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## Ruby Bay mailbox deemed too low

By SASHA BORISSENKO

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A Ruby Bay resident feels like "the world has gone crazy" when he thinks about New Zealand Post's request to raise his mailbox.

Ruby Bay resident Ian Symonds received a letter from Rural NZ Post last week requesting he raised the aperture of his mailbox above 1.2m because the posties have been unable to reach it since the purchase of new bigger vans.

"It was the most bizarre, ridiculous thing. I originally thought it was an April fool [joke]," Symonds said.

"I feel like the kid saying the emperor has no clothes on and no one has the guts to bring it up. "Why should I have to pay because NZ Post has purchased vans that are not fit for purpose?" Symonds wanted to determine whether he would continue to receive mail if he did not comply with the "barmy" request.

"Surely the product is to fit the customer, and not the other way around."

"The whole thing is bloody nuts. Am I going mad or are they going mad?"

Symonds spoke to the "nice and eloquent" regional manager at NZ Post who was kind of apologetic, he said.

New Zealand rural contracts manager Adrian Sexton, based in Christchurch, confirmed there had been a request over Symonds' letterbox but it was not a requirement.

"It is quite common for us to make these requests where there is a safety issue, or mailboxes do not comply with our requirements or if there is a change in circumstances."

Mailbox apertures were required to be within 1m and 1.2m, he said.

In this circumstance, the rural driver was carrying a lot more freight, so he was prompted to get a bigger vehicle. It meant the driver was a little higher and some mailboxes in the area were a bit low, Sexton said.

"We are just asking customers to help us out so that our rural drivers can deliver mail in a safe and sufficient manner."

In the instance Symonds chose not to comply with the request, he did not need to worry that his mail would not be delivered. "We would never do that," Sexton said.

Meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at  
Stoke School at 7:15pm sales table, 7:30 meeting

## Club Programme

**Tuesday, June 10: AGM and election of officers. Followed by an Auction – if you have things to sell, now is the time to bring them along.**



**June Display letter: B – Oh Bugger, I'll have to use my Big Brain to find a Beautiful B**

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Memorial Day stamps Honouring those who served – see item on page 2.





## Other Countries:



2004 Brazil



1968 Canada



2014 Israel



1979 Germany



2008 Royal Mail



Tribute Stamps – not real postage



2006 – 231<sup>st</sup> Birthday of the US Marine Corps



2004



2014 USA



The USS Arizona passes the 96th Street pier, New York City, N.Y., ca. 1918. The Arizona's keel was laid on March 16, 1914, and she entered U.S. Navy service on Oct. 17, 1916.

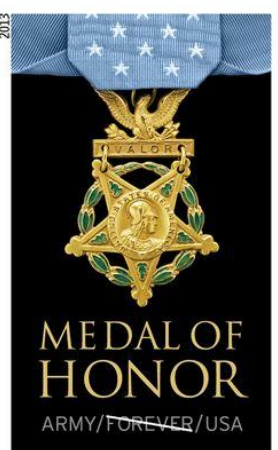
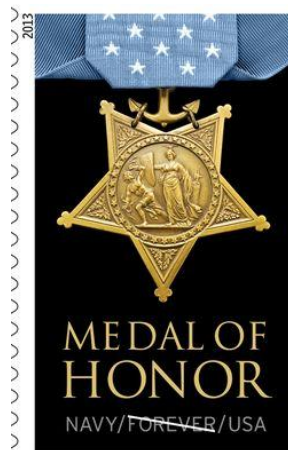


1942 Win The War

## WWII vets help unveil Medal of Honor postage stamp



In 2013 the USPS recognizes the 464 who were awarded the Medal of Honor



2012



2012 Purple Heart



2010 WWII Heros



# Our Club – Who we are and What we like to collect.

## Many Happy Returns to Rein Van De Wouden

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of May **Rein Van De Wouden** celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We were pleased to see him at the Stamp Open Day and gave him a stirring rendition of Happy Birthday, a small bouquet and a card from the club as well.

Rien was born in Holland in 1924 near the Belgian border along with 2 brothers and 1 sister. He was 15 when WWII started and was involved with the Dutch resistance movement helping to smuggle refugee people running from Germany onto safe countries. Later he spent time on a farm in Friesland hiding from the Germans as he, along with his father, was wanted for these activities. This was a very dangerous time for him.

After the war he trained as a vet at the University of Utrecht where he met Trudy, who was working at the vet school. They arrived in NZ in 1954 as they wanted to get away from Europe and reminders of the war. His veterinary career in NZ began in Stratford, they went on to Banks Peninsula and then Paeroa. After an accident with a collapsing horse they moved to Nelson where he became the meat inspector at the freezing works until retirement (he was Doug South's boss!).

Stamps figured early. Rein started collecting as a 6 year old when an elderly neighbour gave him German inflation stamps as they were plentiful and popular, saving these in an old school book utilising sheet selvages as hinges. He kept going until 1942 when the war interrupted collecting, as people didn't have a lot of money for stamps. He recalls helping make up TB charity stamp packets for a local charity group. Up till the war he had only 1 album but said there were lots of little stamp dealers everywhere selling stamps from all over the world. Stamps worth a lot of money today went for next to nothing. Lots of people collected stamps because the money couldn't buy anything!!!

After coming to NZ Rein started again by getting letters and packets of stamps from home. Relatives and friends started selling him stamps etc. as their unwanted gifts from family, but he only started again seriously when he joined the Nelson Philatelic Society in 1971. People sent stamps to him, he bought many and others were gifts, both mint and used. Some were acquired by swapping NZ stamps for Dutch ones with an old friend 'back home'. Today he has a FULL collection housed in high quality albums except for six VERY expensive stamps that are both rare and expensive. Rein and Trudy are also interested in antiques with any kind of personal history.

Rein's final musing after my exhaustive grilling, "it's still cheaper than golf".

***Alle Beste ver uw Veryaardag from all the club members***

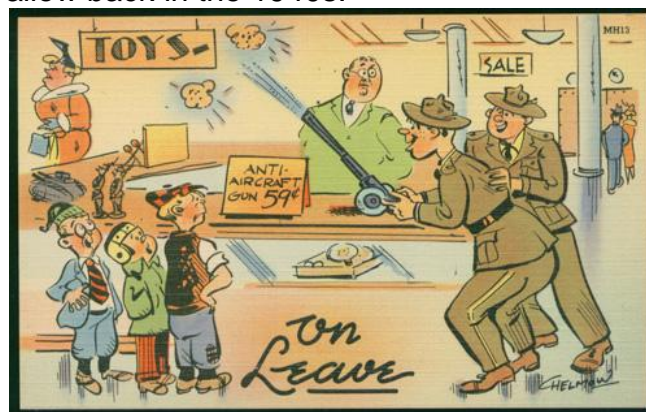
and thank you for all the work both of you have done over the last 43 years!



## Postcards from WWII



Postcards were a good medium for government propaganda or, in this case, some gentle service-related humor. This was about as extreme as the Post Office would allow back in the 1940s.



Here is another gag postcard from the early war years. The non-propaganda message is "Boys will be boys."



The idea of putting war propaganda on privately sold mail envelopes goes all the way back to the Civil War. This WWII example depicts the Allies' victory train about to run down Mussolini, Tojo, and Hitler.







# IN THE NEWS



## CALS - CUSTOMISED ADVERTISING LABELS

Abridged from an article by David Cox (IN FLIGHT Vol 24 /1)

Customised Advertising Labels (CAL) give businesses the opportunity to personalise their marketing campaigns, invitations and everyday mail with an image to represent their business identity. They are similar to the popular personalised stamps offered by NZ Post but are not viewed as such. They don't carry the unique fern identifier or the words 'New Zealand' and they are not easily available so do not meet UPU regulations.

The style of the CAL stamp is standardised; they carry an image supplied by the customer with a vertical panel on the right side with the value of the stamp and the NZ Post Button logo. Initially this panel was in a grey colour, but this has now changed to red. The first CAL released was for the 2004 Wellington Arts Festival which featured a bird. As the early CAL issues were not produced by the philatelic side of New Zealand Post (NZ Post), they did not publicise them or make them available to collectors.



Somewhat belatedly NZ Post announced that a CAL pack would be made available in 2007, which would contain issues from December 2004 and 2006. At that stage, the only CALs generally known were for the Kiwipex 2006, NZ2005 and Northland 2007 stamp exhibitions. These CALs were already available as they had been sold to collectors as part of their fund raising. When a collector demand became evident NZ Post changed its agreement with CAL customers to allow it to print extra CAL stamps for future philatelic sales, sufficient to produce 1000 CAL packs for collectors. Demands were greater than

expected and a further 3000 sets of CAL stamps were printed.

Update: In 2014 CALS have a catalogue of their own which you can see on the NZ post website packs are available. 2013 had approximately 50 issued all at 70c



## Where in the World: VENDA

Venda was a bantustan in northern South Africa, bordering Zimbabwe and is now part of Limpopo province. It was founded as a homeland by the Apartheid Regime for the Venda people, speakers of the Venda language and was declared self-governing on 1 February 1973 with elections held later in the year. Further elections were held in July 1978. The territory was declared independent by the South African government on 13 September 1979 and its residents lost their South African citizenship. In common with other bantustans, its independence was not recognized by the international community.

Venda was initially a series of non-contiguous territories in the Transvaal, with one main part and one main exclave. The state was cut off from neighboring Zimbabwe by the Madimbo corridor, patrolled by South African troops, to the north, and from nearby Mozambique by the Kruger National Park. Its capital was moved to Thohoyandou when Venda was declared independent in 1979. Prior to independence it was expanded to form one contiguous territory, with a total land area of 6,807 km². In the 1984 elections the ruling Venda Independence People's Party lost to the Venda National Party.

At independence in 1973, the population of Venda stood at 200 000 people. The 2001 statistics put Venda speakers at 800 000. The 2011 Statistics revealed that the Venda speakers have jumped to 1.2 million people.

Venda was re-absorbed into South Africa on 27 April 1994.





OPEN DAY – Stoke School – MAY 24, 2014





**Welcome:** Alan welcomed the goodly number of members to a not-so-good-weather-wise evening.

**Correspondence In:** Catalogue from Hallmark; 1 sub payment; news update from Baypex 2014 (Nov 12); Auckland Philatelic Soc Newsletter; Campbell Patterson Newsletter; NZ Philatelic Newsletter with details of first executive meeting for 2014, updates about Baypex 2014, Capital Stamp Show 2015, Christchurch 2016, and remembrance 2018. Hankers for travel can also consider Korea 2014, Adelaide, ½ National, Malaysia International. Youth Exhibition nominations for awards MUST be in by 30 June. **Outward:** Nil

### **General Business:**

- Empty circuit books are still available.
- The Open Day is Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May (gone by the time you read this)
- We have been invited to Blenheim this year for the annual get-together, set for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug. 9.30 am, at the Red Cross Hall, Redwood Street (just past The Warehouse).
- June is the AGM. The President's position is open, as Alan is stepping down. Everything else is open as well, if you want to do something.
- The Postal History Society thanked Paula for her write up about their talk in May.
- Weldon is sending out the second lot of Laurie Dales sale catalogues, for Auction no 2. This is again run as a normal postal bid auction, finishing on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Reminder that post goes up AGAIN in July to 80c and that it looks likely that 2015 will see 3 day/week deliveries in the towns and cities.

### **Items of interest:**

**Anne Ross** had some diary entries, and military items from her Father-in-law in WWI, including medals and pictures.

**Len Roberts** had a rare *marconigram* and 2 small bibles from Lochie Munro who served in J-force and K-force (Japan and Korea). Marconigrams are sent to/from boats.

**Rob** had a short paid letter from England with an unpaid sticker. For anyone reading this in the UK, the rate to NZ is NOT one second class stamp!!!! (44p)

### **Letter of the Month - V**

- **Anne Ross** - 2 postcards from Venice.
- **Robert Perrin** - VRI stamps from Orange Free State (South Africa) OFS was a Boer enclave area between Jo'burg and Durban but after the area was annexed by the British, the stamps continued to be used with a VRI overprint. Robert noted that neat clean examples are usually forgeries.
- **Kelvin Trower** - a postcard of the Victory Square Post Office opening in 1961, together with a cover produced by the Post Master Doug Kibble.
- **Nik Rakels** - Visiting Venda a display of stamps from the short lived (1970-1994) shonky republic created by the South African government.
- **Drew Hunter** - Victoria Cross items about Lord Freeburg and Charles Upham. And, Queen Victoria four 1882 postal fiscals used for both post and revenue, he told us they were on issue for 49 years.
- **Mike Petzold** - Various views of violent & volatile volcanoes, NZ scenic stamps featuring our mud and ash spouters.
- **Weldon Lynham** - V for Victory, 16 pages exhibit of the 1946 NZ Peace Stamp with overprints of Cook Islands, Niue and Samoa.

### **The winner by a metric furlong was Robert Perrin with VRI.**

### **Programme: ANZAC 4 page exhibition cup competition**

- Paula - Grandfather in WWI and Father in WWII
- Drew - NZ Anzac stamp issues
- Mike - Items important to the soldier
- Weldon - soldiers in France postcards
- Nik - ANZAC poppy stamps
- Kelvin - Darkening Clouds correspondence from soldiers' camps
- Kelvin - Lest we Forget - embroidered postcards

Paula won with her theme of Lest We Forget, showing the importance of letters home, medals, the RSA

Meeting closed 8:45

Displays from Open Day

