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# ROYALPEX 2017 NEWSLETTER NO 1

## Date of Royalpex 2017

Keep the following dates free. The Exhibition is from 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 with a set-up day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

The exhibition is a specialized exhibition and the classes can be seen on the prospectus or on-line at <http://www.rpsnz.org.nz/>



The venue is the **Distinction Hamilton Hotel & Conference Centre**, 100 Garnett Avenue, Te Rapa, Hamilton, which has full conference, accommodation and restaurant facilities.

## Accommodation

A block booking of hotel rooms has been made. They will have 120 rooms available, although not all have been booked. (Normally 147, but they are refurbishing). A discounted rate will be available for

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prior bookings. **The booking reference, 29699, has to be used** for on-line or phone bookings to get the right rate. If you are intending to attend and stay, please book early. The website for on-line bookings is <http://www.distinctionhotelshamilton.co.nz/>

### Meals

Unlike conferences, there is a need for casual meals for the public as well as meals for the in-house guests (exhibitors, judges, commissioners, committee and the public). We have asked for a station to be set up just inside the back entrance (just outside the conference centre) for tea and coffee, and snack food (sandwiches, chips, savories, soup, etc.)

The main dining area will be available for everyone for meals.

### Floor Plan

John Waller has taken measurements of the exhibition area, and although there are some issues with three bar areas in between the dividing walls that are opened out to make one big venue, he is confident we can get close to 400 frames, a site for New Zealand Post and 10 dealers into the area.

### Hamilton, not Rotorua!

One issue that has arisen is that somehow word has got out that the accommodation is at The Hotel Distinction, Rotorua! **This is not so; it is at the Distinction Hamilton Hotel & Conference Centre!**

### Meeting Room

There is one meeting room available for meetings. Bookings have already been made for a meeting of the New Zealand Philatelic Federation, and the Judges Association. The Royal Philatelic Society will be having a meeting with an international Guest speaker on a New Zealand-related topic. More details in the next newsletter. If you are having a meeting, please let the Secretary know.

### Key People

The following people have accepted the following positions:

Chairman:	Mark Benvie.
Secretary:	Lindsay Chitty.
Treasurer:	Geoffrey Drew
Jury Chairman:	David Loe.
New Zealand Post Rep:	Alan Hollows.
NZ Stamp Dealers Assn:	David Holmes.
NZPF Liaison Rep.:	Stephen Chivers
Jury Secretary:	Leigh Gravestock.

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Bin Room Manager: To be arranged.  
Floor Manager: John Waller.  
Waikato P. S. Liaison: Bruce Tapp.  
Tauranga S. C. Liaison: To be appointed, through the President to date.  
Prizes Coordinator: Jenny Banfield.

Although this exhibition is run by The Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand, we are needing help from the local Societies, hence their involvement.

### Theme

The theme for the exhibition will be a wildlife / conservation one. Hamilton is the centre of several threatened wildlife species. It is proposed to issue a set of CALs, FDCs and other souvenirs. More details next newsletter.

### Wildlife Trip

It is proposed that there will be a wildlife trip, and this will include the Otorohanga Kiwihouse, the Waitomo museum and a night walk through the Ruakuri Conservation Estate to see one of New Zealand's best kept secrets. This trip which will include a catered light evening meal will be restricted to 50 participants. More details next newsletter.

### Sponsorship

The major sponsor is New Zealand Post. We thank them for this, so please support them at the exhibition.

### Royal Challenge

We are keen to proceed with this. The overseas Royal Societies have been contacted and we hope that they will respond with some teams! Watch this space.

### Frame Sponsorship

Members of the RPSNZ, Stamp Clubs and Philatelic Societies, Stamp Dealers, and members of the public are invited to sponsor frames at the exhibition. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged at each frame. This is an opportunity for members to participate, especially members who are unable to attend so they can feel that they have a part in the exhibition. The sponsorship fee is \$5.00 per frame, and you can sponsor as many frames as you like. Sponsor 10 frames and you will be able to purchase a **very good limited edition item** at half price. See the next newsletter for details.

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Those wishing to sponsor in this way can do it with cheque, credit card, or PayPal. You can sponsor frames in the class of your choice, and we will do our best to allocate you your preferred class. See the prospectus for the classes.

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	Postal Stationery	
	Thematics	
	Youth	
	First Day Cover	
	Frugal	
	Youth Development	
	Adult Development	

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**PayPal** Pay to the following e mail address to "friends and family" with **name / Sponsor**  
[office@rpsnz.org](mailto:office@rpsnz.org)

This application can be e mailed to [royalpex2017@rpsnz.org.nz](mailto:royalpex2017@rpsnz.org.nz)

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