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Haiti – A Philatelic Miscellany by Roger Marshall

Haiti is the western third of the island Hispaniola or St Domingue. Ironically, Haiti in the 18th century was French and had been the jewel of the Caribbean and the single richest colony in the world. During the French jurisdiction, there were approximately 36,000 French aristocrats ruling over 28,000 mulattos and some half a million slaves.

The local inhabitants worked on the extensive sugar plantations that supplied Western Europe with sugar and coffee.

The first great slave revolt in Haiti in 1791, inspired by the French Revolution, led to the resounding victories won against the armies of Spain, Great Britain and France by the Haitian general and hero, Toussaint Louverture (1743 – 1803).



Toussaint Louverture

Given his outstanding success and standing, it is no surprise his image was used on several stamp issues as a support for many of Haiti's ineffectual but rapacious presidents.

Through his victories, Louverture prepared the way for his principal Lieutenant Jean-Jacques Dessalines to become the first Emperor of Haiti.

On 1 January 1804, Dessalines officially named the first negro republic Haiti, an Arawak Indian name.

The republic was soon totally impoverished by years of battles, land misuse, damage to irrigation systems and deforestation



Under Dessalines rule, Haiti became the first country in the Americas to abolish slavery.

Unfortunately, Dessalines became an autocrat and in 1806 he was assassinated by his administration then dismembered by a violent mob. From 1843 until US Marines landed in 1915, Haiti suffered almost constant tyranny and disorder.

The economy struggled during the depression and American invasion, but root problems of corrupt official were never dealt with.



1881 imperf Lady Liberty stamp

The US occupation was primarily motivated by a combination of political instability and economic interests. The US was concerned about the potential for foreign (particularly German) influence in Haiti which they viewed as a strategic location in the Caribbean.

Roger Marshall is a member of APS, serves on its committee, and is a well know collector of French philately. He is also passionate bibliophile so can often be found at book fairs.



A revenue stamp celebrating Toussaint Louverture as a great American liberator supported by Washington and Simon Bolivar

The rule of the Duvalier's began in 1957. Papa Doc, after 13 years of intimidation, violence and black magic dies and was succeeded by his rapacious daughter-in-law and son for another 15 years.



1958 "Papa Doc" Duvalier

Unfortunately, life in Haiti is even worse today.

Haiti is an interesting country to collect. The American Bank Note Company produces its postage stamps, which are diverse, high-quality, and generally affordable to collect.

LOOKING FOR HELP?

One of the great thing about the Auckland Philatelic Society is there is always someone willing to help.

You only have to ask!

Simply ask someone at one of our three monthly meetings, send us an email or check out the new APS website at aucklandphilatelic.odoo.com/

Alexander Dumas – Author of The Three Musketeers



Alexander Dumas and his son are celebrated on a 1961 Haitian stamp. The father was the son of a marquis and a Haitian slave and was born into slavery. His father brought him to France but left his concubine and daughters in Haiti. Dumas was the surname of his mother. *The Three Musketeers* was first published in serial form in the newspaper *Le Siècle* between March and July 1844.



INTERCLUB 2025 RESULTS

The 2025 Interclub Competition was held at Auckland Philatelic Society's Hobbies Expo on Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 September. Held at the exclusive King's College in Otahuhu, this year's competition again attracted a very strong range of exhibits from the 10 participating Clubs. Results for the 2025 Interclub Competition were as follows.

Club	Members	Total Score	Position
Airmail Society of NZ	Jeff Long, Rick Oxenham, The Late Sue Clark	447	First
Auckland Philatelic Society	Bruce Webber, Francesca Giraldo, Jeff Mitchell, Brian Marshall, James Zhang	430	
Christchurch Philatelic Society	Murray Wilcocks, Lindsay Carswell, Fred Saunders, Jeff Long, Robert Dunn	426	
Horowhenua Philatelic Society	Terry Grant, Micheal Christensen, Margaret Clarke, Peter Holmes, Pauline Swartz	392	
Kerikeri Stamp Club	Ian Bridle, Pat Pearl, Micheal Chong	441	Second Runner- Up
Manawatu Philatelic Society	Vince Neall, Don Stewart, Peter Tozer, Colin Dyer	412	
Nelson Philatelic Society	Ross Newman, David Loe, Sue Smart, Len Roberts	411	

INTERCLUB 2025 RESULTS (Continued)

NZ Stamp Collectors Club	Murray Clark, Geoff Tyson, Len Weymouth, Alistair Watson	426	
South Auckland & Howick Stamp Clubs	Barbara Streeter, Ray Wiseby, Glyn Partridge, David Armishaw (RIP), Denise Rosenfeldt	398	
Waikato Philatelic Society	John Waller, Bruce Tapp, Ross Marshall	445	Runner -Up

The Auckland Philatelic Society would like to thank and congratulate all the participating Societies and Clubs in this year's Interclub Competition. There was only a 49-point spread between all the participating Clubs, and this was a clear indication of the outstanding quality of the competing exhibits.

For the first time the new PJNZ Uniform Exhibit Evaluation Form was used to judge the Interclub Competition, and this appeared to prove popular with all those participating.

APS would also like to thank sincerely our amazing judges who gave so generously of their time and expertise. They were **Martin Treadwell, Denise Rosenfeldt, Paul McTaggart, Josh Black, Karen Jeffery** and **Tim Beach**.

We all sometimes have a quiet grumble about the odd comment on a judging sheet we don't necessarily agree with (or possibly understand) but we would be so much poorer as a hobby without their generosity, commitment, expertise and willingness to help. So, thank you judges all – we appreciate you more than you will ever know!

Auckland Philatelic Society's 2025 1-Frame Competition Results

The Auckland Philatelic Society's single frame competition was held in conjunction with the 2025 Interclub Competition. Again, an outstanding range of exhibits were entered in each of the four categories with the following winners taking out each category.

Category	Winner	Club or Society
Category 1 – New Zealand & the Pacific	Bruce Webber	Auckland Philatelic Society
Category 2 – International	Ross Marshall	Waikato Philatelic Society
Category 3 – Postal/Social History	Jeff Long	Christchurch Philatelic Society
Category 4 – Thematics/Revenues & other	Bruce Tapp	Waikato Philatelic Society
Public Vote Winner	Michael Chong	Kerikeri Stamp Club

The Auckland Philatelic Society would also like to congratulate the top APS entrants in each category **Bruce Webber** (Category 2), **Brian Marshall** (Category 3) and **Francesca Giraldo** (Category 4).

Thanks to everyone who entered, the Exhibition was an outstanding success because of you. We will look forward to your participation in 2026. You proved our hobby is alive and flourishing. Thank you!



APEX25

KINGS COLLEGE, GOLF AVE, OTAHUHU, AUCKLAND SATURDAY 20 & SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

To try and attract the biggest possible number of visitors we created what we hoped would be Auckland's biggest stamp and hobbies exhibition for some time. Our primary aim was to expose philately to anyone looking for a hobby by giving them a chance to explore, discover and engage. We think we achieved that objective.



(Above) Jeff Long from the Airmail Society of NZ accepting the 2025 Interclub Trophy from Tim Beach.

With around 1,500 unique visitors attending over the two day event, there was a constant flow of people through the two large halls used for the event.

As well as the 2025 Interclub and Auckland Stamp Exhibitions, visitors had the opportunity to review and assess stands from the Auckland Wargamers (who held a tournament on Day 1), the NZ Genealogy Society, astrology, ham radio, bonsai tree growers, plastic models, die cast toys, hotwheels, Taekwondo, the Papatoetoe Historical Society, pinball machines, papercrafts, books, the Auckland Numismatic Society, postcards, coin and banknote dealers, war medals, as well as stamp dealers and sellers, the Auckland and South Auckland Philatelic Societies and outside the halls three food trucks offered a variety of options.

Onsite accommodation and catering was also offered and utilised by a number of out of town visitors who made the most of the two day event.

The cost of the site, administration, catering and a support advertising and promotional campaign that saw approximately \$14,000 invested in brochures, posters, radio, the NZ Herald website and Facebook advertising was covered by the Auckland Philatelic Society out of its reserves with generous support also being received from the Zeapex Trust and the South Auckland Philatelic Society.

We thank both for their unconditional support.

A number of visitors joined local Societies as a result of the event and we know even more left with a greater understanding of what philately offers as a hobby.



The stamp exhibition hall where over 80 frames competed and illustrated what philately looks like today.

We Owe

A huge debt of gratitude to a very small group of people who designed APEX25, found and negotiated the venue, helped enroll the participating hobbies, created and managed the Exhibitions, allocated the spaces, set up and wrapped up the event and generally planned, implemented and finalized our recent Hobbies Expo.

They were **Brian Carroll** and **Roger Marshall** with superb, onsite assistance from **Carolyn Gibson**, **Bruce Webber**, **Jo Burgess**, **Neil Coutts** and other “shoulder tapped” individuals during the event.

“**Thank you**” seems wholly inadequate given what you achieved. You can be extremely proud of your efforts – we are!!

CIRCUIT BOOKS REQUIRED URGENTLY!!

The Auckland Philatelic Society runs one of the largest stamp circuits in New Zealand with books circulating from the top of the North Island to halfway down the South Island.

But we have a problem – we don’t have enough people creating circuit books to meet the ongoing demand.

So, here’s your chance to turn those duplicates, unwanted extras, previous collections, or simply stamps you no longer love into CASH!

It’s simple and profitable so email our **Circuit Manager, Nic Hendy** (nichen@hotmail.com) or give him a call on **021 022 49998**.

Nic will walk you through the process, provide you with what you need to participate and answer and questions you may have.

Then after you have sent him your books sit back and watch your bank account get regular contributions that will allow you to get those missing items you really want.

Scenes from the 2025 Hobbies Expo

Showing the dealers corridor and youth treasure hunt table (below) and from inside the “Hobbies Hall”





A Last Post for *Fast Post*

The **Keith Griffith Memorial Lecture** was this year given by **Denise Rosenfeldt, President** of the **South Auckland Philatelic Society** who presented her Gold Medal winning **Fast Post** exhibit to the Sunday APS meeting attendees.

Fast Post was to become the new Post Office's attempt to stimulate and reimage the old postal structure. Introduced on 7 June 1988 Fast Post lasted just 12 years before on 7 June 2000, it was quietly retired.

Using a fleet of vans, trucks and aircraft, New Zealand Post guaranteed mail would be delivered next day to and from major towns and cities. Mail categories were abolished and pricing was based on size rather than weight. The importance of the change was that it was radical, revolutionary, a world first and lay the foundation for postal changes that happened from this point.

Denise's exhibit has an amazing array of material – from promotional material, Fast Post labels issued for the service, labels in use, business materials, postal stationery, mail centre markings, details of vehicles and aircraft used, reasons for mail delays, and a chronologically detailed history of 12-years of Fast Post activity.



(Left) Promotional material that was part of the 95,000 small business box holder packs sent to businesses early in June 1988. The pack contained a prepaid DLE envelope, covering letter, plus leaflets and labels that were also part of the householder mail pack. What the improvement was in 1840 they didn't say.

As a researcher, archivist and postal historian, in her Fast Post exhibit, Denise clearly demonstrates her finely honed talents and skills and very little if anything is missing from this 8-frame collection of a part of unique postal history. Her presentation skills held the interest of a very knowledgeable group of attendees and the intrigue the subject generated ensured a nonstop flow of questions at the conclusion of the presentation.

Envelope Size	Standard Post	fast POST
Medium	40 cents	70 cents
Large	60 cents	\$1.00
Extra Large	80 cents	\$1.20

Rates effective 7 June 1988. All prices include G.S.T.



As might be expected, the Fast Post rates were a substantial jump on those previously paid for Standard Post and with Fast Post being the priority focus for the new Post organisation, Standard mail took a little longer than might have been a sender's previous experience.

Denise explained that with careful review, collectors can quickly differentiate between label printings and presentation/pack formats, Different colour variations, bandings and layouts all contribute to a fascinating

study of a unique part of New Zealand Posts history.

Under the previous “Inland Airmail” system, the service performance of one to three days was achieved 81% of the time in 1988. The revolutionary changes achieved next day delivery 96% of the time for Fast Post.

The improvements in service standards across the whole of New Zealand Post’s business was rewarded with the 1994

“Company of the Year” Award in the Deloitte/Management Magazine top 200 awards.

Their advice ranging from feasibility studies to total re-engineering of postal systems was sought internationally to emulate one of the most efficient and inexpensive postal service in the world.

How times have changed.



NEW ZEALAND PHILATELIC FEDERATION AWARD OF MERIT



During the award presentations at the recent Auckland Philatelic Society’s Hobbies Expo a very special and long overdue acknowledgement was made to **Denise Rosenfeldt** by NZPF Secretary **Jeff Long**.

The Federation presented Denise with its **Award of Merit** for her service, commitment and her contributions in all aspects of philately in New Zealand, with particular emphasis on her administrative leadership in the hobby going back to 1994.

Denise has been and still is an exhibitor most recently winning Gold at Royalpex for her NZ Post Fast Post Service Exhibit (see above).

She’s a researcher and a regular contributor to Postcard Pillar.

She’s been involved at all three levels of administration in NZ Philately being the President of the South Auckland Philatelic Society where she has been a member for over 31 years, Secretary of the Association of Northern Philatelic Societies and previously a delegate to the NZ Philatelic Federation.

She is a well-known judge and has also been the NZPF Commissioner to several regional and national exhibitions.

She’s been involved in Youth philately and as many APS members know is willing and readily available help to people looking to develop their exhibiting skills.

Denise has been an almost annual presenter at the Auckland Philatelic Society and we regard her as one of our own – so well-done Denise! Long overdue recognition for a very special member of our philatelic family.

CASHING IN ON AN OPPORTUNITY

If you attended the Auckland Numismatic Society's Exhibition at Parnell in August you would have seen **Roger Marshall** and **Denise Rosenfeldt** quietly endeavouring to convert some of the many coin and banknote collectors into thinking about philately as a tandem collecting option.

Given philately allows coin and banknote collectors to display their collection alongside stamps with a complimentary theme it makes good sense.

Whether it is postal/numismatic history, social history or a thematic theme, the ability to incorporate coins and banknotes into a philatelic exhibit is something that deserves serious consideration.



Roger and Denise plotting a selling strategy by their stand

ARE SUNDAY MEETINGS WORKING?

Earlier this year we instigated a series of Sunday meetings in the hope that it would provide an opportunity for those unable or unwilling to attend Tuesday evening meetings. This decision followed a research study we did amongst members who indicated quite clearly there would be a demand for a daytime meeting if we held one.

Six meetings in the results are mixed, and we are thinking of reviewing our decision. Attendance at some meetings has been outstanding while some have been less well supported.

Our next daytime meeting is at **Ferndale House** in Mt Albert on **Sunday 16 November at 1.00pm**

Peter Smith will be talking about the **German Empire 1872- 1916** and **Local Post immediately after WWII**.

Attendance at this meeting may be the weathervane to our future plans for daytime meetings. If you have a comment about daytime meetings you would like to share with us, send an email to us at our primary email aucklandphilatelic@gmail.com. We would love to hear your comments or thoughts



Grant Longley shared his Early NZ Collection with us at one of our better attended Sunday meetings



A RARE PIECE TO ENVY

At a recent meeting Roger Marshall, our collector of all philatelic things French, shared with the gathered members a rather special "replica" sheet.

We thought you might enjoy us sharing it with you.

It is from the Strasbourg Philatelic Exhibition held between 4 and 12 June in 1927.

It's a replica sheet with the 5f blue and the 10f red stamps featuring the Semeuse (Sower) first issued in 1906.

The sheetlet measures 111 x 140mm and if you are lucky enough to have an unhinged, mint copy in your collection you should look after it – according to Scott, it's catalogued at over US\$2,300.



NIUE - A POSTAL HISTORY SNAPSHOT

One of our favourite philatelists, Brian Carroll shared part of his Niue collection with members at our mid-September evening meeting.

Around 900 AD Niue became a Polynesian Settlement. The first known European contact occurred on the 21st of June 1774 when the British ship Resolution arrived at Niue and spent a day sailing down part of the coast. Captain James Cook and some of his men made two brief landings during which they engaged in limited but fractious encounters with the Niuean inhabitants. As a result, Cook named Niue the "Savage Islands" and promptly sailed away.

Sixty-four years later Missionary John Williams became the second European to visit Niue and after some effort successfully ingratiated himself to the local natives.

In 1900, Niue became a British Protectorate and in 1901 (with a population of 4,576) it was annexed by New Zealand.

In 1974 Niue became a Self-Governing state in Free Association with NZ, by this time its population had fallen to 3,992.

In 2022 Niue's population was recorded as 1,689.



The Distance from Niue to New Zealand is 2,824 kilometers. The air travel distance is equal to 1,755 miles.

A Brief Niue Postal History Journey

- 1846 – 1901 Missionary Mail
- 1901- NZ Surface Mail direct/indirect (via other islands)No
- 1970 – First Air Mail - Small runway Pago/Fiji/Tonga
- 1981- Full Air Mail - Runway Extended – direct to NZ

Brian gave the assembled great overview of how simple beginnings lead from one stepping stone to another. His Niue collecting interests began with his interest in the NZ 1900 1/2d Mt Cook, then the 1d Dominion, the 1901 1d Universal, all of which led to his interest in Pacific Island Overprints, the 1901-1968 Niue/NZ stamps, Niue Cancellers and finally Niue Postal History.

A collecting history cleverly demonstrated by his presented timeline stamp schematic.

No Wharf – No Worries



Despite there being no wharf, the mail had to get through so at risk of life and limb small boats unloaded and loaded the all-important communication lifelines.



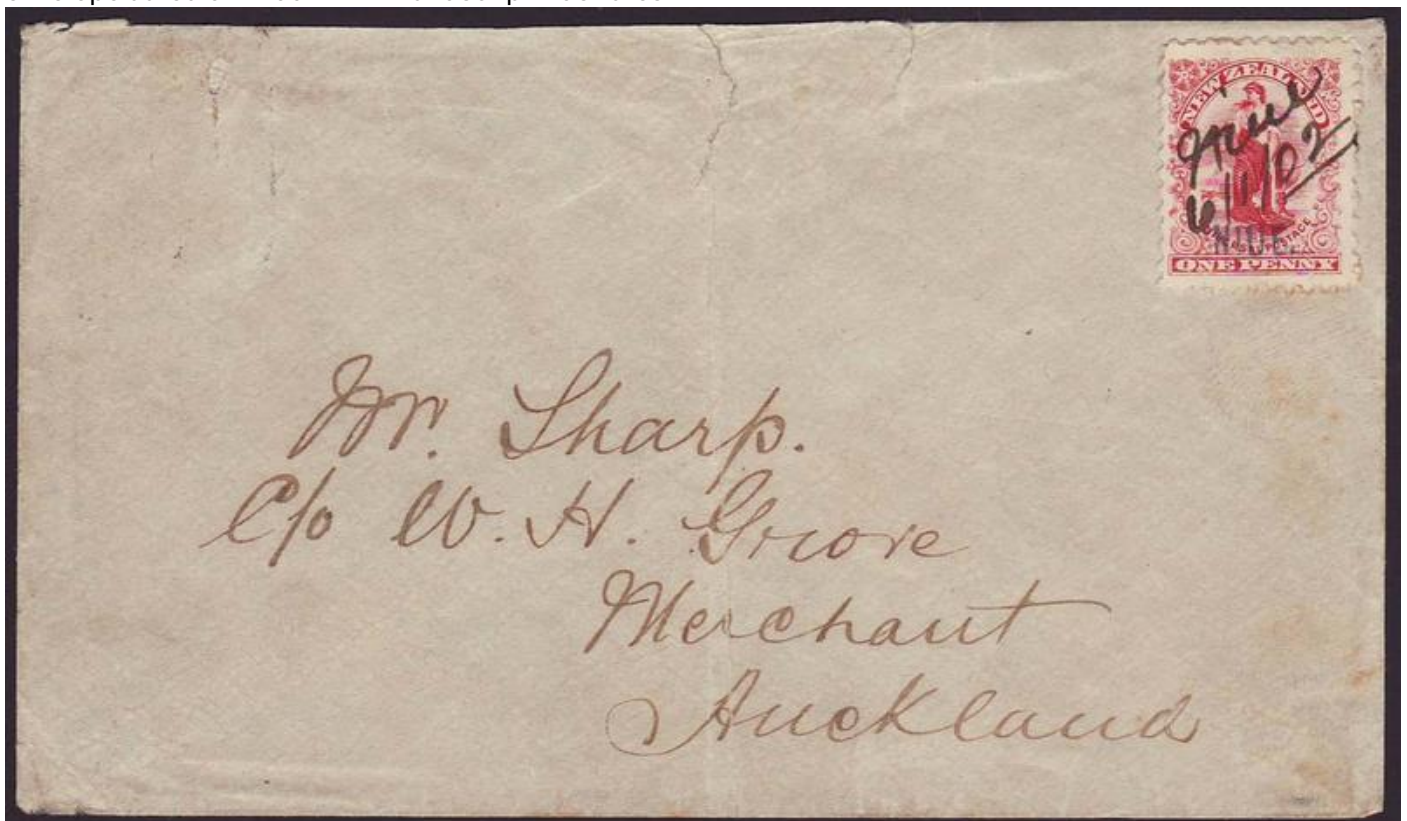
The Niue Stamp History

Brian outlined the production history of Niuean stamps which began in 1901 via the NZ Government Post Office and Government Printing Office, was taken over by the Niue Philatelic and Numismatic Company in 1966 and returned to New Zealand Post in 2009.



Brian Carroll kept a large group of members intrigued with his encyclopaedic knowledge of Niue Postal history

The Niue Post Office opened in 1902, and mail was cancelled by the Postmaster by hand as the below envelope dated 6/1/1902 with manuscript illustrates.



W. H. GROVE & SONS was established in 1896 as Island Merchants and Exporters to the Pacific of Dairy Products and all New Zealand consumer and manufactured goods. They are still in business today.

Niue General Cancellers



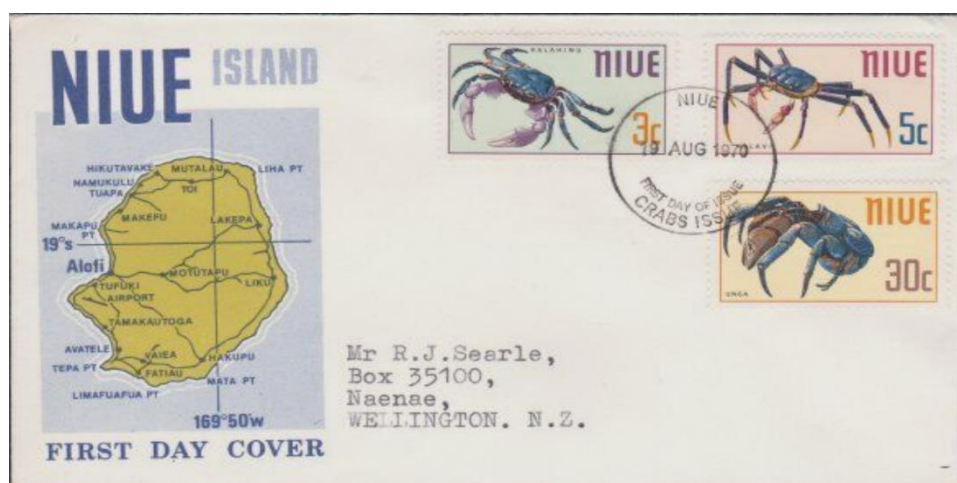
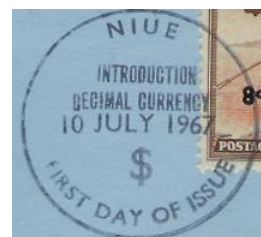
As might be expected, during these early days of the Niue Postal system, a large number of different cancellers were used, and this “cancellation” segment of philately can provide collectors with many hours of discovery.

Brian’s presentation demonstrated exactly how wide and interesting this area of study can be.

Date/Period	Event/Type
1902 Jan	Manuscript
1902 Apr	Rubber canceller
1902 Nov – 1937 May (NZ)	Metal Cancellers
1937 May	Niue Metal Cancellers
1978	ALOFI NIUE

First Day Covers and Cancellations

Brian’s presentation also included some very nice First day Covers and cancellations as illustrated below:



Niue Registered Covers



NIUE
16NOV26

SUVA
17DEC26

SEATTLE
7JAN27

CHICAGO
10JAN27



Mr. Theodore Reinhardt
109 So. Dearborn St.
Chicago - Ill. U.S.A.

Registered
R 196

- Inter Island Group - Pacific Mail Route (via RMS Niagra)



Registered
Mr. R. Hollenburger
Perne
Weissenbühl
419 Switzerland



Cover dated Niue -8 Oct 04
Transported Niue to Auckland on the Government Schooner "**Countess of Ranfurly**"
Arrived at Auckland 10 Nov 04 (ref Auckland Star shipping notice)
Back stamped Auckland 10 Nov 04

- Direct Mail via NZ

Brian's diverse but focused Niue presentation was designed to not only inform but help stimulate members and others to explore the myriads of options their primary collecting interests offer.

So, before you decide your mainstream collection has gone about as far as availability or budget will allow, think about exploring its other connected facets – you might find yourself exploring a whole new world in a familiar universe.

*As we head to the end of the year we have only 3 more meetings to go –
so mark them in your diary
Sunday 16 November, Tuesday 18 November & our Christmas Party on
Tuesday 2 December*

**BULK LOTS ONLY
RED DOT AUCTION
SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER
VIEWING STARTS MIDDAY
The Last Auction For 2025**

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS.....

Some of the winning Exhibitors at the Auckland Philatelic Society's Hobbies Expo



Ross Marshall



Alistair Watson



Jeff Mitchell



Bruce Webber



Ian Birdle



Brian Marshall



Michael Chong



Jeff Long



Pat Pearl



Samanta Rowe

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This will enable the bank to check for an account match and confirm this with you before you decide to proceed, amend or cancel the payment depending on the result return

One Final Comment

To our knowledge, there isn't anyone involved in running philately in New Zealand who is paid a salary. Sure, there is an odd honorarium but that often does little more than part cover the receiver's expenses.

Everybody in the management of philately in NZ does it for the love of the hobby.

But therein lies the issue.

These days there aren't enough people willing to give of their time to help run their Club or Society, so the willing bodies take on more and greater workloads until they finally run out of energy and resign.

If you enjoy your Club or Society, spend a few minutes investigating how you might help – your Club's survival might well depend on your decision!



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