



### OTHER THOUGHTS

The club could cater for all perfin collectors. Judging from the letters I have received so far, the countries that more people seem to be collecting are New Zealand, Australia and Great Britain - although USA, Malaysia, Hong Kong and The World are also mentioned in particular by some collectors. As the club is based in the Pacific area, it would be good to see us promoting research on New Zealand and Australian perfins - there seem to be quite a few collectors around the world who are interested in them and we are in the best position to study and write about them.

Club Bulletin: It would be good if the club could circulate a regular Perfin Bulletin. While one Bulletin every 2nd month ie: early February, April, June, August, October and December would be worth aiming at, in the first year it might need to be one Bulletin every 3 months if article contributions from members are a little slow in appearing. The Bulletin could provide the following services:

- Keep members up to date with the latest discoveries in the world of perfin collecting.
- Provide a platform for people to share the things they have found through their collecting.
- Run a regular auction of perfins etc. that could be offered by any collectors who wished to dispose of excess material (either duplicates or perfins that are outside their field of interest). Each Bulletin could contain a new auction plus the results from the previous one (which would save postage on sending out invoices).
- Provide a place for collectors to advertise their particular wants.
- To help keep the members informed of club activities.

I would be quite happy to be the overall Editor of the Club Bulletin in the meantime. I have been in contact with David Andersen in Australia and he has agreed to take on the position of the Australian Section Editor - this will make it cheaper for Australian subscribers to send in articles and, as David knows more about Australian perfins, he is more able to edit the information and articles about them. It is planned that David will send the 'Australian Section' to me and I will put it together (on a computer) with the 'New Zealand Section' to form the whole - then the finished Bulletin will be distributed from here.

If we are to be able to do this competently, we would need a good amount of support from the members to make it a worthwhile use of our time. If we are going to attempt to edit a Bulletin every couple of months it would be really important that all the members put some effort into contributing to it - either by writing articles, sending in photocopies of interesting material, participating in the auctions (both buying and selling) or simply by writing a letter to either of us! Only time will tell if we will have enough support to keep a Bulletin going. We are willing to put in some time now - are you?

Club Running Costs: There are of course costs involved with running the club, printing and circulating the Bulletin, corresponding with members,

writing to new members etc. I have done some rough calculations and this is the result I get (on a per-member basis):

NZ Members (in NZ Dollars)

- Printing and posting 6 editions of the Bulletin per year, general correspondence, paper, envelopes, stamps etc

TOTAL (per New Zealand member per year).....= NZ\$14:00

Australian and Overseas members (in NZ Dollars)

- Printing and posting (Airmail) 6 editions of the Bulletin per year, general correspondence, paper, envelopes, stamps etc.

TOTAL (per Australian and Overseas member per year).....= NZ\$17:00

There would also need to be a 'once only' joining fee of NZ\$3:00 to cover the initial correspondence and other membership costs.

The membership fee can always be altered at the end of the first year of operation if it is found to be too high or too low (a club financial statement can be circulated in the Bulletin). If however you are really unhappy about the membership fee as it stands at this point, then please let me know.

Club Get Together: Another activity that I would be keen to see happen is a weekend get-together for as many of the members as possible. To keep the costs down it could be held in a fairly central location (maybe one in Australia and one in New Zealand) and would be a good chance for some of the members to meet. There would be opportunities for people to display and talk about some of their work, while also giving ample opportunity for general chatting and the buying and selling of material.

Final Comment: At this point I would be willing to organise the club and get it off the ground. Once it is up and running (after a few months) there will be a lot more potential for other people to be involved (so please make use of the Questionnaire to let me know if you'd like to help in the future!). Please remember, if the club is to work it will need a good amount of support from all of the members.

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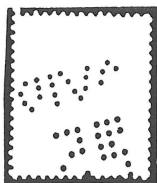
QUESTIONNAIRE

I would be grateful if you could find the time in the next couple of weeks to complete the Questionnaire that I have enclosed with the Bulletin - it will allow me to have your answers here all at one time, which means that in the next Bulletin I can include a survey of all the results. So please get them in quickly!

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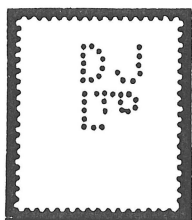


For a period in 1957 another puncture was used. The full pattern has not been determined but appears to be a document punch in the form 'DAVID JONES / (date)'. An example is illustrated.

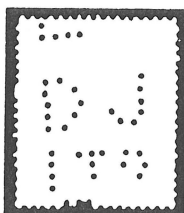


Copies have been seen on cover indicating its usage for at least a short time on stamps intended for postage.

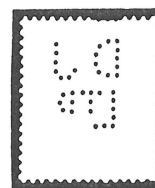
Various reasons have been given by David Jones for the decision to cease puncturing stamps: It was time consuming, stamps were no longer a standard size, the machine was often broken and the company altered its name to 'David Jones (Australia) Pty. Limited' in 1976.



DJ/LTD Type A



DJ/LTD Type B



DJ/LTD Type C

(Thanks are due to Arthur Taylor for information about the Type C machine)

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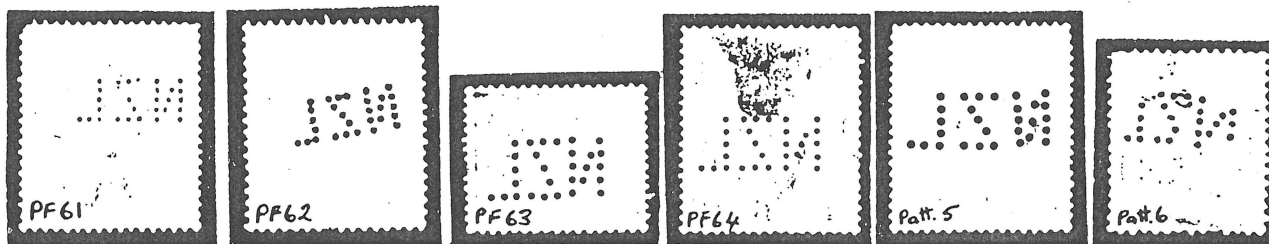
'N Z L' PERFINs ON AUSTRALIAN STAMPS

by David Dell

The 'NZL' perfins (which can be found on Australian and British stamps) were used by the 'New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company Limited'.

Over the past few months I have come up with a couple of new patterns (to add to the list published in the 'Tasman Catalogue of New Zealand Perfins' and Robert Samuel's 'New Zealand Stamps With Perforated Initials'). As I only have one or two stamps of each new pattern it is not possible to give too many details at this point with regard to their places or times of use - but maybe some of the Australian collectors can help with some information from their own collections.

Here are the original 4 patterns with the 2 new ones beside them:



NZL. 8

NZL. 1

NZL. 5

NZL. 3

NZL. 6

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Redemption

L Samuel. 1<sup>st</sup> Edition

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