

NELSON PHILATELIC SOCIETY (Inc)

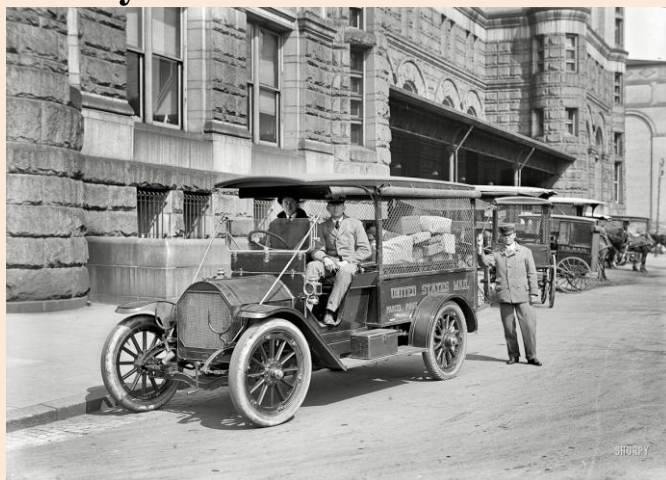
March 2014

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March is not only famous for St. Patrick's Day on the 17th, or the Ides of March on the 15th, there is also...

March 1: National Peanut Butter Lovers Day...
March 10: Middle Name Pride Day... March
11 - Johnny Appleseed Day... March 12 –
Plant a Flower Day... March 13 – Jewel Day...
March 14 – Learn About Butterflies Day...
March 15 – Incredible Kids Day... March 21 -
Fragrance Day... March 22 – **National Goof
Off Day**... March 24 – National Chocolate
Covered Raisin Day... March 30 – Take a
Walk in the Park Day.

History Lesson



1914, Washington DC, parcel post delivery

Cut out and Save - 2014 Programme

March – Robert Perrin.

April – Postal history.

May – ANZAC Allies and WWI, as it 100 yrs
– a 4 page competition.

*Open Day. 17th May with display of 4 page
exhibits. **Please make sure you are available.***

June – AGM, Auction.

July – Guest Robbie Packer – Nelson Post Cards.

August – Workshop night.

September – mystery night

October – Annual 8-Page Competition,
subject - "Open" or extended pages from May.

November – Alternative uses for stamps -
artist using stamps Lee-Anne Edwards or
miniatures (Dana Pratt or Janette Dungan)

December – Christmas supper and auction

January 2015 – no meeting

February 2015 – All members - a short talk
on one album page from your collection.



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

Club Programme

Tuesday, March 11: Robert Perrin to talk

Feb Display letter: J for Jack-in-a-box, Jackal, Jaguar, Jam, Jesus, Jelly or Jungle???

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YEAR OF THE HORSE

STAMPS

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Centenary of Australia's polar expedition celebrated by Australia Post



Australia Post is releasing the final stamp issue in a 4 year series commemorating the centenary of the Australasian Antarctic Expedition (AAE) of 1911-14.

"This remarkable human achievement took immense courage, skill and determination and Australia Post is pleased to recognise the centenary with this release."

The AAE left Hobart in December 1911 under the command of Douglas Mawson and returned to Adelaide in February 1914.

Mawson was knighted for his expedition achievements and is regarded as one of the greatest figures of Antarctic exploration.

The AAE extensively explored the Antarctic coast and conducted scientific and meteorological observations.

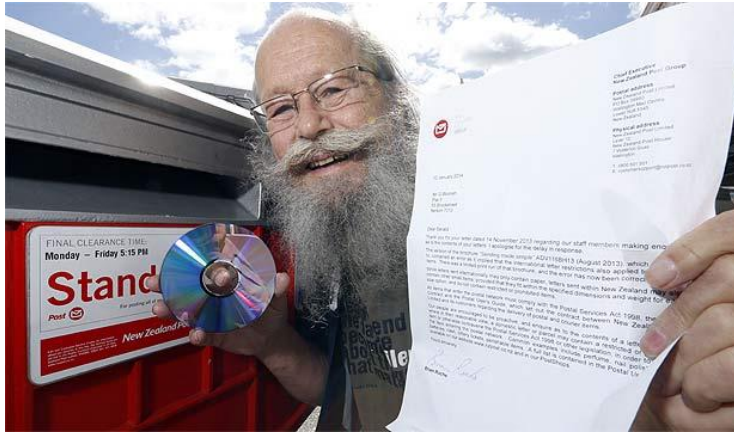
This final issue focuses on the activities of the members of the Expedition and their triumphant return to Adelaide in February 1914.

The photographs used for this issue feature: Mawson on motor launch at Cape Denison, official photographer Frank Hurley with cinema camera, Mawson holding a large circular net, the returning expedition party and a portrait of Douglas Mawson.

The Centenary of the AAE stamp issue is designed by Melbourne-based company Andrew Hogg Design, which has designed the whole series.



Nelson man victorious in battle with NZ Post



Gerald Moonen with a reponse from NZ Post admitting it had made an error in not allowing him to post a CD in an envelope as a letter.

A Nelson man has used the Bill of Rights to win a battle with New Zealand Post that will benefit others posting letters containing items.

Gerald Moonen's victory follows a visit to the Nelson Postshop to send a letter containing a compact disc to friends in Wellington.

While it met the size and weight restrictions for a standard letter, which costs 70 cents to post, Mr Moonen was told that it would have to go as a parcel, costing \$3.30.

He said the woman behind the counter demanded to know what was in the letter and told him she would open it.

This outraged Mr Moonen. "I said, 'You can't interfere with people's mail'."

The discussion ended in a stalemate, but Mr Moonen was not content and decided to take up the issue with the Ombudsman.

He wrote to Chief Ombudsman Dame Beverley Wakem seeking clarification, arguing that the Bill of Rights provided for freedom of expression, and that this was being compromised by NZ Post.

He quoted the Bill of Rights section which says "everyone has the right to freedom of expression, including the freedom to seek, receive, and impart information and opinions of any kind in any form".



Mr Moonen wrote to the Ombudsman: "What I put into this envelope to express a message to the addressee is my private business and not any concern of the staff at the Post Office or anybody else, unless the letter contains contraband or prohibited goods. This is my right as expressed in the Bill of Rights section 14."

The rules meant that if he sent a small item in a letter, such as a dried flower, a photo negative or even a microchip, then it became a parcel. This was bureaucracy gone mad, he said.

The Office of the Ombudsman advised Mr Moonen to raise his concerns with NZ Post's chief executive. He did, and has now received a response from Brian Roche saying that the postage brochure "Sending Made Simple" contained an error, as it implied that international letter restrictions also applied to domestic items.

There had been a limited print run of the brochure, and the error had now been corrected, Mr Roche said.

"While letters sent international may only contain paper, letters sent within New Zealand may also contain other small items, provided that they fit within the specified dimensions and weight for each size option, and do not contain restricted or prohibited items."

Mr Moonen said he was pleased with the result.

"I am absolutely thrilled. It's a victory for the Bill of Rights."

It's not the first time Mr Moonen has successfully used the Bill of Rights.

He won a landmark decision in the Court of Appeal in a case against the Film and Literature Board of Review in 1999.

Mr Moonen, 75, said he was pleased he had used the Bill of Rights again for the NZ Post case. "It worked, and it's nice to see the Bill of Rights working."

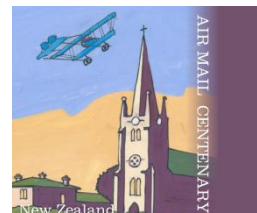
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TIMARU PHILATELIC SOCIETY (INC)

Celebrating the centenary of the very first airmail flight in New Zealand.

Our Society is actively engaged at this time with producing a range of philatelic items which we hope that you will be interested in. The items are to help commemorate the centenary of the very first airmail flight in New Zealand by Mr Will Scotland on 6 March 1914. Please complete the form below for your members as soon as possible (to be returned by **28 February**) as within a month now the anniversary re-enactment flight will occur with all First Day Covers on board.

- 1) A 70 ¢ **CAL** in both perforated singles and blocks, self-adhesive, at a cost of \$1.50 each single copy, and pro rata. The illustration is of the original Caudron craft above St Patrick's Catholic Church in Temuka



- 2) **First Day Covers** The FDC will bear a 70¢ CAL and a miniature sheet of 4 stamps (not valid for postage) to be sold for \$7.50 with a 20% discount for dealers and philatelic societies; 200 only will be signed by the pilot of the 2014 flight and will bear a \$1 surcharge. There will be an explanatory information page enclosed. New Zealand Post has produced a special cancellation stamp for this occasion.

- 3) **Miniature sheets**



The two stamps of \$1 bear a likeness of the Caudron biplane; the two at \$1.50 show Will Scotland. Most of the sheets will be attached to the FDCs, but they will also be on sale in their own right. Again the 20% discount applies for dealers and philatelic societies.

ORDER FORM

(sent to all dealers & philatelic societies in NZ &

Australia)

Name of dealer, philatelic society, or individual _____

Address _____

- a) Single copies of the 70¢ CAL @ \$1.50
- b) Blocks of 4 70¢ CALs @ \$6.00
- c) Copies of FDC (MS affixed) signed by the 2014 pilot @ \$8.50
- d) Unsigned copies of the FDC (MS affixed) @ \$7.50
- e) Miniature sheets @ \$5.00



IN THE NEWS



Para-Olympics stamp



Russia



Croatia



Slovak Post



Czech Republic



Monaco



Republic of Belarus



Liechtenstein

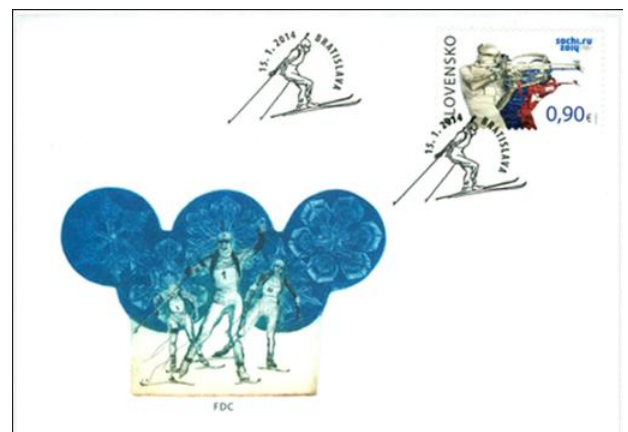
Winter Olympics Sochi Russia 2014



Poland



Finland



France



Turkey

Minutes of the Nelson Philatelic Society which met in the Woodstock Room
at the Stoke School - 11 February at 7:30pm

Welcome: Allan welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new year and he asked the executive to be ready for a meeting soon.

13 members were present this evening and a special welcome was given to Steve Andreasen from Seattle Washington who is visiting NZ for 3 months. He collects NZ and Australian stamps plus bikes on stamps as a thematic.

Allan reported that Laurie Dale passed away recently and also Paula's mother. Ann has sent cards to both families to express the clubs sympathy for their loss.

Minutes: minutes were taken as read. John G and Kelvin T

Matters Arising: A card was sent to Lyn Nichol of Blenheim, who was briefly in Nelson hospital.

Correspondence No correspondence as Paula was away. A card was sent to Laurie Dale's family. Paula was given a pot plant.

General Business:

- Allan asked that we attend to the circuit books, fill them up and keep them moving.
- Please feel free to give your ideas about future activities to the exec members for our upcoming meetings.
- Kelvin asked if there was ever any formal notice from the P O about rate increases.
- Len told us Paul Wales (well known Chch dealer) is shifting to Fair Hall, Blenheim in the near future.

Special Display – Design a stamp for Year of the Horse

Pam had the only design for the Year of the Horse stamp, so she took home the chocolate bar.

Items of interest:

- Len had a post card which came from Estonia but was issued by the Lockyer River Stamp club of Queensland (this was the area badly flooded 2 years ago in the Brisbane area - about 30 min drive further out from Ipswich).
- Ann had an article in the paper about a KiWi stamp that ironically had a penguin design.
- On January 29 there was an article in the Nelson Mail headed "when is a letter a parcel". This created a lot of discussion. John Fitton gave us an explanation about rates and weights/size/thickness currently charged; Klaus described an impressive sorting machine process he had seen in Germany. (This is bad!! Everyone had examples of post office stupidity.)
- Also we found out that all - but not ALL - mail goes to Chch for sorting then is returned to Nelson for delivery. Also, a report that after a vandalism attack in Louisson Ave, Stoke, the mail box there will be removed.

Letter of the Month (Mitchener Cup) - F

- Ann Ross - a page of Canadian stamps titled Flight over Canada.
- Len Roberts – Fiji, all posted in the same era - 1937 to 1951.
- Robert Perrin – Fiume, a small, sometimes independent area, now part of Italy and Croatia
- Kelvin Trower - fly fishing in NZ

The decisive winner was **Robert** with Fiume, as much for the wonderful detail of its history as the stamps.

Next meeting -

The meeting was closed at 8.15. The next meeting is 11th March. Letter of the month will be: J

Hello

I am interested in stamps exchange in order to fill the gaps in my collection of stamps of NZ. If you have members, who are interested in stamp exchange, please give them my adress. I can offer stamps of germany, scandinavian countries, france, switzerland and a lot of other european coutries - mostly fine used condition, a few mint.

I have a Len Jury catalogue and use Michel catalogues besides that- for France and some other coutries I also have Yvert catalogues.

Thank you kindly

Regards
Hans Jürgen Dorow
Unterstkoppel 54
24222 Schwentinental
Germany

I found your address in STAMP
NEWS



Construction of a Nation – March 5

When European settlers came to New Zealand, they left behind their ways of life and began to adapt, socially and architecturally in this new land. New Zealand housing styles inevitably evolved over time in response to environmental and social changes, resulting in the diverse architectural landscape seen in New Zealand neighbourhoods today.

The housing styles in this issue reflect the materials available at the time and illustrate a response to climate and a way of living different from those in other countries. The Construction of a Nation stamp issue reflects New Zealand's humble architectural beginnings, and the five housing styles portrayed are the colonial cottage, the villa, the Californian bungalow, Art Deco and the state house.



Mini
Sheet