



President's Report for 2020-21

Kia ora,

Our Society has experienced a year of highs and lows, the latter largely due to the Covid pandemic.

Regrettably the pandemic and the unpredictability of changing alert levels throughout the country has meant the postponement of our Annual Convention which was due to happen in September. We are currently working out alternative dates and pitching for a weekend in November 2021. If this is not possible, we will look to reschedule for about June 2022. Watch this space!

I know that many of you were also looking forward to attending RoyalPex 2021 in Palmerston North which was scheduled for the weekend before our Convention. This event has also been postponed. It is now scheduled for 19-21 November, and I hope to see some of you there with your postcard exhibits.

Fortunately, our passion for postcards can cut through some of these lows, as our hobby is one that also thrives online. The Society's Facebook site, having recently marked its one-year anniversary, continues to generate interest, and receives some wonderful posts on a wide range of postcards. It is currently a 'private' group that subsists from online membership requests that require approval from an administrator, but we are exploring the idea of making this 'public' to further increase interest in deltiology here in New Zealand. If you haven't already, why not join our Facebook group, it's free to join, and good for some hearty postcard browsing!

As I reflect on the year that's been, it's our people, our postcard enthusiasts that have helped shaped our 2021 year of postcard collecting. Let's call this, 'Power to the Postcard People':

We welcomed two new committee members to our ranks this year: Stan Fraser and Nik Zangouropoulos. It's great to have their contribution and insights in our group.

We remember the passing of fellow postcard enthusiast, author, and friend Leo Haks on 30 January 2021. His touching obituary was written by Alan Jackson in Postcard Pillar no.131, May 2021.

Leo acknowledged in his co-authored book *“Postmarks – The Way We Were – Early New Zealand Postcards, 1897-1922”* that “some of the most interesting postcards in this book came from the dedicated and knowledgeable collectors of the New Zealand Postcard Society.” Leo too, was exactly that, a dedicated and knowledgeable collector. Rest in Peace Leo. We miss you dearly.

Our very own committee member, Nik Zangouropoulos put out a book entitled *“Petone a Postcard Town”* in April of this year. Its 90 pages feature the history of Petone portrayed on a great collection of picture postcards. Nice work Nik.

Following the announcement that postcards are now an experimental close in philatelic exhibitions at the whole world level, David Figg (from Australia) and our very own Jeff Long, were appointed New Federation Internationale Philatelique (FIP) judges. A big congrats to you both.

A special thanks to the sub-committee for your hard work and energy put into organising the Hamilton Convention weekend. It is such a shame that these plans have not come to fruition for our September dates owing yet again to the Covid pandemic. However, all is not lost, and I’m sure we’ll get in a Convention weekend in due course.

Finally, on behalf of Diane, Eric, Anthony, Chris, Jeff, Jenny, Bruce, Brian, Nik, John and Stan, our postcard committee, we thank you for your ongoing contribution and interest in the Society and look forward to sharing with you another year of postcard collecting and activities. Stay safe and we hope to see you in the not-too-distant future.

Ngā mihi nui



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