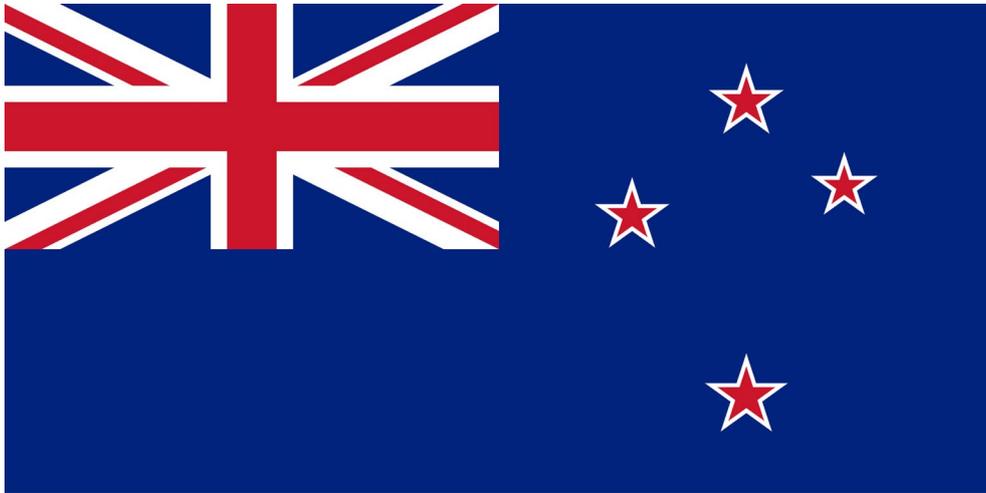




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Autobiographical Note



Leon with members of the "Starlets" coin club in 1966 (NZ Numismatic Journal no. 42)

My introduction to numismatics was at school when I swapped a box of marbles for WW1 coins. This small group of coins fascinated me and led me to visit the Canterbury Museum's large collection many times.

Fortunately, a custodian suggested I contact Ernie Dale who was Chairman of a Society who could help me. He certainly did and I joined the Canterbury Branch of the RNSNZ and enjoyed many years in the company of informative speakers who widened my knowledge. I am forever grateful to the members of the Canterbury society.

The introduction of decimal currency in 1967 resulted in a surge in sales of New Zealand sterling coins at inflated prices, which led me to advertise price lists at what I considered more sensible levels.

New Zealand medallions were plentiful and, in 1950, with the issue of the Canterbury Centennial medal, I started collecting medallions in earnest which eventually led to the issue of a small catalogue in 1976, and later, as new items were found, a much expanded and illustrated second edition (1996) and a supplement (2000).

I also purchased a small, lovely collection of Edward VIII Coronation medallions, which grew into a very large collection. Many friendships resulted, including Richard Lobel of Coincraft, who has an amazing collection.

Autobiographical Note

Banknotes became an interest when I discovered the Reserve Bank of New Zealand would sell notes direct to collectors, a great service which has sadly been discontinued.

We retired to Melbourne, where our four sons resided, in 2000. So I packed my accumulation into 120 special containers which Customs officials were interested in, but released them when they realised it was my private collection.

I am delighted that the team will update “Medallic Commemoratives New Zealand 1865-1940”.

My congratulations and appreciation.

Leon G Morel FRNSNZ (2016)



2006 anniversary event, at which Leon Morel (left) was the longest-standing RNSNZ member (joined 1950) and Ray Staal (right) the longest-standing WCC member present (joined 1966)

Note by the compilers (2020): Leon gave his agreement to our updating his catalogue to include more recent discoveries during his visit to the RNSNZ Convention in 2014. Work began almost immediately on digitising the text of his 1996 Catalogue and 2000 Supplement, as well as logging new discoveries and gathering photos of existing items. This activity has continued in the background ever since, though it has only been with the upheavals to normal work routines brought about by Covid-19 that we have had the opportunity to start putting it into its final shape.

Leon died in late 2019 at the age of 87, and we are saddened not only by the loss of someone who put such a huge effort into documenting and promoting New Zealand commemorative medals, but also by the fact that he did not live to see the release of the revised 3rd edition of his magnum opus.

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Introduction

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This is part of a projected multi-volume series updating Leon Morel's Catalogue of Medallic Commemoratives of New Zealand, 1865-1940 (1996) and the Supplement published in 2000. The third edition marks a departure from previous RNSNZ catalogue projects in that it is being released electronically in the first instance, and in sections. In this way, parts of the book can be published as they become ready, and can also be regularly updated as new information becomes available.

The various sections of the catalogue will ultimately cover the whole of NZ's medallic history from the earliest issues associated with this country through to the Centennial events of 1940. More recent issues, from 1940 (not Centennial-related) to date, are being covered by a companion series, "New Zealand Commemorative Medals since 1940, 3rd edition", also being published in parts and in electronic form.

Because these publications are being released as searchable PDFs, the previous Index of Legends has now been dispensed with as unnecessary.

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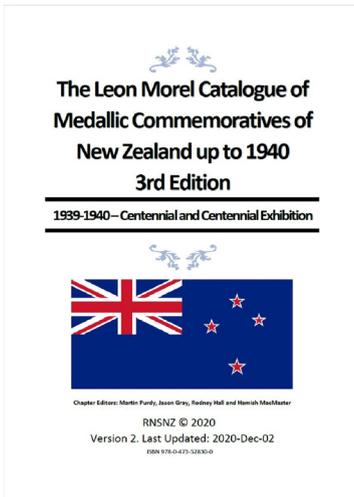
Special thanks to the late Leon Morel for entrusting us with this project and supplying much original reference material.

Thanks to the many dealers and collectors who have made illustrations available, including Tony Grant, Phil Horne, Jim Noble, Jim Johnson, Ross and Angie Kidd, Craig Kitchen, Don MacNeill, and many others whom we have approached with specific requests since beginning this project in 2014. Special thanks also to the late Malcolm Johnson (Australia) for making available his research into oddball NZ items. It would not have been possible without their generous assistance.

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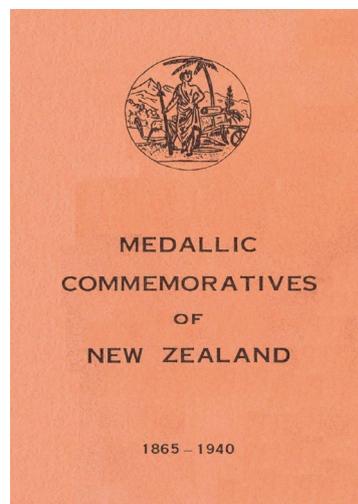
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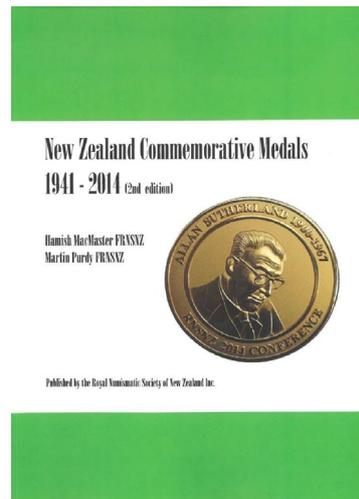
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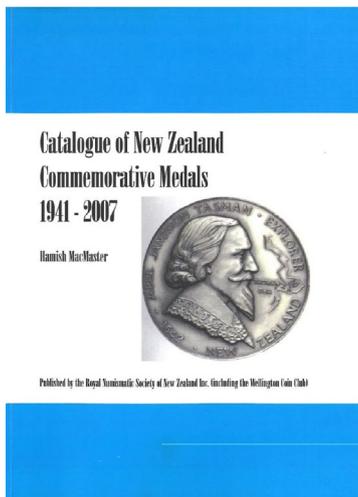


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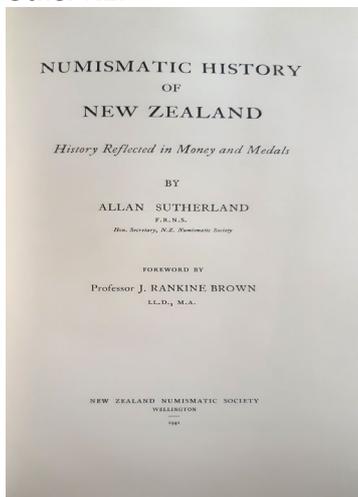
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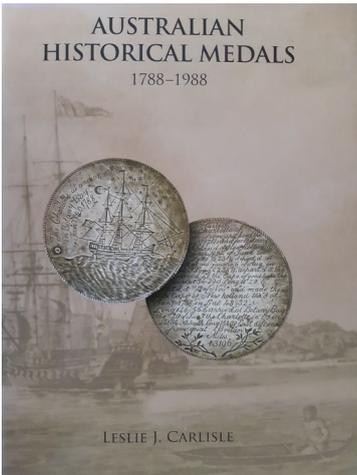
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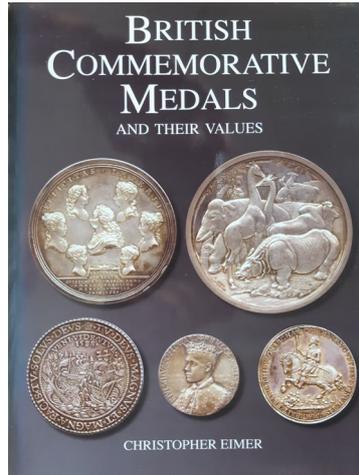
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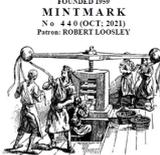
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RNSNZ Programme 2017		
Wednesday 26 April	St Andrew's 7.30pm	Wayne Neeman "The Wellington Hoard Find" - Hear why the UK hoard discovery was one of the most significant recent numismatic events
Wednesday 31 May	St Andrew's 7.30pm	Martin Purdy with Rodney Hall - A show-and-tell on "primitive money"
Wednesday 28 June	St Andrew's Meeting Room 2 - upstairs, not our usual room 7.30pm	Members talk. Everyone has something to share that they know about - we look forward to your talk or "show and tell" of up to 5 minutes.
Friday 14 - Monday 17 July	Quality Hotel, Parnell, Auckland	Decimal 50 Conference. Celebrate the 50 th anniversary of decimal currency in Auckland with the NSA and RNSNZ's joint conference. See inside for details or find the brochure and registration form at www.RNSNZ.org.nz .
Wednesday 26 July	St Andrew's 7.30pm	Don't delay - register now. AGM. This is scheduled after the Auckland Conference this year, to allow time for preparation of accounts
Wednesday 30 August	St Andrew's 7.30pm	RNSNZ annual auction, Cliff Leiby and Flemming Scorsen.
Wednesday 27 September	St Andrew's 7.30pm	Coins and banknote records will be brought from the Archives for viewing. See their updated website at www.coincollecting.co.nz

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The Society's 2011 Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers will take place on Wednesday 13 October. Covid prevented us in 2010 (as we did last year), commencing at 7.30pm. There is a maximum of two persons under the current restrictions, so those who wish to attend are asked to email the President in advance and receive directions. Once we have the confirmed attendees, we will ask for anyone else who would exceed the maximum, to make a prior arrangement with someone who will be present. They can then be telephoned from the meeting to participate in voting or raise a number during proceedings. The speaker will be Peter Duncan on The Birthdays of Charles I. Please bring a mail - My address is andrew@andrewcollect.com

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Latest Additions

Amendments & Updates to 1996/2000 Edition

1996/2000 Edition	This Edition	Detail
1937/1	1937/2	All Geo VI Coronation issues now numbered 1937/2 with a sequential letter (Ed VIII issues inserted as 1937/1 + letter)
1937/2	1937/2A (2A.1, 2A.2)	Nos. 1937/3-4 retired to minimise confusion
1937/2A	1937/2A.10	Gap in suffix numbers to allow for further discoveries
1937/3	1937/2B	
1937/4	1937/2C	
1938/2	1938/1A	Auckland Winter Show medals/tokens grouped together as 1938/1 with sequential letter as appropriate
1938/3	1938/1B	Nos. 1938/2-5 retired to minimise confusion
1938/4	1938/1C	
1938/5	1938/1D	

Previous catalogue numbers are given in brackets under the current catalogue number. “(-)” below the current catalogue number indicates a new entry, not logged in the 1996 edition or the 2000 Supplement.

Commemorative Medals – Issues of the 1930s

TE AROHA JUBILEE 1930

1930/1



Diameter: 19 mm
Metal: Silver, Gilt, Gold
Rarity: R6, R6, R7
Maker: Tarlton



[1930/1.11]

Obverse: Scene at Te Aroha with hill behind. Inscr around above TE AROHA JUBILEE and around below 1880 - 1930

Reverse: Pin back, in minute letters incuse TARLTON

Versions: 1930/1.1 Silver

1930/1.2 Gilt

1930/1.3 Gold (stick pin on reverse as illustrated below) Total weight inc. pin 2.8g

[Illustration unavailable]

[1930/1.2]

[Illustration unavailable]

Commemorative Medals – 1930s



RAIKES SUNDAY SCHOOLS WELLINGTON JUBILEE 1930

1930/2



Diameter: 25.5 mm,
loop suspension
Metal: Gilt, Copper
Rarity: R6



[1930/2.1]

Obverse: In centre circle inscr WELLINGTON / S.S. UNION / JUBILEE / 1930; inscr around above RAIKES FOUNDED SUNDAY SCHOOLS and around below + 1780 +

Reverse: Blank

Versions: 1930/2.1 Gilt
1930/2.2 Copper

[Illustration unavailable]

[1930/2.2]

[Illustration unavailable]

BRASS BAND CONTEST DUNEDIN 1930



1930/3

(-)

Diameter: 42.5mm x 32mm

Metal: Sterling Silver,
Gold (9 ct)

Rarity: R6, R7

Weight: 13.1g, 9.1g



[1930/3.1]

Obverse: inscr . N . Z . /CHAMPION/ . BAND . /CONTEST/DUNEDIN/1930

Reverse: Blank for engraving, STG SILVER stamped below

Versions: 1930/3.1 Silver

1930/3.2 Gold

[Illustration unavailable]

[1930/3.2]

[Illustration unavailable]

HAWERA 1931

1931/1



Diameter: 26 mm,
loop suspension
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R6



Obverse: HAWERA / 1931 in wreath

Reverse: Blank for engraving; ST SIL incuse at bottom

WELLINGTON BAND CONTEST 1931

1931/2



Diameter: 32.3 mm,
loop suspension,
purple ribbon
noted
Metal: Silver, Gilt
Rarity: R6, R7
Weight: 17.6 g, 20.2 g
Maker: Mayer & Kean



[1930/2.1]

Obverse: Lyre and stylised musical notation in wreath. Shield in front reading 1931; inscr around above WELLINGTON . N . Z .

Reverse: M&K SILVER stamped incuse

Versions: 1931/2.1 Silver
1931/2.2 Gilt



[1930/2.2]



GENERAL MOTORS 1931

1931/3

(-)

[Illustration unavailable]

Diameter: 70 mm
Metal: Bronze
Rarity: R7
Maker: The Gorham
Company

[Illustration unavailable]

Obverse: Inscr in wreath FINE MATERIALS, / CRAFTSMANSHIP, THE WORK OF MEN'S HANDS, / HAVE ALL CONTRIBUTED IN / FULL MEASURE TO YOUR SUCCESS / IN SURPASSING THE WORLD / QUALITY STANDARDS. / THIS MEDAL / IS AWARDED TO YOUR WORKMEN / FOR THEIR ADHERENCE / TO THESE HIGHEST STANDARDS / OF QUALITY. GM at base of wreath; CHEVROLET logo at top.

Reverse: Male and female allegorical figures with hands held above steering wheel with ship behind and car above. Stamped/engraved on two ribbons below GENERAL MOTORS NEW ZEALAND LTD / 1931. A.L. COOPER in tiny letters at base.

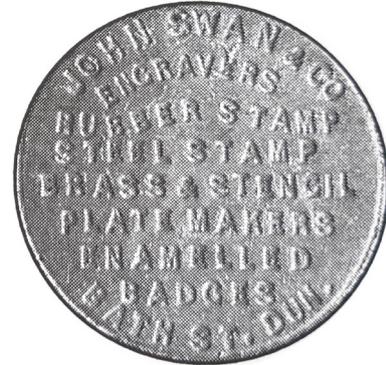
Note: THE GORHAM CO. on edge

FIRST BACK TO DUNEDIN WEEK 1932

1932/1



Diameter: 22 mm
Metal: Aluminium
Rarity: R6



Obverse: Legend in quatrefoil: TO / COMMEMORATE / FIRST / BACK TO / DUNEDIN / WEEK / MAY 1932

Reverse: JOHN SWAN & CO / ENGRAVERS / RUBBER STAMP / STEEL STAMP / BRASS & STENCIL / PLATE MAKERS / ENAMELLED / BADGES / BATH ST. DUN .

Note: Also G#S16c in John Bertrand list of special purpose tokens

SOUTH AUCKLAND BRASS BAND CONTEST 1933

1933/1



Diameter: 40 x 27 mm,
loop suspension
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R6
Maker: Walker & Hall



Obverse: Lyre in centre with panels for engraving; engraved date 1933 in panel below. Inscr above SOUTH AUCKLAND / BRASS BAND CONTEST

Reverse: Maker's mark W & H in pennant / SILVER stamped in incuse rectangle

WAIIAU SCHOOL JUBILEE 1934



SOUTH AUCKLAND BAND CONTEST 1934



1934/2

(-)

Diameter: 40.1 x 31.8 mm,
loop suspension
Metal: Silver, Gilt
Rarity: Both R6
Maker: Walker & Hall



[1934/2.1]

Obverse: Whare in centre; .1934. below. Inscr around above SOUTH AUCKLAND BAND CONTEST and around below . ROTORUA .

Reverse: Open wreath, incuse small letters SILVER W & H

Versions: 1934/2.1 Silver
1934/2.2 Gilt

[Illustration unavailable]

[1934/2.2]

[Illustration unavailable]

VISIT OF DUKE OF GLOUCESTER 1934-35

1934-35/1



Diameter: 23.6 x 28.9 mm
 Metal: Gilt, Silvered,
 Copper
 Rarity: All R6



[1934-35/1.1]

Obverse: In centre circle crossed UK and NZ flags with kiwi below. 1934-5 in upper angle, VISIT in ribbon in lower angle. Inscr around above H.R.H. DUKE. OF. GLOUCESTER and around below N.Z.

Reverse: Blank (pin back – pin broken in item illustrated)

Versions: 1934-35/1.1 Gilt
 1934-35/1.2 Silvered
 1934-35/1.3 Copper

[Illustration unavailable]

[1934-35/1.2]

[Illustration unavailable]

[Illustration unavailable]

[1934-35/1.3]

[Illustration unavailable]

BLDISLOE – WAITANGI MEDAL 1935

1935/1

Diameter: 51 mm
Metal: Bronze (105 –
1 silver plated),
Silver
Rarity: R4, R7, R7
Maker: Mayer & Kean



One bronze example was “heavily silver plated” by architect and NZ Numismatic Society member Percy Watts Rule (1889-1953) at about the time of issue and appeared at auction in 2013



[1935/1.1]

Obverse: Carved Māori gate; in opening 1840 / HOBSON / WAITANGI / BLEDISLOE / 1934
Inscr around above NEW ZEALAND NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. In exergue . 1935 .

Reverse: Charles Bathurst, 1st Viscount Bledisloe (1867-1958), Governor-General of NZ 1930-35,
to R. Inscr around above LORD BLEDISLOE, GOVERNOR GENERAL OF NEW ZEALAND
and around below . 1930-35 . In minute letters M&K GW on truncation

Note: Designed by J. Berry and engraved by G. Whitehouse

Versions: 1935/1.1 Bronze
1935/1.2 Silver (unique)
1935/1.3 Silver-plated (unique)

[Illustration unavailable]

[1935/1.2]

[Illustration unavailable]

Commemorative Medals – 1930s



[1935/1.3]

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SOUTH AUCKLAND BAND CONTEST – TE AROHA 1935



1935/2

Diameter: 50 x 33 mm
Metal: Silver, Gilt
(probably)
Rarity: R5, R7



Obverse: Scene with Mt Te Aroha. Text in ribbon around above SOUTH AUCKLAND BRASS BAND CONTEST. Lyre between branches in lower part of medal; TE AROHA around above and 1935 below

Reverse: Blank; ST SIL incuse

TARANAKI RUGBY FOOTBALL 1935

1935/3

(-)

Diameter: 27 mm,
Loop suspension
Metal: Bronze
Rarity: R5
Maker: Mayer & Kean



Obverse: Across centre of centre circle inscr JUBILEE; Mt Taranaki above and a rugby ball below. Inscr around above TARANAKI RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION and around below . 1885-1935 .

Reverse: Blank for engraving; maker's mark M&K in incuse surround at base

GEORGE V SILVER JUBILEE 1935

1935/4

(-)



Diameter: 35 mm
Metal: Silvered
Rarity: .



Obverse: Conjoined busts of Queen Mary (1867-1953) and King George V (1865-1936) to L; 1910 in field at L, 1935 at R. Inscr around above GEORGE V MARY
Reverse: Various national flowers and plants (e.g. rose, wattle, maple leaf) with geographical names alongside: AUSTRALIA BRITAIN INDIA NEW ZEALAND AFRICA CANADA
Note: Empire issue
Reference: Noble sale 119 (2018) lot 2915

1935/4A

(-)



Diameter: 51 mm
Metal: Silver,
Matt bronze
Rarity: .



Obverse: Conjoined busts of Queen Mary and King George V in centre circle with GEORGE.V. around left and MARY around right. In outer circle a series of panels containing an animal and the name of its country of origin: NEW ZEALAND [kiwi] NEWFOUNDLAND [fish] INDIA [lion] CANADA [moose] AUSTRALIA [kangaroo] SOUTH AFRICA [springbok]
Reverse: Standing female figure representing the Mother Country standing on a globe; two cherubs at her feet with cornucopiae; subjects of the Empire in procession behind, carrying produce. Inscr around above in two lines SILVER JUBILEE / A D 1935
Note: Empire issue
Reference: Eimer 2030; Noble sale 119 (2018) lot 2917

GEORGE V SILVER JUBILEE– KEREPEHI SCHOOL 1935



1935/4B

(-)

Diameter: 26 mm,
suspension loop
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R7
Maker: Reuben Watts,
Auckland



Obverse: In centre circle crowned effigy of George V (1865-1936) to R. In outer circle around above KING'S JUBILEE and around below KEREPEHI SCHOOL

Reverse: Blank; maker's mark WATTS in incuse rectangle

Note: Kerepehi School is a small school with a current roll of about 60 in the township of Kerepehi (pop. 429) in the Hauraki Plains.

NZ BRASS BANDS ASSOCIATION – TIMARU 1935

1935/5

(-)

[Illustration unavailable]

Diameter: 45 x 32 mm,
with ring top
ribbon and gold
bar

[Illustration unavailable]

Metal: Gold (9ct, total
weight 16.5 g)

Rarity: R5

Maker: J.D. Fraser,
Timaru

Obverse: Unspecified but bar reads TIMARU 1935

Reverse: Plain, pin-back

FEDERATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE BRITISH EMPIRE 1936

1936/1



Diameter: 32 mm
Metal: Silvered, red & white enamel
Rarity: R6



Obverse: Mediaeval-style vessel in centre circle; in outer circle inscr around above in two lines THE FEDERATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE / . OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE . and red enameled number below (125 in illustrated example)

Reverse: Lapel pin; inscr around above 14TH CONGRESS and around below WELLINGTON N.Z. 1936

1936/1A

(-)



Diameter: 26 mm
Metal: White metal and red enamel, pin-back
Rarity: R6



Obverse: Vessel as in centre of 1936/1; number on side of vessel (79 on illustrated medal); red enamel ring around

Reverse: Pin-back. Inscr around above in two lines FOURTEENTH CONGRESS / OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE and in a straight line OF THE; below pin in straight line BRITISH EMPIRE; around below WELLINGTON N.Z. 1936

BOROUGH OF DEVONPORT 1886-1936



1936/2
(-)

Diameter: 28 x 23 mm,
pin-back
Metal: Silvered
Rarity: .



Obverse: View of Devonport Harbour. 1886-1936 above; inscr around above in two lines BOROUGH OF DEVONPORT / JUBILEE. All surmounted by a crown extending above the circle of the main badge
Reverse: Plain (stick pin attached)

PLANNED CORONATION OF EDWARD VIII 1937



1937/1
(-)

Diameter: 37.2 x 32.5 mm
loop suspension
Metal: Gilt,
White Metal (?)
Rarity: .



[1937/1.1]

Obverse: ¾-facing crowned effigy of Edward VIII (1894-1972) to R. Inscr around above TO COMMEMORATE THE CORONATION OF EDWARD VIII 1937

Reverse: Five leaf stalks with six rectangular panels reading NEW ZEALAND / INDIA - AUSTRALIA / SOUTH AFRICA – CANADA / WEST INDIES

Note: Empire issue

Versions: 1937/1.1 Gilt
1937/1.2 White metal (?)

[Illustration unavailable]

[1937/1.2]

[Illustration unavailable]

1937/1A		
(-)		
	<p>Diameter: 57.4 mm Metal: Bronze Rarity: . Maker: J.R. Gaunt</p>	
<p>Obverse: Crowned effigy of Edward VIII (1894-1972) to R. MCM/XXX/VII to L. Inscr around above EDWARD . VIII . CROWNED . MAY . XII .</p> <p>Reverse: Britannia seated to R with crown and dove on knee; helmet resting on plinth to L. Inscr around above in two lines CANADA . INDIA . S . AFRICA . AUSTRALIA . NEW ZEALAND / BRITAIN. Waves in exergue</p> <p>Note: Empire issue Restrikes noted</p>		

1937/1B		
(-)		
[Illustration unavailable]	<p>Diameter: 36 mm Metal: Gilt brass (other metal versions reported but not confirmed) Rarity: . Maker: J.R. Gaunt</p>	[Illustration unavailable]
<p>Obverse: Crowned effigy of Edward VIII (1894-1972) to R. MCM/XXX/VII to L. Inscr around above EDWARD . VIII . CROWNED . MAY . XII .</p> <p>Reverse: Britannia seated to R with crown and dove on knee; helmet resting on plinth to L. Inscr around above in two lines CANADA . INDIA . S . AFRICA . AUSTRALIA . NEW ZEALAND / BRITAIN. Waves in exergue</p> <p>Note: Empire issue; same as 1937/1A except for metal and size Note: Restrikes noted</p>		

CORONATION OF GEORGE VI 1937



1937/2
(1937/1)

Diameter: 31.5 mm,
loop suspension
Metal: Silvered, Gilt
(Bronze reported)
Rarity: Both R4
Maker: Stokes,
Melbourne



[1937/2.1]

Obverse: Conjoint crowned effigies of Queen Elizabeth (1900-2002) and George VI (1895-1952) to L. Inscr around . KING GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH . In minute letters below STOKES MELB

Reverse: Kiwi to L in centre; monogram G VI R above. In minute letters below STOKES. Inscr around above TO COMMEMORATE THEIR MAJESTIES' CORONATION and around below . MAY 12TH 1937 .

Versions: 1937/2.1 Silvered, low left point on Queen's crown, top serif on R of GEORGE; line of feather between E and S of STOKES (Type 1 obv die)
1937/2.2 Gilt, as 2.1
1937/2.3 Silvered , high left point on Queen's crown, no top serif on R of GEORGE; line of feather to E of STOKES (Type 2 obv die)
1937/2.4 Gilt, as 2.3



Type 1 (top)
Type 2 (bottom)

[1937/2.2]



Commemorative Medals – 1930s



1937/2A

(1937/2)



Diameter: 31.6 mm,
loop suspension
Metal: Stg silver
Silvered (exists?)
Brass
Silver/blank rev
Rarity: R6, (-), R6, R6
Maker: Stokes,
Melbourne



[1937/2A.1]

Obverse: Like 1937/1

Reverse: Centre blank. Inscr around above CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF INVERCARGILL and around below . CORONATION FESTIVAL 1937 .

Versions: 1937/2A.1 Sterling silver
1937/2A.2 Silvered (reported, not confirmed)
1937/2A.3 Brass
1937/2A.10 Sterling Silver with blank reverse (previously 1937/2A)

[Illustration unavailable]

[1937/2A.2]

[Illustration unavailable]



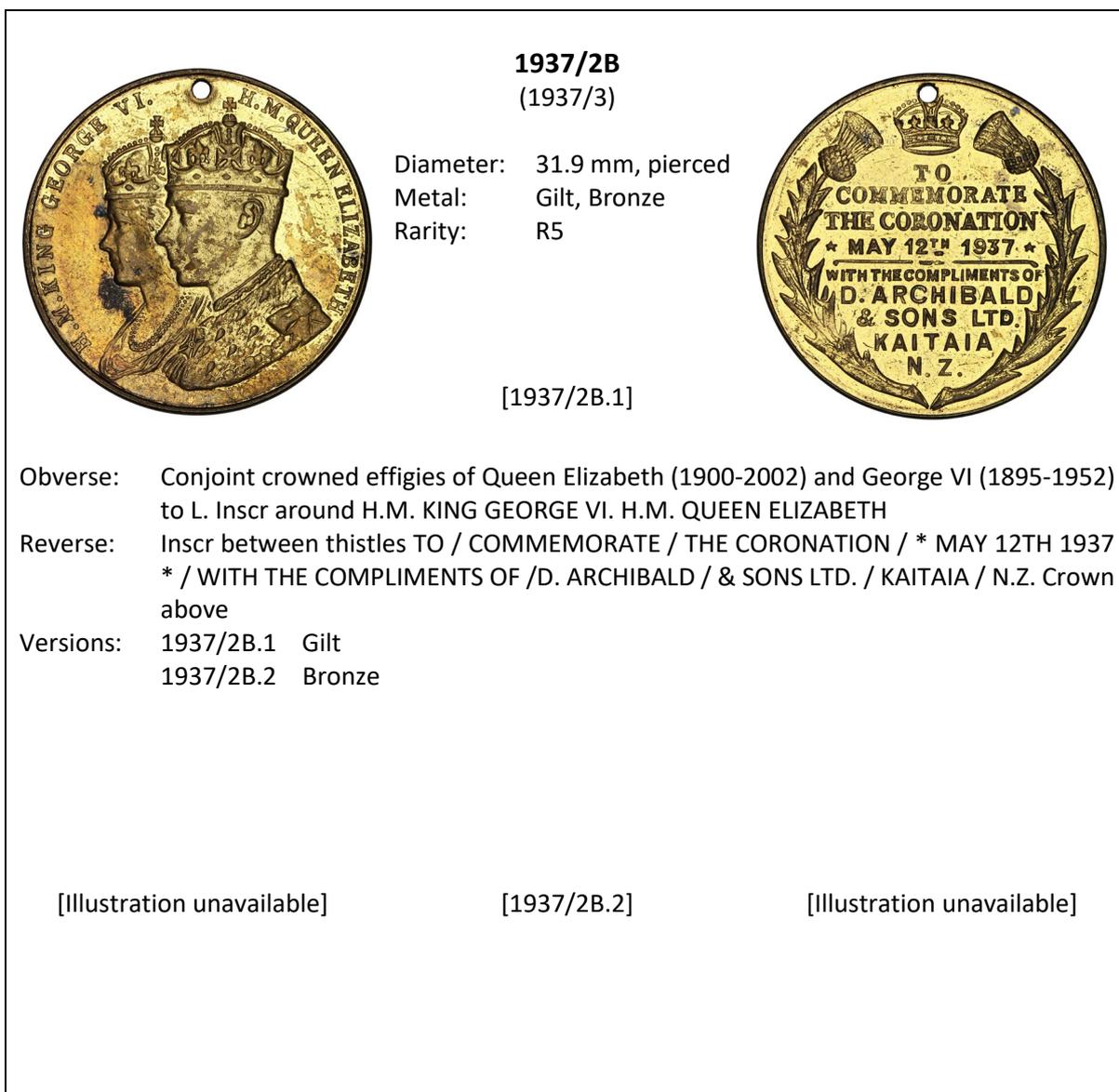
[1937/2A.3]



Commemorative Medals – 1930s



[1937/2A.10]



1937/2B
(1937/3)

Diameter: 31.9 mm, pierced
Metal: Gilt, Bronze
Rarity: R5

[1937/2B.1]

Obverse: Conjoint crowned effigies of Queen Elizabeth (1900-2002) and George VI (1895-1952) to L. Inscr around H.M. KING GEORGE VI. H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH
Reverse: Inscr between thistles TO / COMMEMORATE / THE CORONATION / * MAY 12TH 1937 * / WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF / D. ARCHIBALD / & SONS LTD. / KAITAIA / N.Z. Crown above
Versions: 1937/2B.1 Gilt
1937/2B.2 Bronze

[Illustration unavailable]

[1937/2B.2]

[Illustration unavailable]

1937/2C
(1937/4)



Diameter: 25.6 x 30 mm,
loop suspension
Metal: Bronze. Silver
Rarity: R4, R6



[1937/2C.1]

Obverse: Conjoint crowned effigies of Queen Elizabeth (1900-2002) and George VI (1895-1952) to L. in centre circle; in arc below TE AWAMUTU. Inscr around above KING · GEORGE · VI · & · QUEEN · ELIZABETH · CROWNED · and around below MAY · 12 · 1937

Reverse: Blank

Versions: 1937/2C.1 Bronze
1937/2C.2 Silver (25 mm), uniface, pin back



[1937/2C.2]



1937/2N

(-)



Diameter: 57.4 mm
Metal: Silver or silvered
Rarity: R6
Maker: J.R. Gaunt



Obverse: Conjoined crowned effigies of George VI (1895-1952) and Queen Elizabeth (1900-2002) to L. MCM/XXX/VII to R. Inscr around above GEORGE · VI · ELIZABETH · CROWNED · MAY · XII ·

Reverse: Britannia seated to R with crown and dove on knee; helmet resting on plinth to L. Inscr around above in two lines CANADA · INDIA · S · AFRICA · AUSTRALIA · NEW ZEALAND / BRITAIN. Waves in exergue

Note: Empire issue. Similar to 1937/1A but effigies of George VI and Elizabeth
See Lampard sale, Noble 2005, Lot 2974

1937/2N.1

(-)



Diameter: 35 mm
Metal: Gilt, Aluminium
Rarity: R3, R3



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Phil Horne*

[1937/2N.1.1]

Obverse: Conjoined crowned effigies of George VI (1895-1952) and Queen Elizabeth (1900-2002) to L. MCM/XXX/VII to R. Inscr around above GEORGE . VI . ELIZABETH . CROWNED . MAY . XII .

Reverse: Britannia seated to R with crown and dove on knee; helmet resting on plinth to L. Inscr around above in two lines CANADA . INDIA . S . AFRICA . AUSTRALIA . NEW ZEALAND / BRITAIN. Waves in exergue

Note: Empire issue. Similar to 1937/2N

Versions: 1937/2N.1.1 Gilt
1937/2N.1.2 Aluminium

[Illustration unavailable]

[1937/2N.1.2]

[Illustration unavailable]

1937/2P

(-)



Diameter: 43.3 x 38.8 mm,
loop suspension
Metal: White metal [?]
Rarity: .



Obverse: Conjoined crowned effigies of George VI (1895-1952) and Queen Elizabeth (1900-

2002) to L. Inscr around above H.M. KING GEORGE VI & H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH

Reverse: Wreath with superimposed shields of various Empire nations including NZ at L. Inscr in
centre KING BORN 14.12.1895 / QUEEN BORN 4.8.1900 / MARRIED 26.4.1923 /
ACCESSION 11.12.1936 / CROWNED 12.5.1937

In tiny letters by rim at left MADE IN and at right ENGLAND

Note: Empire issue

Note that the previous Morel numbers 1937/3 and 1937/4 have now been retired.

ROPU O TE ORA (WOMEN'S HEALTH LEAGUE), FOUNDED 1937



1937/5

(-)

Diameter: 23 mm, pin-back
Metal: Brass with green and red enamel
Rarity: R7



Obverse: Enamelled tiki in centre cut-out. Inscr ROPU O TE ORA in outer circle around above and 1937 below

Reverse: Blank (pin-back)

Designer: Harry Dansey

Note: Cf. 1951 pin-back medal for Māori Women's Welfare League Te Rōpū Wāhine Māori Toko i te Ora Māori, no. B/1 in MacMaster 1st ed. (2009) – to be listed under 1951 in 3rd edition

SOUTH AUCKLAND BAND UNION CONTEST TAURANGA 1937



1937/6

(-)

Diameter: 30 x 27mm,
Scroll and ring
top

Metal: Gold (with
ribbon
suspension)
Sterling silver

Rarity: R6



[1937/6.1]

Obverse: In centre circle Mt Maunganui with a leaping swordfish in foreground. In outer circle insc around above S.A.B.U. CONTEST and around below TAURANGA . 1937

Reverse: Plain, marked ST SIL. at bottom.

Versions: 1937/6.1 Silver
1937/6.2 Gold (9 ct, 8.3 g)

[Illustration unavailable]

[1937/6.2]

[Illustration unavailable]

AUCKLAND WINTER SHOW 1938

The Auckland Winter Exhibition (“Winter Show”) was held at the Epsom Showgrounds and opened by the Minister of Industries and Commerce, the Hon. D.G. Sullivan, on 5 May 1938. The exhibition combined primary and secondary industries and displays were jointly fostered by the Auckland Manufacturers’ Association and the Auckland Agricultural and Pastoral Association.



1938/1
(1938/1)

Diameter: 28 mm
Metal: Aluminium
Rarity: R4



Obverse: In centre circle inscr BUY / N.Z. MADE / GOODS with ferns flanking “BUY”. Inscr in outer circle around above AUCKLAND WINTER SHOW and around below * EPSOM 1938 *

Reverse: Inscr FOR / COUGHS / PULMONAS / AND / COLDS

Note: Presumably, an advertising token. Die rotations of 75° and 250° reported

Reference: G#A18a (John Bertrand 2021)



1938/1A
(1938/2)

Diameter: 28.5 mm
Metal: Aluminium
Rarity: R4



Obverse: Like 1938/1

Reverse: Inscr SPECIFY / REID / CYCLE / TYRES

Note: Presumably an advertising token. Die rotation of 240° reported

Reference: G#A18c (John Bertrand 2021)

	<p>1938/1B (1938/3)</p> <p>Diameter: 28.5 mm Metal: Aluminium Rarity: R5</p>	
<p>Obverse: In centre circle inscr BUY / N.Z. MADE / GOODS in a different lettering style and with different shaped ferns compared to 1938/1. In outer circle inscr around REID NEW ZEALAND RUBBER MILLS LTD *</p> <p>Reverse: Like 1938/1A</p> <p>Note: Presumably an advertising token.</p> <p>Reference: G#R5 (John Bertrand 2021)</p>		

	<p>1938/1C (1938/4)</p> <p>Diameter: 28.5 mm Metal: Aluminium Rarity: R3</p>	
<p>Obverse: Like 1938/1</p> <p>Reverse: BUY / BRIDGENS / FOOTWEAR</p> <p>Note: Presumably an advertising token. Die rotation of 145° reported</p> <p>Reference: G#A18 (John Bertrand 2021)</p>		



1938/1D
(1938/5)

Diameter: 28.5 mm
Metal: Aluminium
Rarity: R3



Obverse: Like 1938/1

Reverse: Inscr in centre £5 / 103 DILWORTH / BUILDING / AUCKLAND; Inscr around "HAYWIN" ELECTRIC VACUUM CLEANER

Note: Presumably an advertising token. Die rotations of 10° and 240° reported

Reference: G#A18b (John Bertrand 2021)

Note that the previous Morel numbers 1938/2 to 1938/5 have now been retired.

NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC CENTENARY 1938

1938/6



Diameter: 31 x 25.8 mm,
loop suspension
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R3



Obverse: Bishop Jean-Baptiste Pompallier (1802-1871), first Roman Catholic bishop in New Zealand, $\frac{3}{4}$ facing bust L in centre circle. In outer circle inscr around above NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC CENTENARY and around below . 1838. BISHOP POMPALLIER . 1938 .

Reverse: Scene showing bishop at altar with chalice. Inscr around at R. FIRST MASS TOTARA POINT, 13. JAN. 1838.

1938/6A

(-)



Diameter: 25 x 17 mm,
pin back
Metal: Brass + enamel
Rarity: R6
Maker: Theo Meyer,
Auckland



Obverse: In circular "medal" element male head (Bishop Pompallier) to R. Inscr N.Z. CATHOLIC CENTENARY around. Fleur-de-lis at top L and R of surrounding shield, three stars below. In ribbon above 1838-1938; bishop's mitre surmounting all.

Reverse: RD. 3953 / THEO MEYER / AUCK.

CAPTAIN MUSICK, PIONEER PILOT 1938

1938/7

(-)



Diameter: 32 mm,
loop suspension
Metal: Copper
Rarity: R6



Obverse: Inscr CAPTAIN / EDWIN C. MUSICK / BORN . AUGUST . 13 . 1894 / ST. LOUIS . MISSOURI / . TRAIL BLAZER . / SOUTH AMERICA . CHINA / NEW ZEALAND / HARMONY TROPHY / . 1935 . / LOST AT PAGO PAGO / JANUARY / . 11 . 1938 .

Reverse: Captain Musick (1894-1938) to L. Inscr around above CAPTAIN EDWIN C. MUSICK and around below 1912 . FLYING JUBILEE . 1937

Note: Musick was Chief Pilot for Pan American World Airways and piloted the flying boat Pan American Clipper into Auckland in March 1937. The medal is part of a series commemorating aviation pioneers created by American designer Felicity Buranelli in 1941

GLASGOW EXHIBITION 1938

1938/8

(-)

Diameter: 27 x 14 mm,
Loop suspension

Metal: Bronze

Rarity: R6



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Phil Horne*

Obverse: Tiki with tongue and eyes in red enamel

Reverse: Inscr on back of tiki in three lines GLASGOW / EXHIBITION / NEW ZEALAND / 1938

Note: Also reported with "iridescent plating"

THAMES BRASS BAND CONTEST 1938

1938/9

(-)



Diameter: 38 x 32 mm, ring top suspension.
Ornamental cross shape
Metal: Silver & Gold
Rarity: R7
Maker: Young & Co, Auckland



Obverse: Mine works in centre circle; inscr around above THAMES BAND CONTEST and around below * 1938 *. Leaves and berries in each of the four ornamental points of the cross shape

Reverse: Blank for engraving; YOUNG & CO / AUCKLAND and SILVER in recessed rectangles

SOUTH AUCKLAND BAND UNION HAMILTON 1939

1939/1

(-)

[Illustration unavailable]

Diameter: 38 x 32 mm, ring
top and ribbon
suspension

[Illustration unavailable]

Metal: Silver

Rarity: R7

Obverse: [unknown]

Reverse: Blank for engraving (known example reads "C Grade Seln / Won By / J.W. Lees")

List of Makers & Manufacturers

Medallists and Manufacturers

Elkington & Co. London and Birmingham	Family business established in the mid-19 th century specialising in silver and electroplated products. Merged into British Silverware Ltd in 1963 along with Walker & Hall and others.
J.D. Fraser Timaru	
J.R. Gaunt & Son Birmingham and London	Business operated c. 1884-1993 and re-established in 2010. Medallists and makers of bronze and silver goods, souvenirs and advertising novelties, specialising in die-stamping and vitreous enamelling.
The Gorham Manufacturing Company Providence, RI, and New York, NY, USA	Established in 1831 and one of the largest US manufacturers of sterling and silver plate, and also a foundry for bronze sculpture.
Alex Kirkwood & Son Edinburgh www.alexkirkwood.co.uk	Established in 1826 and still trading. Medallists, silversmiths, engravers, and trophy makers
Mayer & Kean Wellington (Mayer & Toye Ltd) 15 Tennyson St Te Aro Wellington 6011 +64-4-384-9884 www.mayerandtoye.co.nz	Established in Wellington in 1902. Has traded successively as H.G. Mayer Ltd, Mayer & Kean Ltd., and Mayer & Toye Ltd. In August 2020, the company was acquired by Tribe Design Ltd, and the two brands will eventually merge under the Mayer and Toye Ltd. name.

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<p>Theo Meyer 9 Nixon Street Grey Lynn Auckland 1021 (PO Box 68-195, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1141) +64-9-378-7653 www.badgemakers.co.nz</p>	<p>Established in 1921 and now trading as Badgemakers.</p>
<p>C. Moller & Sons Dunedin (Brandwell Moller) 24 McBride Street South Dunedin +64-3-477-6332 brandwell.moller@xtra.co.nz</p>	<p>Established in Dunedin in the 1860s. Subsequently part of Hanson & Berry in Auckland, then acquired by an engraving firm in Dunedin in 1980 and trading under the name Brandwell Moller Ltd.</p>
<p>R. Scott Glasgow</p>	<p>Die-sinker and seal engraver. Fl. 1890s-1920s.</p>
<p>Stokes Melbourne, VIC, and Riverwood, NSW PO Box 779 Riverwood NSW 2210 Australia +61-2-8525 7676 sales@stokesbadges.com.au</p>	<p>Founded 1856. Prominent manufacturer responsible for producing many tradesmen's tokens and medals for Australia and New Zealand. Later Stokes & Martin, Thomas Stokes & Sons, and now Stokes Badges</p>
<p>Tarlton Te Aroha?</p>	<p>The present compiler was told in Te Aroha that M1930/1 was made by a jeweller in that town but this remains unconfirmed.</p>
<p>Walker & Hall Sheffield and many other locations</p>	<p>Silversmiths, founded in 1845. Assay marks on their products also include London, Chester, and Birmingham. Merged into British Silverware Ltd in 1963 along with Elkington and others.</p>
<p>Reuben Watts Auckland</p>	<p>Born Manchester 1869, died Auckland 1940. Jeweller and silversmith, teacher of jewellery and Arts & Crafts.</p>
<p>Young & Co. Auckland</p>	<p>Manufacturing jewellers, noted in Lorne Street, Auckland, in 1918</p>

Rarity Scale

To assist the collector in determining the possibility of obtaining any of the listed commemorative pieces, a rarity scale has been included. This is based upon personal collectors and dealers combined knowledge.

No estimates of value have been included as this publication is intended as a numismatic record not a price catalogue. In some respects, it is unnecessary as collectors and dealers already have a market worth and appreciation of commemoratives and will pay accordingly.

As a general rule rarity does not automatically mean that a medallion is highly valuable. In numismatics, prices depend on additional factors to scarcity such as condition and demand. Also, handsome medallions commemorating events or occasions of importance can be worth more than equally or scarcer pieces issued for unimportant or obscure events. For example 1865/1 or 1872/1 both with a R5 rarity are more valuable than 1882/18 with a R6 rarity or 1906-07/39 with an even higher R7.

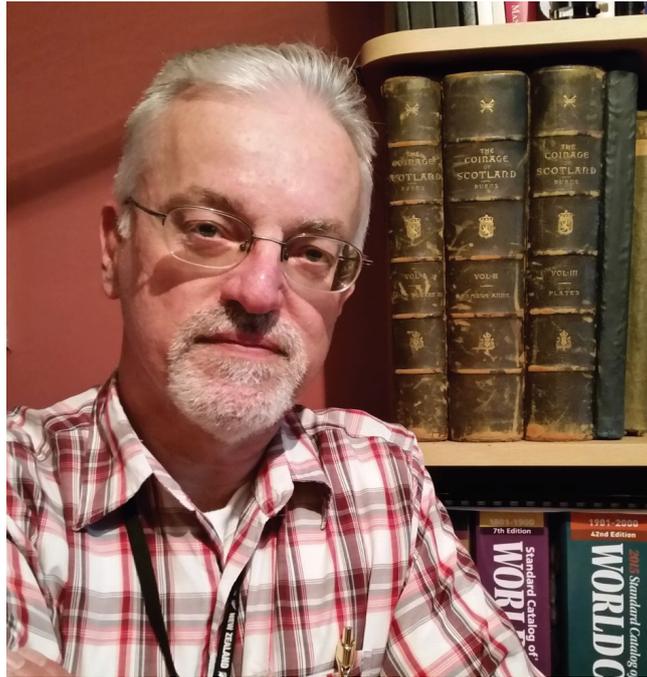
Also, price quotes quickly become outdated.

R1	very common	
R2	common	
R3	normal scarce	
R4	scarce	
R5	rare	(estimated 11 to 25 known)
R6	very rare	(estimated 4 to 10 known)
R7	extremely rare	(estimated 1 to 3 known)

The rarity figures provided are the compilers' best estimates in each case and are not definitive. The editors would be interested to learn of any known mintage figures or confirmed known quantities that suggest any of the stated estimates should be changed.

About the Authors ...

Martin Purdy FRNSNZ



Martin arrived in New Zealand as a five-year-old in 1970 with a matchbox full of British coins that eventually formed the basis for his collection.

The discovery of coins with legends in foreign languages and different alphabets led him to a career as a translator, though he has remained an active collector and student of coins and medals for over 45 years.

A former President of both the Royal Numismatic Society of New Zealand (2003-2006) and the Wellington Coin Club (1989-1994), and Secretary of the RNSNZ (1990-1997), he was involved in editing and publishing the Society's Journal for over twenty-five years, becoming a Fellow of the Society in 2003.

More recently he collaborated with Hamish MacMaster on larger-scale undertakings such as the two editions of the catalogue of post-1940 Commemorative Medals published in 2009 and 2014, and the first and second editions of the Catalogue of NZ Challenge Coins (2011, 2016). In collaboration with Rodney, he compiled and published a supplement to the 2nd edition in May 2019.

A new initiative is this chapter-by-chapter electronic publication of a third edition of Leon Morel's catalogue of pre-1940 medallic commemoratives, with an electronic third edition of the "MacMaster" post-1940 catalogue being prepared in parallel.

A keen vintage car enthusiast, Martin also edits Sphinx-NZ, the magazine of the Armstrong Siddeley Car Club in NZ.

Jason Gray



Jason started to take an interest in numismatics after being shown a 1993 kingfisher design \$2 coin by his grandfather as a teenager. But it was not until many years later that he started collecting coins himself, joining the Manawatu Numismatic Society in 2007. His interests extended to medals and tokens. However, his passion is in the small details of coin errors, and this is documented on his website coinerrors.nz.

Now Jason works on discovering, photographing, and cataloguing New Zealand coins, tokens, and commemorative medals, and has contributed to the medal and challenge coin catalogues in this series since 2014.

He is a keen kayak fisherman, and loves going on adventures with the family.

Rodney Hall



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He spent the next 13 years overseas in Malaya, Singapore and finally on the island of Zanzibar in East Africa, and has fond memories of sea, sand and sun on the beaches there, with boarding school just a plane, train and bus ride away in Kenya.

It was during these years in East Africa that Rodney started collecting world coins, garnered by his father who travelled extensively around the world as a fisheries scientist.

After returning by ship (the P&O liner Chusan) via Cape Town to England, he could not wait to leave again, and in 1978 with a young family in tow emigrated to New Zealand.

Along with his interest in NZ challenge coins, Rodney also collects NZ Geocoins, NZ Pathtags and Philippine challenge coins, and is actively researching and gathering data for future electronic catalogues.

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Hamish was born in 1961 in Christchurch, where he developed an early and passionate interest in coins and medals.

Hamish has been a member of the Royal Numismatic Society of NZ for over twenty-five years, serving as its Assistant Secretary (2003) and Secretary (2009-2013), and is currently a Vice President (2014-).

In addition to regular articles for the Society's Journal, he has written, in collaboration with Martin Purdy, the 2009 Catalogue of New Zealand Commemorative Medals 1941-2007, and its updated and expanded 2nd edition in 2014; and the 2011 New Zealand Challenge Coins: A Catalogue, and its second edition in 2016.

In 2010 he became a Fellow of the Society.

Pursuing a diplomatic career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hamish served as New Zealand's Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran accredited also to Afghanistan and Pakistan (2004-2009) and was subsequently Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (2015), resident in Riyadh and also accredited to Bahrain, Kuwait, and Oman. In 2016 his list of (non-resident) accreditations was expanded when he was appointed as New Zealand's first ever Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen. At the time of publication (2022), Hamish has recently returned from serving again as Ambassador to Iran.

Notes / New Additions



[1935/1.3]

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