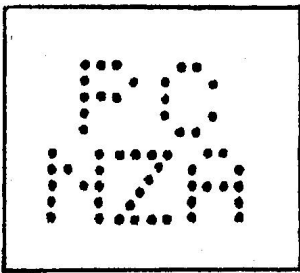


NEWS OF THE PERFIN SOCIETY 'DOWN-UNDER'

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I can do no better than quote most of the article by Robert Samuels in "*Captain Coqk*", the Newsletter of The Christchurch (N.Z.) Philatelic Society (Inc.), issue 573, March 1998.

PC/NZA - A NEW PERFIN



*The Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia was founded some years ago by a New Zealand collector, David Dell. In the intervening years, though, the club has become more of an Australian club than a New Zealand club, with its main officers now resident in Australia. Still, in recognition of its roots, it has always been known as the "New Zealand and Australia" club rather than the "Australia and New Zealand" club. The club publishes a quarterly newsletter, **The South Pacific Perfin Bulletin**.*

In November 1997 the club obtained its own perforator, and is now using stamps perforated with the initials PC/NZA. Stamps so perforated were first used on 11th February 1998. So far only Australian stamps have been perforated but, I suggest, it will be only a matter of time before we see New Zealand stamps perforated in this manner. The hand operated perforating punch was obtained from Chainstream Ltd, 69-71 William Street, Carshalton, Surrey, England, and is to be "ceremoniously unveiled" in March, at a meeting of the club to be held in Canberra in conjunction with Natstamp '98.

The PC/NZA perfin is a new addition to the small list of overseas perfins incorporating the letters NZ-perfins such as BNZ, NZL, and NZ/IC^o.

Those collectors who have an interest in the perfins of Australia or New Zealand and who may wish to join this club should write to Mr John Mathews, 21 McConnel Cres, Kambah, ACT 2902, Australia.