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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:

OOPS Correction - I advised in the AGM Minutes attached to the last HQ Info-Line, that the subscription rebate period has been extended to **30 November 2003**. I do apologise for this error, this should read, **30 NOVEMBER 2002**.

NZART HQ 20th Anniversary Celebrations - Sunday the 30th June was a great success considering. I did have a few people guessing over dates. Many members of the local and neighbouring Branches called in for a visit and operated ZL6A. It was a little too hectic to keep a log, as the station was set up with both the HF rig and the dual bander side by side. This is what happens when you *really have amateurs playing with technical stuff (that's me!)*. I do apologise to Bruce ZL2WP for not consulting the professionals when setting the station up.

There were just over 100 QSO's with one even from Bulgaria operating on 40metres. Although it wasn't our intention to go international we were extremely excited to have made a contact so far away.

A special thanks to Dick ZL2ADB and Paul ZL2ALP who assisted throughout the morning working the various bands. Also thanks to all those who attended through the day and the local Branch Presidents, Vice Presidents, Treasurer's and Secretary's who came along to commemorate yet another milestone of NZART.

One final mention to David ZL2DW from Hastings, who kept me thoroughly confused by not only switching frequencies, but also callsigns. Hmm I still have a lot to learn.

Workload permitting, I do hope to have a small article prepared in time for the next Break In, complete with photos.

July/August Break In

Just a reminder that the next issue of Break In will include the 2002/2003 Call Book PLUS your 2003 subscription invoice. Please remember to check before throwing away your wrapper that you have received this.

See you in the next issue.....

From the Ministry of Economic Development:

Amateur Statistics as at 1 July 2002:

Repeaters 206	Beacons 42	Digipeaters 29
Fixed 2	General 3299	Limited/Novice 1
Limited 1640	Novice 18	TV Repeaters 19

Total 5256

Did you know...

That the NZART Web Page has FREE study material for download and for use by anyone who wishes to become a Radio Amateur? Amateur Radio is a self-driven activity and only self-study can get a pass in the Amateur Radio Examination. Encourage the motivation!

All 600 questions from the New Zealand Amateur Radio Examination Question-Bank, with and without answers and with explanatory study and tutorial notes are given. There are trial test papers for self-checking tests as study progresses. The Tutorial Notes can be printed off and carried in the back pocket for studying on the bus. Use them in your Branch Classes too!

All this is FREE! So freely copy it and pass it on to anyone! Get someone started on the way to becoming a radio amateur with the gift of a floppy disk with the STUDY GUIDE and another with the TUTORIAL NOTES! The NZART web page is at: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart> Click on "Exam Info".

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>

BRANCH SPOT:

Manukau Branch 21 Golden Jubilee - Manukau Branch 21 is celebrating their 50 year Jubilee on the 20th July with a nostalgia night, followed by a dine and dance at economy rates. In August there will be a Manukau Award running for the month. Enquiries to Secretary or e-mail zltr@xtra.co.nz

Please note that the e-mail address for correspondence shown in the Ham Ad in your latest Break-In is incorrect. It should read: zltr@xtra.co.nz and not ZL1TR.

National System 2002 Award:

Sponsored by Wellington VHF Group, Branch 74, this award is to highlight the extensive coverage of the National System and to promote contacts with all NZART Branches. The Award will run from **1 August 2002 to 31 October 2002**, and is available to all Amateur operators. No fee applies. Each Branch may be listed only once. Contacts with mobile stations qualify.

Qualify for all three certificates! Contacts are cumulative, those listed for a N.S.25 certificate also count toward the N.S.50 certificate, and those listed for a N.S.50 certificate also count toward the N.S.75 certificate.

"25" Contact any Amateur in each of twenty-five NZART Branches via the National System to receive the N.S.25 Certificate.

"50" Contact any Amateur in each of fifty NZART Branches via the National System to receive the N.S.50 Certificate and Prize.

"75" Contact any Amateur in each of seventy-five NZART Branches via the National System to receive the N.S.75 Certificate and Prize

Send a log of contacts with; date, time, call-sign contacted, and NZART Branch, for each contact; and including your own name, call-sign, and postal address, to: *The Award Custodian, Wellington VHF Group, PO Box 26-098, Newlands, Wellington.* Applications close 30 November 2002.

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

July 13/14 1200-1200 UTC (Sat/Sun) IARU HF Multimode Championship.

July 20 0700-2330 UTC (Sat) Pacific 160 Metre Contest. This event provides activity in the Pacific on 160 metres and needs your support. Work each station once only and exchange RS(T) plus serial number starting at 001. CW 1810-1840 kHz, SSB 1843-1875 kHz

July 27 1000-1100 UTC (Sat) Waitakere SSB Sprint. This is a one hour event to test your contest speed. Exchange RS plus serial number starting at 001 on frequencies between 3550 kHz and 3700 kHz.

Dates To Remember:

- **Closing Date for copy for the next issue of Break-In Wednesday 10th July.**
- **HQ-Info-Line, will be E-mailed next on Sunday 21st July**
- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 28th July.**

73

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