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## 1970 expo'70 FDCs



Two examples of the NZPO FDCs with the three stamps issued for the expo'70 World Expo held in Osaka in April 1970. Both appear to have been taken to Japan by visitors from New Zealand. The top example has a 60 sen stamp added, cancelled at Osaka where the event was held, addressed and posted back here. The lower example has a promotional slogan added which, as it is inverted on the cover, may be an impression from some type of franking machine in the New Zealand pavilion.

Stephen Jones

## Society Report

### March Meeting

The meeting for March was a members' night on the topic of "Grand Designs, Building and Architecture" with 8 members showing material on the topic. First look at what was on the display frames and it could have been a postcard group meeting.

We had displays of Traditional building on show at the 1906 Christchurch Exhibition from Edward Fairbrass, a tour of UK buildings from Peter Bamber, British PHQ cards on architecture issues from Alan Tunnicliffe,



Clockwise from  
top left;  
Murray Taege  
giving his  
"powerpoint"  
display,

Karen Jeffrey,

Murray Clark and

Christine  
Haythornthwaite

Churches and cathedrals from Christine Haythornthwaite, India's 1931 Inauguration of New Delhi issue from Murray Clark, Buildings & Architecture or Philately in Propaganda from Murray Taege, Ancient Egyptian Architecture from Sue Claridge, and British Royal Palaces from Karen Jeffrey. This gave a good range of buildings from several parts of the globe and a great contribution from those who participated. From this writer's biased viewpoint (who didn't participate), only one speaker could name the architects involved in their displayed works of architecture.

### In the news...

New Zealand Post has been in the news twice recently, once on 18 February to announce they were suspending mail service to China due to the coronavirus health issue and then on 4<sup>th</sup> March to admit "losing" two street mailboxes in central Dunedin which the subsequent backlog meant 1700 items were delayed because they didn't collect mail from those boxes for a month.

### Don't forget...

We have a sales night coming up in June and the annual competition is in July

Paul van Herpt

## SOCIETY PAGE

### PROGRAMME

APRIL 6 POSTAL HISTORY GROUP Cancelled

APRIL 14 SOCIETY MEETING **AGM**  
President's Night

#### **AGM Cancelled**

All meetings for April, including the AGM and group meetings, are cancelled until further notice. Check the May issue of the *Captain Cook* for updates on meeting schedules for May and June

APRIL 21 LIBRARY NIGHT Cancelled

MAY 4 POSTAL HISTORY GROUP

MAY 12 SOCIETY MEETING **Member's Night**  
The letters Q, R, S, & T

MAY 19 LIBRARY NIGHT Open for all members

MAY 26 POSTCARD GROUP Botanical & Zoological

JUNE 1 POSTAL HISTORY GROUP

All meetings are held at the Philatelic Centre, 67 Mandeville St, Riccarton, and commence at 7.30 pm. (Library night closes at 10 pm)

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# 1952 Ministerial Official Franks

A list (foolscap size) of the Government Ministers and their Secretaries along with impressions of the Free Frank associated with their position.



NEW ZEALAND


## LIST OF MINISTERS, WITH PORTFOLIOS AND DEPARTMENTS, AS AT 1 JULY 1952



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Stephen Jones

THE CHRISTCHURCH (N.Z) PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC.  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2019

2018 Income	2019
8,357 Subscriptions	7,416
Other Income	
3,740 Advertising	2,960
600 Donations	600
714 Exchange Branch Commissions	543
11,597 Interest	10,020
391 Library	1,055
200 Literature Award	0
0 Literature Exhibition	900
87 Miscellaneous	92
296 Raffles	345
320 Sales	578
<u>17,945</u> Total Other Income	<u>17,093</u>
<u>\$26,302</u> Total Income	<u>\$24,509</u>
Expenses	
0 Donations	740
532 Federation Levy	570
73 General Expenses	330
576 Insurance	454
1,251 Internet	1,468
2,899 Library	1,564
0 Literature Award	200
0 Literature Exhibition	1,657
541 Meeting Expenses	348
1,100 Officers Expenses	1,300
1,462 Postage and P O Box Rental	1,500
5,681 Printing and Stationery	4,936
7,400 Rent	7,400
88 Society and Interclub Competitions	50
<u>\$21,603</u> Total Expenses	<u>\$22,517</u>
<u>\$4,699</u> Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenses	<u>\$1,992</u>

THE CHRISTCHURCH (NZ) PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

2018		2019
	Current Assets	
3,611	Westpac Cheque Account	3,316
14,679	Westpac Savings Account	19,099
310	Paypal	666
299,198	Westpac Term Deposits	299,198
<u>317,798</u>	Total Current Assets	<u>322,279</u>
3,000	Advance to Philatelic Properties	0
150,000	Shares in Philatelic Properties	150,000
<u>153,000</u>	Total Investments	<u>150,000</u>
<u>470,798</u>	Total Assets	<u>472,279</u>
	Current Liabilities	
3,462	Exchange Branch Suspense	2,951
<u>3,462</u>	Total Current Liabilities	<u>2,951</u>
<u>3,462</u>	Total Liabilities	<u>2,951</u>
<u>\$467,336</u>	Excess of Assets over Liabilities	<u>\$469,328</u>
462,637	Members Funds at beginning of year	467,336
4,699	Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenses	1,992
<u>\$467,336</u>	Members Funds at end of year	<u>\$469,328</u>

Review Report to Christchurch (NZ) Philatelic Society Incorporated.

I have reviewed the financial statements of Christchurch (NZ) Philatelic Society Incorporated for the year ended 31 December 2019.

A review is limited primarily to enquiries of Society personnel and analytical review procedures applied to financial data and thus provides less assurance than an audit. I have not performed an audit and, accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that these financial statements do not give a true and fair view the financial position of Christchurch (NZ) Philatelic Society Incorporated as at 31 December 2019, and its financial performance for the year then ended.

Murray Taege  
February 14, 2020



# CHRISTCHURCH (NZ) PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC.

Notice is given for the 109<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 14th April 2020 with an agenda as below to receive reports and elect officers. No specific remits have been received.

## AGENDA 109<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019 AT 7.30pm AT THE PHILATELIC CENTRE, 67 MANDEVILLE ST.

**WELCOME:**  
**APOLOGIES:**  
**MINUTES OF THE 108<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**  
**MATTERS ARISING:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**  
**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS:**  
**FINANCIAL REVIEW PANEL'S REPORT:**

<b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS:</b>	Patron	President
	Vice-President	Treasurer
	Secretary	Librarian
	Exchange Superintendent	Newsletter Editor
	Collections Convenor	Committee positions x4

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** Officer's Expenses  
Annual Presentations  
The Anderson Cup, awarded for best talk and display during 2019  
The Pim Cup, most popular talk or display on Members nights  
John Wilson Literature Award, for best 2019 Newsletter article  
Items from the floor

## MINUTES OF THE 109<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH (NZ) PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC held on 9th April 2019 at 67 Mandeville Street

Welcome: 19 members were welcomed to the meeting by Paul van Herpt.

Apologies: Murray Willocks, Tony Stockley, John Sheppard, Denny Wells, Philip Creed & Murray Clark

Minutes of the 107<sup>th</sup> AGM: Moved by Jeff Long, seconded by Lindsay Carswell that the minutes as circulated in Captain Coqk be accepted as a true and correct record. Carried.

Presidents Report: This was circulated in Captain Coqk and was taken as read. It was moved by Paul van Herpt, seconded by Murray Taege that the report be accepted. Carried.

Statement of Accounts: It was moved by Paul van Herpt, seconded by Lindsay Carswell that the financial report as circulated in the Captain Coqk be approved. Carried.



Financial Review Panel's Report: It was moved by Alister Watson, seconded by David Reynolds that the review report as circulated in the Captain Coqk be approved. Carried.

**Award Presentations:**

The Anderson Cup for the best talk at a meeting was awarded to Murray Willocks

The Pim Cup for the best members' night presentation went to Murray Clark.

The John F Wilson memorial literature award for best article or series in Captain Coqk as judged by Mark Jurisich went to Stephen Jones.

**Election of Officers:**

Patron :	Jeff Long	Paul van Herpt/Murray Taege
President:	Murray Willocks	Jeff Long/Robert Duns
Vice President:	Sue Claridge	Paul van Herpt/Jeff Long
Secretary:	Paul Ledington	Paul van Herpt/Murray Taege
Treasurer:	Karen Jeffrey	Paul van Herpt/David Reynolds
Library:	Robert Duns	Paul van Herpt/Karren Jeffrey
Exchange:	Tony Stockley	David Reynolds/Murray Taege
Newsletter:	Stephen Jones	Paul van Herpt/Robert Duns
Collections:	Paul Clark	Paul van Herpt/Murray Taege
Webmaster	Murray Taege	Paul van Herpt/Robert Duns
Committee:	No nominations received	

Review Panel: Murray Taege & David Reynolds moved by Paul van Herpt, seconded by Murray Taege. Carried

Officers expenses: Moved by Robert Duns, seconded Murray Taege that the expenses remain the same as the previous year being \$2,200.00. Carried.

General Business: Some people have struggled to hear speakers at members night with the suggestion to use the speaker system.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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## **Presidents Report Christchurch Philatelic Society**

### **For year from May 2019 to April 2020**

It has been a business as usual year for the Society with well attended monthly meetings, library nights and other associated Society activities. A successful Philatelic Literature exhibition was held in conjunction with a Society stamp sale. The library is an excellent resource for researchers from all over the world and our own members. The monthly edition of Captain Coqk continues to hold reader interest and provide a great range of informative articles. Membership and our financial position have remained reasonably stable. On the face of it - a good position to be in.

However, underlying this is the issue that many clubs and Societies are facing - what does our future look like? We are not attracting new members into the Society or the hobby. The challenge for the committee is how do we turn that around? Early in the year we went to

randomly selected members for their view on the value CPS offers them. Their views were brought together in a draft discussion paper which the committee has been working through. This will be a major focus for the next year as we strive to attract new members (and ideas) and promote philately which is a great hobby, and record of the development and history of society. CPS has a very good asset base in terms of intellectual knowledge, physical resources and financial resources which put us in a good position to address the issues we are facing.

This is my first year as President following a short time on the committee. It has been a learning exercise and I thank the committee for their assistance to help me settle into the role. Every well functioning organisation has an effective hard working committee, working behind the scenes to make things happen. I would like to recognise the expertise, dedication and commitment of the committee and the part they play in the smooth running of CPS. Sue as vice-President for standing in while I am away, Karen for her financial management, Paul L for preparing minutes and all that Society secretaries do, Paul van Herpt for his work in the library and leading the team managing the philatelic exhibition, Robert for his work in the library, Murray T for his work on the website, Paul C for his hospitality on Society evenings, Stephen for his editorial skills and Tony for managing the circuit. They all bring different skills and viewpoints to the table and it is this diversity that will steer CPS into the future. On behalf of the members of CPS thank you, your contribution is greatly appreciated.

To the members, thank you for your on-going support. Naturally we would like to see greater involvement whether at monthly meetings or contributing articles to Captain Coqk - if you have the time, we would appreciate it.

Murray Willocks

## 1940 Methodist Cinderella



A Methodist's Home & Maori Missions cinderella tied to the back of a registered cover sent from New Zealand to the USA. Believed to be issued in sheetlets of six with four different labels, it is listed as G68 in Heslop's Cinderella catalogue. The date of usage is given as the 1950's however this example, dated January 26, 1940 indicates a probable issue date in the late 1930's.

Stephen Jones

## Where On Earth Is: Katanga

The International Association of the Congo was founded on November 17, 1879 by King Leopold II of Belgium to further his interests in the Congo. The 1885 Berlin Conference recognised the society as sovereign over the territories it controlled. On August 1, 1885, Leopold personally claimed Congo as the "Congo Free State".



Belgian Congo 1950  
50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Katanga  
Allegory of Belgium with mining gear

Cecil Rhodes' British South Africa Company (BSAC) was also interested in the mineral rights to the Congo Basin's Yeke Kingdom, in Katanga in the south eastern region of the country. Its chief, Msiri, refused to sign a treaty with Rhodes. Leopold II authorised, Canadian, William Grant Stairs to take possession of Katanga. Stairs and his group left Zanzibar on June 27, 1891 and arrived at Bunkeya, Msiri's capital, on December 14, 1891.

On December 19, Stairs realised that Msiri intended to play the Free State and BSAC off against each other. He gave an ultimatum to Msiri to sign a treaty and that he would fly the Free State flag without his consent. Msiri decamped to another stockade. 20 December, Stairs sent a force to capture Msiri, who resisted. Msiri was shot and killed. Stairs backed Mukanda-Bantu to succeed Msiri and forced him to sign a treaty. In January 1892 the treaty convinced the BSAC that the Free State had taken Katanga.



Postcard of a tin mine in Katanga

The Union Minière du Haut Katanga (UMHK) was created on October 28, 1906, in order to exploit the mineral wealth of Katanga.

UMHK was allocated a 20,000 km<sup>2</sup> concession. The main mineral export was copper, followed by cobalt (75% of the world supply in the 1950's), tin, uranium,

radium, gold and diamonds. In 1959, Belgian profits from the UMHK were in excess of 3.5 billion Belgian francs. Export duties paid to the colonial government constituted 50% of its revenue. There were times when the colony's tax on the UMHK accounted for up to 66% of its



revenues. The UMHK also greatly contributed to the wealth of Belgium, as most of the profits were sent to Belgium.



Belgian Congo 1942 Belgium govt in exile rec'd most of its revenue from Katanga

After WW2, Belgium had no plans to grant independence to Belgian Congo, despite UN prodding. Belgium experimented in 1950 by extending civil rights to those *évolués*, Congolese elite, who were "deserving". By 1955 the scheme had failed. News of independence from French and British colonies spurred political awareness. The inability of Belgium to introduce credible political change caused the *évolués* to organise themselves politically.

These took two markedly different forms: territorial nationalism, (Belgian Congo would become one politically united state); and ethno-religious/regional nationalism (Belgian Congo would become a federation).

Mouvement National Congolais (MNC), established in 1956 and led by Patrice Lumumba, represented the former.

The Alliance des Bakongo (ABAKO), founded in 1955 led by Joseph Kasa-Vubu, and Confédération des Associations Tribales du Katanga (CONAKAT), founded in 1958 led by Moïse Tshombe, represented the later



Kasa-Vubu

In December 1955 the "Thirty Year Plan for the Political Emancipation of Belgian Africa" paper was issued. It was rejected by both Belgium and the *évolués*. On December 8 and 22, 1957, the colonial government organised the first municipal elections in three urban centres (Léopoldville, Élisabethville and Jadotville), in which Congolese people were allowed to stand for office and cast their vote.



1955 King Baudouin's visit to the Congo  
His return in 1959 was marred by violence

This led to a sudden acceleration in the demands for political emancipation. A key role was played by Lumumba's MNC. On January 4, 1959, a prohibited political demonstration by ABAKO in Léopoldville erupted into extensive rioting.

The violence sent a shockwave through the Congo and Belgium. On January 13, Belgium declared it would work towards the full independence of the Congo.

The Belgian government's plan for a graduated independence was wrecked by the growing violence. The Belgo-Congolese Round Table Conference to discuss independence was held in Brussels, January 20 - February 20 & April 26 - May 16, 1960. It included representatives of the Congolese political parties and chiefs, and Belgian political and business leaders. The conference agreed quickly to grant the Congolese practically all their demands: a general election, held on May 22, 1960; and full independence on June 30.

This was in response to the strong united front put up by the Congolese delegation. The elections produced a split between the centrist MNC and federalist ABAKO. A compromise was



forced through, with Kasa-vubu becoming the first president of the Republic of the Congo, and Lumumba its first head of government



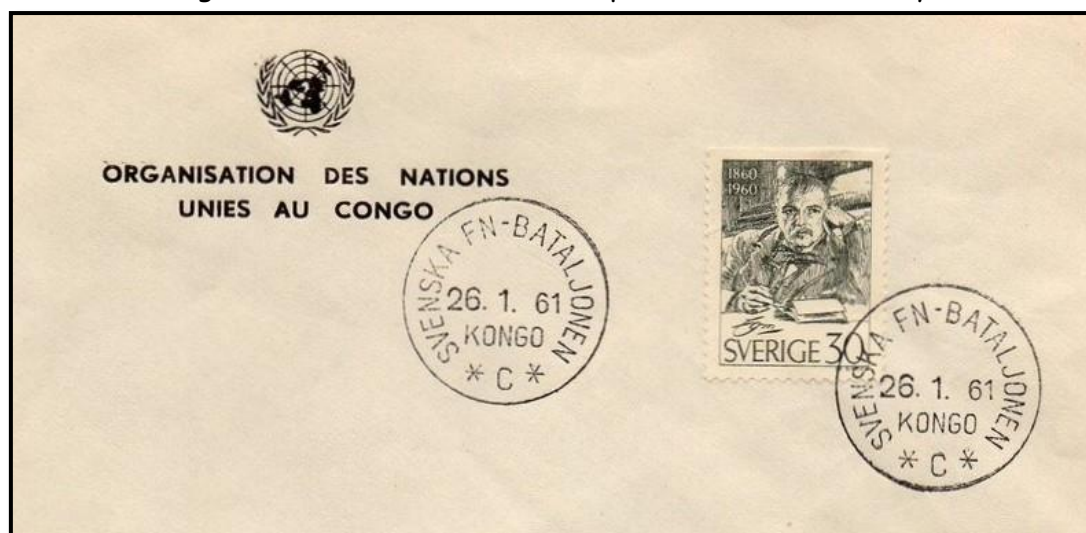
Katanga as part of DR Congo



Katanga 1961 Tshombe

CONAKAT was concerned that Lumumba would dismiss its members from the Katanga provincial government and replace them with his supporters and nationalise the UMHK. On July 11, Tshombe announced that Katanga was seceding from the Congo. The secession was not supported in northern or southern Katanga. It was primarily to secure the immense mineral wealth. Katanga was home to a disproportionately large Belgian community who openly backed the secession.

On July 14, 1960, the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 143. Belgium was to remove its troops from the Congo and to provide 'military assistance'. It set up the United Nations Operation in the Congo (ONUC). The first UN troops arrived the next day.



There was disagreement between Lumumba and the UN over ONUC's mandate. Lumumba wanted to use ONUC to subdue Katanga by force. UN Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjöld, refused.

To Hammarskjöld, the secession of Katanga was an internal Congolese matter and the UN was forbidden to intervene. On July 22, Resolution 145 affirmed that Congo should be a unitary state.

August 9, Resolution 146 mentioned Katanga for the first time, and explicitly allowed ONUC to enter Katanga whilst forbidding their use to intervene. ONUC forces entered Élisabethville, the Katanga capital, on August 12, 1960

This frustrated the Congolese government. On August 27, it launched a poorly organized incursion into Katanga. It led to the further deterioration of relations between the two governments. Sporadic clashes would continue for the next two years. On February 21, 1961, resolution 161 was adopted, which authorised use of force as a last resort to stop the civil war.



During the next six months, the UN undertook no major military operations, concentrating instead on facilitating several rounds of political negotiations.



Katanga 1962 Gendarmerie  
Its backbone was the mercenaries



In February 1961, Tshombe hired more foreign mercenaries. The intermittent clashes with the ONUC escalated until April 30 when Tshombe agreed to cease attacks on the ONUC.

Operation Morthor, September 13, 1961, ONUC forces unsuccessfully tried to seize Katanga. Sporadic fighting with ONUC restarted. On September 18, 1961, UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld was killed in a plane crash.

U Thant became the new UN Secretary-General. U Thant proposed another peace plan. By December 19 it had failed. In 1962 ONUC and Katanga increased their military strengths. On December 24, 1962, ONUC and Katangese forces clashed near Élisabethville. Over the following days fighting escalated and on December 28, ONUC launched Operation Grandslam to neutralize the Katanga forces.

December 31, 1962, Élisabethville was under UN control. January 15, 1963, Tshombe conceded defeat and on January 21, Kolwezi, his last stronghold fell. Katanga was re-integrated into the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Initial issues for Katanga used overprinted Belgian Congo or Republic of Congo stamps. They had no UPU approval but were tolerated for international postal use.



Congo 1963



Congo stamps overprinted for Katanga

Murray Taege



Katanga 1960 African Masks





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There is a search facility allowing you to search for your Interests. e.g. Entering the word 'Railway' brings up around 200 different items.

### **Website categories include:**

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- NZ Commemoratives from the 1906 Christchurch Exhibition onwards.
- NZ Health and Christmas issues.
- Booklets.
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- Life Insurance.
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- Cinderellas.
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- New Zealand Postal History.
- New Zealand Postal Stationery.
- Antarctic stamps, Postcards and Postal History.
- Various British Commonwealth and Foreign Country's stamps and covers.

### **Recent additions to the Classic Stamps' web site. . . . .**

Polar specialist Mark Jurisich FRPSNZ has recently updated three of his Antarctic monographs and produced eight new ones.

#### **The full list of eleven publications is:**

- \* 'A Postal History of Campbell Island' (55Mb).
- \* 'A Postal History of the Joint New Zealand - United States Hallett Station Antarctica' (225Mb).
- \* 'The Postmarks of Ross Dependency' (13.5Mb).
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