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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:
Happy New Year to you all.

Council Face to Face

Your Council will be meeting face to face on the 9th and 10th February here in Upper Hutt. If there is anything that your Branch wishes Council to discuss please let me know by the 24th January, so that it may be included in their agenda.

Subscriptions

If you have not paid your 2002 subscription, you will not receive the next issue of Break In due for distribution at the beginning of February. Non-payment of subs will also automatically cancel your NZART e-mail address if you have subscribed to this service.

Recruiting/Advertising material

As this is a New Year we need to think again about our membership. NZART is an Association owned by its members, therefore we must focus towards increasing membership. The country needs more radio amateurs. The start of a new year is the time to start classes for new entrants into Amateur Radio.

To get candidates for your classes, Branches are fortunate to have advertising material available. The NZART web page has the following information you can download and adapt for your own Branch use. All are now revised to meet the recent new Radiocommunications Regulations requirements.

All can be downloaded, adapted and copied off in bulk on any black-and-white photocopier, then distributed to schools, supermarket notice-boards, doctors' waiting rooms, and the like.

Advertisements – all you have to do is to enter the time and place for your meeting.

Brochures – again, just enter the contact details for your Branch.

Pamphlets – for handing out to visitors at your Branch Meetings.

There is also a computer PowerPoint display program for adapting with information about your Branch and then to use as a colourful eye-catcher at fairs and shopping malls etc.

Having got your candidates, you will need training and teaching material. Again, we are fortunate with the following, revised for the latest Regulations:

A new booklet about the "New Rules" for Amateur Radio in New Zealand, covering all the regulatory requirements. Price \$5

A book with all 600 questions in the Examination Question-bank. Price \$15

To cover the radio theory, use these two documents with ARRL or RSGB Handbooks and other textbooks covering the technical theory of radio communication. Radio theory books can be obtained by direct purchase or loaned from your Branch library, or by borrowing from Branch members. Unfortunately the NZART "Basic Radio Training Manual" is out of date, the Regulations and the exam questions having been changed. But it is still very suitable for the theory.

The NZART web page has other resources for you:

The Study Guide provides teaching notes for every part of the syllabus. You can copy off what you wish and use it however you wish. Make up your own booklets.

The new Morse Teacher program is ideal for preparing your candidates to 5 words-per- minute. How about a week-end camp – with 5 wpm the aim?

The resources to help you with your Branch training classes have never been better. Remember that the examinations and Morse tests are provided by appointment, as soon as your candidates are ready.

Good luck, and please provide me with any new ideas or new training material so it can be put into the common pool to help all of us in this important work.

‘til next time.....

Did you know?

That a comprehensive list of all the New Zealand Amateur Radio AWARDS with a LOG SHEET for each AWARD are on the NZART web site?

Just download and print the log sheet for an AWARD. Enter the contact details when you have worked a station. When entries are complete, apply for the AWARD. Just post the log sheet off to the Awards Manager! Simple and convenient!

This arrangement didn't just happen. NZART works in the interests of all radio amateurs in New Zealand and needs the support of your continuing membership. Suggest to others that they join NZART too.

See: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/join/join.html>

(Many Branch newsletter editors make good use of Did you Know? Specially for editors attached to this issue of Info-line is the Omnibus Edition of Did You Know? It contains all of the last years Did you Knows in one file. Perhaps items useful to fill that last spare gap in your Branch Newsletter.)



"Centre of New Zealand NZART Conference 2002"

The venue is to be the **Tahuna Conference Centre**. Accommodation is being organised by **Nelson Tourism Services** and should be booked through them. This does not cost you anything, but it does allow us to have them help us out by providing the service at no cost either to you, or the Conference. **Nelson Tourism Services, P. O. Box 1282 Nelson**. Telephone 03 5466-338 or Fax 03 5459-227 or e-mail conferences@nzdirect.co.nz

For further Conference information please contact **Conference Secretary**; Letitia Scott 03 5450 237 or **Chairman**, David Holland 03 5485 414. Fax 03 5485 414 or 03 5488 738. E-mail conference2002@nzart.org.nz or post to P.O. Box 414, Nelson.

From the Ministry of Economic Development

Amateur Statistics as at 3 January 2002: Repeaters 205, Beacons 42, Digirepeaters 29, Fixed 2, General 3306, Limited/Novice 13, Limited 1691, Novice 22, TV Repeaters 19, **Total 5329**

The Branch Spot:

For information on future, current and past Amateur Radio events on the North Shore of Auckland, visit the Branch 29 NZART Web site at:

<http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/station/2849/northshore.html>

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

Remember National Field Day, which is a memorial to Jock White ZL2GX is now just over 1 month away. February 23rd & 24th This year's event will be the 50th consecutive Field Day. Will you be active in a team or at your own Field Day station? More Branch numbers in use adds to the interest in this activity so plan now to put a station in the field. A minimum of 25 CW or 50 phone contacts is required. Abbreviated rules are in your November/December Break In and full rules are on the contests page of the NZART website at www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests

Dates To Remember:

- **First NZART Official Broadcast for 2002 Sunday 27th January**
- **HQ-Info-Line, will be E-mailed next on Sunday 3rd February**
- **NZART Conference 1st & 2nd June 2002 *Nelson - live the day***

73

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