

The Capital Stamp Show 2015

Celebrating 150 years of Government in Wellington

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A New Zealand National Stamp Exhibition incorporating a Nations Challenge

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1 Welcome

The Wellington Philatelic Society welcomes you to this the first Bulletin for The Capital Stamp Show 2015. Wellington has been the capital city of New Zealand since Parliament moved here from Auckland in 1865. 150 years of Government in Wellington is a worthy reason to celebrate with an exhibition to include a challenge between New Zealand and other nations. The organising committee has invited other countries to participate and visitors will see exhibits not normally on display in New Zealand.

2 Wellington

Wellington is the world's southernmost capital city and while it can get a bit windy from time-to-time it does have a generally temperate climate. Surrounded by hills, which provide a great backdrop to the harbour, the city centre is compact and flat making it easy to walk around. The city is, however, well served by public transport with a good network of bus routes and regular train services.

Wellington has achieved the title 'The coolest little capital in the world' and frequently appears among the top cities to visit in travel surveys. It is claimed to have more cafes per capita than New York

3 The venue

The venue for the show is the TSB Bank Arena ideally located on the waterfront in the central area close to a wide range of accommodation; shopping, restaurants and cafes; other attractions such as Te Papa (the national museum), Maritime Museum; and, within close walking distance of the railway station and bus routes.

The TSB Bank Arena has ample space for the exhibits, dealers and contains rooms for society and other meetings that will be arranged throughout the show.



TSB Bank Arena from the Wellington Civic Centre.



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4 Exhibition Organising Committee

The Organising Committee is as follows:

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Fund raising	Sue Vernall
Hall Manager	Bob Watson
NZ Philatelic Federation coordinator	Mark Benvie
Chairman of Jury	David Loe
NZ Post representative	Alan Hollows
NZ Stamp Dealers Association representative	David Holmes

Over the coming months additional people will be added and the committee will be making calls for assistance for the periods leading up to, during and immediately after the show. If you are interested in being part of this effort please contact the secretary at capital2015@gibsonz.com

5 Nations Challenge

Countries have been invited to take part in a Nations Challenge. Each country will be represented by a team of four with two 5-frame and two 8-frame exhibits. The commissioners from the invited countries may also bring other exhibits to take part in the normal competitive exhibition.

We believe the invited countries will be keen to win the Nations Challenge and as a result we will have the opportunity of seeing fine exhibits we are unlikely to otherwise see here in New Zealand.

6 Keeping in touch

It is planned to issue a number of Bulletins. These will provide more information on the venue, accommodation, updates on planned activities and information on products that will be available. If you wish to receive the Bulletins please write to:

The Capital Stamp Show 2015
PO Box 2146
Wellington 6140,
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or Email capital2015@gibsonz.com

You will also find copies of the Bulletins at www.nzpf.org.nz/exhibitions/capital-stamp-show-2015 where you can also register to receive updated information on the show

7 Advertising

To assist with publicity for the show and letting people know about your services a wide range of advertising opportunities will be available, including the Bulletins, show catalogue and other publications for individuals, societies and dealers. This advertising will greatly assist the organising committee cover the costs of publishing the various documents which are an essential part of holding the event.

If you are interested in taking advantage of these opportunities the full range of options with costs can be obtained by contacting capital2015@gibsonz.com

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8 Products

Over the next twelve months the organising committee plans to issue a range of products. The first issue will be available from 20 November 2014 and depicts elements of the physical, as well as the cultural, centre of Wellington City – the Civic Centre. The following provides background to the Centre and the products being issued.

Wellington Civic Centre

Wellington's Civic Centre, in its current form was opened in 1992. It is bounded by the Michael Fowler Centre, Town Hall, Wellington City Council administration buildings, the Information Centre, Wellington's Public Library and Art Gallery (the former library) and is connected to Wellington Harbour via the 'City to Sea' bridge a popular route for local and visitors. The open space is used regularly for recreation and entertainment. It is the terminal point for many public parades which have started at Parliament Buildings and wended their way down Wellington's main shopping precinct of Lambton Quay. These include such diverse activities as Victoria University and Massey University graduates on their way to be capped in the Michael Fowler Centre; the cavalcade of the international teams taking part in the annual 'Rugby Sevens' competition; political and protest marches; and, not the least, the annual 'Santa Parade'.

The centre and its surrounds are home to many sculptures with perhaps the most well-known being the 'Nikau' palms and 'Ferns'. These are depicted on The Capital Stamp Show 2015 first range of products as being truly representative of Wellington City.

Nikau

There are fifteen Nikau palm sculptures around the Civic Centre installed in 1991. Nine cover supporting pillars for the Library while the remaining six parade around a walkway bordering the north-western corner of the centre.

The nikau is the only species of palm endemic to New Zealand. The stylised nikau palm trees were designed by architect Ian Athfield a major contributor to the design and structure of the Civic Square including a number of the buildings within it. The sculptures are made from copper, zinc, and steel.

Ferns

The sculpture 'ferns', designed by Neil Dawson, is 3.4 metres in diameter and constructed of coated aluminium. It is suspended on stainless steel wires 14 metres above Civic Square. The design incorporates an intricate pattern of five different fern leaves.

CALs, First Day Cover and maximum cards



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The organising committee has prepared CALs of the iconic sculptures, a FDC and two maximum cards.

- The first day cover, which will include one each of the CALs, has an image looking toward the 'City to Sea' bridge and featuring both sculptures.
- 'Parade of Palms' maximum card depicts four of the free-standing 'nikau' palm sculptures on the pathway to the Michael Fowler Centre
- 'Ferns over Civic Centre' maximum card depicts the 'ferns' sculpture over the centre looking toward the Public Library.

These items can be purchased by completing the enclosed order form.