

Object Summary



Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) Badge

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Dimensions

Overall: 20.7 × 26.3 cm, 0.6 kg

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Object Type

Crest Badge

Material

Wood, resin, paint

Technique

Cast in resin, hand painted, on a wooden plaque.

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Museum

Malta Maritime Museum

Registration Number

MMM 000284

Description

This is the Official badge of the Royal New Zealand Navy, one of the later badges for the Navy. During the planning process for the coronation in London in the year 1953, it was decided to include badges of the Commonwealth Navies along the route. Due to the fact that there were no official badges for the Royal New Zealand Navy, an Admiralty fouled anchor with 'Royal New Zealand Navy' deemed to be the suitable option. Then in September 1965, after a request for a replica made by the Minister of Defence for his Ministerial Office, a new design came into fruition. Therefore, the Hydrographic Branch was requested to design one. Mr E.W. Jones was the person behind the design which was eventually accepted by the Naval Board. Later on, in the late 1960s the design was revised and refined. In November 1969, the Queen gave royal assent to this new design. The oval-shaped badge topped by a King's Crown all proper, features on a field blue, an anchor, and containing the words 'ROYAL NEW ZEALAND NAVY'. The same golden paint was used for detailing in the rope which encircles the band containing the title as well as the anchor. Two fern leaves painted in white are found below, crossing each other at the stem. The badge is mounted onto a wooden plaque as a commemorative piece.

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