

Press Release

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Auckland City Stamps Purchases Campbell Paterson Continuing The CP Tradition

Auckland City Stamps directors David Holmes and Nigel Shanks are pleased to announce that they have purchased Campbell Paterson Ltd from the Paterson family.

Campbell Paterson Ltd (founded in 1949) is the oldest family owned stamp dealing firm trading in New Zealand. From June 1, 2014 Campbell Paterson will become a division of Auckland City Stamps Ltd.

About the new owners

Auckland City Stamps was founded in 1974 by Terry Welch and has built up a global reputation as a dealer in fine stamps, especially those from New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

David Holmes, an authority on New Zealand postal history, joined the company in 1977 and remained there until 1995, when he left to set up his own firm, David Holmes Philatelist Ltd. He is a life member of The Postal History Society of New Zealand.

In 2009, David purchased Auckland City Stamps with Nigel Shanks, who is a director of several companies ranging from restaurants to advertising in New Zealand and across the Pacific.

Together, they have developed the business and now hold bi-monthly postal auctions, as well as two public auctions in Auckland per year - one in March and the other in August.

Continuing the CP Tradition

The new owners will continue 'The CP Tradition' of fine service to New Zealand collectors, while providing the latest information, new discoveries and quality offerings of stamps and covers.

The world renowned 'CP Catalogue of New Zealand Stamps' will continue to be published by the new owners under the stewardship of long-time Campbell Paterson employee Andrew Dolphin. As well as continuing in the role of editor of the catalogue, Andrew will continue to assist CP clients with approvals and service 'wants lists', as well as offering a wide range of stamps in forthcoming monthly newsletters.

Effective June 1, Campbell Paterson will be relocated to Auckland City Stamp's offices at 1 Ngairi Avenue, Newmarket, where preparations are underway to accommodate the extra stock, extensive library and CP catalogues. All phone, fax, email and PO Box details will remain unchanged.

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