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Greetings everyone,

Welcome to **Headquarters-Info-Line** a fortnightly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters E-mailed directly to Branches.

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NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

A very special thank you to a very generous Amateur Radio operator who kindly donated equipment to Headquarters, after my plea on the last Official Broadcast. Equipment received here is one Yaesu FT-5100 dual band mobile with all the extra bits and pieces required to run it. PLUS an Icom dual band hand held for my own personal use, to get me more accustomed to getting on the National system and maybe talking to you out there from time to time.

I would like to thank the Hastings Branch who has invited me to attend and talk at their combined Branch meeting with Napier Branch on the 25th April. This gives members the opportunity to ask questions on a very informal basis and hopefully get long awaited answers. Please consider if your Branch could benefit from a visit from either myself or a Councillor as we are only too happy to oblige.

Lastly I would ask where possible, that I receive a list of people who have recently passed their amateur radio licence from Branches who hold examinations. This will give me an opportunity to offer these new amateurs a chance to join the Association at a reduced rate and a chance to inform them of NZART services. This can be advised to applicants at the time of sitting the exam, therefore if they do not wish their name to be sent to me, the Branch can remove them from the list.

NZART Administration Liaison Officer Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ reports:

Discussions at the MED premises with the people behind the MED letter about the DP15 document confirm that there is "no change" proposed to the licensing method or procedures for amateur radio licensees. The Ministry wanted to be sure that their DP15 proposal document was widely known and considered that when such a change is being considered, ALL licensees should know about it. This new "Formulae" licence matter is to be a part of the new Radio Regulations for some radio services as explained in the DP15 document itself.

The text of the official NZART written response to the MED DP15 document includes the following wording:

"It is noted that: "It is proposed that amateur stations should continue to be granted "station-based" licences in view of the multiplicity of equipment, frequencies and services installed in these stations."

This is seen as a "no change" to the present method for licensing stations in the Amateur Service and this position is supported by this Association.

It is requested that when the time arrives to review the actual licence fee that Amateur Operators pay and the methods of payment, that opportunity will be given for prior consideration and discussion with this Association before any change is implemented. This Association has views on the fairness and the level of the fee, the method of its collection, and believes that economies in administration are possible.
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In short, the advice to radio amateurs is: "ignore the MED's DP15 letter - it doesn't affect us". Let NZART work on the problem for you. Enjoy your Amateur Radio activities!

NZART Contest Info from Stan White ZL2ST:

On March 24/25 the CQ Worldwide WPX (Prefix) SSB Contest is held. This is a big worldwide contest.

On March 31/April 1 the Thelma Souper Memorial contest runs. See the WARO column in Break In for details.

NZART Youth Awards:

Recognising Youth Achievements in Amateur Radio -The Objectives of the Awards are for NZART (and a co-sponsor) to demonstrate and encourage interest in promoting technological awareness and education in the field of radio and electronics by involving young people in Amateur Radio and to focus the activities of our younger Amateur Radio operators into achieving excellence in all aspects of the hobby, both individually and within the fellowship that belonging to Amateur Radio brings.

1. Youth Achievement Award for Best Examination Result

The criteria for this award is:

1. The recipient to be under 18 years of age at the time of examination.
2. The recipient to have attained the highest marks in an Amateur Radio Operators Certificate Examination held during the previous 12 months to 1st April in the year of the Award presentation.
3. The recipient will be presented with the following at NZART Conference :–
 - (a) A suitably endorsed framed certificate presented by NZART (and co-sponsor)
 - (b) A voucher for \$100 to purchase books of the recipient's choice.
 - (c) One year free subscription to NZART.
 - (d) A presentation from any other Branch/Business/Individual who may wish from time to time, to co-sponsor the Award with NZART.
 - (e) Payment of half a registration to NZART Conference if the recipient attends.
4. In the event of equal marks being gained each recipient will receive the above.

2. The Young Amateur of the Year Award

The criteria for this award is:

1. Nominee to be under 18 years of age at April 1 in the year of presentation.
2. Nominee to have provided demonstrable service to Amateur Radio in any of these areas of achievement:
 - * Assistance with NZART Branch or activity.
 - * Development of a significant project (hardware or software) for use in Amateur Radio.
 - * Participation in projects associated with the promotion of Amateur Radio.
3. The recipient will be presented at NZART Conference with:
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 - (e) Payment of half registration to NZART Conference if the recipient attends.
4. If no suitable nomination for the Young Amateur of the Year is received by April 1, no presentation will be made for that year.
5. Nominations for this Award should be sent by Branches or individuals along with "substantiating evidence", to the General Secretary of NZART by April 1 in the year of presentation.
6. The Young Amateur of the Year will be selected by a sub-committee appointed by NZART Council.

Dates To Remember:

- ✓ **NZART Official Broadcast** at 8pm on Sunday 25th March
- ✓ **The Next Headquarters–Info-Line**, will be E-mailed on Sunday 1st April
- ✓ **Technology Convention Whangarei**, Easter Weekend 14th & 15th of April
- ✓ **Closing date** for copy for **May/June Break-In** is Thursday 10th May
- ✓ **NZART 75th Jubilee Conference**, Auckland 2nd & 3rd of June

That's it for this issue, welcome to all new subscribers, until the next issue,

73

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Editor