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New Issue Update

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	10.10.05	\$ 3	50 TH ANNIVERSARY DEATH OF ALBERT EINSTEIN - ALBERT RIDING A BICYCLE	3+M/S	54-8
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	10.10.05	M/S	AS ABOVE - MINIATURE SHEET OF 3 STAMPS - INCLUDES THE ABOVE STAMP	3+M/S	54-8
AUSTRALIA	12.01.06	FDC	MELBOURNE 2006 COMMONWEALTH GAMES-PART1 STAMP OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - STYLISED CYCLIST ON COVER	1	54-10
AUSTRALIA	01.02.06	PRESTIGE BOOKLET	MELBOURNE 2006 COMMONWEALTH GAMES - AWAITING DETAILS	1	54-10
AUSTRALIA	01.03.06	\$ 1.20	MELBOURNE 2006 COMMONWEALTH GAMES-PART2 STYLISED CYCLIST	3+MS	54-11
AUSTRALIA	01.03.06	FDC	AS ABOVE - FDC INCLUDES THE ABOVE STAMP	3+MS	54-11
AUSTRALIA	01.03.06	M/S	AS ABOVE - MINIATURE SHEET - INCLUDES THE ABOVE STAMP	3+MS	54-11
AUSTRALIA	01.03.06	FDC	AS ABOVE - FDC WITH THE ABOVE M/S	3+MS	54-11
AUSTRALIA	01.03.06	MAXICARD	AS ABOVE - AWAITING DETAILS	3+MS	54-11
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA (CROATIAN POSTS)	20.11.03	FDC	INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY - STAMP DEPICTS DRAWING BY 8 YEAR OLD ANTONIO LOVRIC	1+FDC+ MAXICARD	
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA (CROATIAN POSTS)	20.05.05	1.00 Y	MEDITERRANEAN GAMES - CYCLIST	1	54-8
* BRAZIL	<u>13.08.05</u>	RS 0.80	TOURISM - SE-TENET STRIP OF 3 STAMPS - VARIOUS SCENES - MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDER ON CENTRE STAMP	3	53-24
* BRAZIL	<u>13.08.05</u>	SE-TENET STRIP OF 3	AS ABOVE	3	53-24
COSTA RICA	? .07 04	120c	OLYMPIC GAMES - ATHENS 2004	1+SE-TEN STRIP	50-6
COSTA RICA	? .07.04	SE-TEN STRIP	AS ABOVE - SE-TEN STRIP OF 4 DIFF. STAMPS - INCLUDES THE ABOVE	1+SE-TEN STRIP	50-6
* ETHIOPIA	<u>07.12.04</u>	3 Birr	OLYMPIC GAMES - ATHENS 2004 - CYCLIST	4	53-10
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	? . ? . 03	400 F.C.F.A	100 TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR DE FRANCE - PELETON	1+ SE-TEN STRIP + SHEET	51-9 
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	? . ? . 03	SE-TEN STRIP	AS ABOVE - SE-TEN STRIP OF 3 DIFF - ABOVE STAMP - CENTENARY OF WRIGHT BROS FLIGHT AND 150 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF VINCENT VAN GOGH	1+ SE-TEN STRIP + SHEET	51-9
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	? . ? . 03	SHEET	AS ABOVE - SHEET OF 12 STAMPS - CONSISTS OF 4 OF THE ABOVE SE-TEN STRIPS	1+ SE-TEN STRIP + SHEET	51-9

FINLAND	11.01.06	POSTAL CARD	150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FINNISH POSTAGE STAMP - THIRD CARD IN SERIES - MAIL DELIVERY BY BICYCLE	1	54-12
FINLAND	11.01.06	FDC	100 YEARS OF THE POSTAL EMPLOYEE'S UNION - POSTMEN IN THE TURN OF THE CENTURY AND PRESENT DAY OUTFITS - STAMPS OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - FDC SHOWS MODERN DAY POSTMAN WITH DELIVERY BICYCLE	1	54-13
GAMBIA	01.03.03	MS D45	CENTENARY TOUR DE FRANCE - AWAITING DETAILS	12 + 3SHT + MS	
GREAT BRITAIN	10.01.06	1ST CLASS	ANIMAL TALES - A SET OF 8 STAMPS FEATURING CHARACTERS FROM FAMOUS CHILDREN'S BOOKS - STAMPS OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - PADDINGTON BEAR STAMP EXISTS WITH LABEL SHOWING A CYCLIST	8+SHT	54-14
GREAT BRITAIN	10.01.06	SHEET	AS ABOVE - "GENERIC SMILERS" SHEET OF 20 STAMPS WITH LABELS IN 2 PANELS OF 10 - ONE LABEL ON EACH PANEL DEPICTS A CYCLIST	8+SHT	54-14
GREECE	09.09.03	MAXI-CARD	OLYMPIC GAMES - ATHENS 2004: MIND & BODY - CYCLING	5 + SHT + MAXI-CARD	
GUINEA	?	850 F	"AMERICAN IMPRESSIONISTS" CYCLISTS IN STREET SCENE	4+S	53-10
GUINEA	?	SHEETLET	AS ABOVE - INCLUDES THE ABOVE STAMP	4+S	53-10
GUINEA-BISSAU	??.2003	500FCFA	OLYMPIC GAMES ATHENS 2004 - VARIOUS SPORTS PERSONS - INCLUDES LANCE ARMSTRONG	6+S	53-8
GUINEA-BISSAU	??.2003	SHEETLET	AS ABOVE - SHEETLET OF 6 STAMPS INCLUDES THE ABOVE	6+S	53-8
GUINEA-BISSAU	??.2004	450 FCFA	OLYMPIC GAMES ATHENS 2004 - VARIOUS SPORTS PERSONS - INCLUDES TYLER HAMILTON	6+S	53-10
GUINEA-BISSAU	??.2004	SHEETLET	AS ABOVE - SHEETLET OF 6 STAMPS INCLUDES THE ABOVE	6+S	53-10
GUINEA-BISSAU	??.2005	MINI SHEET	155 TH ANNIVERSARY OF "PENNY BLACK" STAMP - QUEUE OF VARIOUS TRANSPORTS INCLUDES A CYCLIST ON A HIGH WHEELER	MS	53-8
GUINEA-BISSAU	??.2005	450 FCFA	SPORTS STARS - LANCE ARMSTRONG	6+S+MS	53-8
GUINEA-BISSAU	??.2005	SHEETLET	AS ABOVE - SHEETLET OF 6 DIFF. STAMPS AND 3 LABELS - INCLUDES THE ABOVE STAMP	6+S+MS	53-8
GUINEA-BISSAU	??.2005	MINIATURE SHEET	AS ABOVE - MINIATURE SHEET STAMP OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - LANCE ARMSTRONG ON SELVEDGE	6+S+MS	53-8
GUINEA-BISSAU	??.2005	350 FCFA	"PEQUIM 2008" VARIOUS SPORTS INCLUDING CYCLING	6+S	53-8
GUINEA-BISSAU	??.2005	SHEETLET	AS ABOVE - SHEETLET OF 6 DIFF. STAMPS AND 3 LABELS - INCLUDES THE ABOVE STAMP	6+S	53-8

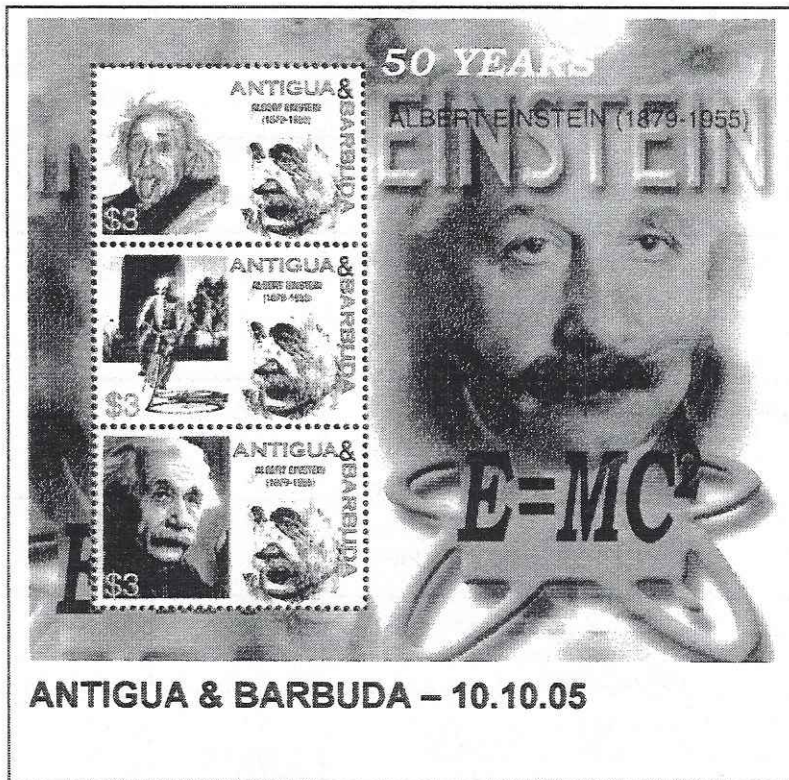


ISLE OF MAN	12.08.05	BOOKLET PANE	"TIME TO REMEMBER" - CONTAINS 10 OF THE ABOVE <u>26p</u> STAMP - PANE OF 10 OF THE ABOVE STAMP - WAITING ON DETAILS	10 - 2 x SE- TEN STRIPS OF 5 + 2B	
ICELAND	19.05.04	BOOKLET PANE	EUROPA 2004: HOLIDAYS - TOURING CYCLISTS - PANE OF TEN STAMPS (NO DETAILS YET)	2+2X BOOKLETS	
IRELAND	28.02.03	BOOKLET PANE	ST PATRICK'S DAY - CLOWN ON A STRANGE CYCLE IN PARADE - BOOKLET PANE OF 10 OF THE ABOVE STAMP	3 + 3 S X 16 + 4 B/KLETS	
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	45c	75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAWKE'S BAY EARTHQUAKE - CYCLISTS ON STREET CORNER (A1)	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	SE-TENANT PAIR	AS ABOVE - SE-TENANT PAIR OF THE ABOVE STAMP - SEE PANE 1 OF BOOKLET	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-16
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	45c	AS ABOVE -MAN WHEELING BICYCLE (C2)	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-16
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	SE-TENANT PAIR	AS ABOVE -SE-TENANT PAIR OF THE ABOVE STAMP - SEE PANE 6 OF BOOKLET	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-18
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	45c	AS ABOVE - MAN WHEELING BICYCLE CARRYING POSSESSIONS(C4)	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-16
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	SE-TENANT PAIR	AS ABOVE -SE-TENANT PAIR OF THE ABOVE STAMP - SEE PANE 6 OF BOOKLET	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-18
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	SE-TENANT PAIR	AS ABOVE - SE-TENANT PAIR OF ABOVE STAMPS (C2) AND (C4) - SEE PANE 6 OF BOOKLET	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-18
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	45c	AS ABOVE - BICYCLE AT KERB SIDE (E2)	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-18
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	SE-TENANT PAIR	AS ABOVE -SE-TENANT PAIR OF THE ABOVE STAMP - SEE PANE 2 OF BOOKLET	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-19
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	45c	AS ABOVE - MAN RIDING BICYCLE AND BICYCLE AT KERB SIDE (E3)	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-19
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	SE-TENANT PAIR	AS ABOVE -SE-TENANT PAIR OF THE ABOVE STAMP - SEE PANE 2 OF BOOKLET	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-19
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	SE-TENANT PAIR	AS ABOVE -SE-TENANT PAIR OF ABOVE STAMPS (E2) AND (E3) - SEE PANE 2 OF BOOKLET	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-19
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	SHEET	AS ABOVE - SHEET OF 20 DIFF. STAMPS - INCLUDES THE ABOVE STAMPS	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-COVER
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	FDC	AS ABOVE -HAS 10 OF THE ABOVE STAMPS AFFIXED - INCLUDES (A2) AND (E2)	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-20
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	FDC	AS ABOVE -HAS 10 OF THE ABOVE STAMPS AFFIXED - INCLUDES (C2) (C4) AND (E3)	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-21

NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	BOOKLET	AS ABOVE - BOOKLET OF 7 PANES - 6 INCORPORATING 6 OF THE ABOVE STAMPS AND 1 PANE OF 4 STAMPS - 3 OF THE PANES INCORPORATE THE CYCLING STAMPS DETAILED IE PANES 1,2 AND 6 - ONLY ONE OF THE BOOKLETS ILLUSTRATIONS SHOWS A BICYCLE THIS IS THE VIEW OF HASTINGS STREET ON PAGE 9 - BOOKLET COVER OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - REAR COVER SHOWS THE 7 PANES IN MINIATURE	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-17
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	BOOKLET PANE	AS ABOVE - PANE 1 ON PAGE 7- 2 SE-TENANT (A1) STAMPS	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-18
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	BOOKLET PANE	AS ABOVE - PANE 2 ON PAGE 11 - 2 SE-TENANT (E2), 2 SE-TENANT (E3) AND 2 SE-TENANT PAIRS (E2) (E3)	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-19
NEW ZEALAND	03.02.06	BOOKLET PANE	AS ABOVE - PANE 6 ON PAGE 27- 2 SE-TENANT (C2), 2 SE- TENANT (C4) AND 2 SE-TENANT PAIRS (C2) (C4)	20+B/LET+2X FDC	54-18
PORTUGAL		€ 0.74	ALBERT EINSTEIN ON A BICYCLE	4	53-18
ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE ISLANDS	? 2004	Db 7000 	60 th ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY - TROOPS WITH BICYCLES LANDING ON BEACH (SEE CANADIAN 05.08.94 ISSUE BS 17B PAGE 5 AND D-DAY ARTICLE BS 49 PAGE 20)	1+S	53-9
ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE ISLANDS	? 2004	SHEET	AS ABOVE - SHEET OF 9 DIFF, STAMPS - INCLUDES THE ABOVE	1+S	53-9
SIERRA LEONE	17.11.03	1500L	OLYMPIC HISTORY GOLD MEDAL WINNERS - MARCUS HURLEY - USA 1904	8	
SINGAPORE	?	SHEET	"UNIQUELY SINGAPORE" - SHEET OF 5 STAMPS AND 10 LABELS - STAMPS OF ON CYCLING INTEREST - STATUE OF CYCLIST ON ONE LABEL	SHEET	53-16
SPAIN	??.04	POST CARD	VUELTA ESPAÑA 2004 - FRONT OF CARD SHOWS RIDER BREAKING AWAY -REAR OF CARD SHOWS ROUTE FOR TOUR	POSTCARD	52-17
SPAIN	22.03.06	0.29 €	"SPORTS ON THE VERGE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE" - MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDER IN THE PYRENEES	6+SHT	54-9
SPAIN	22 .03.06	MINISHEET	AS ABOVE - MINISHEET OF 6 DIFF. STAMPS INCLUDES THE ABOVE STAMP	6+SHT	54-9
SURINAM	??.05	NVI	TEDDY BEARS 2005 - TEDDY BEAR RIDING A TRICYCLE	12 + 4 LABELS + SHEET	51-8
SURINAM	??.05	SHEET	AS ABOVE - SHEET OF 24 DIFFERENT STAMPS IN 2 PANES x12 PLUS 4 CENTRAL LABELS	12 + 4 LABELS + SHEET	51-8
TATARSTAN	? 2002	5.00	FAMOUS MOVIES - E.T. STAMP SHOWS SILHOUETTE OF BICYCLE RIDER AND E.T.	1+S	53-11
TATARSTAN	? 2002	SHEET	AS ABOVE - SHEET OF 12 DIFF. STAMPS - INCLUDES THE ABOVE	1+S	53-11
UNITED STATES	03.04.03	MAXI CARD	OLD GLORY PRESTIGE BOOKLET -20 TH CENTURY FOLK ART - UNCLE SAM RIDING A HIGH WHEELER - MAXI CARD OF ABOVE STAMP	5+B+M/C	

* VENEZUELA	<u>18.12.03</u>	12	? - CYCLIST RIDING ON ROAD	1+S	53-17
* VENEZUELA	<u>18.12.03</u>	SHEET	AS ABOVE - SHEET OF 10 DIFF. STAMPS - INCLUDES THE ABOVE	1+S	53-17

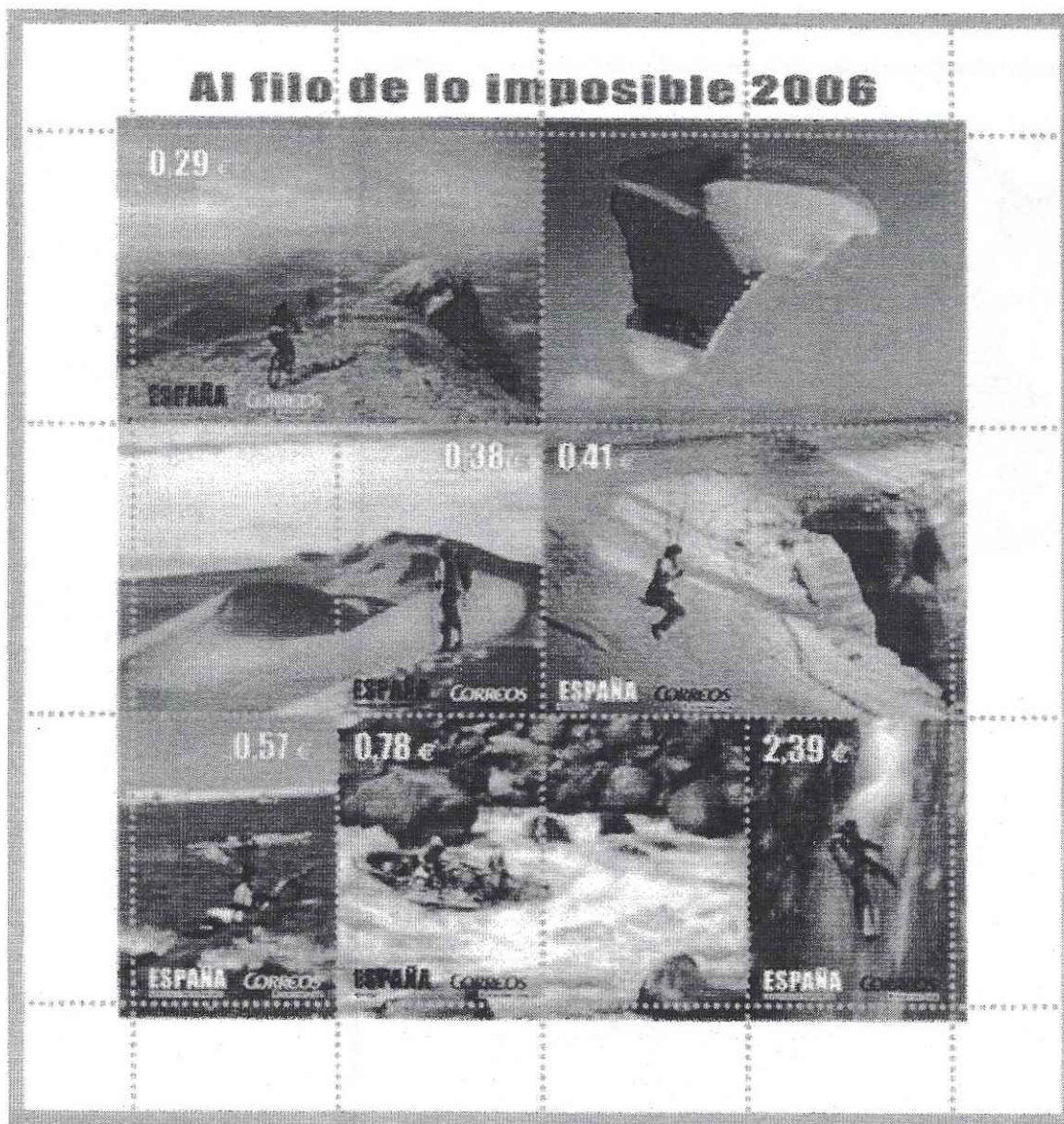
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7. POSTAL CARDS are those cards that include the stamp or prepaid indicia printed on it.
POST CARDS need the addition of a stamp for mailing.
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GERMAN CANCELS



Al filo de lo imposible 2006



SPAIN
22.03.06

For the second year running, a minisheet made up of six stamps and six illustrations is devoted to the TV programme "Al filo de lo imposible" (on the verge of the impossible). This issue is included in the Sports series and shows scenes filmed by the main characters of the programme and given exclusively to make up this attractive minisheet.

Faithful to team work, solidarity, risk and adventure, this TV programme continues to explore the few places that are still practically unexplored in the planet. The series began to be broadcasted more than 20 years ago by the public television and its documentaries have allowed us to get to know the most extraordinary places in the world. According to Sebastián Alvaro, the programme director, Al Filo de lo Imposible aims at spreading a different way of life, with a deep respect for places, people and culture.

In the minisheet are depicted different sports scenes like mountain bike, which enables going through hidden tracks difficult to reach. One of the best mountain ranges of the Iberian Peninsula for practising this sport are the Pyrenees which are depicted in this issue.

The paraglider is a type of flight consisting of jumping from a mountain in a parachute. In the 90's the team of Al Filo de lo Imposible flew over the highest volcanoes on earth, some of them in the Chilean region of Antofagasta, which is depicted in the minisheet.

The crossing of the desert is the adventure par excellence. In the winter of 2004, a team pursued the crossing made by the German Gerhard Rohlfs in 1874, travelling 800 kilometres through the Libic desert in Egypt.

The adventure of navigating around the Iberian Peninsula in kayak, was performed by three canoeists of the programme. They had to carry the tent and the survival kit in the kayak during the three months that took them to travel the 3,500 kilometres.

Rafting allows the descent through rough water streams of fierce rivers. The Bio Bio (Chile) is one of the most complicated.

The gullies descent combines speleologists and climbing techniques used in the Reunion island to film some of the deepest ravines in the world.

DEPORTES. Al filo de lo imposible
Estampación, Huecograbado
Dentado, 13 3/4

Tamaño de la hoja bloque, 144 x 163,6 mm. (vertical)

Valor facial de los sellos, 0,29; 0,38; 0,41; 0,57; 0,78 y 2,39 €

Fecha de Emisión, 22 de Marzo de 2006

Papel, Estucado engomado fosforescente

Tamaño del sello, 28,8 x 40,9 mm. (verticales)

Tirada, 600.000 minipliegos

MELBOURNE 2006 COMMONWEALTH GAMES - PART 1 12 January 2006

The XVIII Commonwealth Games will be held in Melbourne from 15 to 26 March 2006. Around 4,500 athletes will participate from 71 Commonwealth Games Associations (CGA). Organisers have estimated that approximately one billion people will watch the Games, which are to include Elite Athletes with a Disability (EAD). The EAD program comprises 12 events across swimming, athletics, table tennis and powerlifting. While other multi-national games, such as the Asian, Pan Am, African and Winter Olympics, were founded on geographic or climate factors, the Commonwealth Games was founded on history.

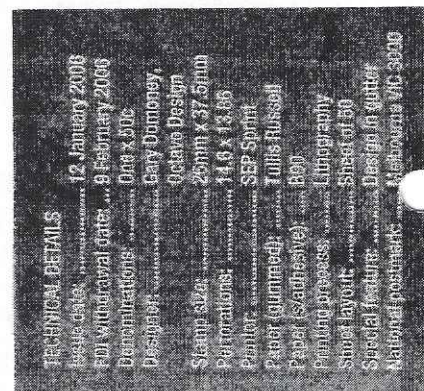
The first of the Commonwealth Games related stamps released in 2005 was the Queen's Birthday 50c stamp. The Logo stamp shown here is the first of two parts which will make up the official Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games stamp issue. Part 2 will be released on 1 March 2006.

STAMP

The first to be released in 2006 is a 50c stamp featuring the Commonwealth Games Logo. Products available are a first day cover, roll of 100 x 50c stamps and a collector pack. A stamp pack featuring the Logo stamp and a maximum card will be released with Part 2 in March.



XVIII COMMONWEALTH GAMES



MELBOURNE 2006 COMMONWEALTH GAMES -PART 2

1 March 2006

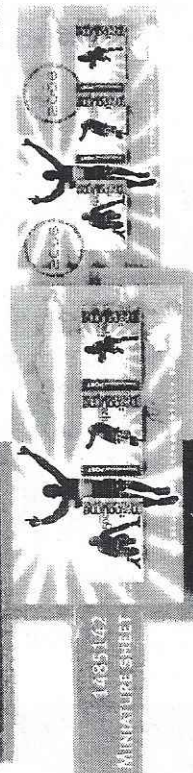
STAMPS

This set of stamps comprises one 50c, one \$1.20 International and one \$1.80 International stamps. The designs are based on some of the sporting events that make up the Commonwealth Games.

Other products available are a first day cover, a stamp pack that includes the Commonwealth Games Logo stamp, miniature sheet, a booklet of 10 x 50c stamps and a maximum card set – includes a maximum card from Part 1.

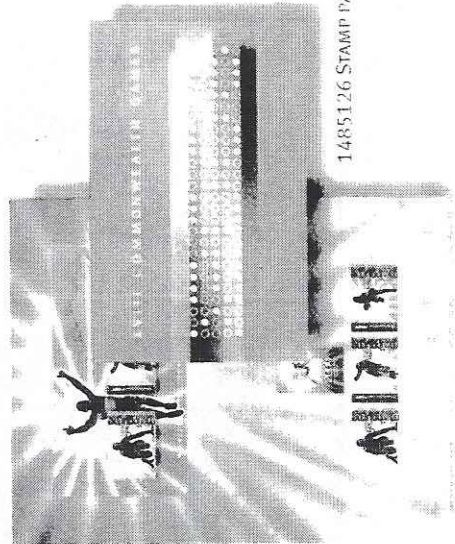


1485002 FIRST DAY COVER
1485013 FDC MINIATURE SHEET



1485142
MINIATURE SHEET

TECHNICAL DETAILS	
Issue date:	1 March 2006
First withdrawal date:	29 March 2006
Denominations:	One each 50c, \$1.20, \$1.80
Designs:	Gary Dempsey Ontario Design
Stamp size:	37.5mm x 26mm
Perforation size:	13.86 x 14.60
Miniature sheet size:	142mm x 75mm
Printer:	SEP Sprint
Paper (gummed):	Tullis Russell
(s/adhesive):	B100/890
Printing process:	Lithography
Sheet layout:	50 / 140 x 25
National postmark:	Melbourne VIC 3000



1485126 STAMP PACK

1485008
XVIII COMMONWEALTH GAMES
COMMEMORATIVE STAMP & COIN COVER
ISSUED 12 JANUARY 2006
\$14.95
INCLUDES M2006 BRONZE UNCIRCULATED
\$5 COIN FROM THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT

1485302
SPORTS OF THE GAMES COIN
& STAMP PRESTIGE BOOKLET
ISSUED 1 FEBRUARY 2006
\$24.95
INCLUDES 4 x 50c COINS,
IMPERFORATE BLOCK 4,
STADHESIVE & GUMMED
LOGO STAMP

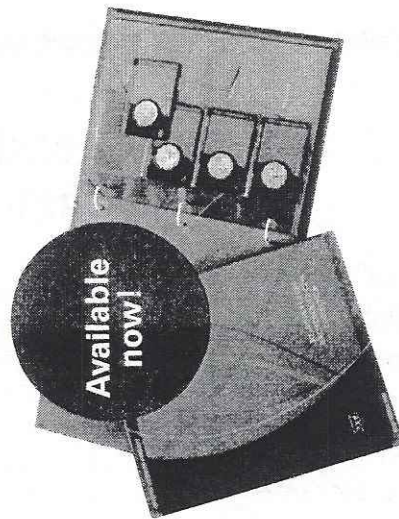


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XVIII COMMONWEALTH GAMES COINS
STARTER SET – INCLUDES SIX COINS
\$39.60

COINS INCLUDED ARE
FOUR EVENT COINS, STUDENT DESIGN
AND QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

INDIVIDUAL EVENT COINS
\$4.95

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In honour of the 150th anniversary of the Finnish postage stamp

The 150th anniversary of Finnish stamps will be celebrated in many ways in 2006. In January, the third part of a series of postal stationery cards will be issued. The pictures on the cards show you about different ways the mail has been carried since the 19th century.



Anniversary card no. 3

Mail delivery by bicycle. Postmen in Enso setting out on their route in 1930 (Post Museum). The denomination imprint shows a model by Saarinen from 1926. Size A6. The card has postage paid to all countries.

Order code: 06106

Price: €0.85



Issue date
11 January

100 years of the postal employees' union

Issue date
11 January



Postmen from two different centuries adorn the stamp issued in honour of the 100-year-old Postal Union. The stamp has a face value of €0.65.



The postman in winter outfit at the turn of the 20th century and the 2003 photo of postman Mika Perälä refer on the stamp to the union's sphere of action. The stamp shows the organisation's old name Postal Union and the new Finnish acronym adopted after the merger of the Postal Union with the Postal Clerical Workers' Union – PAU. The stylised pen nib and the chairman's gavel symbolise union work in general.

Pictures: Post Museum and Tapio Mustasaari



FDC

100 vuotta postilain ensimmäisenä päivänä
100 years of the postal union's first day

PAU 11 January 2006

Order code:	06006
Value:	€0.65
Issue:	500,000 stamps
Sheet size:	103.5 x 160 mm
Stamp size:	26 x 40 mm
Perforation:	13 x 13
Printing method:	6-colour offset (PMS 874C+877C)
Paper:	PVA Gum 110 gsm
Printer:	Cartor Security Printing, France
Designer:	Asser Jaaro
FDC order code:	06006F1
Price:	€1.10

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**Paddington Bear -
Generic Smilers® sheet**

**20 x 1st-class stamps
Sheet details**

issue date: 10 January 2006
producer: Cartor
process: Lithography
sheet size: 20 stamps, (2 panels of 10)
set value: 20x1st-class
paper/gum: OFNP/SA
phosphor: 2 bars
 blue under long wave UV
perf gauge: 14½ x 14½ kiss die-cut

General

The generic Smilers® sheet contains 20 x 1st-class stamps with labels. The stamp featured is that of *Paddington Bear* from the special issue *Animal Tales*. The labels feature scenes and quotations from *Paddington Bear* books.

The sheet was priced £6.55 at date of issue.

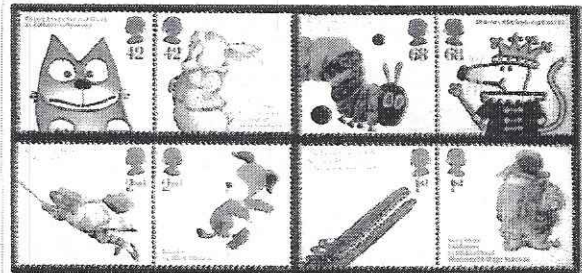
The sheet was printed by Cartor in lithography on OFNP/SA paper. The stamp is thus particular to the sheet.

Phosphor

The stamps are overprinted with two phosphor bands to give a 9mm bar at each side of each stamp. The phosphor reacts blue to longwave UV.

Perforations

The stamps are sized 35mm x 35mm and are kiss die-cut to simulate a perforation gauge of 14½ x 14½.



**Livres pour enfants.
8 timbres + 1 feuille 21 x 29,7 cm de
20 timbres adhesifs avec 20 vignettes
sans valeur.**

A Bear called Paddington

'Apply your brakes, Monsieur le Bear!' 1st

More About Paddington by Michael Bond Illustrated by Peggy Fortnum

(The following text is a grid of 20 stamps, each with a quote and a vignette of Paddington Bear. Two arrows point from the top-right stamp to the middle-right stamp.)

"Oh dear, I've got trouble again!"	"I made it all with my own paws."
"You're a handy bear."	"These scented bears are a bit funny."
"I've never known such a bear for getting in a mess."	"Apply your brakes, Monsieur le Bear!"
"Well, I never! I do believe he's fallen asleep!"	"It's difficult knowing how soon he'll be gone."
"Being a bear, Paddington had two hindlegs a year."	"Help! come the muffled voice."
"I've never known such a bear for getting in a mess."	"I've never known such a bear for getting in a mess."
"Well, I never! I do believe he's fallen asleep!"	"Well, I never! I do believe he's fallen asleep!"
"It's difficult knowing how soon he'll be gone."	"It's difficult knowing how soon he'll be gone."
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GREAT BRITAIN - 10.01.06

Official stamp of the Universal Postal Union

The global postal network: Reaching everyone everywhere



Many of you would have considered including this stamp in your collection as the image on the stamp is not too clear as to whether it is a bicycle - but, as you can see, the enlarged artwork clearly shows that it is a motor-cycle as you can see the exhaust system.

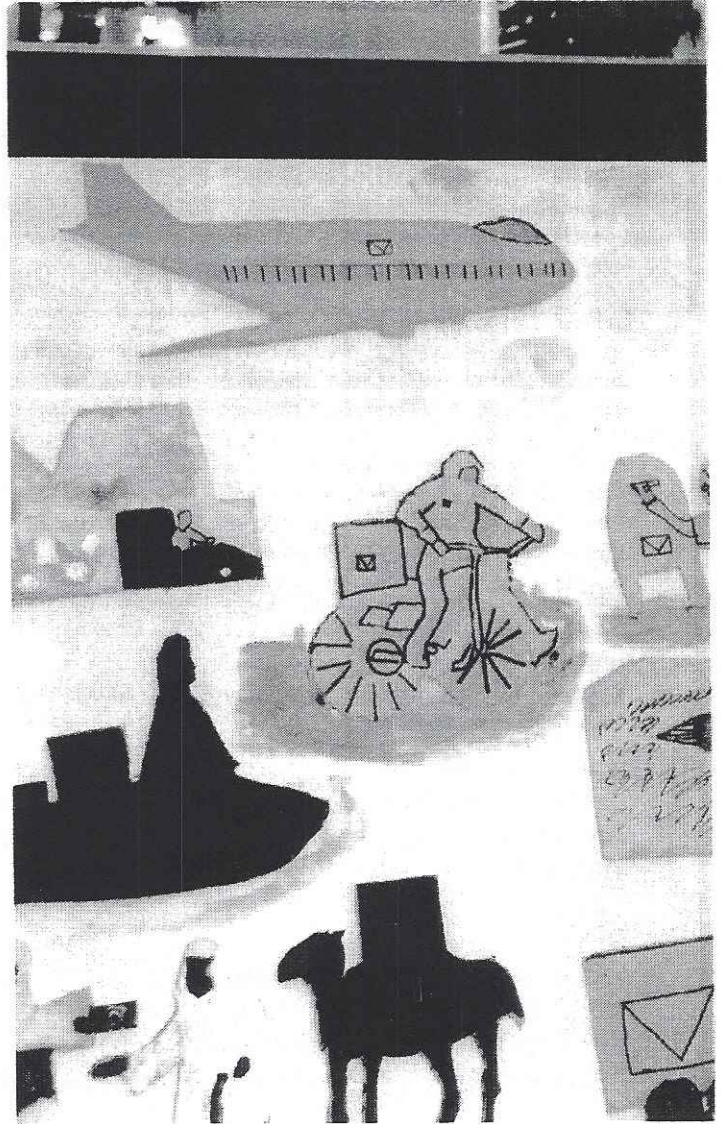


SWITZERLAND - 06.09.05

This slogan, which appears in innumerable post offices throughout the world in six languages, and accurately sums up the world postal service, has also been used for the new official stamp of the Universal Postal Union which will be issued by Swiss Post on 6 September 2005.

The global span of the postal network, which will be depicted on posters for World Post Day, reflects the basic principles and strategic goal of the UPU. With more than 5 million employees in over 660,000 post offices and an annual volume of 430 billion items processed, the postal network is the largest distribution network in the world. It gives most people access to postal services practically anywhere, even in very remote areas. Even now, in the age of the Internet, SMS and text messaging, the

Nasir Tahir pictured with his winning design in the Universal Postal Union poster competition which will feature on the UPU's latest official stamp.
Photo: Universal Postal Union



The five-centime stamp from the UPU's first series of official stamps in 1957 shows the UPU monument in Berne.

postal service is still the most easily accessible communication channel for the majority of people. The new official stamp, which skilfully and artistically renders the main task of the UPU, is a reminder that a good, reliable universal postal service contributes to eliminating numeric and other inequalities between individual countries, and especially between the industrialized societies and developing countries.

Nigerian wins first prize

The motif that appears on the official stamp was created by 14-year-old Nasir Tahir, a student at the International School in Berne. The young Nigerian won first prize in the poster competition held by the UPU in April 2004. An independent jury selected Tahir's three-dimensional, collage-like design from among 190 submissions because they were captivated by its creative approach and successful use of a combination of graphical elements. This stamp illustrates

Rising from the Rubble



75th Anniversary of the Hawke's Bay Earthquake

Seventy-five years ago, 150 seconds would completely redefine Hawke's Bay. It would change the relationship of Napier with the sea, seed new architecture and deeply affect the people who lived there. That event was the 1931 Hawke's Bay earthquake, and it began at 10.47am on 2 February 1931. A huge jolt - magnitude 7.8 on the Richter scale and just 16 kilometres deep - would wreak widespread destruction on a region that until then had enjoyed tremendous growth.

Napier had been established in 1851 and by the 1920s was a thriving town of 16,000 people, with a great number of brick buildings, including the Anglican Cathedral and the Municipal Theatre. Hastings, just 20 kilometres south, had grown out of developments that began in the 1870s. By 1930, the population had reached 10,850 and the city was justifiably proud of structures such as the Hawke's Bay Farmers Co-operative Association building, the Grand Hotel, Roach's department store and the Post Office with its tall tower. Other towns in the area were also developing – Havelock North, Taradale, Waipawa, Waipukurau, Dannevirke and Wairoa.

The day itself began innocently enough – hot and still. It seemed the best of starts for children returning to school for another year. But at 10.47, there was a sudden jolt, then nothing for 30 seconds - before another shock shook the ground, smashed buildings and opened huge fissures in roads. In just two and a half minutes – chaos! Cherished businesses in Napier and Hastings were obliterated. Wairoa, which was close to the quake's epicentre, was also extensively damaged. Fires began within minutes, and by early afternoon Napier was ablaze – adding to the torment and devastation that those living there faced.

Rescue workers sprang into action as all who could help ignored the powerful after-shocks and did what they could to aid the trapped and hurt. Unfortunately, Napier Hospital and the Nurses' Home in Napier were unusable, and the Public Hospital at Hastings was too small to cater for the large numbers of injured and wounded. The injured were ferried to the Botanical Gardens and the Racecourses in Napier and Hastings. In all, 258 died. Countless numbers were hurt. Everyone was shocked, dazed and confused.

If there was one fortunate coincidence, it was the presence of HMS Veronica in Napier at the time. In fact, it was the ship's radio that alerted those outside the region as to what had happened, because all other forms of communication had been cut off. The crew of HMS Veronica was despatched to the devastated town to help with the rescue effort and set up emergency services. By early afternoon, two more ships laden with supplies had been despatched to the stricken area from Auckland.

Over the next two weeks people evacuated the region, taking what possessions they could recover, and the long clean-up began. What would emerge from the rubble would be new cities, including the art deco wonder of Napier, and new hope. This 20 stamp issue pays tribute to this huge event in New Zealand's history, to those who endured it, those who were lost and to the cities that have risen from the rubble in its aftermath.

First day covers

Two first day covers are being issued, each featuring 10 of the striking gummed stamps from the full 20 stamp set.

Miniature sheet booklet

A miniature sheet booklet featuring unique miniature sheets of all the stamps in the issue will also be available. Supplemented by photographs of what took place on the ground, it brings you the story of the quake as it happened – a vivid and memorable way to recall this extraordinary event.

Technical details

Date of Issue: 3 February 2006

Designer: CommArts Design

Printer: Southern Colour Print,

New Zealand by offset lithography

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Sheet Size: 20

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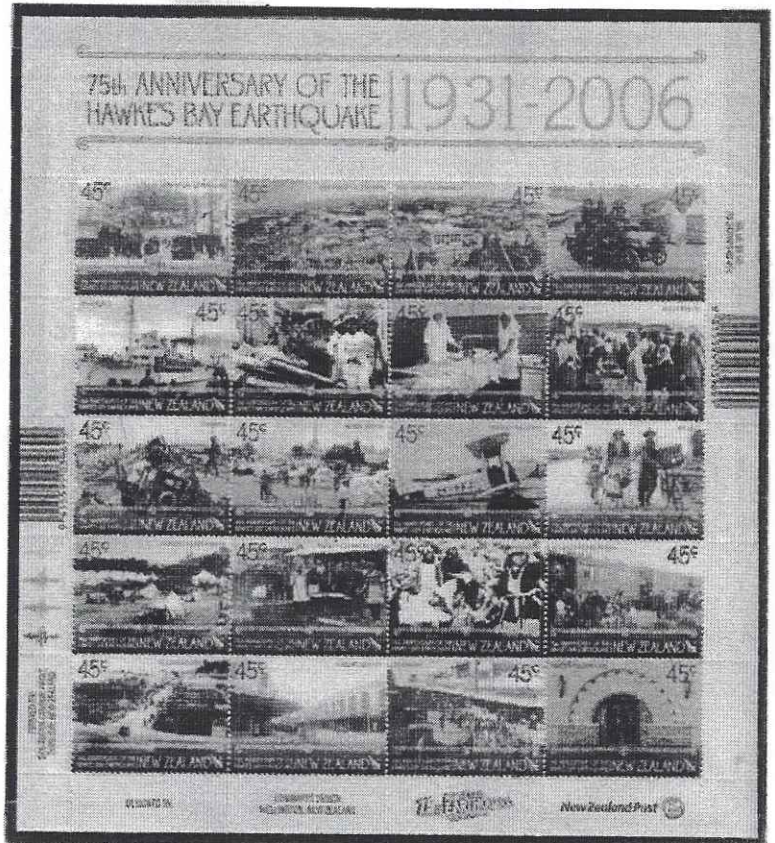
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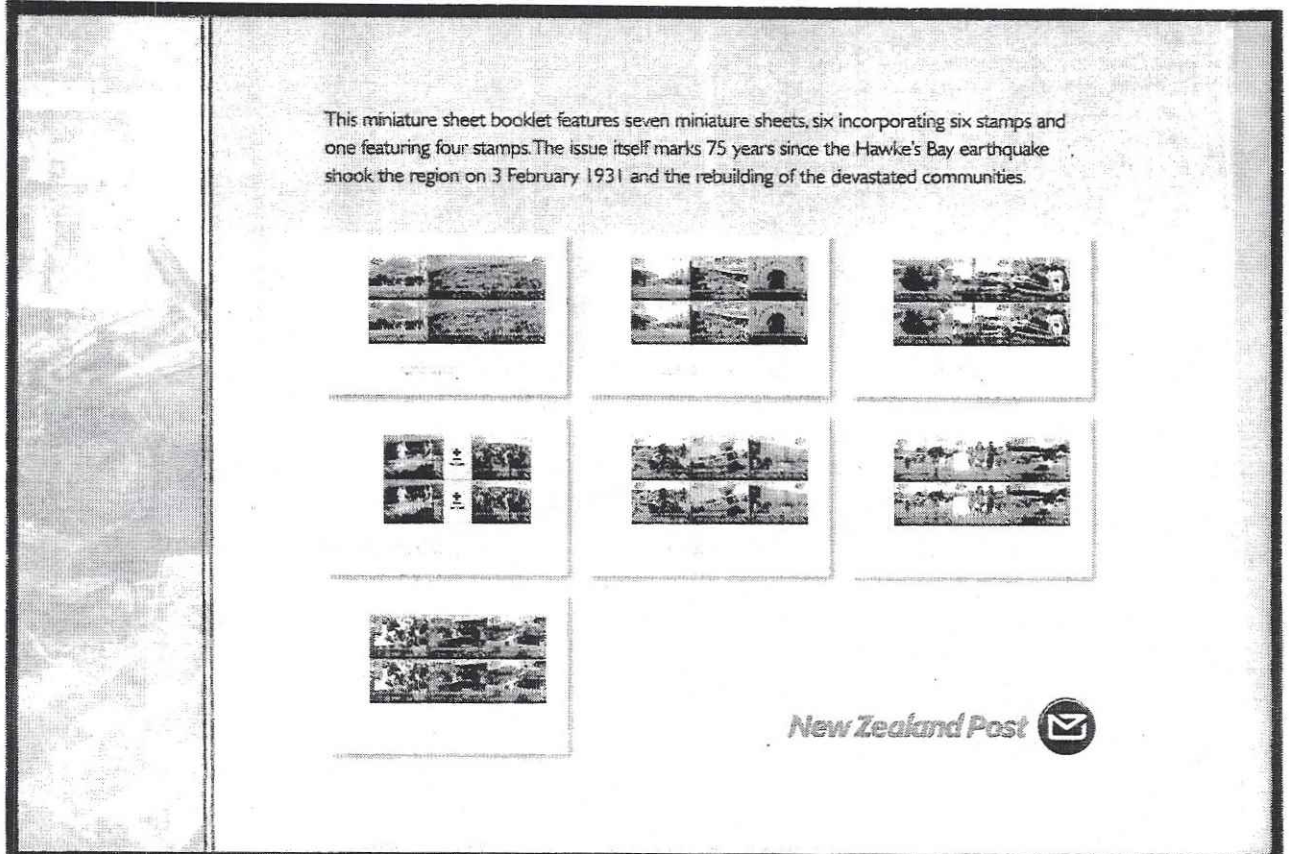


To assist readers to identify the individual stamps on the Booklet panes and the FDC's, I have used the grid reference as shown.

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B
C
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E



1 2 3 4



REAR COVER OF BOOKLET

WIND ZONE

including parapets and gable ends, were shaken loose and fell to the street below. Disintegrating mortar created huge clouds of dust.

Fire, probably caused by burners in chemist's shops, erupted within minutes of the jolts and spread quickly through the narrow streets, fanned by the wind. There was no water to fight it in Napier because the supply lines had been broken. Crews did what they could to save buildings and trapped people, but often were left powerless.

The fires continued until the following afternoon – and it was only then that the damage became fully apparent. All of the hospitals and much of the commercial area had been obliterated.

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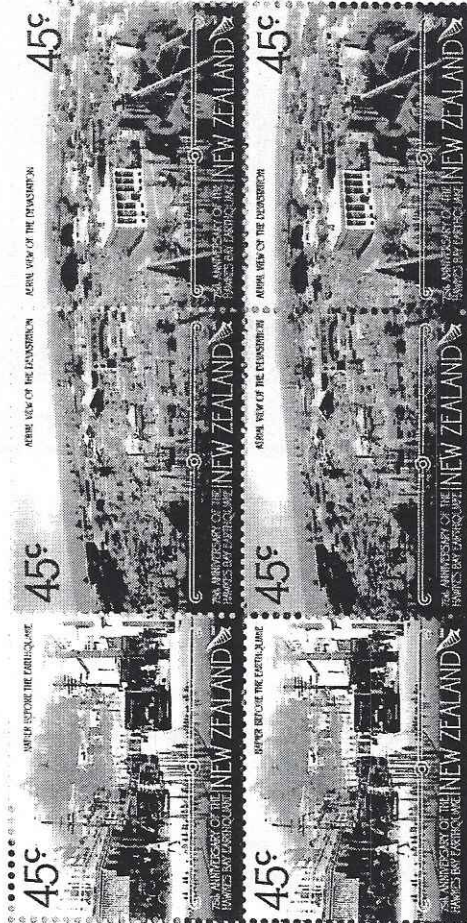
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Tin Town is set up

On 10 February Prime Minister Forbes paid an official visit, but the most popular visitors were the Governor-General and his wife, Lord and Lady Bledisloe, who had already arrived three days before.

On 17 February it was decided to forbid the building or rebuilding of permanent premises in Napier. This was to stop shanty towns springing up, to allow clearance of debris to continue and to enable the town to be rebuilt to a clear plan. A temporary business centre, which came to be known as 'Tin Town', was erected with help from a Government grant.

PANE 6 Contains stamps C2 & C4



PANE 1 Contains stamp A1



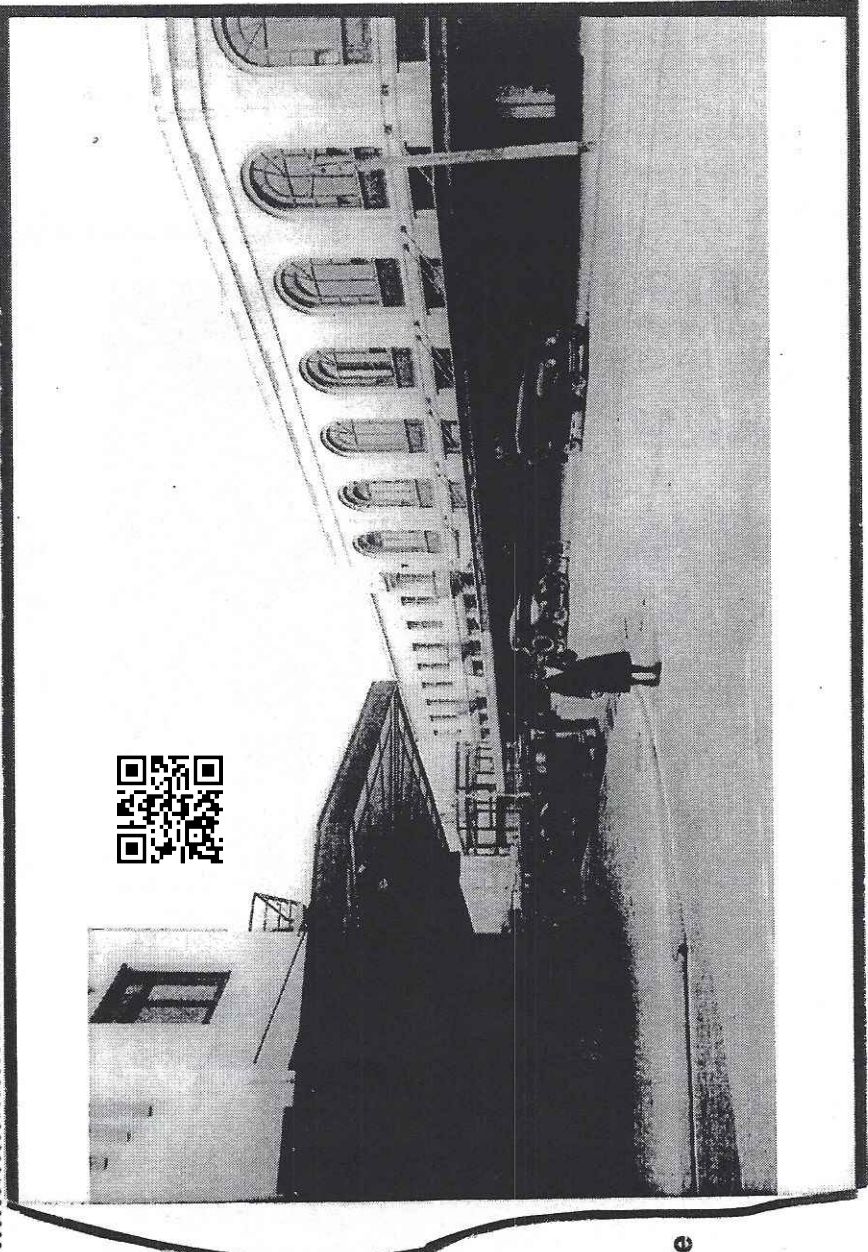
75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAWKES BAY EARTHQUAKE 1931-2006

NEW BUILDINGS EMERGE FROM THE RUBBLE

From 1934 right up until the start of the Second World War, Napier's Thirty Thousand Club raised funds for a plethora of projects, including the colonnade, the Sound Shell and the memorial arches.

Today, Napier and Hastings are regarded as great examples of modern architecture, thanks to the efforts of a number of architects who stepped in to take up the challenges.

In Hastings, Davies, Garnett and Phillips and Edmund Ansonbe are credited with some of the key buildings. In Napier, Rene Natusch chaired the Napier Associated Architects - four practices who worked together to rebuild the town in a unified way.



PANE 2 Contains stamps E2 & E3

**PAGE 9 - Hasting Street 1933,
As per stamp E2 shows bicycle
parked at kerbside.**

Mysterious Bicycle Stamp



by William Senkus

About fifteen years ago I acquired a collection of Cinderella stamps through a philatelic auction. It was advertised as an "old-time collection of poster stamps and other Cinderellas", and comprised mostly early 20th century German material, plus assorted U.S., British, and miscellaneous other items, including the item shown above, which had a label stating "Chinese (private) bicycle post - \$100". I set the bicycle stamp aside, as I have a friend who had asked me to keep an eye out for stamps with bicycles, for a friend of hers who is an ardent bicycle rider. She declined the item, as the purported value was more than she could afford.

About a year ago I stumbled on this web page:

<http://www.raster.it/stefano/a/stamps/cinderella91-100.htm>. There at the top was a stamp resembling mine, though no additional information about it. The image rang a bell, though, and I started looking through my philatelic library. Eventually I found a series of items in issues 26 through 30 (published 1987-1990) of "ATALAYA," a bi-annual magazine published by Christer Brunström of Sweden. I subscribed for a short period in the late 1990's, and ordered all the back issues he had at that time. Mr. Brunström's readers had contributed information revealing that there were four "denominations" of the stamp - 4, 5, 6, and 7 - in red, green, and blue, and that the "6" occurred both with and without the large numeral in the top right corner. Most significant, however, was the information from a collector in England (a member of the Bicycle Stamp Club), who said that he owned the remains of a box which had contained a pair of rubber bicycle pedals, with a dark green example of the bicycle stamp stuck to the cover. The collector dated his find in the 1938-1950 era, and believed the origin to be India, as Indian companies produced bicycle products for the British market at that time.


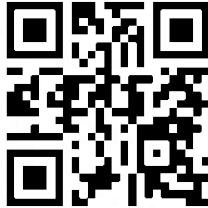

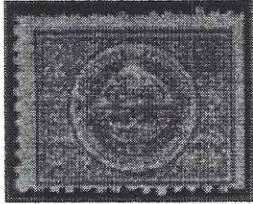
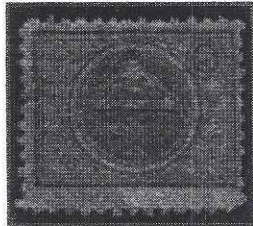



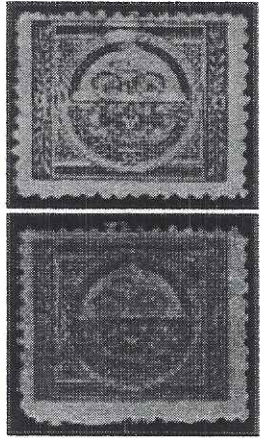
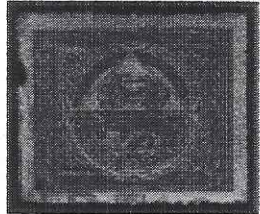



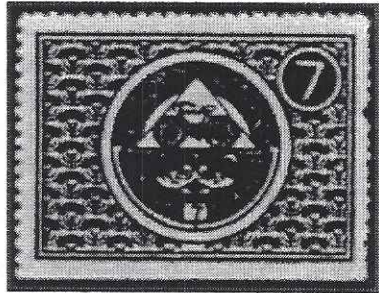

I emailed the collectors named on the "weird stamps" page, one of whom sent me the e-dress of Norman Batho, who had originated the inquiries in ATALAYA. None of them had

learned anything new, but Mr. Batho sent me high-res scans of all the stamps he owned. The "weird stamps" site is no longer active, so I decided to create this web page, in hopes it will generate further information.

Based on all the above, then, the current theory is that these stamps were used by an Indian manufacturer of bicycle pedals, as size labels on its boxes. That seems plausible, but with only the one box to go on, it is not conclusive.

The table below lists all the known "denominations" and types of the stamps. The color images were contributed by Mr. Batho, while the B&W ones are reproduced (with permission) from ATALAYA. If any viewer can supply scans of designs or colors not shown here, or further information concerning the origin and use of these stamps, please email the author of this page: wsenkus@att.net

Description	Colors	Size (of design area)	Image(s) (All are to same scale)
"4" large numeral	Red	41x29 mm	
<p>"5" large numeral</p> <p>2 types - note "5's", handle-bars, position of background pattern</p> 	Red, Blue	23.5x19 mm	<p>TYPE 1</p>   <p>TYPE 2</p> 
			TYPE 1

<p>"6" small numeral</p> <p>2 types - note "6's", floral pattern beneath bicycle</p> 	<p>Red, Green</p>	<p>23.5x19 mm</p>	 <p>TYPE 2</p> 
<p>"6" large numeral</p>	<p>Red, Blue</p>	<p>23.5x19 mm</p>	
<p>"7" large numeral</p> <p>2 types - note "7's"</p>  <p><i>Tracing of cancel on second stamp</i></p>	<p>Red, Blue</p>	<p>41x29 mm</p> 	<p>TYPE 1</p>  <p>TYPE 2</p> 

Mysterious Bicycle Stamps

NOTES (from ATALAYA)

One collector has a gummed block of 6 (3x2) of "6" with small numeral, red, with straight edge at left.

Another collector says that the "7's" have a multiple watermark of the stamp's central design.

Note "cancel" on "7", type 2, Stamp is red, with blue cancel. The letters at the bottom of the cancel appear to read "N I I".

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Collectors of bicycles on stamps should consider joining the Bicycle Stamp Club, which has a web site at <http://members.tripod.com/~bicyclestamps/>.

Personalised Stamps

I have been meaning to write a short article about these for some time - then the notification of a sheet of personalised stamps from China arrived - so I finally put pen to paper...

On September 1st, 1999, Australia Post created philatelic history with the National Launch of personalised stamps (P-Stamps) - an innovative service which allows a stamp to be personalised by printing a photographic portrait on the tab of the stamp.

Mail containing personal letters to distant loved ones, invitations for birthdays and weddings, or news of the birth of a baby can now be fittingly given a unique and personal touch by the addition of a photo of the subject or sender next to the stamp.

P-Stamps are produced by combining tabbed stamp issues, such as the Personal Greetings stamps or *Polly Woodside* stamp, with a unique service which places a photographic portrait on the tab - thereby personalising each stamp.

The origins of the world's first Personalised Stamps lie in a wish to make stamps for social mail more interesting and attractive. They were first trialed at Australia 99 - the World Stamp Expo in March 1999.

Visitors to the Expo were able to buy sheetlets of ten stamps (45c *Polly Woodside*) and have their photograph printed on a tab beside the stamps. The Governor-General of Australia, Sir William Deane, who was present to officially open Australia 99, the Prime Minister, Mr John Howard and the Premier of Victoria, Mr Jeff Kennett, were presented with their own Personalised Stamps.



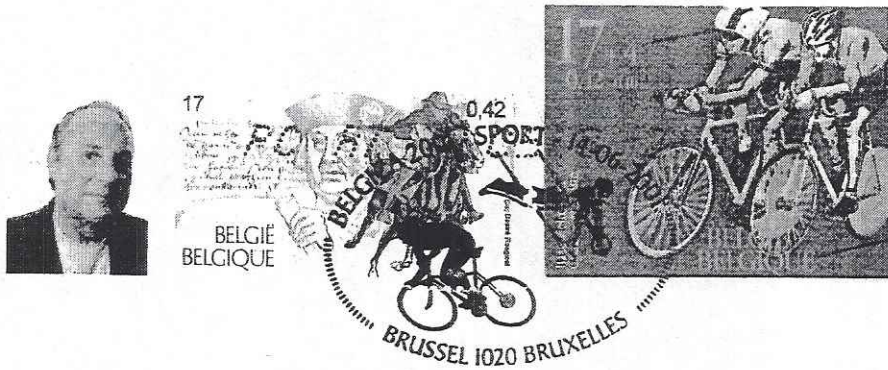
Four digital cameras worked virtually non-stop on site taking people's photographs. The digital image was then processed through specially engineered software. After manipulation, the image was printed digitally in full colour beside the conventionally preprinted and perforated gummed stamps. The personalised stamps could then be sent or kept as souvenir of Australia 99evr, if placed on envelopes as postage, the tab with a photo image only retained postal validity while still attached to the 45c stamp. The same applies for any stamp produced using the Personalised Stamp service.

The Personalised Stamps stand proved so popular that people were queueing for up to two hours to take advantage of the 'world first' opportunity. People's orders were being processed at the rate of two per minute - the absolute maximum that the machines and customised software could deal with at that time.

In September 2000 Australia Post, during Olymphilex, and at the Games Village, made it possible to have a photo taken on site and order the stamps.



In June 2001 Jacques Matthys sent me an FDC for the World Cycling Championships (BS36 p19) - on it was his personalised stamp, as Belgium had started issuing them.



Then in April 2003 Jacques sent me a postcard and three covers and asked me to get them cancelled at my local Post Office. This was because, as he said: "without cancelled post stamps these items have no value in exhibitions, that's why!" I printed the corner of one envelope in BS43 p17 and I said that he had taken advantage of Australia Post's system - I soon got an email reminding me that "his personalised stamp" had appeared in BS36 and the stamps he had sent me were of one of his cycling friends.



Then in April 2004 Norman Batho sent me a copy of an email he had received from Günther PÖPPERL with details of an

Austrian Stamp issued for the 2004 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships. The details included a web address so I was able to obtain an image so I included this in BS47 p7. Subsequently in early 2005 Piet Hein Hilarides spent 10 days in Austria at winter sports and could not find any record of the stamp being issued. On investigation it turned out to be the first example of an Austrian personalised stamp - the first real personalised stamp, as all the others are really stamps with personalised labels attached. In BS49 on p28 I printed details of the Austrian system known as "Meine Marks" - you can find details of issues for 2005/6 on the Austrian Post's website www.post.at/index.html.



AUSTRIA - 09.07.04

Meaning mark

Austrian Post have redefined the meaning of "Personal"

Their personal stamp.

It seems to give stamps as for a long time, as the letter. But meaning mark is a completely new and innovative product of the Austrian post office AG. A personalisierte stamp, which can be arranged individual by you!



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Sketch your own stamp! That display space of the personalisierten marks can be arranged free after your conceptions. Only the framework of the stamp is given. The uniform characteristics of the personalisierten mark are a yellow edge, the print Austria and the imprinted nominal value of 55 cent. That corresponds to the standard tariff for transmissions up to 20 gram.



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Meanwhile the Netherlands had introduced the concept and Jan Visscher sent me a copy of his stamp (BS48 p23).

The latest examples are those sent in by previous member

Rupert Walti: Rupert was a founder member of the Bicycle Stamps Club, having previously been a member of the Bicycles on Stamps Study Unit. He left the Club in November 2000. Rupert has obtained Belgian Stamps with photos of himself on the tab and an Austrian stamp (a real stamp) showing him on his bike.

The Chinese example appeared on eBay which stated it was a set of 16 personalised stamps commemorating the 10th anniversary of the founding of TianJin Kelin Bicycle Co. Ltd



Personalised Stamps - you may not realise that the Netherlands has introduced personalised stamps. This stamp shows Jan Visscher riding in the classic tour between and obtain personalised stamps for any member.

