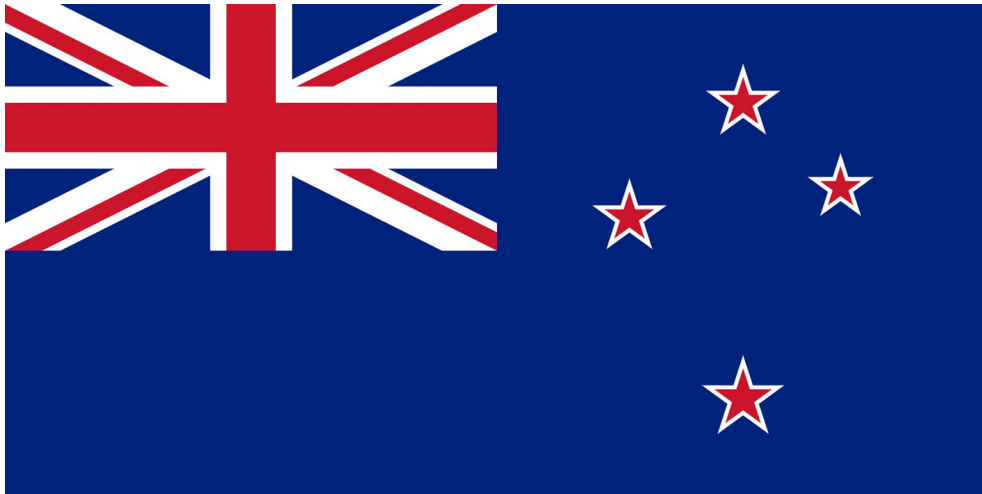




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Introduction

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This is a further chapter in a projected multi-volume series updating Hamish MacMaster and Martin Purdy's New Zealand Commemorative Medals 1941-2014 (2014) and its predecessor published in 2009. 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 NZ's medallic history from 1940 (not Centennial-related) to date. Issues up to and including the 1940 Centennial are being covered by a companion series, "The Leon Morel Catalogue of Medallic Commemoratives of New Zealand up to 1940", also being published in parts and in electronic form.

The "2020s" chapter will be progressively expanded until the end of the decade. It is hoped that regular updates will be produced as new items are created and/or discovered.

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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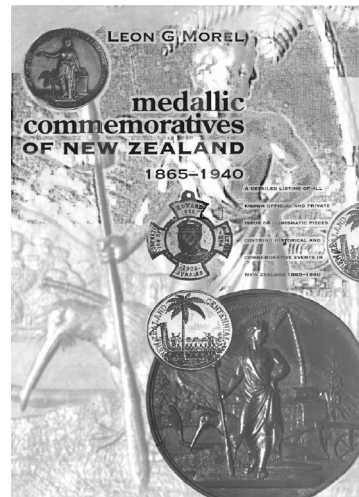
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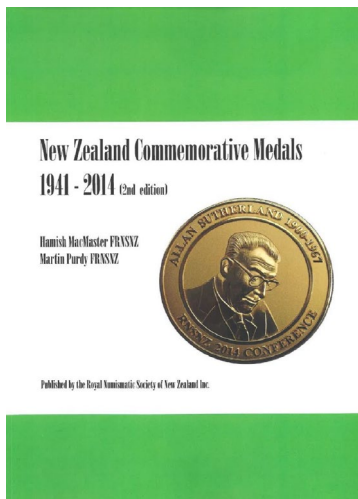


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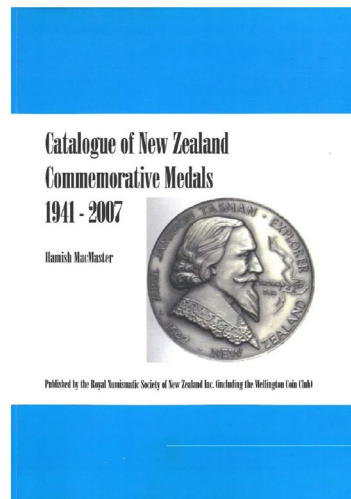


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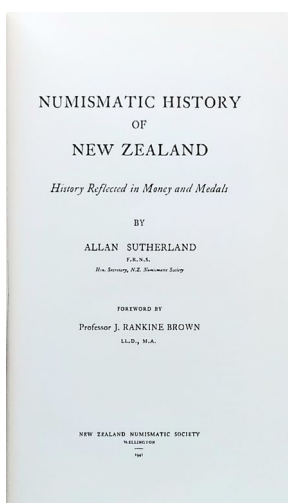


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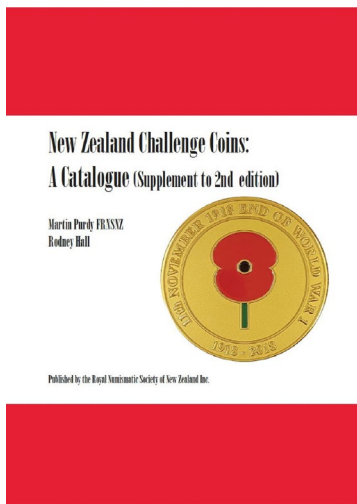
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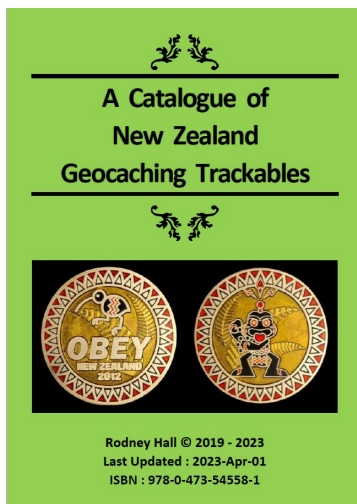


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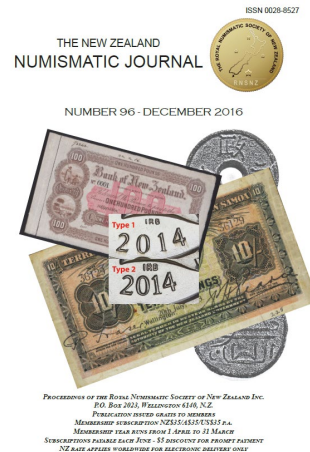
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COMING SOCIETY MEETINGS

RNSNZ Programme 2017	
Wednesday 26 April	St Andrew's 7:30pm Wayne Newman "The Wairarapa 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	Not to be missed!
Wednesday 26 July	Quality Hotel, Parnell, Auckland 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, Clint Libby and Flemming Sorenson.
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.knetherlagage.co.nz . Please note change of venue.

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2025 Edition:

2023/5	Updated images
2023/9	New entry
2024/1	Updated description
2024/2	New entry
2024/3	
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2024/5	
2024/6	
2024/7	
2025/1	
2025/2	

Commemorative Medals – Issues of the 2020s

ROYAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND SERVICE MEDAL 2018-2020 (2020 ISSUE)

2020/1



Metal	Brass with blue enamel in green bronze finish
Diameter	45 mm
Edge	Plain, Stamped ELM
Mintage	28 of 92
Maker	ELM
Designer	H. MacMaster



*See 2018/1 and 2019/1 for
examples presented
in those years.*

- Obverse: In centre circle emblem of the Royal Numismatic Society of NZ. In outer circle inscr around above THE ROYAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND and around below ESTABLISHED 1931
- Reverse: In centre circle a portrait of William "Bill" Lampard (1930-2004), facing, with rectangle below for engraving. In outer circle inscr around above WILLIAM H LAMPARD . PRESIDENT OF THE RNSNZ 1981-1987 and 1989-2003, and FOR SERVICE around below. Frame below effigy with engraved date 2020
- Note: 92 medals struck with a bronze finish in 2018, engraved for issue in 2018 (36), 2019 (28) and 2020 (28).

RNSNZ NUMISMATIC CONFERENCE 2020

2020/2



Metal	Brass, plated & enamelled as below; sterling silver
Diameter	45 mm
Edge	Plain, stamped ELM
Mintage	80/80/35/4/43
Maker	ELM
Designer	W. Newman



[2020/2.1]

Obverse: Outline map of New Zealand with six koru elements on each of the North and South Islands, the whole surrounded by four differently sized stars representing the Southern Cross. THE ROYAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND around above; ESTABLISHED 1931 around below.

Reverse: Tapered koru in the form of a circle with a tail to the left enclosing a topographical map of Wellington Harbour. Inside the circle itself are the conference dates 16th/to/19th/Oct. between two designs that replicate the side panels on the current circulating 20c coin. Date 2020 with three small Covid-19 viruses between two koru in the exergue. INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC CONFERENCE around above; WELLINGTON around below, with koru curves echoing the motif on the circulating \$2 coin as separators.

Versions:	2020/2.1	Brass with green bronze finish, edge numbered 1/80 to 80/80; issue price \$30. Weight 38.2g
	2020/2.2	Brass with rhodium plating, edge numbered 1/80 to 80/80; issue price \$30. Weight 38.4g
	2020/2.3	Sterling silver, marked SILVER on edge and numbered 1/35 to 35/35; issue price \$130. Weight 46.5g
	2020/2.4	Gold-plated brass conference medal (4)
	2020/2.5	Gold-plated and coloured conference medal (43)

Note: Two each of 2020/2.4 and 2.5 were offered at auction at the Conference dinner, the balance being used for presentation to speakers.



[2020/2.2]



[2020/2.3]



[2020/2.4]



[2020/2.5]



YEAR OF THE RAT 2020

2020/3



Metal	Copper & zinc alloy with gold plating
Diameter	50 mm
Edge	Milled
Mintage	999
Maker	Sunshine Mint International Ltd



Obverse: Cursive Chinese character for “Rat” in centre; inscr around above YEAR OF THE RAT 2020 and around below NEW ZEALAND

Reverse: Paper-cut rat based on design of \$2.60 stamp to L; inscr around above YEAR OF THE RAT 2020 and around below NEW ZEALAND

Note: Designed by Asiaworks, Auckland, New Zealand. Issue price \$69

NZ ROAD SIGNS MEDALLION SET (3) 2020

2020/4, 4A, 4B



Metal 0.999 Silver, selectively coloured
Diameter 30 mm
Edge Milled
Mintage 300 each
Designer Dave Burke (obv.)
Maker Sunshine Mint International Ltd



[2020/4]

Obverse: Fern and koru designs with stylised kiwi in centre. In outer circle NEW ZEALAND to L, .999 Ag .5 oz above, AOTEAROA to R, and 2020 below

Reverse: "Kiwi Crossing" road sign (2020/4A: Penguins Crossing; 2020/4B: Pukeko Crossing) in orange colour in centre; in outer circle ROAD SIGNS below, with dashed lines making up the remainder of the circumference

Note: Weight (ea) ½ oz troy. Designed by NZ Post, Wellington. Issue price (set of 3) \$220



[2020/4A]



[2020/4B]



ROSS DEPENDENCY: SEASONS OF SCOTT BASE 2020



2020/5

Metal	0.999 Silver, selectively colourised
Diameter	40 mm
Edge	Milled
Mintage	500
Maker	Sunshine Mint International Ltd



Obverse: Antarctica New Zealand logo in centre; inscr around **Antarctica** .999 Ag 1 oz **New Zealand**

Reverse: Image of night sky at Scott Base with tractor below. Tractor in 3-D relief, with sky above semi-frosted and colour-printed in green. Inscr above **ross dependency 2020**

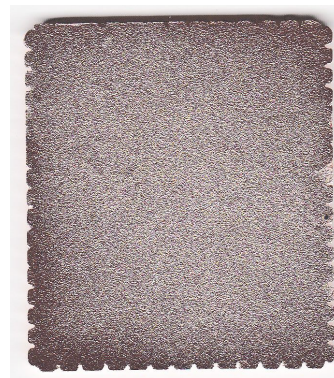
Note: Weight 1 oz troy. Designed by Cam Price, NZ Post, Wellington. Issue price \$109

FIAP INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION 2020

2020/6



Metal	.
Diameter	60 x 53 mm
Edge	.
Mintage	450
Weight	62 g
Maker	ELE-Badge Gifts (H.K) Co. Ltd (China)



Obverse: Yacht in front of stylised Auckland skyline in outline. Inscr above NZ2020 / FIAP INTERNATIONAL / STAMP EXHIBITION / 19-22 MARCH

Reverse: Blank

Note: This exhibition was initially scaled down from an international event (the first of its kind in NZ for 30 years) to a national one, and then closed early because of Covid-19 restrictions; fewer medals issued accordingly

**TOKYO OLYMPICS 2020 (HELD 2021)
NEW ZEALAND POST COMMEMORATIVE SILVER INGOT**



2020/7

Metal	Silver (.999)
Diameter	50 x 29 mm
Edge	.
Mintage	1,000
Maker	Sunshine Mint, USA



Obverse: New Zealand Post name and logo at top; inscr below 1 OUNCE / FINE SILVER / 0.999

Reverse: Text written phonetically in Japanese AAN . ZA . FAAN ("Earn the Fern"). NZ Team logo (silver fern) and Olympic rings below

Issue Price: NZ\$99

YEAR OF THE OX 2021



2021/1

Metal	0.999 Silver, Gold-plated
Diameter	40 mm
Edge	Milled
Mintage	999
Maker	Sunshine Mint International Ltd



Obverse: Standard NZ Post obverse as per 2020/4, but .999 Ag 1 oz above and 2021 below

Reverse: In centre, ox to R being ridden by a baby; another baby in foreground holds a flower; image based on Ming Dynasty woodblock print. In outer circle characters for Ox above and Year below; YEAR OF THE OX in English around at L and again at R

Note: Weight 1 oz troy. Obverse designed by Dave Burke; reverse designed by Ying-Min Chu, NZ Post, Wellington. Issue price \$109

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON 150TH ANNIVERSARY 2021

2021/2



Metal	Bronze
Diameter	69 mm
Edge	Plain
Mintage	.
Maker	Celstan, Poland
Weight	150.8 g



- Obverse:** Classic yacht 'Rainbow' to L; RNZYS/150 in field at L. Inscr around above ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON . and around below 1871 . 2021 . SESQUICENTENNIAL .
- Reverse:** AC75 foiling monohull to R; RNZYS/150 in field at R; outline of America's Cup trophy in field at L. Inscr around above ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON . and around below 1871 . 2021 . SESQUICENTENNIAL .
- Note:** Weight 150.8 g, 6.5 mm thick. Issue price \$105.55

NEW ZEALAND ALUMINIUM SMELTER 50TH ANNIVERSARY 2021

2021/3



Metal	Aluminium
Diameter	50 mm
Edge	.
Mintage	1,000
Maker	.
Weight	25.88 g



- Obverse: NZAS logo in centre. Inscr around above NEW ZEALAND'S ALUMINIUM SMELTER and around below 50TH ANNIVERSARY
- Reverse: Five stylised human figures embracing around the numerals "50". Inscr around above 50 YEARS AS PART OF THE SOUTHLAND COMMUNITY and around below APRIL 2021
- Note: Commissioned by Signature Promotions for NZAS. Designed by Sycamore Print

ROYALPEX 2021 (2022)

2021/4



Metal	Zinc alloy with antique copper finish
Diameter	45 mm
Edge	.
Mintage	200
Maker	ELE-Badge Co.
Weight	
Designer	Stephen Chivers



- Obverse: Tui design based on reverse of NZ penny (1940-65). Inscr around above ROYALPEX 2021 and around below Palmerston North
- Reverse: Stamp image in raised metal with star/RPS [Royal Philatelic Society]/NZ printed onto this raised part in grey and white. Inscr around above New Zealand National Stamp Exhibition and below date 2021
- Note: This philatelic exhibition was originally scheduled for September 2021 then postponed to November 2021, and finally held on 23-26 February 2022

**ROYAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND SERVICE MEDAL
2021-2024 (2021 ISSUE, STRUCK 2022)**

2021/5



Metal Brass with blue enamel in rhodium and green bronze finishes
Diameter 45 mm
Edge Plain, Stamped ELM
Mintage 3; 29/113
Maker ELM
Designer H. MacMaster (obverse); W. Newman (reverse)
[2021/5.1]



- Obverse:** In centre circle emblem of the Royal Numismatic Society of NZ. In outer circle inscr around above THE ROYAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND and around below ESTABLISHED 1931
- Reverse:** In centre circle a portrait of R.G. James Berry (1906-1979), facing, with rectangle below for engraving. ELM to left of rectangle, WN to right. In outer circle inscr around above R.G. JAMES BERRY OBE FRNSNZ PRESIDENT RNSNZ 1961, and FOR SERVICE around below. Frame below effigy with engraved date 2021
- Note:** 113 medals struck with a green bronze finish in 2022, 28 engraved for issue for each of 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, and one for the RNSNZ collection. Of the three rhodium-finish issues, one was presented to the family of James Berry, one retained for the RNSNZ collection, and one purchased privately.
- Versions:** 2021/5.1 Rhodium finish (3)
2021/5.2 Green bronze finish (113)



[2021/5.2]



YEAR OF THE TIGER 2022



2022/1

Metal	0.999 Silver, Gold-plated
Diameter	40 mm
Edge	Milled
Mintage	999
Maker	Sunshine Mint International Ltd



- Obverse:** Updated standard NZ Post obverse as per 2021/1, with gold plating on centre section only. Inscr around above NEW ZEALAND .999 Ag 1 oz AOTEAROA; 2022 below
- Reverse:** In centre, tiger to R being ridden by a baby; image based on Chinese nianhua posters. In outer circle characters for Tiger above and Year below; *YEAR OF THE TIGER* in English around at L and again at R
- Note:** Weight 1 oz troy. Obverse designed by Dave Burke; reverse designed by Ying-Min Chu, NZ Post, Wellington. Issue price \$119

**NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION 2022
CENTENARY OF THE WELLINGTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY (WPS)**

2022/2



Metal	Die-cast zinc alloy, “shiny gold plating” and enamel; reverse fine stippled
Diameter	65.27 x 50 mm
Edge	3 mm thick, stamp perforation
Mintage	180
Maker	Ele-Badge Gifts Corporation (Zhongshan) Co. Ltd., China
Weight	.
Designer	.



Obverse: Logo of WPS 100 at top left. WPS / 100 to right. Inscr below New Zealand Stamp Exhibition / Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua / 11-13 November 2022

Reverse: Blank

Note: This exhibition was initially scheduled for July 2022 but was deferred to November

**ROYAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND SERVICE MEDAL,
2021-2024 (2022 ISSUE)**

2022/3



Metal	Brass with blue enamel in green bronze finish
Diameter	45 mm
Edge	Plain, Stamped ELM
Mintage	28/113
Maker	ELM
Designer	H. MacMaster (obverse); W. Newman (reverse)



*See 2021/5.2 for examples
presented for that year*

Obverse: As 2021/5.2

Reverse: As 2021/5.2, with engraved date 2022

Note: 113 medals struck with a green bronze finish in 2022, 28 engraved for issue for each of 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, and one for the RNSNZ collection.

CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III 2023

2023/1



Metal	See “Versions”
Diameter	38 mm
Edge	ELM (1.1 & 1.2); ELM SILVER (1.3)
Mintage	See “Versions”
Designer	Roger Barnes & Andrew Clifford
Engraver	Izwan, ELM
Maker	ELM



[2023/1.1]

Obverse: Arms of the Numismatic Society of Auckland at top centre, flanked by ribbons containing the Society’s motto E MONETA SOCIETAS (From Money Comes Society). In centre, right-facing busts of Charles I (1600-49) and Charles II (1630-85), with their coronation dates (1626 and 1661) to L and R. NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND on ribbon below

Reverse: In centre circle Westminster Abbey depicted in detail, showing architectural features of the abbey, including its grand Gothic spires and arches. Inscr around above 6 MAY 2023 In outer circle insc around CHARLES III, KING OF NEW ZEALAND and around below . CORONATION .

Versions:	2023/1.1	Bronze (20)	issue price \$30
	2023/1.2	Bronze, rhodium-plated (40)	issue price \$40
	2023/1.3	0.925 silver, rhodium-plated (50)	issue price \$140

Released at NSA coin fair on Coronation weekend, 6-7 May 2023. The proposed 9 ct and 24 ct gold versions were not struck in the end. Nos. 2023/1.4 and 2023/1.5 are therefore deleted



[2023/1.2]



[2023/1.3]



**ROYAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND SERVICE MEDAL,
2021-2024 (2023 ISSUE)**

2023/2



Metal	Brass with blue enamel in green bronze finish
Diameter	45 mm
Edge	Plain, Stamped ELM
Mintage	28/113
Maker	ELM
Designer	H. MacMaster (obverse); W. Newman (reverse)



See 2021/5.2 and 2022/3 for examples presented for those years

Obverse: As 2021/5.2

Reverse: As 2021/5.2, with engraved date 2023

Note: 113 medals struck with a green bronze finish in 2022, 28 engraved for issue for each of 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, and one for the RNSNZ collection.

YEAR OF THE RABBIT 2023



2023/3

Metal	0.999 Silver, Gold-plated
Diameter	40 mm
Edge	Milled
Mintage	999
Maker	Sunshine Mint International Ltd



- Obverse:** Standard NZ Post obverse with gold plating as per 2022/1. Inscr around above NEW ZEALAND .999 Ag 1 oz AOTEAROA; 2023 below
- Reverse:** In centre, rabbit with seated baby wearing a rabbit headband; image based on Chinese nianhua posters. In outer circle characters for Rabbit above and Year below; *YEAR OF THE RABBIT* in English around at L and again at R
- Note:** Weight 1 oz troy. Obverse designed by Dave Burke; reverse designed by Ying-Min Chu, NZ Post, Wellington. Issue price \$129

FIAP INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION 2023



2023/4

Metal .
 Diameter 60 x 53 mm
 Edge .
 Mintage 450
 Weight 62 g
 Maker ELE-Badge Gifts
 (H.K) Co. Ltd
 (China)



Obverse: Yacht in front of stylised Auckland skyline in outline. Inscr above NZ2023 / FIAP INTERNATIONAL / STAMP EXHIBITION / 4-7 MAY

Reverse: Blank

Note: This exhibition was held at the Ellerslie Racecourse in Auckland, 4-7 May 2023. The medal design is the same as that of MP2020/6 with changed dates

FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP 2023

2023/5



Metal	Base metal with gold plating
Diameter	50 mm
Edge	Milled
Mintage	Unlimited
Maker	Commissioned by Trofe Australia for Australia Post, made in China



- Obverse:** FIFA Women's World Cup logo in coloured enamel in centre. In outer circle inscribed around above FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP and around below AUSTRALIA . NEW ZEALAND . 2023
- Reverse:** Rectangular frame against patterned background (floral outlines above and to left, triangles below and to right). Frame contains FIFA WWC logo with inscribed below FIFA / WOMEN'S / WORLD CUP with a representation of the cup to R. Below two squares reading AU / NZ and 20 / 23. TM at 90° outside frame at bottom R
- Note:** The tournament was held at venues in Australia and New Zealand and ran between 20 July and 20 August 2023

ŌTIRA TUNNEL CENTENARY 1923-2023

2023/6



Metal	Brass with soft enamel, gold washed and silver plating
Diameter	44 mm
Thickness	3 mm
Edge	
Weight	35 g
Mintage	250
Maker	Zenith Coins Ltd, UK
Designer	Barry O'Donnell & Zenith Coins



- Obverse:** In centre circle, Ōtira tunnel logo created by Barry O'Donnell for the Ōtira Tunnel Centennial Committee. Inscr above ŌTIRA / TUNNEL / 4 AUGUST 1923 – 4 AUGUST 2023 and in tiny numerals above the tunnel 1923. In outer circle around above LINKING EAST AND WEST FOR 100 YEARS and around below ŌTIRA – ARTHUR'S PASS
- Reverse:** “A computer-generated representation of the solid gold hand engraved medallion that was presented to the Prime Minister Sir William Massey on the occasion of the opening of the tunnel in 1923” (text from promotional leaflet). In centre circle representation of railway line entering tunnel; inscr below MIDLAND RAILWAY / FIRST SOD TURNED / SPRINGFIELD, JAN. 29th, 1890 / OFFICIALLY OPENED BY / RT HON W R MASSEY, P.C. HON. LLD / AND / HON. J.G. COATES. M.C
In outer circle inscr around above EAST AND WEST MEET and around below * AUGUST 4TH 1923 *
- Note:** Issue price \$40

**ROYAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND
SUTHERLAND MEDAL (2023)**

2023/7



Metal	Brass with gold finish
Diameter	65 mm
Edge	Plain, Stamped ELM
Mintage	12
Maker	ELM
Designer	RNSNZ Recognition Committee



- Obverse:** In centre circle Allan Sutherland (1900-67) to R, image as used on MP2014/2. Inscr around above SUTHERLAND MEDAL and around below ALLAN SUTHERLAND FRNSNZ. In outer circle inscr around above THE ROYAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND and around below ESTABLISHED 1931
- Reverse:** Inscr Presented to / [plain rectangle for engraving] / For Excellence in / Numismatic Research / [plain rectangle for engraving] / [RNSNZ emblem comprising an outline map of New Zealand against the Southern Cross] / RNSNZ
- Note:** Undated but dates to be engraved at the time of award

KING CHARLES III CORONATION NZ ARMS ISSUE

2023/8



Metal	Brass with gold finish and enamelled design elements
Diameter	45 mm
Edge	Plain
Mintage	
Maker	ELM
Designer	



Obverse: NZ Arms in centre circle (enamelled details in shield and crown). In outer circle inscr around above NEW ZEALAND and around below AOTEAROA

Reverse: Crowned royal cypher C III R in centre circle (enamelled details in crown). In outer circle inscr around above CORONATION KING CHARLES III CAMILLA QUEEN CONSORT and around below 6th MAY 2023

Reference: See Catalogue of New Zealand Challenge Coins, NZDF/79A

**KING CHARLES III CORONATION
NZ DEFENCE FORCE ISSUE**

2023/8A



Metal	Brass with gold finish and enamelled design elements
Diameter	45 mm
Edge	Plain
Mintage	
Maker	ELM
Designer	



- Obverse: Insignia of New Zealand Defence Force in centre circle. In outer circle inscr around above NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE and around below TE OPE KĀTUA O AOTEAROA
- Reverse: As 2023/8
- Reference: See Catalogue of New Zealand Challenge Coins, NZDF/79

EKETAHUNA 1873-2023



2023/9

Metal	Unknown
Diameter	Unknown
Edge	Unknown
Rim	Cross-cut
Mintage	Unknown
Maker	Unknown
Designer	Unknown



- Obverse: In centre inscr Eketāhuna / 150th / Celebration and around above 1873-1923
- Reverse: Head and upper body of large kiwi to L with plants below and in foreground
- Note: Details requested from anniversary organisers but no response received by the time of publication

YEAR OF THE DRAGON 2024



2024/1

Metal	0.999 Silver, Gold-plated
Diameter	40 mm
Edge	Milled
Mintage	999
Maker	Sunshine Mint International Ltd



- Obverse:** Standard NZ Post obverse with gold plating as per 2022/1. Inscr in outer circle around above NEW ZEALAND .999 Ag 1 oz AOTEAROA; 2024 below
- Reverse:** In centre circle, a facing view of a Chinese dragon. In outer circle inscr above in red between yellow diamonds YEAR OF THE DRAGON and around below YEAR OF THE DRAGON in yellow between red diamonds. Single Chinese character (simplified character for 'dragon') at 9:00 and 3:00 positions in red
- Note:** Weight 1 oz troy. Obverse designed by Dave Burke; reverse designed by Ying-Min Chu, NZ Post, Wellington. Issue price \$135

RNSNZ CONFERENCE 2024

2024/2



Metal	Brass with gold plating, sterling silver, brass with silver finish, bronze
Diameter	45.2 mm
Edge	Plain, numbered (see below)
Mintage	170 (40-30-50-50)
Maker	ELM
Designer	H. MacMaster



[2024/2.1]

Obverse: As 2020/2.5 (fully enamelled: Islands in white, stars in red and field in dark blue)

Reverse: In centre circle statue of Māori navigator Kupe on Wellington waterfront looking forward at the prow of a waka (Māori canoe) welcoming MS Queen Elizabeth cruise liner sailing into Wellington harbour. 2024 in exergue; in small letters to left ELM. In white enamelled outer circle inscr around above INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC CONFERENCE and around below WELLINGTON

Versions:	2024/2.1	Brass with gold plating (40)	Edge: Plain, numbered [xx]/40
	2024/2.2	Sterling silver (30)	Edge: Plain, stamped Silver and numbered [xx]/30
	2024/2.3	Brass with silver plating (50)	Edge: Plain, numbered [xx]/50
	2024/2.4	Brass with bronze plating (50)	Edge: Plain, numbered [xx]/50



[2024/2.2]

[above: edges of
2024/2.2, 2.3 and 2.4]





**ROYAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND SERVICE MEDAL,
2021-2024 (2024 ISSUE)**

2024/3



Metal	Brass with blue enamel in green bronze finish
Diameter	45 mm
Edge	Plain, Stamped ELM
Mintage	28/113
Maker	ELM
Designer	H. MacMaster (obverse); W. Newman (reverse)



*See 2021/5.2, 2022/3 and
2023/2 for examples
presented for those years*

Obverse: As 2021/5.2

Reverse: As 2021/5.2, with engraved date 2024

Note: 113 medals struck with a green bronze finish in 2022, 28 engraved for issue for each of 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, and one for the RNSNZ collection.

RIVERTON RUGBY CLUB 150TH ANNIVERSARY

2024/4



Metal	Brass with soft enamel, gold washed and silver plating
Diameter	44.4 mm
Thickness	3.5 mm
Edge	Numbered
Weight	37.95 g
Mintage	150 (boxed)
Maker	Zenith Coins



- Obverse:** Shield emblem of Riverton Rugby Football Club in green, red, black and white enamel in centre against field of white enamel. Inscr around above 150 YEARS, around below left 1874 and below right 2024, each segment of text linked by arcs
- Reverse:** In centre circle green and white flag with R.F.C. in centre section; in upper section inscr NZEF / 1914-1919
In outer circle with black enamel background, inscr around above RIVERTON R.F.C., around below left SOUTHLAND and below right RIVERTON, each segment of text linked by arcs
- Note:** The original Riverton Rugby Football Club flag travelled to WW1 with troops who were former club members, and the bottom corner of the flag was used to clean rifles when they ran out of cloth; the flag was patched accordingly, as represented on the design used here. (Source: Otago Daily Times article 29 April 2024, accessed 9 April 2025)

CADET FORCES 160 YEARS 1864-2024



2024/5

Metal	Silver finish, enamelled
Diameter	50 mm
Edge	Plain
Mintage	580
Maker	Badges & Medals



Obverse: In centre circle crest of New Zealand Cadet Forces on black background. In outer ring inscr around above CELEBRATING 160 YEARS OF NEW ZEALAND CADET FORCES and around below 1864-2024

Reverse: In centre circle anniversary logo: 160 in the three colours of the Cadet Forces: dark blue (Sea Cadet Corps), red (New Zealand Cadet Corps (Army)), pale blue (Air Training Corps). Inscr in centre of 6 1864 and in centre of 0 2024. In outer ring inscr around above NEW ZEALAND CADET FORCES | TE TAUA TAUIRA O AOTEAROA and around below | SEA CADET CORPS | NEW ZEALAND CADET CORPS | AIR TRAINING CORPS |

Reference: Catalogue of NZ Challenge Coins, NZCF/2a, also post on New Zealand Cadet Forces Facebook page, 14 June 2024, accessed 9 April 2025. Issue price \$18.60 including clear capsule

**50TH ANNIVERSARY 1974 COMMONWEALTH GAMES / DICK TAYLER
GOLD MEDAL**

2024/6



Metal	Brass with soft enamel, gold washed and silver plating
Diameter	44 mm
Thickness	-
Edge	-
Mintage	200
Maker	Zenith Coins



- Obverse: In centre NZ/ZN logo of 1974 Commonwealth Games. Inscr around above 1974 COMMONWEALTH GAMES and around below CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND
- Reverse: In centre circle plaque supported by taniwha with inscr ATHLETICS / 10,000m / R. TAYLER / NEW ZEALAND. In outer circle inscr around above RICHARD JOHN 'DICK' TAYLER, around below 50TH ANNIVERSARY, around at left 10,000 METER [sic] and around at right GOLD MEDAL WINNER, with vertical lines dividing text into segments

NEW ZEALAND MUSIC MONTH 2024: SPLIT ENZ TRUE COLOURS

2024/7



Metal	Brass with polished nickel finish and selected gold plating
Diameter	40 mm
Edge	Milled
Mintage	300
Weight	130 g
Maker	Ele-Badge, China



- Obverse:** Face of medal designed to look like a vinyl record. In white enamelled centre “label” section inscr around above SPLIT ENZ – TRUE COLOURS
- Reverse:** Face of medal designed to look like a vinyl record. In white enamelled centre “label” section “iconic shapes” from original record album forming letters ENZ
- Note:** Designed to look like a vinyl record, it features iconic shapes from the cover of the 1980 Split Enz album *True Colours* and comes in a pack featuring Noel Crombie’s vibrant *True Colours* artwork. Issued during New Zealand Music Month, this medallion commemorates the band’s influence on New Zealand’s music industry (based on information from NZ Post website). Issue Price \$39.90

ROYALPEX 2025



2025/1

Metal	Silver-plated brass
Diameter	45 x 50 mm
Edge	
Mintage	
Weight	
Maker	



- Obverse:** In centre oval Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand logo with star above in postage stamp shape, with four stars of the Southern Cross around. In black enamelled outer oval inscr New Zealand National Stamp Exhibition and Royal Challenge
- Reverse:** In centre oval, separated by a dual oval border, centrepiece of 1874 shilling stamp (Jury #24) with diademed head of Queen Victoria to left. In outer oval inscr around above * ROYALPEX 2025 * and around below Palmerston North 7-9 March
- Note:** This philatelic exhibition was held at the Barber Hall, Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North, 7-9 March 2025. Awards were issued in the categories of Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver Bronze and Bronze. Certificates identifying the categories were presented along with the medal

YEAR OF THE SNAKE 2025

	2025/2		
	Metal	“Mixed metal with gold plating”	
	Diameter	40 mm	
	Edge	Milled	
	Mintage	999	
	Maker	Ele-Badge, China	
Obverse:	Standard NZ Post obverse with gold plating as per 2022/1, with weight and fineness details removed. Inscr around above NEW ZEALAND AOTEAROA; 2025 below		
Reverse:	Snake design with head to L in centre circle. In outer circle inscr above between diamonds YEAR OF THE SNAKE and the same repeated upside-down below. Single Chinese character for ‘snake’) at 9:00 and 3:00 positions		
Note:	Obverse designed by Dave Burke; reverse designed by YMC Design, Wellington. Issue price \$69		

List of Makers & Manufacturers

Medallists and Manufacturers

Badges & Medals https://badgesandmedals.com The Precinct 40 Onehunga Mall Onehunga Auckland 1061 +64 3 577 7733	Badges & Medals has grown from a family-owned jewellery business established in the 1970s to an international operation focusing on custom awards. It has offices in NZ, Australia, UK, US and Argentina, and factories in NZ and numerous locations in Asia.
CELSTAN www.celstan.pl Kosakowo, Poland H.U. Firma "CELSTAN" mgr Stanisław Śliwa 81-198 Kosakowo, ul. Nagietkowa 7, Poland tel/fax (058) 679 14 95 tel. kom. 601 63 68 59 e-mail: celstan@celstan.pl	Medallists and engravers, established 1993
Ele-Badge Co. www.globalsources.com/ele-badge.co Ele-Badge Gifts (H.K.) Co. Ltd. No 8 Yesheng East Road Dongsheng Town Zhongshan Guangdong 528414 China	Ele-Badge Gifts specialises in manufacturing and exporting metal, soft PVC and lanyard items for business promotions, souvenirs and retailing.
ELM www.elm.com.sg Eng Leong Medalllic Industries Pte Ltd 57 Medal House Yishun Industrial Park A Singapore 768730	Established in 1968, ELM has become a major supplier of commemorative medals and challenge coins for New Zealand issuers, including all issues by the RNSNZ since the Society's 80 th anniversary medal in 2011.

List of Makers & Manufacturers

Sunshine Minting, Inc (USA) Sunshine Mint International Ltd (China)	Headquartered in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, where it was established in 1979. Has locations in Las Vegas and Shanghai.
Zenith Coins Ltd, Scotland Zenith Coins Ltd 26 Portland Road Kilmarnock KA1 2EB Email: contact@ZenithCoins.com +44 7806 717363 www.zenithcoins.com	Maker of challenge coins to a standard format of 44 mm diameter x 3 mm thick, in premium brass with various special platings

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 50 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.

Subsequently, 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 has been the start of a chapter-by-chapter electronic publication of a third edition of Leon Morel's catalogue of pre-1940 medallic commemoratives, with this 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 angler and loves going on adventures with the family.

Rodney Hall



Rodney was born in an England still gripped by food rationing. At 18 months, he travelled by plane (BOAC Argonaut) via the Middle East and Ceylon to Singapore (a three-day trip with flying only during daylight hours).

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, including monthly online updates to the standard reference on NZ Challenge Coins.

Hamish MacMaster FRNSNZ



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, 2022-), 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. Hamish returned from serving again as Ambassador to Iran in 2021.

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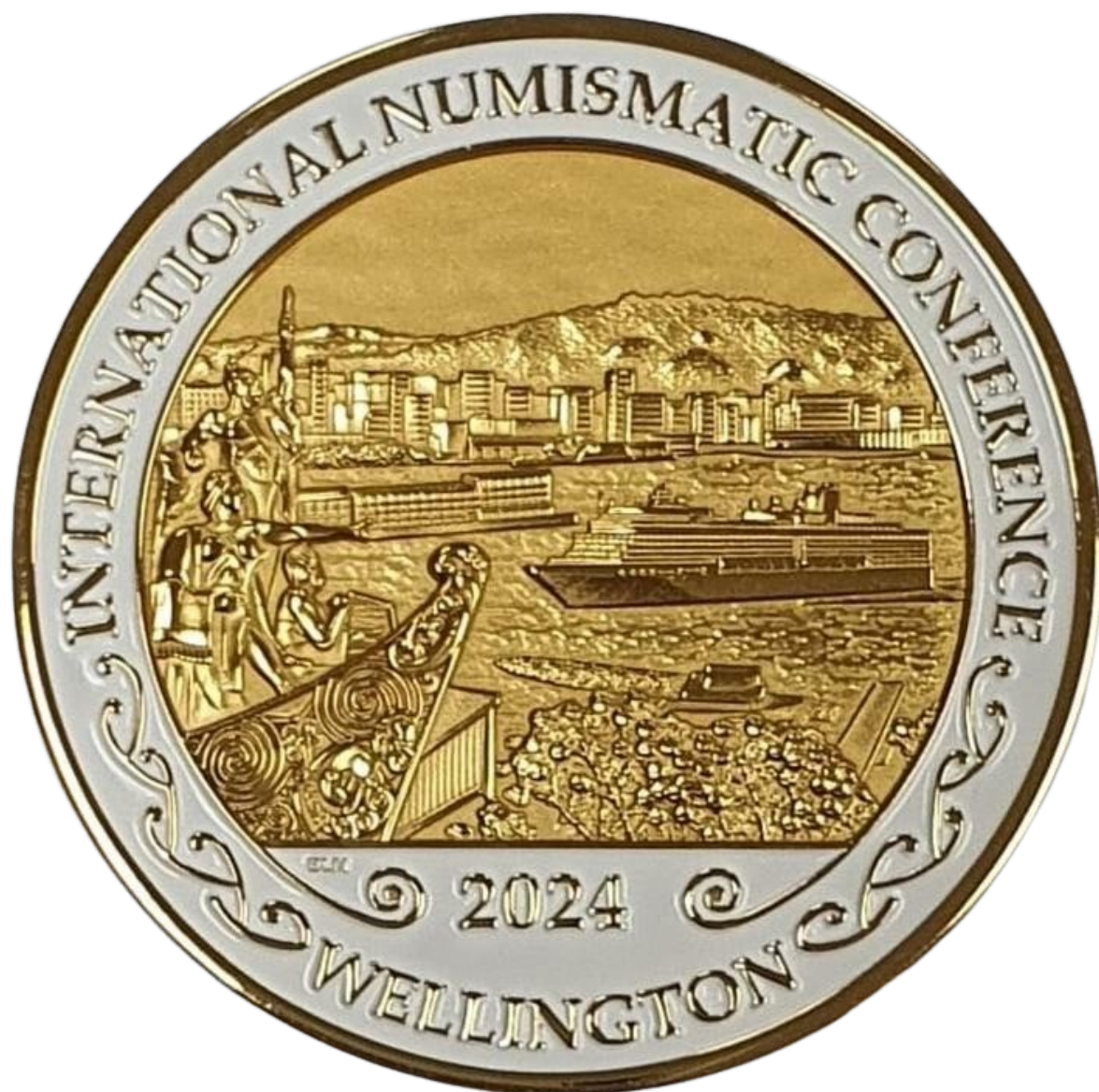
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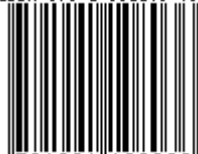
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