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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2021

Sat 8 May Red Dot Sale

Sat 5 June Annual Exhibition 2021, Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, Wairere Avenue
10.00am-3.30pm * NB NOTE: DATE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED*
Dealers Buying & Selling, Olympics Philatelic Displays, Raffle, Refreshments

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Sat 10 July Red Dot Sale
Fri 10-Sun 12 Sept RoyalPex2021, Palmerston North Conference & Function Centre, 354 Main Street, Palmerston North
Sat 2 Oct North Shore Philatelic Society, 2021 Exhibition, St Josephs Church, Taharoto Road, Takapuna
Sat 9 Oct Red Dot Sale
Sat 30 Oct Ambury Shield Interclub Competition, Fairfield Baptist Church, 1101 Heaphy Terrace, Hamilton
Sun 21 Nov 17th NZ National Philatelic Literature Exhibition, Philatelic Centre, Mandeville Street, Christchurch

2022

Fri 15-Sun 17 July WPS100, National Wellington, Te Rauparaha Event Centre, Porirua, Wellington

2023

Thu 16-Sun 19 March NZ2023 Auckland International, Ellerslie Events Centre, Auckland (this is the rescheduled NZ2020 Show)

2024

March 2024 Auckland102, 2024 National Exhibition, Auckland.

**Note: Personnel to form the Organising Committee for Auckland102 are still required. If you can help for this National Show please contact Chris Keery, ph. 6267658, chrisjkeery@gmail.com **

NEW ZEALAND 2021 STAMP ISSUES

13 January - 2020 Annual Packs: the 2020 Stamp Pack; the 2020 First Day Cover Pack; and the 2020 Collectors Folder – this complete mint annual collection offered at a staggering \$310.10

3 February - Holiday At Home: a nine-stamp sheetlet. This ties in with Tourism New Zealand's print and TV ad campaign: 'Do Something NEW New Zealand'

3 February - Pride 2021: a single stamp depicting the Progressive Pride Flag. For some reason there is no FDC released for this stamp.

3 March - 150 year anniversary of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS150) 1871-2021: 'Home of The America's Cup', four stamps and miniature sheet. There is no America's Cup stamp this year, so this anniversary must suffice.*

*We spoke too soon! -- 17 March - America's Cup Emirates Team New Zealand 2021 winners, sheetlet of six stamps.

7 April - 95th Birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II, four stamps and miniature sheet. Actually turning 95 on April 21 the Queen will become the first British monarch ever to reach this age.

5 May - Sarah Featon 1848-1927: an accomplished NZ botanist and botanical artist, known for her superb New Zealand botanical illustrations, four stamps and miniature sheet.

2 June - 20th anniversary of The Lord of the Rings. After seven sets of middle-Earth stamps and no less than 44 miniature-sheets since 2001, here is yet another LOTR release.

7 July -- Matariki Maori New Year 2021. Matariki 2021 is on Friday 2 July this year, with the Matariki Festival running 19 June – 11 July 2021.

4 August -- Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. The fact that the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games did not actually take place last year, did not deter NZ Post from issuing their Olympics stamps in October. What will happen if the Paralympics themselves similarly do not eventuate?

1 September - the 2021 Ross Dependency issue

10 September -- RoyalPex 2021 Stamp Exhibition miniature sheet

6 October -- Diwali. Diwali is the Hindu and Sikh Festival of Lights, lasting five days 4—8 November 2021. Auckland Diwali Festival takes place 27 Oct to 14 Nov 2021.

3 November -- Christmas 2021

10 November -- 2021 Annual Album

1 December - Chinese Lunar New Year 2022 Year of the Tiger

PROGRAMME 2021

Tues 6 April – Biafra and Ethiopia “A Tale of Two Wars”, from Michael Hill
Tues 20 April – Gallipoli 1915, from Miles Dillon
Tues 4 May – The Great White Fleet 1908, from Brian Ducker
Sat 8 May – Red Dot Sale- viewing from 11.30am; auction starts 1.00pm
Tues 18 May – Campbell Island 1945-1995, from Brian Carroll
Tues 1 June – Tiki Tour of New Zealand, from Mike Steel
Sat 5 June – Annual Exhibition 2021 at the Mt Albert War Memorial Hall (NB date change)
Tues 15 June – Auckland Philatelic Society AGM, followed by an auction
Tues 6 July – New Zealand obliterations, from Nic Hendy
Sat 10 July – Red Dot Sale- viewing from 11.30am; auction starts 1.00pm
Tues 20 July – “A Little Night Music”, from Andrew Chessum
Tues 3 Aug – James Berry, Part 2, from Tim Beach. This is the Keith Griffiths Memorial Lecture for 2021.
Tues 17 Aug – New Hebrides: stamps and postal history, from Martin Treadwell
Tues 7 Sept – Greece, from Tane McManus
Tues 21 Sept – Dealers Night- Buying and selling
Tues 5 Oct – The Evolution of Warships, from Ivan McCabe
Sat 9 Oct – Red Dot Sale- viewing from 11.30am; auction starts 1.00pm
Tues 19 Oct – Members One Frame (16-page) Competition. This is the Armstrong Cup 2021.
Tues 2 Nov – Norfolk Island- Paquebot Mail, from Grant Longley
Tues 16 Nov – “Hearts in Four Parts”, from Bruce Webber
Tues 7 Dec – Christmas Party- combined with Suburban Stamp Club, with live music, prize-giving and Christmas buffet.

A note from Victor Sutcliffe, Exchange Superintendent:

Due to changes in banking regulations we will no longer be able to accept cheques for purchases from Circuit-Books after 10 May 2021.

After 10 May payments may be made by cash, or direct-credit to our APS Bank-Account:
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reference: your name & book number/s

Thanks very much

Auckland Philatelic Society Subscriptions 2021/2022

Annual subscriptions for the year 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022 are now due. They are:

Adult Members - \$40.00; including partner - \$45.00

Country Members - \$30.00; including partner - \$35.00

Junior Members, under 18 years old - \$20.00

NB. Please note the \$5.00 discount now applies until 31 May 2021 (extended from 30 April)

Please note this date overrides the enclosed Subscriptions Slip.

A note from Nic Hendy, Sales Superintendent:

For the Saturday 8 May Red Dot Sale we are still accepting cheques for lots purchased on the day. Later pay-out will be by cheque or cash.

For the Saturday 10 July Red Dot Sale cheques will no longer be accepted; and pay-out will be by on-line credit or cash.

Meeting Reports:

2020 APS CHRISTMAS PARTY – Tane McManus

This was held on Tuesday December 1st and was well attended with members from Howick, North Shore, South Auckland and Suburban societies as well as Auckland.

The night started with a meet and greet and people brought a plate of festive finger food and helped themselves to soft drinks and water. There was then entertainment provided by the Waitakere Women’s Chorus, which was choral singing mostly of Christmas and popular songs. They sang well and were all wearing matching uniforms and jewellery such as similar earrings.



We then had a prizegiving in which the Club Trophies were awarded. Graham Robertson received the Mullenger Tray; Mike Steel received the John Tommy Award; and the John Harding Memorial Cup went to Andrew Dolphin. The Armstrong Cup was not awarded for 2020. We also handed out the Suburban Trophy to Joan Roberts.

After that we had the festive supper and a catch up and then the Raffle was drawn and most people won prizes. It was a fun night had by all and we thank the Committee for putting it on.





OVERPRINTS

Our first meeting of 2021 was held on Tuesday 2 February when APS members were asked to bring items relating to the subject of Overprints.

Eight members and one visitor gave us some most interesting displays. Brief details are as follows:

Mike Steel showed overprints from Bermuda, Algeria and Zambia, amongst others.

Nic Hendy displayed overprints for wars, invasions, changes of government, etc, plus a series of provisional overprints from Turkey during World War I.

Chris Keery showed a fine selection of SPECIMEN overprints from GB, NSW, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, USA, PNG and Zanzibar

Miles Dillon displayed French overprints from Carcassonne



Roger Marshall

Roger Marshall displayed Haiti, with overprints for that Caribbean country's many changes of Presidents demonstrating their political power, and for new currency denomination changes.



Tane McManus

Tane McManus also showed changes of currency overprints, this time from Aden and Tonga; overprints for a country becoming independent such as Swaziland; and overprints from Tonga, both commemoratives and OFFICIALS and surcharges.

Peter Dormon displayed some fascinating stamps from Tibet with overprints in three currencies! These were from the 1901 – 1918 overprints by the Chinese Imperial Posts in the Lhasa postal

district. For example, one of the Coiling Dragon design stamps had a face-value of 20c Qing's silver (Chinese) OR 8c Tibetan silver OR 4a of 1 Indian rupee.

Graham Robertson showed overprints on cinderellas, specifically the 1925 NZ Railway Charges stamps, which have many different Railway Station name overprints, including one very rare stamp with two different station names on the same stamp!

Finally, visitor Greg Chiles listed a complete range of overprints, including surcharges, country names, Officials, Postage, Postage & Revenue, self-government, change of currency, Revenues, War Tax, disasters, Cancelled, Post Office training-school, etc.

Sadly the Covid-19 Lock-Down scuppered our next two talks curses! So, our next meeting was:

ALPHABET NIGHT – R , S , T

Tuesday 16 March saw APS members bringing items relating to the letters R, S and T. Altogether we had contributions from ten members, which was a very good effort. Brief details are:

Bruce Webber ~ Bruce showed items from his UPU collection from countries starting with R, S & T

Mike Steel ~ Mike showed items to do with ships, trains and Tincan-mail.

Andrew Chessum ~ Andrew showed examples of Cape of Good Hope triangulars

Jo Burgess ~ Jo showed us examples of rainbows on stamps from a wide range of countries.

She noted that rainbows cover the whole spectrum.

Bruce Burgess ~ Bruce chose safaris, railway stations, trams, roads, ships and transport as his themes.

Glynn Partridge ~ New member Glynn showed items on royalty, Scotland, thematics, roses and trains

Peter Dormon ~ Peter showed items for the Tercentenary of the Arrival of Migrants to South Africa on a ship commanded by Jan van Riebeeck in 1652. He also had items relating to the First World War campaign in Salonica (Greece); and also Tibet's first stamp issue of 1912.

Nic Hendy ~ Nic showed European countries: Romania, Saar, Serbia, Slovenia, South Bulgaria, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Thrace, Trieste and Turkey

Tane McManus ~ Tane showed sets from Rhodesia & Nyasaland, St Helena, and Tristan da Cunha.

Monty Campbell ~ Monty displayed stamps of Singapore from 2019-2020; also Post Office Stamp Points prizes; and stamps from Thailand.

“A TALE OF TWO WARS” BIAFRA & ETHIOPIA

On Tuesday 6 April we welcomed Michael Hill from the North Shore who proceeded to give us a fascinating and illuminating talk on two recent African wars as told on stamps.

The first was the Italian Occupation of Ethiopia which occurred 1935-1941. On 3 October 1935 Italian forces, under the direction of Benito Mussolini, invaded and occupied Ethiopia, interrupting the reign of the Emperor Haile Selassie, who went into exile. This was part of Mussolini's ill-fated “New Roman Empire”.

In 1936 Italy formed the Italian colony of Italian East Africa, comprising Italian Somalia, Italian Eritrea and the newly occupied Italian Ethiopia Empire.

In 1941 Lieutenant-General Alan Cunningham commanded the British and Commonwealth troops that retook Ethiopia. In April British troops reentered the capital Addis Ababa, and Haile Selassie returned in triumph on 5 May.



The second African war was that of Biafra. This was the oil-rich Eastern Region of Nigeria, which became embroiled in a civil-war with the Nigerian Federal Government 1967-1970.

On 30 May 1967 Biafra declared itself Independent from Nigeria. Initially diplomatic talks were held in an effort to resolve the issue, until Biafra was overrun by Nigerian Federal troops on 10 January 1970. Biafra's surrender took place on 15 January 1970.

Postally the first mails were rubber-stamped 'Postage Paid Biafra'. Then from April 1968 Nigerian definitives ½d to £1 were overprinted 'Sovereign Biafra', followed by four sets of commemoratives. These were: 1968 Independence, 1968 First Anniv and 1969 Second Anniv of Independence, and 1969 Visit of Pope Paul VI to Africa.

Although it is accepted that the above stamps were regularly postally used within Biafra, Biafra's French Agency also released numerous miniature sheets, perf and imperf, charity overprints and surcharges, etc but there is no evidence that any of these were used for postage within Biafra.

Towards the end of the conflict Biafran stamps began to be used on external mail carried by air via Libreville, the capital of Gabon, and Michael had examples of this airmail, including one flown on the final such flight out of Biafra.

Michael also reminded us that in 1969 John Lennon had returned his MBE to the Queen at Buckingham Palace, partly "in protest against Britain's involvement in the Nigeria-Biafra thing"!

This was an excellent philatelic display of these two wars.

David Bevan ~~ Eastamps ~~ Ellerslie Stamp Fairs 2021
Carey Baptist Church Hall, 473 Great South Road, Penrose, Auckland (next to Warehouse Stationery)

Saturday 10 April, 10.00am-3.30pm
Saturday 15 May, 10.00am-3.30pm
Saturday 18 June, 10.00am-3.30pm

Jan & John Fitzpatrick ~~ Browns Bay Stamp Fairs 2021
Senior Citizens Rooms, 9 Inverness Road, Browns Bay, Auckland
Saturday 1 May, 9.30am-3.30pm
Saturday 5 June, 9.30am-3.30pm

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Acceptable Abbreviations

U = Used	UNHM = Unhinged Mint	HM = Hinged Mint	M+U = Mint and Used	FDC = First Day Cover
FU = Fine Used	LM = Lightly Hinged	PI Blk = Plate Block	Env = Envelope	Wmk = Watermark
GBP = Pounds	M/S = Miniature Sheet	PC = Post Cards	CV = Catalogue Value	FV = Face Value
R = Reserve \$	NZ = New Zealand	GB = Great Britain	Aus = Australia	Accum = Accumulation
SB = Stockbook	SG = Stanley Gibbons	CP = Campbell Pat.	ACS = Akl City Stamp	LJ = Len Jury
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