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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 thanks to Napier and Hastings Branches for an extremely worthwhile and most hospitable visit. One of a number of issues discussed was the NZART Insurance policy regarding public liability. Unfortunately at this time some of the many unanswered questions have not seen a resolve, however soon, I will be able to send more up to date information. This is an appropriate time to review this policy as it is due for renewal at the end of May. Watch this space for more info.

Branch NZART membership figures for at the 30th April have now been sent to all Branch Secretaries. Where possible they have been forwarded by e-mail leaving about 26 Branches to receive the information by regular post. As is usual, the most up to date membership figures will be issued to your Branch Delegates at Conference.

Thank you to those diligent people who have highlighted the anomalies in the scenarios as printed on page 24 of the Mar/April issue of Break In. Evan is currently working through them to ascertain the problem. At the time of this going to print he had not been able to detect the exact problem, however rest assured he will be speaking to this at Conference during the AGM.

Highlights from the Business Management Committee meeting held at Headquarters on Monday 23rd April are as follows:

Marketing – The BMC wish to advise that it is time to update and perhaps revamp the current Pamphlet titled “Television may bring the world into your living room... Amateur Radio lets you talk to it”. Anyone interested in assisting with this great opportunity to promote Amateur Radio, please advise the BM as soon as possible. Some suggestions have to been to include more pictures and less words.

Historic Archives – These have now been sent to the Alexander Turnbull National Library in Wellington and will in time be placed on public display. The library will also be a reference point for any interested people to gather information regarding the history of Amateur Radio in NZ. Most of the material sent has been put to print in the history book, “Ham Shack, Brass Pounders and Rag Chewers”.

Subscription Notices – Final reminder notices have now been sent to those members who have yet to pay their subscriptions. This may affect Branch figures for voting on remits, therefore please confirm with Debby if a member queries his name not being listed on the branch membership details.

NZART Audit – Evan advised Council that the audit fees for this year had lessened, as a result of the accurate presentation of records and accounts.

IARU Levies – The IARU levies for the 2001-year have now been paid to the IARU Region 3 Secretariat. These levies are paid each year by all international Societies to ensure the common goals of Amateur Radio can be achieved. New Zealand is held in very high regard Internationally, especially the efforts of people such as Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ Director and Chairman of Directors Region 3, Peter Lake ZL2AZ our NZART International Amateur Radio Liaison Officer and the many people on his team.

Until later this month –

In view of some of the remit topics up for debate at Conference 2001 I thought the following notes may be helpful. They will also appear in the next issue of Break-In

John Walker ZL3IB
Editor

Break-In: alternative formats

From time to time Council and I receive well-meaning, but ill-informed, suggestions for alternative options for printing *Break-In* in the hope that these might be more economical. One of the commonest suggestions is that we use a less expensive grade of paper such as newsprint. This has been investigated and could result in a minor saving on paper but could also add to the actual cost of the printing process because of its weaker physical strength etc. The cost of the paper is a relatively small fraction of the overall printing cost. Use of newsprint would definitely result in a marked loss of quality and which would be especially noticeable with pictures and diagrams.

Other people wonder why we cannot produce *Break-In* more or less like an enlarged version of a Branch newsletter using a word processor and a photocopier? Surely this would be cheaper? Well, if that is what you want for our National magazine so be it. However the facts are that we print and dispatch over 2000 copies of *Break-In* per issue and once you are over 100-200 copies printing becomes cheaper than photocopying. Next question, how would this 'newsletter' be dispatched? Who wants to wrap, address and post 2000 items on a regular monthly / bi-monthly basis.

In its present format each issue of *Break-In* contains over 64 000 words plus diagrams and photos. Assuming the 'el cheapo' *Break-In* was produced with a word processor/desk-top publisher do we have a volunteer with the necessary skills and time to edit and set this for each issue? And meet the deadline! In its present format these 64 000+ words occupy 48 printed pages (and some people complain that the type is too small). Using a word processor format would need the use of 10 point type to ensure readability which would then require 71 pages for the same 64 000 words! Bang go your savings on copying and paper, maybe also a higher cost for postage? All this ignores the flow-on effect of the loss of quality.

It may interest members to know that NZART's expenditure on *Break-In* and *Call-Book* is about the same percentage wise as for ARRL and VERON (the Dutch amateur radio organisation) and they have far more advertising income. NZART Council and your editor are proud of *Break-In* and receive many compliments from readers, locally and overseas, on its content and presentation. Let us not do anything to lose this enviable status. Remember the old adage "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

From the Ministry of Economic Development:

New Zealand Amateur Statistics at 1 May 2001 - Repeaters 205, Beacons 42, Digipeaters 27, Fixed 2, General 3317, Limited/Novice 69, Limited 1759, Novice 28, TV Repeaters 19. **Total 5468**

Did you know?

That our New Zealand Administration, the Ministry of Economic Development, Radio Spectrum Management, has a web page devoted to advising foreign radio amateurs about licensing arrangements for visitors coming to New Zealand?

You can check it out at www.med.govt.nz/rsm/publications/hamguide.html

The Ministry recently revised its web pages and this URL has changed. Please ensure that you give your overseas contacts this latest URL - and don't be surprised if it changes again! Hi!

75 Years of NZART – ZL75:

As part of the NZART 75th Jubilee Conference celebrations, a special call-sign ZL75 has been applied for, and approved by the MED. Recognising 75 years since our Association was first formed, this unique call will be on air during May. Operation of ZL75 is expected to commence on Monday May 14th but listen very carefully and you might just hear ZL75 a few days earlier. A special QSL card for this unique call and occasion has been arranged for each contact and will be dispatched via the bureau. See more details on page 36 of your March/April Break-In.

NZART Contest Update with Stan White ZL2ST:

The 2001 Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest Results (figures in thousands).

Northern Open

1. ZL1VK Papakura 562
2. ZL1AM Whangarei 503
3. ZL1CB Te Awamutu 451
4. ZL1FND Far North 325
5. ZL1AC Western Suburbs 285
6. ZL1AIU Eastern Bay of Plenty 273
7. ZL1FU Hibiscus Coast 161

Central Open

1. ZL2WB Wellington 610
2. ZL2AL Napier 543
3. ZL2QF Patea 521
4. ZL2KO Manawatu 434
5. ZL2AB New Plymouth 336
6. ZL2KB Kapiti 234

Midland Open

1. ZL3AC Christchurch 453
2. ZL2ARG Nelson 438
3. ZL3GY Westland 378
4. ZL3TX Christchurch 360
5. ZL3VV Christchurch West 227
6. ZL3UR South Canterbury 126

Note: Nelson/Marlborough has transferred from Central to Midland this year.

Southern Region

1. ZL4AL Eastern Southland 140
2. ZL4AA Otago 86
3. ZL4GQ Southland 77

80 Metres Only

1. ZL2AFV Titahi Bay 146
2. ZL1AB North Shore 96
3. ZL2OA Masterton 89
4. ZL2DS Horowhenua 86

Note: This result differs from the interim result by the addition of ZL2AFV whose log was incorrectly delivered initially by the delivery people.

Phone Only

1. ZL1IZ Waitomo 211
2. ZL1AA Auckland 187
3. ZL1ZLD Suburban Radio Club 156
4. ZL1BCO Taupo 142
5. ZL2AA Gisborne 125
6. ZL1SKC Howick & Pakuranga - St Kentigern College 92

CW Only

1. ZL1WI Western Suburbs 110

Single Operator

1. ZL3QR North Canterbury 88

QRP

1. ZL2MG Waimarino 70

Overseas

VK8AV

The check log from ZL1SA Franklin Branch operator Ian ZL1PZ was appreciated. Logs were generally good and teams seemed to enjoy the event. Had the usual problem with a few home stations joining in and some Branches having insufficient CW contacts. There were 268 operators at 42 field stations.

Upcoming Contests:

The NZART Sangster Shield contest Saturday/Sunday May 19/20 0800-1100 - note the times given in the calendar in Break In were incorrect but were OK in the rules.

May 26/27 the worldwide CQ WPX Prefix CW Contest between 0000 and 2400 hours.

See April/May Break In for the rules.

Dates To Remember:

- ✓ **Closing date** for copy for **May/June Break-In** is Thursday 10th May
- ✓ **The Next Headquarters-Info-Line**, will be E-mailed on Sunday 20th May

- ✓ **NZART Official Broadcast** at 8pm on Sunday 27 May with a special Jubilee Conference Broadcast at 8pm (only) on Sunday 3rd of June.
- ✓ **NZART 75th Jubilee Conference**, Auckland 2nd & 3rd of June. **Register Now!**

Finally a reminder to get your registration in for the NZART 75th Jubilee Conference to be held in Auckland over Queens Birthday Weekend. Full details and a registration form can be found on pages 26 & 27 of your March/April Break-In. **To be eligible for the \$10 discount (per Full Weekend registration) your registration must be received before May 19th.** It does seem with the battle currently taking in place between airlines to win your custom, there may be no time cheaper than now to take a flight to Auckland for the NZART 75th Jubilee Conference.

That's all for this issue.

73

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Editor