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Canadian Revenue stamps,  
Bruce Tapp  
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APS monthly meetings – from February to November

**Tuesday Evenings:** On the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Mt. Albert Senior Citizens' Hall, 3B Wairere Avenue. Doors open at 7.30pm.

**Sunday Afternoons:** On the third Sunday of each month at Ferndale House, 830 New North Road, Mt. Albert. Doors open at 1:30pm.

# SUBSCRIPTIONS

**Subscriptions for this year (2025/26) are due.** There has been a small rise in our yearly amount so please ensure the correct amount when paying. Early payment discount option at \$5 is available for subscriptions paid before 31 May 2025.

Adult Members \$45 pa, including Partner \$50 pa.

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For subscription payments. Please put your name in "Particulars" (i.e. "J Blogs") and in "Reference" put the year your subscriptions relate to (i.e. 24/25).

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In an effort to reduce scams and banking fraud, New Zealand banks require customers who use their online banking system to correctly identify the name of the account into which a payment is being made.

Payments to Auckland Philatelic Society for subs, Red Dot auctions, etc will in future require you to use the following **PAYEE name**:

**AUCKLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY INCORPORATE**

This will enable the bank to check for an account match and confirm this with you before you decide to proceed, amend or cancel the payment depend on the result returned.

**2025 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Red Dot Sale dates**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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## Auckland Philatelic Society Inc. – 2025 February – June Programme

**Meetings commence with sales tables followed by general business, items of interest, presentations and end with tea & coffee**

Date	Location	Start Time	Programme
Tues Feb 4	Senior Citizens' Hall	7.30pm	A holiday destination? – Member displays
Sat Feb 8	Senior Citizens' Hall	11.00am	<b>Red Dot Sale</b>
Sun Feb 16	Ferndale House	1.30pm	The 1935 Pictorials – Neil Harding (NPS)
Tues Feb 18	Senior Citizens' Hall	7.30pm	Bells – Jo Burgess (APS)
Tues Mar 4	Senior Citizens' Hall	7.30pm	Historic Huts of Ross Dependency – Murray Parker (APS)
Sun Mar 16	Ferndale House	1.30pm	James Berry – Tim Beach (NSP)
Tues Mar 18	Senior Citizens' Hall	7.30pm	TBA
Tues Apr 1	Senior Citizens' Hall	7.30pm	Fakes, Frauds and Errors – Member displays
Tues Apr 15	Senior Citizens' Hall	7.30pm	Buying & Selling on the Internet – Nic Hendy (APS)
Sun Apr 20	Ferndale House	N/A	Easter Sunday – <b>No Meeting</b>
Tues May 6	Senior Citizens' Hall	7.30pm	1960 Pictorials – Tim Beach (NSP)
Sat, May 10	Senior Citizens' Hall	11.00am	<b>Red Dot Sale</b>
Sun May 18	Ferndale House	1.30pm	<b>The APS Pacific Award 1 Page Competition</b>
Tues May 20	Senior Citizens' Hall	7.30pm	<b>The APS Pacific Award 1 Page Competition (Final)</b>
Tues Jun 3	Senior Citizens' Hall	7.30pm	Immediate Post War Germany – Peter Smith (APS)
Sun Jun 15	Ferndale House	2.00pm	The letters A,P & S – Member displays
Tues June 17	Senior Citizens' Hall	7.30pm	<b>AGM &amp; Members Sales Tables</b>
<b>Sat 20</b>	<b>King's College</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>2025 NZ Interclub Stamp &amp; Hobbies Exhibition</b>
<b>Sun 21</b>	<b>Otahuhu</b>	–	
<b>Sept</b>		<b>4.00pm</b>	

Tuesday evening meetings are held at the Senior Citizens' Hall, 3B Wairere Ave, Mt Albert. Doors open at 7:30pm.

Sunday daytime meetings are held at Ferndale House, 830 New North Road, Mt Albert. Doors open at 1:30pm.



## 2024 Christmas Party and Awards presentation.

Once again, we had a fabulous time listening to some great music, eating wonderful food and applauding many of us who had achieved the honour of a certificate or trophy. Thank you to Victor Sutcliffe for organising the music and John Powell for running the evening.

Tim Beach presented the certificates of appreciation. Chris Clitherow and John Kelsey presidents of Suburban and North Shore stamp clubs were awarded awards for their tireless work for philately. Helen Jenkins, Jeff Mitchell, Tinku Kurian and Geoff Wiles (not present) were thanked for their willingness to assist in our Red Dot Sales. Roger Marshall for his generous support of APS philatelists. Victor Sutcliffe has invested years of hard work looking after our circuit books. He has now retired, and Nic Hendy has taken over from him. Nic Hendy has spent many years management and organising our Red Dot Sales. He has stepped down from that roll to look after the circuits.



Chris Clitherow



John Kelsey



Helen Jenkins



Jeff Mitchell



Tinku Kurian



Roger Marshall



Victor Sutcliffe



Nic Hendy

Denise Rosenfeld presented the trophies.

The Mullenger Tray for the “Best APS Speaker” - Victor Sutcliffe

John Harding Memorial Cup for the “Best Newsletter Article” - Brian Carroll

APS NZ Trophy for the “Best input for Items of Interest” - Mike Steele (not present)

The Pacific Award winner of the One Page Competition - Brian Carroll

The Novice Bowl for the “Best effort by a Novice exhibitor” - Francesca Giraldo

The Armstrong Cup winner of the Single Frame Competition - Bruce Webber



Victor Sutcliffe



Brian Carroll



Brian Carroll



Francesca Giraldo



Bruce Webber



John Powell

## APS

### RED DOT SALES

Auction off your unwanted stamps. Put together no reserve box lots, or collections valued at greater than \$20.

**Next Auction:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Commission:** Non-members 20%

Members 15%, Fellow Societies Charities 10%

**More info:** Email [Brucewebberqa@netscape.net](mailto:Brucewebberqa@netscape.net)

## Back To Basics

### Overprints and Surcharges –the difference

Brian Carroll

#### SURCHARGE

Surcharges are where the value of the stamp has been changed or reinstated by having another value printed on the stamp. The colour varies and is dependent on the colour of the base stamp, however it is usually in black. The most common cause is change of postal rate or currency.





Some examples, a 2½ cent Magpie moth, new value 4 cent; a 2½ cent lighthouse, new value 25 cent; a NIUE 1d new value 1c.

### OVERPRINTS

Overprints (OPT) are inscriptions added to a stamp after it has been printed, normally to indicate some special use. Again the colour varies and is dependent on the colour of the base stamp, however it is usually in black.



Some examples, 1d Universal for use within the NZ protectorate of Niue; KGV ½d Head issued during World War; Edward VII 8d “Official” stamp for use by NZ Government departments; and KGV 1s Head for use within the NZ protectorate of Cook Islands/Rarotonga with the native language value of 1 shilling.

### PRODUCTION

It is easy to forge overprints or surcharges, some are exceptionally professional, others rather basic.



Genuine



Forgery



Genuine



Forgery

However, as overprinting and surcharging is usually done in a great hurry and often by local printing companies, some odd things happen to surcharged or overprinted stamps - letters are missing or upside down, or stamps are surcharged twice on the same stamp. Where this has happened and the surcharging or overprinting is not forged, it is a variation.



Original



Variety "i"



Forgery



Inverted OPT  
Perf 14



Forgery  
Perf 11



Original



Variety  
Bars missing



Original



Variety  
Left Star

### References

*NZ Philatelic Federation Glossary / (NZ POST) / Stanley Gibbons Philatelic*

## The Apollo 15 Postal Cover Incident and the Sieger Cover

Two hundred and forty-three postal covers were authorized to be carried on the 1972 Apollo 15 mission to the moon and back. These items were classed as personal items and as such could not be used for personal gain.

Hermann Sieger, a German stamp dealer, arranged through a Mr. H. Walter Eierman for the astronauts to carry 398 covers to the moon and back for him. These covers were not listed on the manifest. The covers were to be sold after all the Apollo missions were completed. They were paid \$7,000 each. After the mission 100 covers were sent to Sieger and he started to sell them soon after for about \$1500 each.

After an official investigation the remaining 298 covers were confiscated and the astronauts returned their \$7,000 to Sieger. If they had declared these covers there might have been no problem. In 1983 astronaut Alfred Worden sued and eventually the covers were returned. Every now and then one gets onto the market. Some years ago, one was sold for \$14,950



*Information and image from Wikipedia.*



# Keith Griffith Memorial Lecture.

## 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024, Bruce Tapp – Canadian Revenue Stamps.

Canada has issued a multitude of revenue stamps spanning over 100 years. Starting with Federal Bill stamps issued in 1864 (17 stamp values ranging from 1 cent to \$3.00), to Law stamps issued in 1968 (eleven stamps to \$50.00).

The list of reasons for revenue stamps is long. There were Federal Bill stamps used on promissory notes, drafts and other monetary documents, Customs Duty, Playing Cards excise tax, Medicine Stamps used on medicine bottles and packages, Postal note and Script stamps used on money orders, Supreme Court Law stamps, Gas Inspection stamps, Electric Light Inspection, weights and measures, Excise Tax, and War Tax.

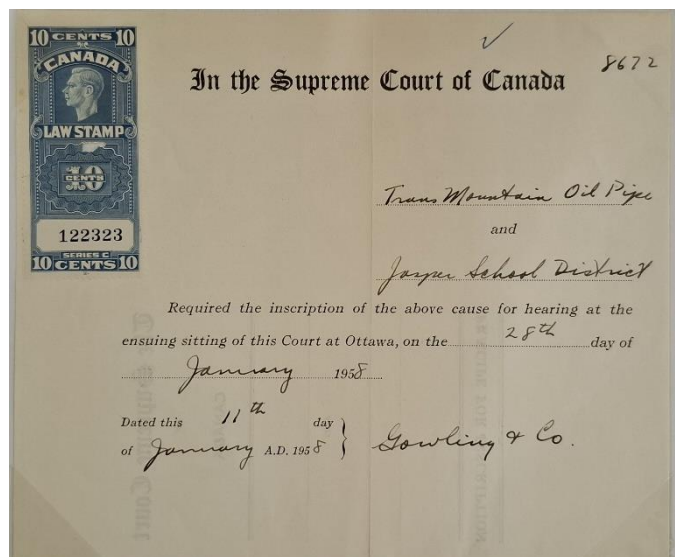
The various Canadian provinces either issued their own stamps or overprinted Canadian revenue stamps. Ontario had Stock Transfer Tax stamps, Luxury Tax Stamps, Gasoline Tax stamps, and Vacation Pay Credit stamps. Quebec included Bankruptcy, Honoraria's Fees, Registration stamps Prohibition and Unemployment Relief Tax.

Nova Scotia overprinted the 1869 Canada third issue Bill stamps with "N.S." The \$1, \$2 and \$3 stamps are quite rare:



In the 1897 Victoria issued \$10 Gas Inspection Stamp the control numbers jump by five. On occasions the stamps were numbered vertically rather than horizontally. The sheet was comprised of ten stamps across and 5 stamps down, thus the control numbers jumped by five. (Image front page).

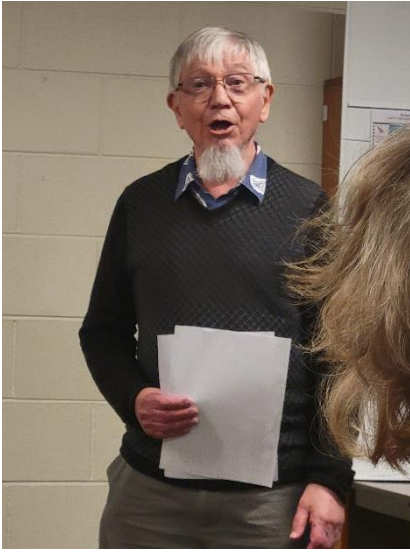
Included in the display were many documents showing usage. This one is from the Supreme Court of Canada, at Ottawa. Dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 1958 for a hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> January. Attached there is a ten cents Federal Law Stamp, with control number 122323 which has been tied to the document with a registered cancelling punch.





## 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Members Other Hobbies

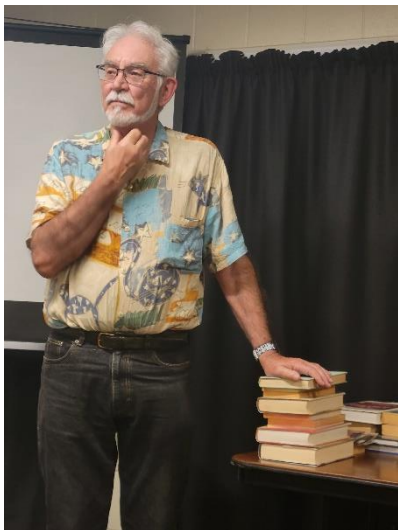
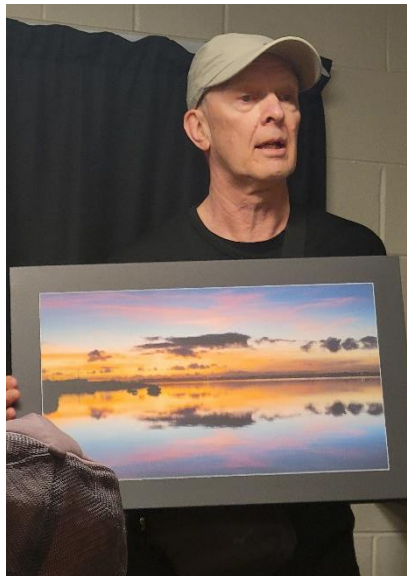
This evening was very interesting as we saw another side of some of our members. Mike Steel not only collects stamps (sorry Mike no photo of you), he collects car keys rings! Brian Carroll is an accomplished artist and showed us some wonderful artwork. Peter Dormon has a wonderful singing voice and loves poetry; he sung to us and read a poem. Neil Coutts collects Royal Doulton toby jugs and also interesting books. Jo Burgess collects words that have all the vowels in them (47 so far). She likes the sentence



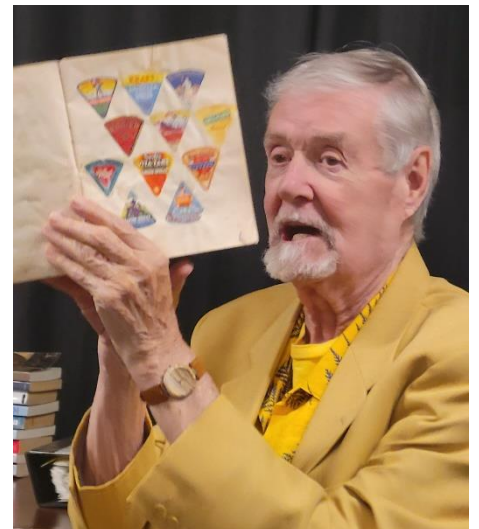
“Miscellaneous discombobulated simultaneous neurological behaviour!” Every now and then she discovers another one (Jo no photo sorry!). Francesca Giraldo collects jigsaw puzzles; she and a



group of people did an absolutely huge one which got mounted on a hospital wall. Phil Reed is an accomplished photographer, and makes his own calendar to give to family each year. Roger Marshall has



hundreds of books specially by the author Patrick O’Brian. Not only did Victor Sutcliffe collect cheese labels but he also collected old house bricks. Sadly, when he moved house he had to leave most of them behind as they were used to make a footpath.





# Recent NZ Post Issue



**2024 Scenic Definitives, issued 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.** 5 gummed stamps, and 2 self-adhesives and booklets. 20 stamps per sheet, perf 13.33 x 13.6. These stamps showcase the great walks that are spread though out the country.



**Matariki 2024 Issued 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024.** 4 gummed stamps, and a miniature sheet. 20 stamps per sheet, perf 14 x 14.4. Designed by artist Shane Hansen. Each stamps depicts the Tui.



**The Invincibles 100 Years Issued 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024.** 4 gummed stamps, and a miniature sheet. 20 stamps per sheet, perf 14.29 x 14.47. The 1924 All Blacks played in the United Kingdom, France and Canada winning every game and earning the name “The Invincibles.” The stamps are designed to look like images pasted in a scrapbook, they feature clippings of quotes that were published during the tour



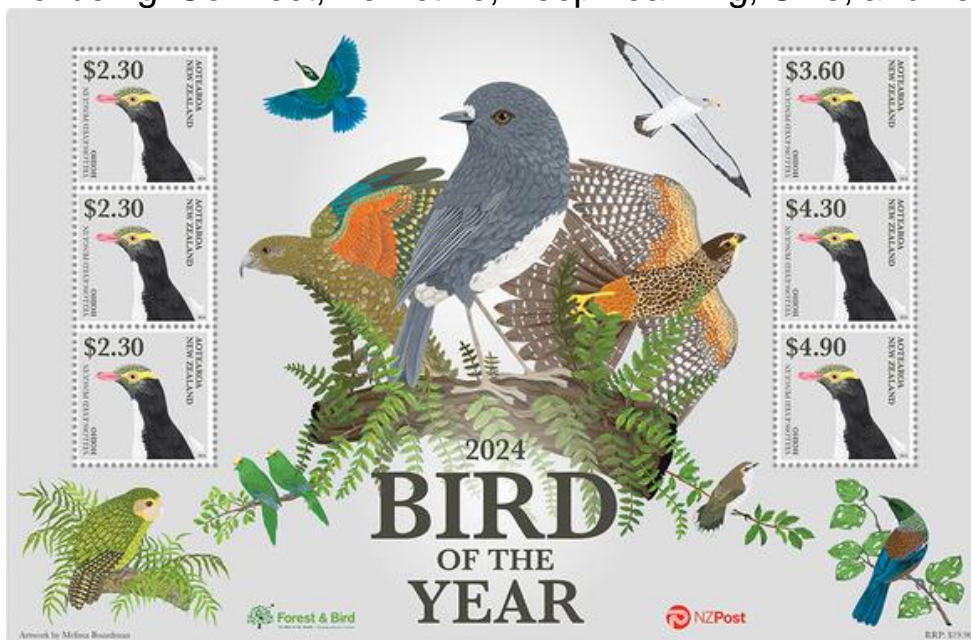


**Postcrossing Issued 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024.** 1 gummed stamp. 20 stamps per sheet, perf 14.78 x 14.86. The stamp portrays a Kiwi flying by balloons delivering postcards. The hobby of postcrossing involves creating an account at [postcrossing.com](http://postcrossing.com) sending a postcard to another member and getting a postcard in return. There are over 800,000 members in 210 countries.



**Mental Health Awareness Week Issued 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.** 5 gummed stamps and one miniature sheet. 20 stamps per sheet, perf 14.78 x 14.86. Mental Health Awareness Week was 23 – 29 September 2024.

These stamps have vibrant colours and balloon-inspired highlighting the Five Ways to Wellbeing: Connect, Be Active, Keep Learning, Give, and Take Notice.



**2024 Bird of the Year Issued 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.** 6 gummed stamps in a miniature sheet, perf 14.4 x 14.6. 3 x \$2.30, \$3.60, \$4.30 & \$4.90. Each year Forest and Bird runs this internationally recognised fundraising campaign Bird of the Year. The Hoiho / yellow-eyed penguin won this year.



**2024 Christmas Issued 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024.** 5 gummed stamps, three self-adhesives / booklets, two miniature sheets and one gold foiled miniature sheet in a Perspex stand. 20 stamps per sheet, perf 14.0 x 14.4. The stamps “look through windows” at the various ways New Zealanders celebrate Christmas.



**2024 Native Pollinators Issued 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024.** 4 gummed stamps, and a miniature sheets. 20 stamps per sheet, perf 14.0 x 14.1. The insects that are pollinators are different in genetic heritage, but perform a shared function – pollination. Four native pollinators the kawakawa looper moth, the native bee/ngāro huruhuru, the flower longhorn beetle and the large hoverfly are highlighted in this issue.



**2025 The year of the Snake Issued 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.** 4 gummed stamps, and a miniature sheet as well as a gold foil mini sheet. 20 stamps per sheet, perf 13.33. The snake has beauty and is elegant, often used in jewellery.

(Information and images taken from <https://collectables.nzpost.co.nz/>)

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