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STAMP OF APPROVAL Auckland City Stamps Achieves Company Record

Established in 1974, Auckland City Stamps is one of New Zealand's leading stamp dealers and a major buyer of New Zealand and World Stamps and Postal History. The company holds at least two public and five postal auctions each year offering material from New Zealand and around the world.

Auckland City Stamps is well known for offering New Zealand specialised stamps of great rarity along with world material, estate and large box lots. In addition to the considerable auction work, the company also offers mail order and retail material from its comprehensive stock.

The Public Auction Sale of the ***Odenweller Reference Collection*** was held online on Saturday 9th October. The sale was an outstanding success with 349 lots sold on the day achieving a 73% sale rate. The total sales including buyer's commission were \$780,429 - a company record.

David Holmes, co-owner of Auckland City Stamps comments, "This auction was postponed twice due to lockdown Covid-19 restrictions in New Zealand and took nearly 7 ½ hours to run through due to the spirited bidding for lots – it was terrific to see so much interest and passion from collectors out there."

Some highlight lots that sold in the sale include:*

IMPERF FULL FACE QUEENS a few of the highlights were - Lot 1 1d London Print SG 1 Used (Est \$9000) realised \$10,970, Lot 21 2d Blue London Print Mint (Est \$35,000) realised \$31,500, Lot 44 6d Brown Roulette 18 Used (Est \$7000) realised \$10,400, Lot 59 1/- Dull Emerald Green SG 16 Mint (Est \$17,500) realised \$21,900, Lot 66 1/- Green Pelure Paper SG 86 Mint (Est \$16,000) realised \$18,000.

PERFORATED FULL FACE QUEENS a few of the highlights were Lot 74 1d Vermilion P13 SG 69 Mint (Est \$3250) realised \$4950, Lot 83 1d Vermilion Accidental Imperf Mint (Est \$2000) realised \$3700, Lot 99 1d Brown P12 1/2 NZ Watermark Used (Est \$20,000) realised \$18,500, Lot 112 2d Blue Plate 2 the 7 Mint shades (Est \$1750) realised \$4400, Lot 144 4d Rose SG 119 Mint (Est \$5000) sold for \$7300 and Lot 182 1/- Yellow-Green P12 1/2 NZ Watermark SG 109 Used (Est \$6750) realised \$8150.

1898 PICTORIALS Lot 235 5d Otira P11 Imperf at left Pair Used (Est \$2500) realised \$5060, Lot 253 1/- Abnormal Watermark SG 315ba Mint (Est \$10,000) realised \$9000, Lot 258 2/- Milford P11 Moss Green shade Unhinged (Est \$2250) realised \$3940, Lot 275 1/2d Mt Cook Official Two Perf Pair Used (Est \$3000) realised \$4160, Lot 276 1d Terraces Pair Imperf Between Used (Est \$1950) realised \$3040 and Lot 312 6d Red Kiwi Watermark Upright Block of 4 Mint (Est \$15000) realised \$13,500.

1d Universals Lot 351 A Slot Machine with 2x examples on Cover (Est \$1500) realised \$3150.

Lot 357, the **1906 1d Claret Christchurch Exhibition** Mint (Est \$20,000) realised \$24,750.

1907 PICTORIALS Lot 359 6d Red Kiwi Official Two Perf Pair Used (Est \$4000) realised \$5500 and Lot 363 1/- Orange-Brown SG 385a Used (Est \$2000) realised \$4050.

1907 REEFTON PROVISIONALS Lot 369 2d Pembroke SG P3 Used on piece (Est \$3000) realised \$4600, Lot 371 6d Kiwi SG P5 Mint (Est \$3500) realised \$6470 and Lot 373 2/- Milford SG P7 Mint (Est \$15,000) realised \$29,250.

1931-34 AIRMAILS Lot 383 7d Orange-Brown Imperf Ulm Essay (Est \$1500) realised \$5900.

1935 PICTORIALS Lot 407 1/- Tui Inverted Watermark SG 588aw Used (Est \$750) realised \$1575, Lot 438 Collins Essays (Est \$1500) realised \$2025, Lot 441 1/2d Brown Official SG 0116a Mint (Est \$32,000) realised \$28,125 and Lot 461 9d Green Official SG 0129 on Registered Cover (Est \$750) realised \$1350.

Pigeon Post Lot 470 1/- Special Post VP2 on Flimsy (Est \$2500) realised \$3825, Lot 474 1/- Marotiri VP 6 Complete Sheet Mint (Est \$2000) realised \$4160 and Lot 475 1/- Triangle VP8 Imperf Strip of 3 Mint (Est \$2500) realised \$4600.

For a complete list of realisation please go to the official website:

www.aucklandcitystamps.co.nz

Holmes continues, "We are delighted with the result, which shows just how good the market is right now, especially for quality material of an exceptional calibre. If you are considering selling material we'd love to hear from you - please contact the office for a confidential discussion on how we might be able to assist either by outright purchase, Public Auction or a special 'named' auction."

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For further information, interviews or images please email David Holmes at david@aucklandcitystamps.co.nz or telephone 09 522 0604.

*The realisation includes the buyer's premium.

Notes to editor:

Co-owner David Holmes joined the company in 1977 and purchased it outright with Nigel Shanks in 2009. David Holmes is considered an authority on New Zealand Stamps and Postal History and is a life member of *The Postal History Society of New Zealand* and *The New Zealand Stamp Dealers Association*; David has an impeccable reputation spanning over 40 years in the industry. Nigel Shanks is a company director with successful business interests in marketing, beverage and hospitality in New Zealand and around the Pacific.

Aside from auctions and direct sales, the company also publishes the *ACS Catalogue of New Zealand Stamps* each year which is the most accurate, up to date listing and price list of every New Zealand stamp issued. Specialised New Zealand Collectors are provided with the *CP Catalogue of New Zealand Stamps* and its annual supplement which are also owned and published by Auckland City Stamps, purchased in 2014 from long term dealer Campbell Paterson Ltd (founded 1949).

Odenweller Auction Highlights



Lot 1

Estimate \$9,000.00
Realised \$10,970.00



Lot 21

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Realised \$31,500.00



Lot 59

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Lot 357

Estimate \$20,000.00
Realised \$24,750.00



Lot 373

Estimate \$15,000.00
Realised \$29,250.00



Lot 383

Estimate \$1,500.00
Realised \$5,900.00