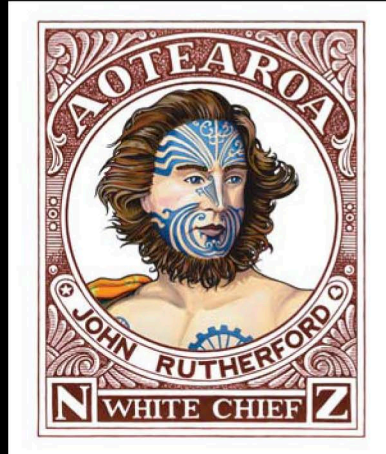


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## Cheeky Little Darkie....

In a PC gone mad world, isn't it comforting to know that there are still bastions of unadulterated humour in our midst

AFTER renowned New Zealand radio and television broadcaster Paul Holmes used ironic humour and made a 'cheeky little darkie' comment in reference to the then United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, racial debate surged throughout the nation. This Lester Hall image was created to amuse at first sight but then ask deeper questions of intelligent debate rather than incite visceral over-reaction.

Where does racism lie in New Zealand? And when do we throw the baby out with the bath-water? Is Golly now a cultural icon or even a piece of Kiwiana? Or is he just a garage owner and businessman who employed Noddy and payed him well?

This original stamp artwork comes printed 330 x 480 on Velvet Fine Paper using fine archival inks. Lester Hall is a New Zealand artist based in the Bay of Islands. He is exhibiting at Remuera Gallery throughout October 2009.

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