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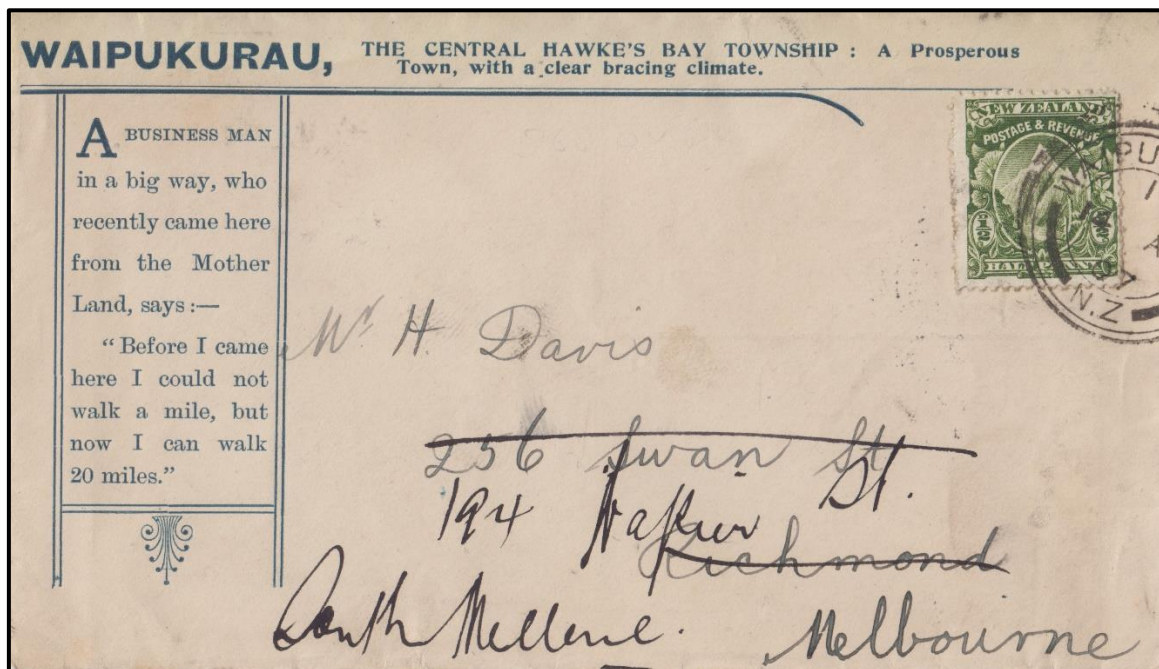
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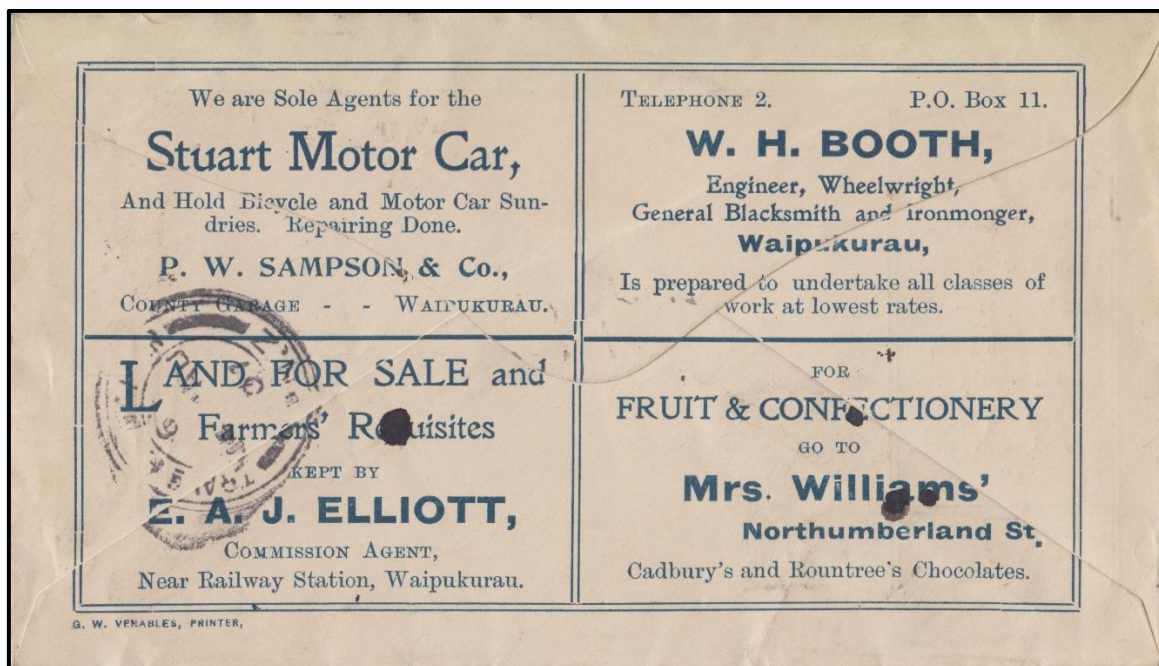
April, 2022

1907 Waipukurau Advertising Cover

A sideline to collecting the SSF advert stamps is collecting covers with business advertising on the reverse. They are surprisingly uncommon and this example dated August 1907 is the only one I have seen from Waipukurau.



"A Prosperous Town, with a clear bracing climate"



Stephen Jones

SOCIETY NEWS

March Meeting

Members attended an alternative post evening and brought material along to follow on from the speaker Graham Muir reminding us of the history of stamp production and deregulation of the N.Z. Postal Services.

Grahams talk covered the new operators from 2003 onwards that included Fastaway Post (Hawkes Bay), Freightways, DX Mail, Pete's Post (New Plymouth), NZ Mail, National Mail and N.Z. Mail Ltd. Graham gave a comprehensive talk and display on a subject he is a specialist in.

Paul Clark followed with an impressive display of CAL's that he has built up since their first issue that continues to include all the CPS and airmail ones issued in recent years. We may have to repeat the personalised stamp issue night again to see what else is out there as we only briefly touched on other countries (David Reynolds with Canadian strike labels and Paul van Herpt on Netherlands 'stop post')!



Members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held in April, in the philatelic rooms, followed by a talk and display from the President 'a trip down the Nile' accompanied by a power point presentation from the webmaster on his visit to the Nile River area and post cards from the many famous Nile sites by the President.

Don't forget that the closing date for Wellington Stamp Exhibition (WPS100) is not far off, so download the information and get you entry form in, hopefully we will see you there, please note the dates have change to Friday 11 - Sunday 13, November 2022 - so get booking your travel and accommodation now.

Sue Claridge

SOCIETY PAGE

PROGRAMME

APRIL 4 POSTAL HISTORY GROUP Open for all members

APRIL 12 SOCIETY MEETING AGM
President's Night

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My fellow members, ask not what your Society can do for you,
ask what you can do for your Society!

Followed by a talk, "A trip Down The Nile", given by our President and
Murray Taege

APRIL 19 LIBRARY NIGHT Open for all members

MAY 2 POSTAL HISTORY GROUP Open for all members

MAY 10 SOCIETY MEETING Tim Beach
The work of James Berry

MAY 17 LIBRARY NIGHT Open for all members

MAY 22 POSTCARD GROUP Open to all members
Aviation

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

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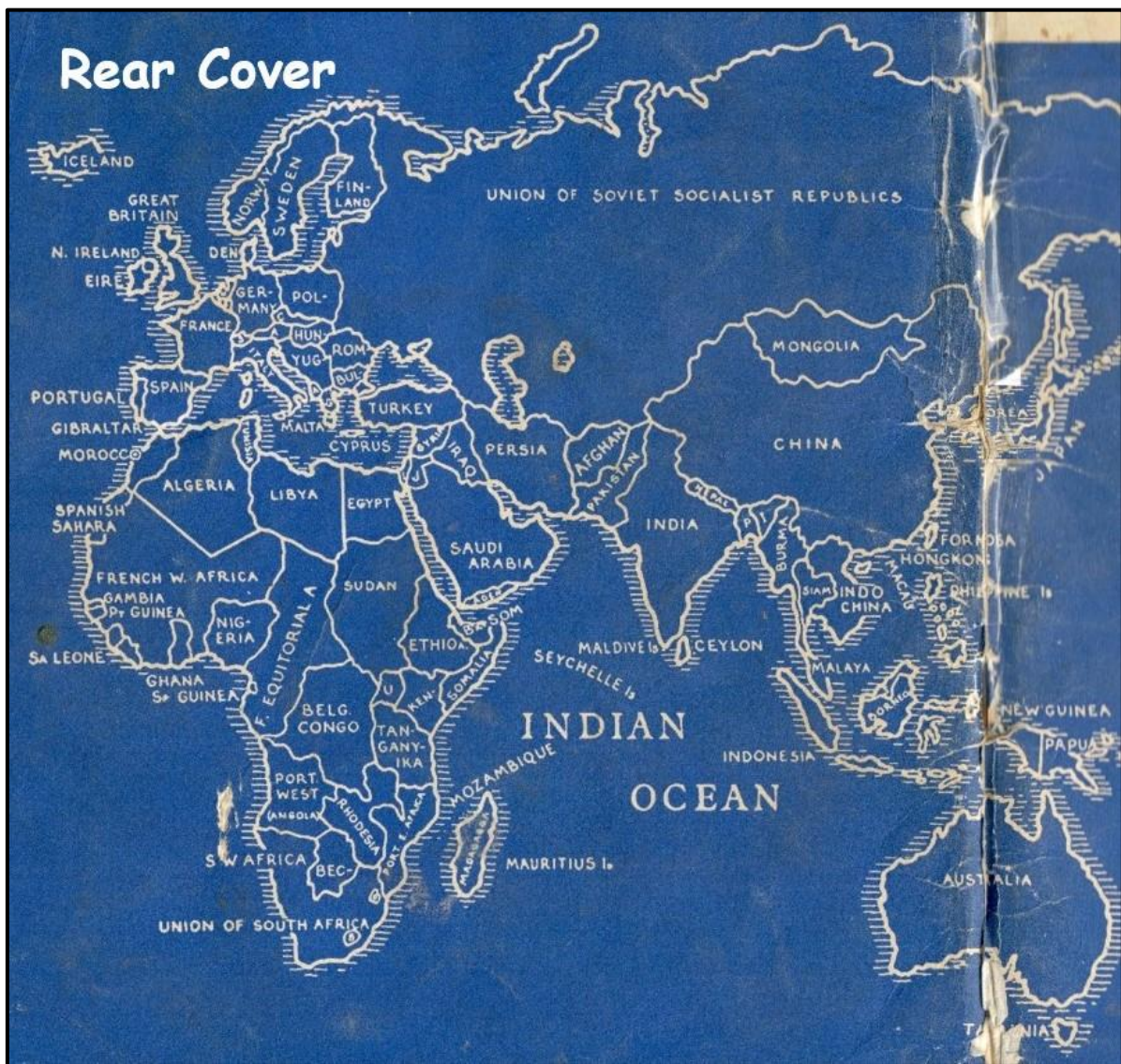
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The front cover illustrates mainly East Asia, the Pacific Ocean, and the Americas. The map includes the Marshall Islands. It issued stamps during the German colonial period, 1897 to 1914, and again in 1984 under the name of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. So that is no help. The map includes the Marshall Islands but not any French colonial islands e.g., New Caledonia, French Polynesia etc.



April 2022



Formosa

In Asia: There is no North or South Korea, only Korea. North and South Korea officially split in 1948. Formosa for Taiwan. Formosa was only ever used briefly in the short-lived Republic of Formosa in 1898. Taiwan was commonly called Formosa until 1950 when Chinese Nationalist forces relocated there after losing the Chinese Civil War 1945-1949. It became the Republic of China, or Taiwan to distinguish it from the People's Republic of China.



North Vietnam
1948

Indochina ceased on July 21, 1954. North Vietnam is not shown. It came into existence on September 2, 1945 but was not considered legitimate until 1954.



NEI "Indonesia"
1948

Malaya became Malaysia on September 16, 1963. Netherlands East Indies officially became Indonesia on December 27, 1949. In 1948 the Netherlands overprinted Netherlands East Indies stamps with "Indonesia". Siam was renamed Thailand (again) when Field Marshal Plaek Phibunsongkhram formed a government as prime minister on April 8, 1948.



Thailand 1950

There is a "P" for Pakistan where Bangladesh is. Bangladesh became independent on December 16, 1971. Ceylon became Sri Lanka on May 22, 1972

Middle East: Reza Shah Pahlavi ordered Persia to be called Iran on March 21, 1935. Western use of "Persia" from the 1950s more commonly referred to the historical /cultural Iran. "Iran" referred to its political being. On April 4, 1962, Aden became part of the Federation of South Arabia, before becoming the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen on November 30, 1967. Israel became the State of Israel on May 14, 1948. Transjordan became the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on May 25, 1946. Jordan wasn't inscribed on its stamps until 1949.



Persia overprinted Iran 1953



In Africa: On June 26, 1960, the British Somaliland gained independence as the State of Somaliland before uniting five days later with the Trust Territory of Somalia to form the Somali Republic (Somalia) on July 1, 1960. On April 26, 1964, Tanganyika merged with Zanzibar to form Tanzania. The Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland was established on August 1, 1953 and dissolved on December 31, 1963. Bechuanaland Protectorate became the Republic of Botswana on September 30, 1966. Basutoland gained full independence, as Lesotho, on October 4, 1966. Belgian Congo gained independence as the Republic of the Congo on June 30, 1960 and the Democratic Republic of the Congo on August 1, 1964 (to distinguish it from French Congo). In 1958, French West Africa and French Equatorial Africa were dissolved.



Federation of Mali 1959, came out of French West Africa



Papua & N Guinea 1952

Spanish Guinea became Equatorial Guinea on October 12, 1968, with independence from Spain. The Gold Coast (not Australia) became a dominion on March 6, 1957 and changed its name to Ghana. In Europe: Germany did not officially split until West Germany was established on May 23, 1949 and East Germany on October 7, 1949. 1948 could fit as the date of printing (if you ignore the absence of Nyasaland). But the map is inconsistent. It has Ghana at the same time as French Indochina, Siam, a single Germany and Korea. So, I looked inside.

The first item that muddies the water further is that Papua and New Guinea are separately listed under "Australian Administered Territories". On July 1, 1949 they officially became the Administrative Union of the Territory of Papua and the Territory of New Guinea, or Papua and New Guinea. Then it states "Cyprus...became self-governing 1959". Under Germany it states: "Since 1945 divided into Western and Eastern Germany", but not on the map. Under Iraq: "...and republic in 1958".



Republic of Iraq

My best guess is 1960 as the printing date. Independent Somalia, Congo, Mali, or Central African Republic all came into existence in 1959 - 1960 and are not mentioned in the album. But then neither is North or South Vietnam which existed from 1954 (Cambodia and Laos are mentioned).

In other news: Belgium and France are still occupied by Germany! The album states Belgium and France were invaded by Germany in 1914 and 1940. For other nations Germany invaded, it gives the end dates 1918 or 1944 - 45, but not for Belgium and France. Canada and New Zealand are still dominions according to the album! Canada adopted the Statute of Westminster (giving independence to the British dominions) in 1931 and New Zealand was the last dominion to do so in 1947.



Dunkerque, German occupation of France 1940-1945

Iraq was a kingdom when still in the Ottoman Empire! It states: "Iraq...became a kingdom in 1917", Iraq did not become a kingdom until August 23, 1921. Israel was a "province of Turkey till 1917". Try Palestine was a province of the Ottoman Empire till 1918. It fails to mention Germany and Italy were kingdoms but mentions kingdoms that disappeared in other republics. Under Latvia, it gives it its German name Lettland, why? Under Estonia: "1940 became a state of U.S.S.R.", yet for Latvia and Lithuania this becomes 1944. The Soviet Union de facto took control of the Baltic states shortly after the signing of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, August 24, 1939.



Ottoman postcard post marked Beni-Saab (Tulkarm, Palestine), 3 May 1918. Tulkarm was captured by British forces in Sept 1918

Under Poland, there is no mention of German occupation in WW2! Given the album's inaccuracies and inconsistencies, 1967 (the year the owner wrote on the album), may well be the date of printing.



Latvia Soviet Rep 1940



Government General not mentioned



British Columbia is stated, but will a young collector have one?

It was probably the cheapest album that was available for someone who never really collected stamps. The printer assumed the inaccuracies and inconsistencies would go unnoticed, especially to the market it targeted. It was produced in the same way that Collins churned out millions of its cheap exercise books that we used in our years at school. While some of the inaccuracies and inconsistencies may be excusable, the majority is due to sloppiness. It is unlikely that a young collector would have stamps from many of the places inscribed in the album. The space allotted to countries with large stamp outputs was quite small and would quickly be filled, as in this case. There is plenty of space for stamps from places that, unless the collector was determined to get, may rarely have stamps. NZ did not enjoy a good reputation for quality at that time and this album demonstrates this. Next time I'm at a stamp fair, I will check a modern version of this album to see if they have improved.



B.P.A.E.A 1948-66 is not mentioned

Murray Taege

THE CHRISTCHURCH (N.Z) PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

2020 Income	2021
7,003 Subscriptions	9,918
Other Income	
3,180 Advertising	3,600
700 Donations	854
476 Exchange Branch Commissions	573
7,928 Interest	3,115
200 J F Wilson Literature Award	200
198 Library	184
0 Literature Exhibition	1,000
97 Miscellaneous	102
314 Raffles	349
79 Sales	2,900
<u>13,172</u> Total Other Income	<u>12,877</u>
<u>\$20,175</u> Total Income	<u>\$22,795</u>
Expenses	
525 Federation Levy	507
221 General Expenses	106
341 Insurance	280
1,428 Internet	1,398
200 J F Wilson Literature Award	200
721 Library	642
200 Literature Exhibition	1,451
432 Meeting Expenses	423
1,300 Officers Expenses	1,300
1,355 Postage and P O Box Rental	1,701
5,080 Printing and Stationery	4,635
7,400 Rent	7,400
112 Society and Interclub Competitions	0
0 Society Promotion (CALS)	1,661
<u>\$19,315</u> Total Expenses	<u>\$21,704</u>
<u>\$860</u> Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenses	<u>\$1,091</u>

THE CHRISTCHURCH (NZ) PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

2020		2021
	Current Assets	
0	Accounts Receivable	1,262
244	Paypal	799
4,864	Westpac Cheque Account	3,034
32,684	Westpac Savings Account	32,193
285,607	Westpac Term Deposits	288,660
323,399	Total Current Assets	325,948
150,000	Shares in Philatelic Properties	150,000
150,000	Total Investments	150,000
473,399	Total Assets	475,948
	Current Liabilities	
3,211	Exchange Branch Suspense	4,669
3,211	Total Current Liabilities	4,669
3,211	Total Liabilities	4,669
\$470,188	Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$471,279
469,328	Members Funds at beginning of year	470,188
860	Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenses	1,091
\$470,188	Members Funds at end of year	\$471,279

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 2021.

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 2021, and its financial performance for the year then ended.

Murray Taege
February 25, 2022

CHRISTCHURCH (NZ) PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC

Annual General Meeting held 7:30 Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 67 Mandeville Street

Welcome: 26 members were welcomed to the meeting by Murray Willocks.

Apologies: 2

Minutes of the 109th AGM: Correction to the minutes dated 14th April 2020, this should be the 14th July 2020 due to COVID. Moved by Murray Taege, seconded by Tony Stockley that the minutes as circulated in Captain Coqk with the noted date correction be accepted as a true and correct record. Carried.

Greg Crawford raised questions on the noted potential loss in Philatelic Properties of \$11,000. This did not need to be paid immediately but would be a loan, with nothing yet paid.

Robert Duns advised that the engineers report suggested upstairs needs strengthening and could need more repairs but currently under the threshold, so no further reports done.

The future still needs to be worked out for where the building fits into the future of Philately in Christchurch.

Presidents Report: This was circulated in Captain Coqk and was taken as read, in addition to this:

- Thank you and well done to Stephen Jones & team getting the Captain Coqk out.
- Challenges to all clubs getting membership.
- With COVID people reinvigorated with collecting as well as people inheriting collections.
- Changes to subscriptions to balance the books.
- Option of sales tables out before meetings to help members.
- A thanks to the committee for successfully running the year .

It was moved by Murray Willocks, seconded by Paul Ledington that the report be accepted. Carried.

Statement of Accounts: It was moved by Murray Willocks, seconded by David Reynolds that the financial 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 Don White
- The Pim Cup for the best members' night presentation was awarded to Murray Taege.
- The John F Wilson memorial literature award for best article or series in Captain Coqk went to Robert Duns.

Recognition was also given to Stephen Jones for his excellent work on the Captain Coqk.

Election of Officers:

Patron :	Jeff Long	
President:	Sue Claridge	Murray Willocks/Tony Stockley
Vice President:	Vacant	
Secretary:	Paul Ledington	
Treasurer:	Karen Jeffrey	
Library:	Robert Duns	

Exchange:	Tony Stockley	
Newsletter:	Stephen Jones	
Collections:	Paul Clark	
Webmaster:	Murray Taege	
Committee:	Paul van Herpt	Murray Willocks/Jeff Long
Past President:	Murray Willocks	
Review Panel:	Murray Taege & David Reynolds	

No other nominations were received for each position and unopposed.

Officers' expenses: Moved by Murray Willocks, seconded David Reynolds that the expenses remain the same as the previous year being \$2,200.00. Carried.

General Business:

Christine Haythornthwaite noted the membership was down, but no advertising done to possibly help offset this.

Sue Claridge gave a New Zealand Philatelic Federation report and noted:

- Meetings held quarterly
- Finances ok as no exhibitions currently being run
- Judges Association meeting to be held on the 22nd of May in Christchurch
- No report from the New Zealand Stamp Dealers Association
- Funds for Auckland 2020 exhibition paid to FIAP transferred for the 2023 exhibition
- Youth report notes that there are declining numbers and struggling with membership

Greg Crawford noted that for Membership there are a number of people that don't come along to meetings but do go to the fortnightly stamp fairs that could be worth trying to engage with to get them interested in joining.

Jeff Long noted that the library database cataloguing now largely finished and would like to thank Paul van Herpt, Robert Duns and the team for their hard work.

Philip Creed asked in regard to the Philatelic Properties shortfall, if they would get a property manager to try and help get extra tenants as there are a number of other clubs being moved from the buildings they had previously being using. Robert Duns advised that due to resource consent and zoning we are already at or near the limit of the number of meetings permitted to be run. We could try to apply for more, but we are in a residential zone that would hinder this.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.



Presidents Report Christchurch Philatelic Society

For the year May 2021 to April 2022

WOW, how fast has twelve months gone, Mind you so have omicron moved fast into our lives and communities, meaning the postponement and even cancellation of, in some instances events and functions.

Concentrating on the positive and not the covid, we have had some wonderful talks and displays at the regular meeting nights. Thank you to everyone for your participating as without it we basically do not have a club.

Fortunately, with the philatelic rooms at our disposal we have been able to carry on with an impression of normality, although numbers attending meetings are down. I would urge local Canterbury members to come back, we would love to see you at a meeting and please contact any of the committee if you would like to give a talk and display. Why not bring a friend and get them interested in the hobby?

I would like to thank each of committee and sub-committee members for their behind-the-scenes organisational skills in ensuring the CPS runs smoothly. One team consists of the editor who compiles the newsletter (thank you Stephen) for your continued editorial expertise. Following printing the newsletter team folds and dispatches it to N.Z. post for onwards distribution to members via ordinary mail with a personalized stamp or via email to the rest of the membership (thanks Karen).

The exchange branch continues to work providing circuit books for members to obtain items from. Please contact the exchange branch manager (Tony Stockley), if you have material that you would like to sell in these. He is always looking for both new material books and new members for on the circuits. (Thank you Tony). Incidentally, we hope to re-start having the circuit books available at meeting nights again soon, so come along and check them out.

Thanks to the meeting night team who set up, attend to checking vaccine passes, do the raffle, and prepare for a light cuppa after the meeting is concluded (thank you Paul). I would remind members to make use of the wonderful philatelic library (the best in Australasia), our librarian can find you just the books you need to help you with your research and exhibiting - thanks Robert.

Finally, I would like to thank our local designer Paul van Herpt for his brilliant artwork for the personalize stamps used to send out the newsletters and for his heading up the literature exhibition committee- we hope to have the books back in Christchurch later this year for members to view. The Webmaster continues to pass on your queries and give information and details on what's happening locally and nationally - so have a look on the website when you are sitting down at your computer and see what is new from Murray.

It takes several teams to keep the 100+ year old society going, thank you all so much - long may it last. Thank you to our secretary (Paul Ledington) and treasurer (Karen Jeffrey), who make my job a lot easier. I hope you all get some time to do some stamp hunting and sorting over winter. Stamp collecting continues to be a safe and secure hobby in these 'covid' times.

Local stamp fairs have commenced again and attendance at these continue to grow stronger so why not attend and acquire some items to work with when the long cold winter days and nights begin. It is a great time to get your exhibits and collections into an orderly condition.

Don't forget that the closing date for Wellington Stamp Exhibition (WPS100) is not far off, so download the information and get you entry form in, hopefully we will see you there.

Sue Claridge
April 2022

CLOSED ALBUMS

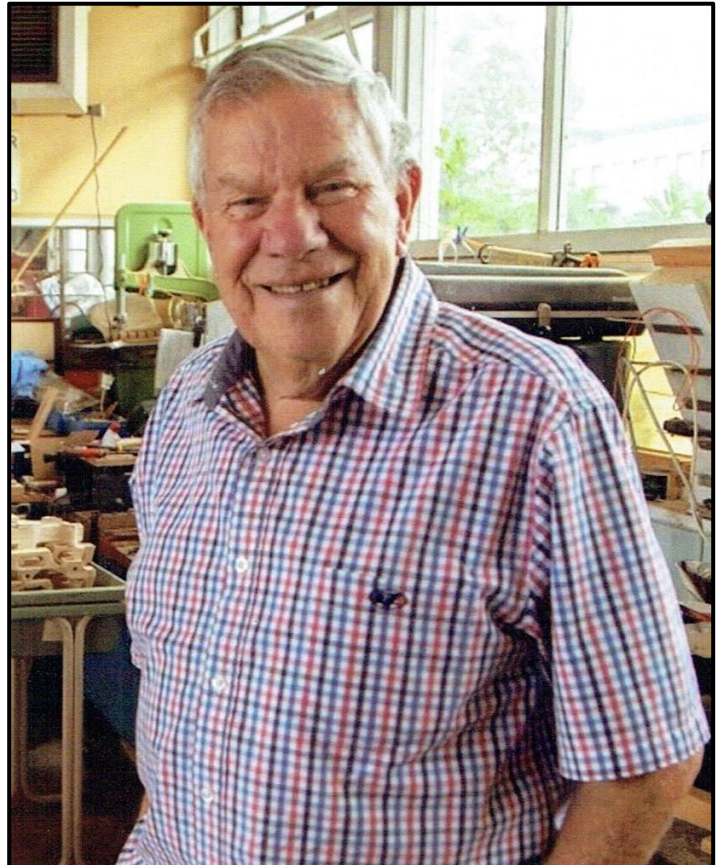
MALCOLM WESTGARTH: 1938 - November 28, 2021

Malcolm joined the society in 1971, and was an enthusiastic member involved in many aspects of the Society.

He became a committee member, before being elected Vice President in 1978, and President from 1980 - 1982. He was Librarian for many years and on his retirement from that role was elected as a Life Member.

He formed collections of NZ King George VI, Olympic Games, and the 10th Commonwealth Games held in Christchurch.

Malcolm was in charge of travel and accommodation for Panpex77 from its inception in 1974 and met many of the overseas and New Zealand visitors at the airport and transferred them to their accommodation.

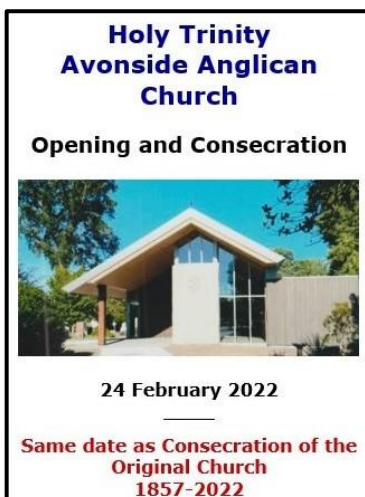


After the purchase of 27 Worcester St by the Philatelic Foundation, he was involved with Robert Duns in supervising the refurbishment of the property on a daily basis. He was a committee member of the Foundation and was involved with the monthly auctions organized by that organization from 1977.

Although he did not attend many meetings after retiring as Librarian due to family commitments, he still remained an enthusiastic member. As one member commented after hearing of his death - "he was always smiling".

Robert Duns

Consecration and Opening of Holy Trinity Avonside Anglican Church February 24, 2022



Commemorative covers available for the opening and Consecration of the new Church at Holy Trinity Avonside on 24 February 2022. The date is significant as it is the same date as the original Church was Consecrated in 1857.

To commemorate the occasion we have prepared a specially postmarked cacheted cover along with a souvenir 18 month calendar.

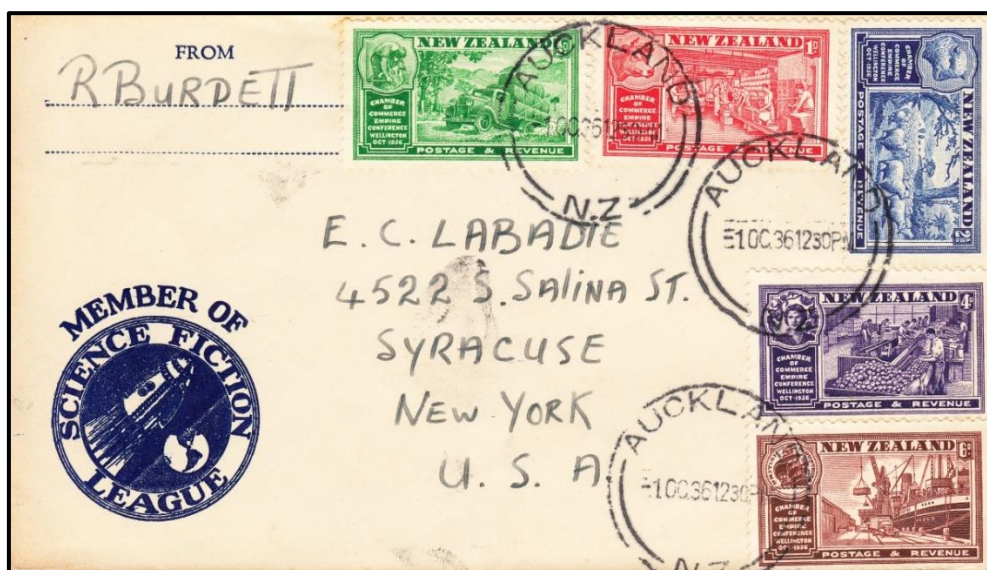
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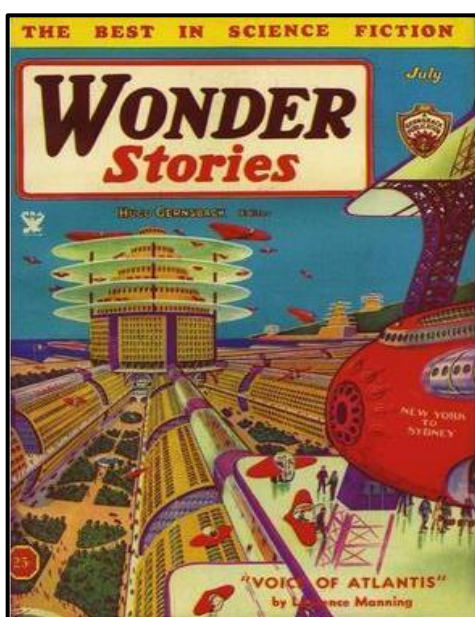
Please support our Holy Trinity Church

1936 Science Fiction League

Some years ago, I was the underbidder on a very unusual and appealing cover for the "Science Fiction League". As it wasn't a New Zealand produced item, I wasn't optimistic with seeing another so was very pleased when the below cover was listed on eBay. Although I won the cover early March, I was beginning to despair it was lost in the mail as it took over four months to get to my letterbox from the USA. Whew!!



By the end of the 19th century, science themed futuristic stories, in the tradition of Jules Verne, were appearing regularly in popular fiction magazines. By the early years of the 20th century, science fiction (though it was not yet called that) was appearing more often in the "pulp magazines", named such due to the cheap paper, or "pulp", they were printed on. The first science fiction magazine, *Amazing Stories*, was launched in 1926 by Hugo Gernsback at the height of the pulp magazine era. It helped to form science fiction as a separately marketed genre and by the end of the 1930s, a "Golden Age of Science Fiction" had begun, inaugurated by the efforts of John Campbell, the editor of *Astounding Science Fiction*. *Wonder Stories* was launched in the pulp era, not long after *Amazing Stories*, and lasted through the Golden Age and well into the 1950s.



The **Science Fiction League** was one of the earliest associations formed by science fiction fans and was started by Hugo Gernsback in February 1934 in the pages of *Wonder Stories*. Gernsback was the League's Executive Secretary. Gernsback intended for the magazine to promote fandom, much as his earlier "Radio League" had promoted interest in his radio and electrical hobby magazines. It was successful, with chapters forming in the US, UK, and Australia. Although the League was popular, with membership soon reaching about 1,000, it did not last long; in 1943 Sam Merwin, the editor of *Thrilling Wonder Stories* (the magazine had changed its name in 1936) dropped the organization when he took over the editorship.

Frederik Pohl recalled that the League "changed a lot of lives. It filled a need" by helping fans meet each other and reported that some chapters still existed 30 years later.

Stephen Jones

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