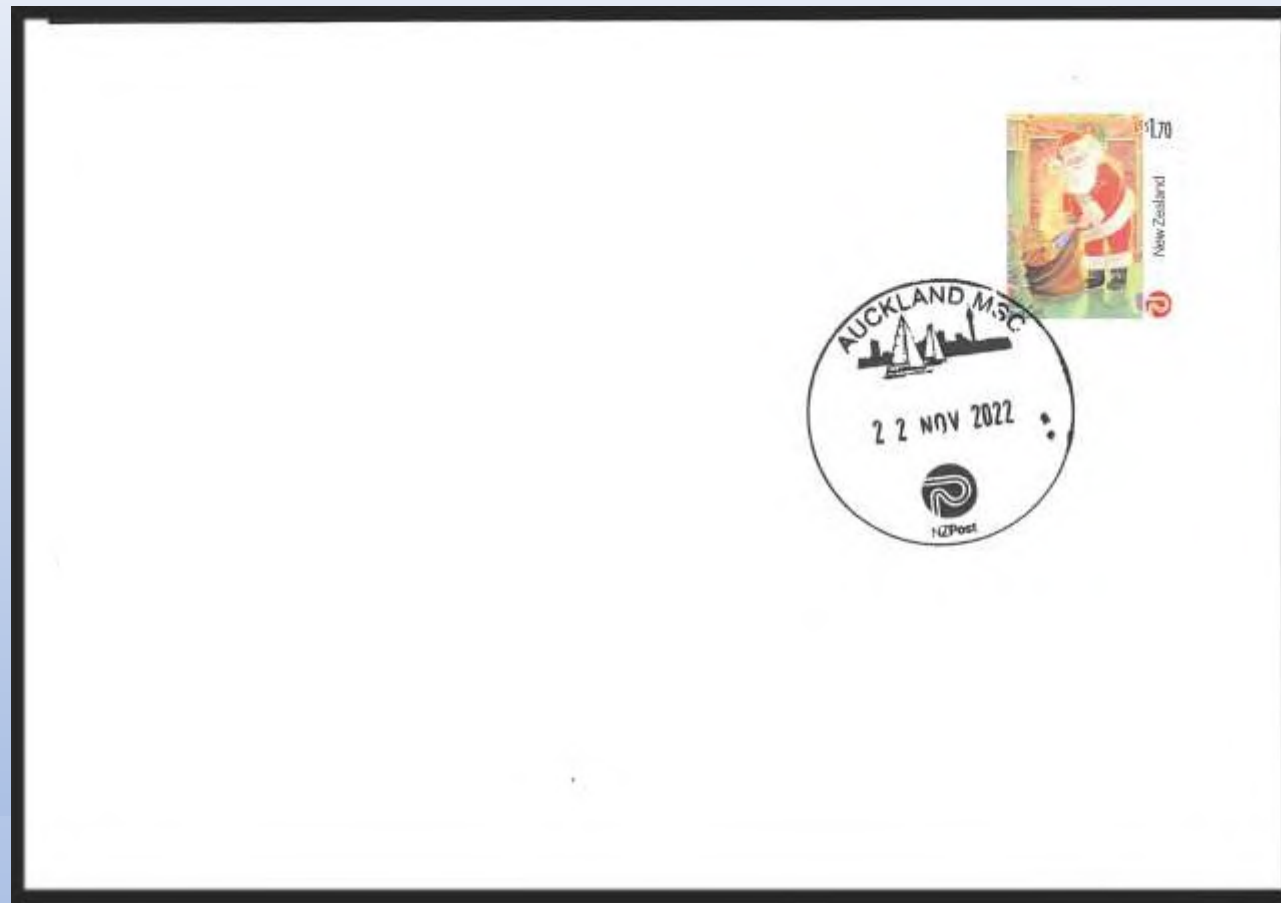


... and thickens



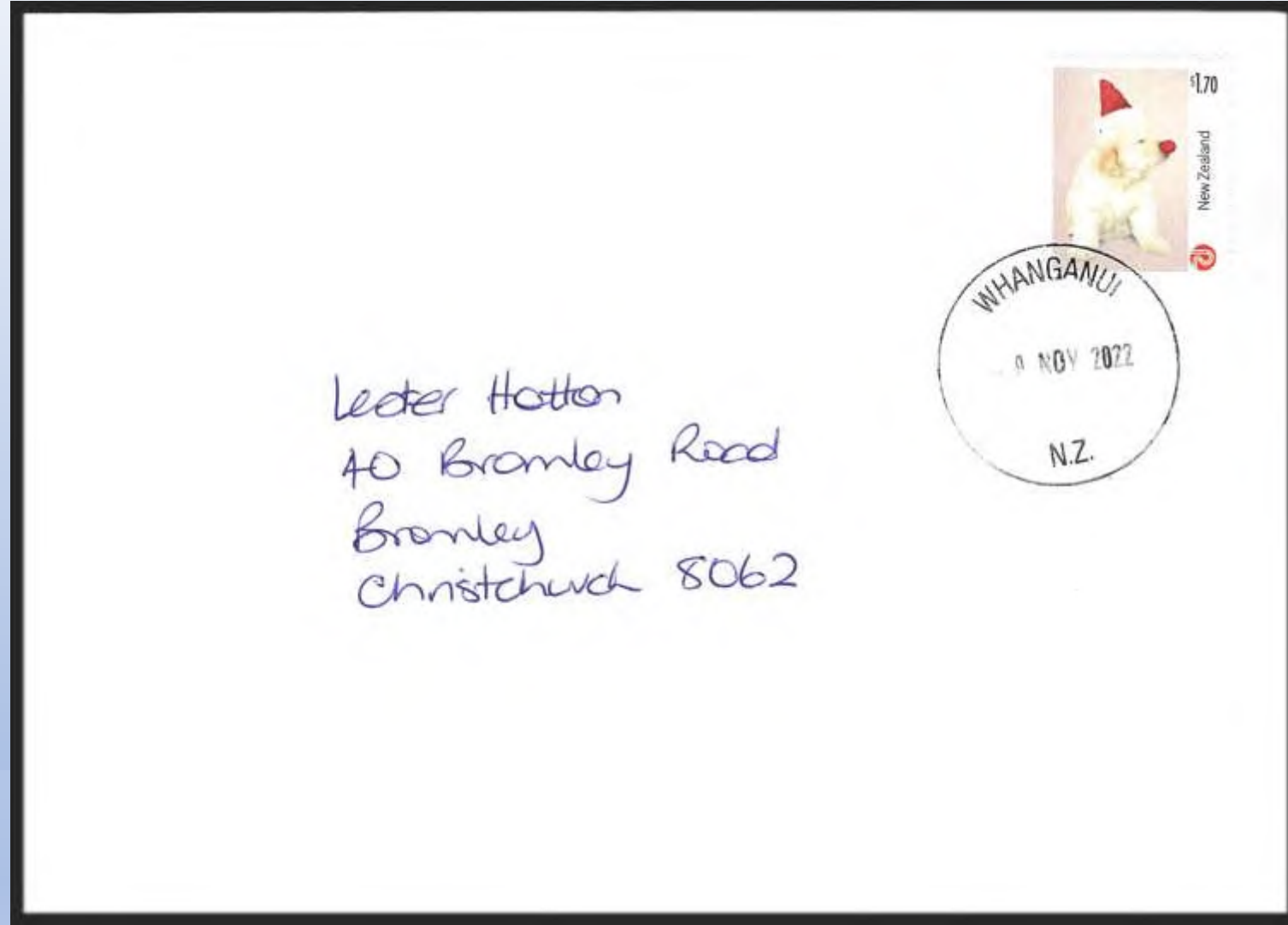


Sometimes the 'special' cover/card was enclosed within an outer envelope.





More stamp variety.



Some covers were sent to Wanganui Stamps and Collectables for their datestamping.



Royalty free images are easy to find and expand the fun that you can have by using them.

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Another royalty free image



This contributor pasted part of a Christmas design on the cover.



In this design the bright red colour may have been enhanced by the use of Self Adhesive paper.

And finally from Christmas Series 1.





Care needs to be taken with the 'clarity' of the image.
Digital reproduction is not as clear as screen definition.

The Second Series were produced by Jo and I using images selected by the contributors. Most of the contributors are from NZ. These are this Series images altogether. We prepared the covers and collated sets with matching cover numbers for dispatch. The covers that are quite eye-catching follow.



2022 Christmas Series 1



*Christmas again! Christmas again!
With its holly berries bright and red
They gleam in the wood, they grow by the lane,
O has not Christmas a joyful thread?*



Cover 02 / 08

2022 Christmas Series 1



Christmas Poinsettia



Cover 02/08

2022 Christmas Series 1



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A DANISH CHRISTMAS DOWN UNDER



Cover 02/08

2022 Christmas Series 1



Decoration



Cover 02/08

2022 Christmas Series 1

May the peace
and joy of
Christmas
be with you



Image by raupixel.com



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A HAPPY CHRISTMAS



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The Third Series were produced by Jo and I using images selected by the contributors. The contributors were from NZ, Australia and the UK. These are this Series images altogether. We prepared the covers and collated sets with matching cover numbers for dispatch. The covers that are quite eye-catching follow.



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*Jack Russell
Christmas Hijinx*



Cover 02/08

Christmas Group 1



Nutcracker



Cover 02 / 08

Christmas Group 1

Image: ©2022 Tony Luckhurst



Iandra Castle

34° 4' 34.32" S, 148° 21' 29.16" E



Cover 02/08

Christmas Group 1



Christmas Lights



Cover 02/08

Christmas Group 1

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Christmas Group 1



Northern Christmas abstract



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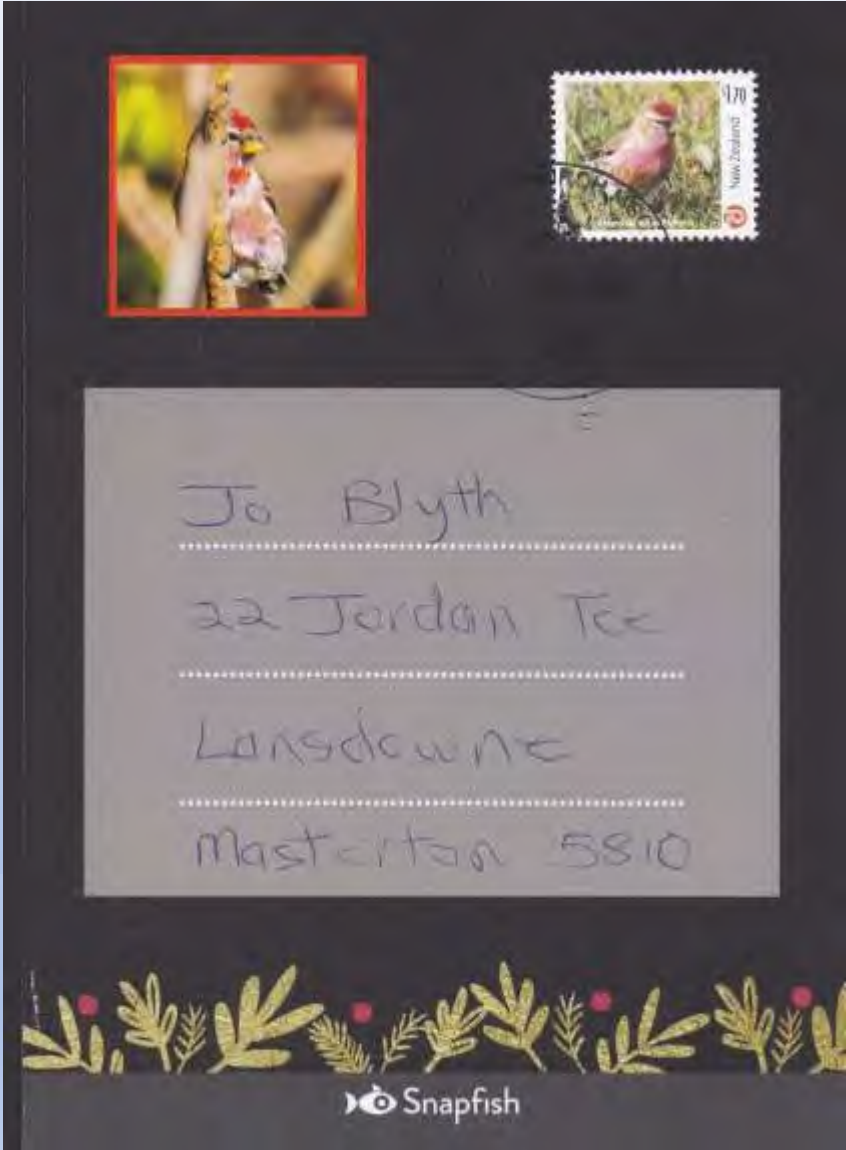
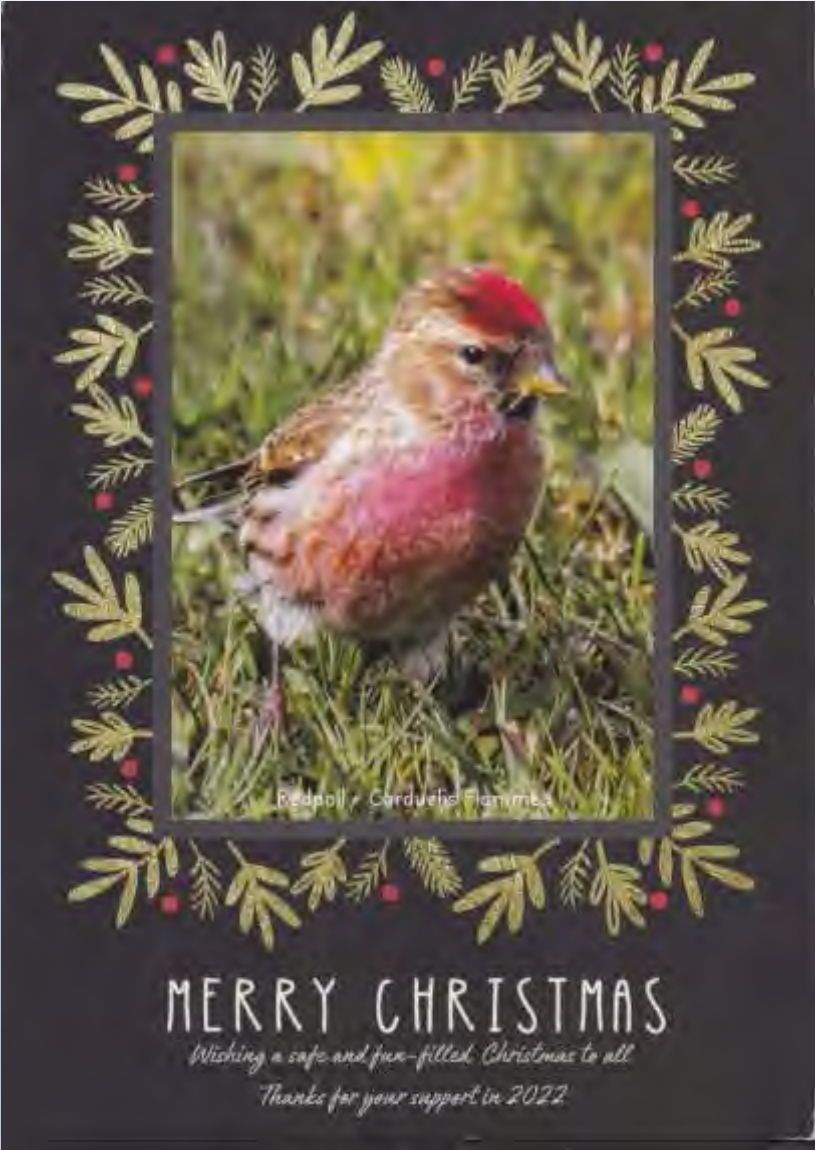
... and finally a special one. Original photograph by Sue Wilkinson.





To maintain the best image ratio it is best to rotate the image on a vertical format.

Special 'Thank You' card from Paula Wilkinson



A modern 'use' of Philately.

If any members would like to be included in future Christmas series they should in the first instance make contact with us at: warm@bigpond.net.au or jj.blyth@farmside.co.nz

The costs for a set of:

8 different blocks of 4, 8 different singles and their illustrated matched number covers is approx. NZ\$110 [1 sheet of stamps at the new postal rate and covers printed] and postage.

Enjoy