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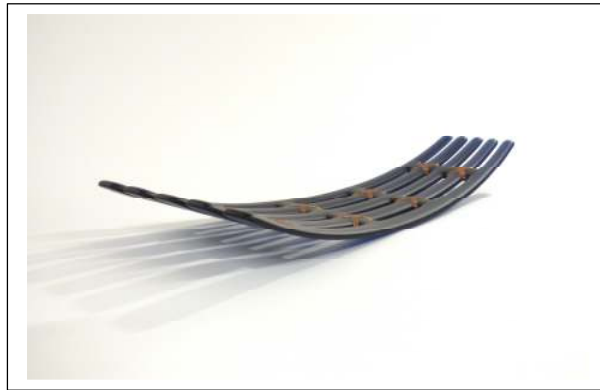
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### ROYALPEX 2017 NEWSLETTER NO 3

#### The Grand Award from New Zealand Post

The Grand Award from New Zealand Post is a blue glass platter called "Haerenga" by the artist Te Rongo Kirkwood. *"Haerenga represents our journey through life and our connection to others, navigating through both the turbulent waters and smooth sailing together."*



Here is some information about the artist, **Te Rongo Kirkwood**  
*Iwi Affiliations – Waikato, Taranaki, Ngapuh*

*With a distinct connection to the natural elements, glass itself formed from sand, Te Rongo draws inspiration from the natural world. While each piece has a story and underlying meaning, it is also celebrated for the pure innate seductive beauty of glass.*

*"As an artist, I enjoy the freedom of immersing myself in the mysteries of life, reflecting the creative process of the universe, creating, destroying and evolving forms"*

*Te Rongo Kirkwood is an award-winning artist specialising in kiln formed cold-worked glass. She has exhibited nationally and internationally with her work held in public and private collections in China, Japan, Europe and the USA.*

#### Palmares Function

This is being held Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm, main dining room, Cost \$75.00 per person.

Please book now by e mailing the Secretary at [lindsay.chitty@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lindsay.chitty@xtra.co.nz) or posting to:

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### Royal Breakfast

This is being held Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00am. Members of Royal Societies or their guests are welcome. The cost is \$28.00 per person. Attendees need to book, so please advise me if you want to attend. Payment can be made by credit card or direct credit, but make sure it is clear from the deposit who and what it is for.

### Floor Plan

The floor plan has been finalized and we are accommodating over 400 frames of competitive material, an area for Youth and 10 Stamp Dealers.

### Meeting Room

There is one meeting room available for meetings. Several bookings have already been made. If you are having a meeting, please let the Secretary know.

### Treasurer

It is with profound regret that I advise that our treasurer for Royalpex 2017, Geoffrey Drew, passed away after becoming ill overseas, very shortly after his return to New Zealand. We pass on our condolences to his wife and family. I represented the RPSNZ and Royalpex at his funeral. This has left us without a treasurer and we are currently recruiting a replacement.

### Wildlife Trip

A decision has been made that the suggested wildlife trip will not take place. The logistics of this in the event of bad weather (and we have had plenty of that) and seeing what we wanted to see (Kiwi, bats, and glowworms)

### Sponsorship

The major sponsor is **New Zealand Post**. We thank them for this, so please support them at the exhibition. We also wish to advise that **Trust Waikato** are also a significant sponsor, and we thank them very much for that.

### Royal Challenge

Four teams from London, Victoria, Sydney and New Zealand are participating. Some of the very best material from around the world will be at the exhibition, and we thank the participating teams for the spirit in which they have entered. An inaugural trophy, a silver plate, has been donated by Patrick Maselis, Belgium, to be held by the winning team until the next challenge.

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### CALs and Souvenirs

These are at the final stages of the design process. I am sure that you will be very happy with what is being produced. There will be 10 CALs including a booklet, as well as an overprinted Glow worm miniature sheet and other items.

I have a number of enquiries from interested people, and as soon as this is finalized I will put it in another newsletter and contact those people who have already contacted us.

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