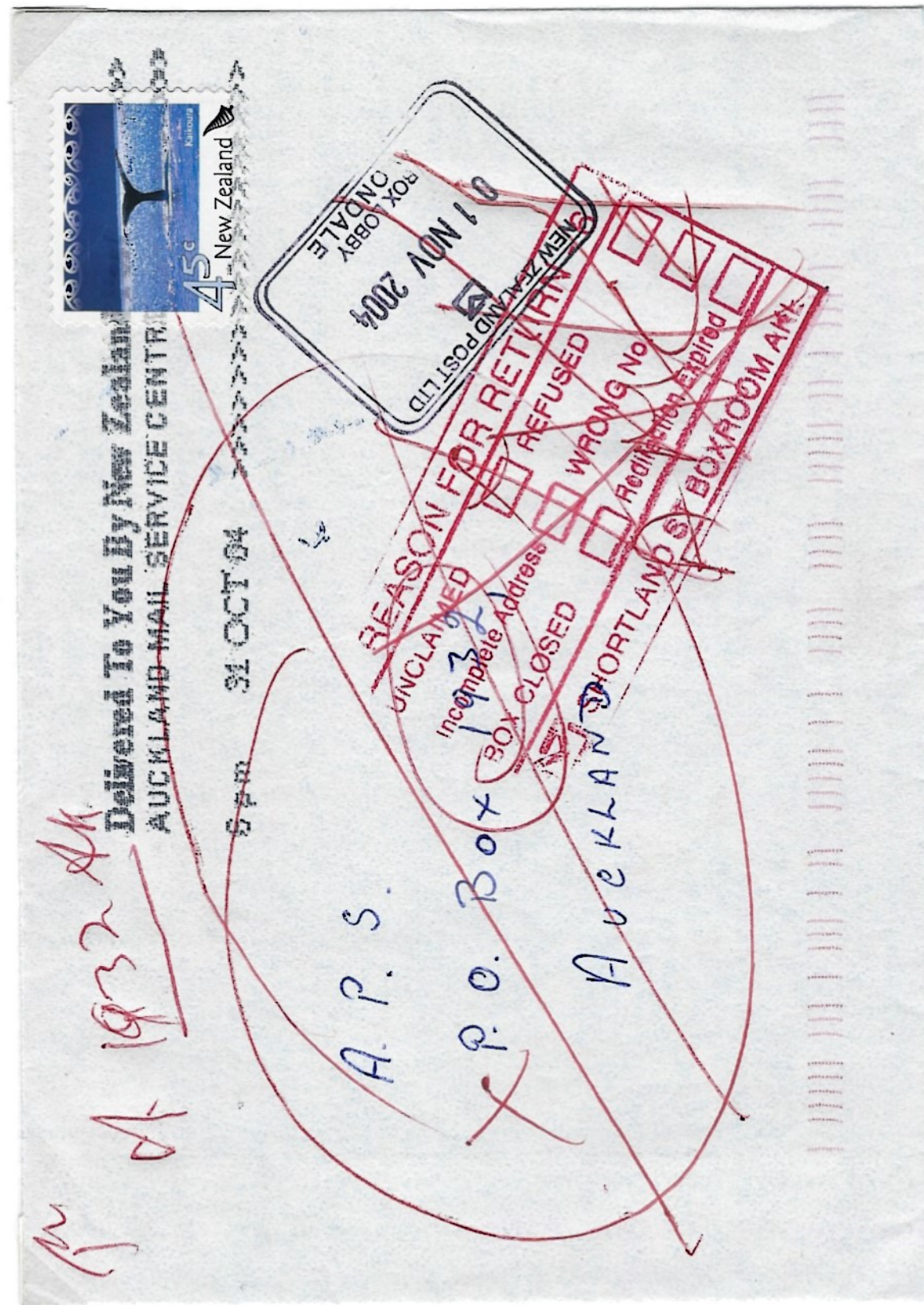


The Value of the Mail 2004/5

Occasionally a "no value" item, such as this 45c Kaikoura stamp turns into an interesting cover, when it attracts postal markings, such as this correctly addressed letter, mistakenly sent to the Avondale Post Office.



Mail I deem as generally not useful to the collector is: permit paid; self adhesives and old definitives. So how did we do in helping our fellow philatelists?

Percentage of mail I deem useful.

Dealers	27/35	78%
Members	144/348	45%
Societies	53/69	84%
Others	5/50	10%

Members of APS have a long way to go. By planning ahead and using a little fore thought, there is no excuse in not being able to provide a useful item.

I recommend that members buying new stamps from the Post Office, should stick to gummed version when a self adhesive is available and older commemoratives should be used instead of older definitives.

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Only 11 (5%) of the items involved a local post stamp. This item from a member, contained a small parcel of circuit booklets.



The Value of the Mail 2004/5

Dealers have plenty of opportunity in providing "value for money" as in this envelope new and older stamps containing an Australian auction catalogue. Older stamps were used on 114 (22%) of the mail, with 63 (55%) of these coming from our members.



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Imagination knows no bounds as in this letter with labels from the imaginary country of Liegerland. One of the better items received.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
18 Palmerston Boulevard,
MABUS, Republic of Liegerland.



The President,
Auckland Philatelic Society,
P.O. Box 1932,

Auckland, New Zealand.

~~AE 14718 1-914797~~

The Value of the Mail 2004/5

There were 98 letters with recent commemorative stamps, 68 from our members and 21 from other societies. Some of these indicate the sender has made a special effort with the envelope or the post mark to create an interesting letter. This envelope has been printed with a scanned image to match the stamp.



The Value of the Mail 2004/5

Self adhesive commemorative and Christmas stamps have been readily accepted by the public, because of their ease of use. This makes them far more common than the gummed version. There were 91 letters with self adhesive stamps, 81 (89%) from our own members.



The Value of the Mail 2004/5

Stamps with older definitives were used on 42 (8%) of the items. Once again, our own members sent most of them - 37 (88%). These are not such an attractive option.



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However there is no excuse for using the common definitives, such as the 45c Kaikoura stamp. Every stamp collector must have 100's of these. There were 76 (15%) of these letters of which 70 (92%) came from our club members. They should have known better.



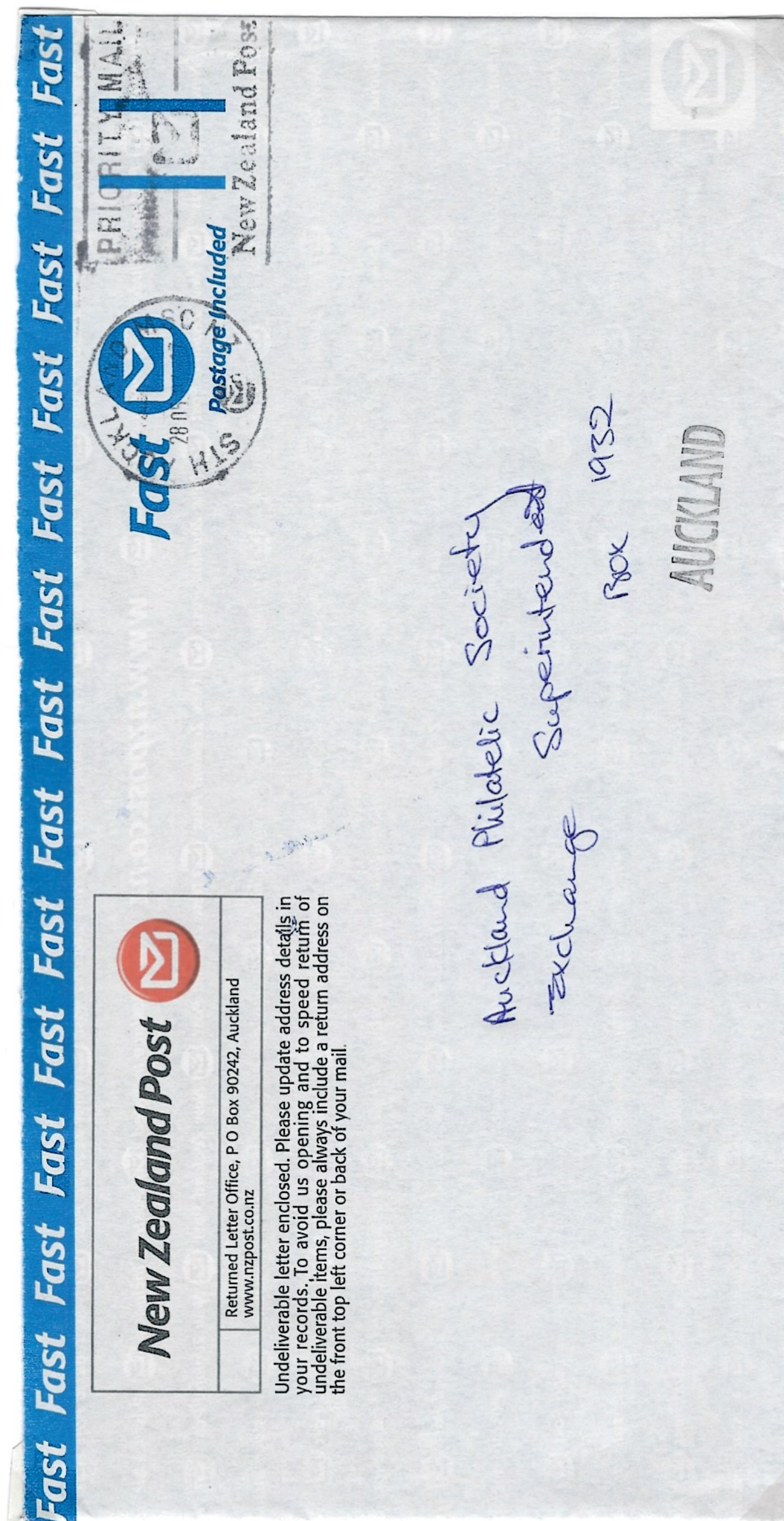
c/o AUCKLAND PHILATELIC
SOCIETY (Inc.)
C.P.O. BOX 1932,
AUCKLAND. C.I.

Issued by the Auckland Philatelic Society Inc.

Celebrating the opening of AUPEX'97 - 13 Nov 1997

The Value of the Mail 2004/5

Even New Zealand Post does not encourage the use of stamps. Its own mail is sent in Official NZPO "Postage Included" envelopes. It is not of general interest, except to a Postal Historian who specialises in such items. The Post Office should be encouraging the use of their own products.



The Value of the Mail 2004/5

Some mail that does not require stamps because of New Zealand Post policies, such as this Trackpak. A stamp collector has missed out on the chance to acquire higher valued stamps.

trackpak

PLEASE DELIVER TO: MR. PHIL PLATT

COMPANY / NAME:

AWKLAND PHILATELIC SOC.

ADDRESS:

P.O. BOX 1932

PHONE:

ATTENTION:

CITY: AUCKLAND

PLEASE COMPLETE ADDRESS PANEL WITH FULL DETAILS. FOR USE WITHIN NEW ZEALAND ONLY.

A EA 648 601 717 NZ



A/D EA 648 601 717 NZ



CourierPost

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Typical business mail is most uninteresting and mostly gets thrown in the rubbish. There were 64 (13%) such items, 26 (40%) of these were from Philatelic sources.



The Value of the Mail 2004/5

Whether they collect stamps or postal history, Philatelists always looks forward to receiving something interesting or of "Value" in the post. This Exhibit investigates 502 items posted to the Auckland Philatelic Society in the last 6 months. How well do help our fellow Philatelists by providing interesting stamps or interesting postal items?

The mail has been grouped into 4 categories:

1. From Auckland Philatelic Society members (348 - 69%).
2. From other Philatelic Societies (50 - 10%).
3. From Stamp Dealers (35 - 7%).
4. From all other sources (69 - 14%).

Wouldn't we all like to receive an item like this.

PHILATELIC MAIL
PLEASE HANDLE WITH CARE



Garden Flowers



Auckland Philatelic Society
Exchange Superintendent
P. O. Box 1932
AUCKLAND