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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:

Business Management Committee: A meeting of the Business Committee was held on Tuesday evening 27th January. The following is a summary of the minutes.

NZART Computer: The BMC recommends to Council a second computer be purchased to lessen risk the amount of Spam and virus's. The present computer will be used as an Internet connection and a backup machine for the Association's accounting programme and membership database. At the time of this installation all upgrades to the membership database such as including the names/membership number of family members will be completed.

Call Book on CD Rom: With the enhancement of call book on CD Rom to be implemented in August for those who have ordered one, we have been advised by the President of WIA, that our CD will also include the WIA call book in electronic form.

Conference 2004: Council's accommodation has been booked and confirmed for this year's annual conference in Blenheim. They will be staying at Chateau Marlborough as this venue has offered Council their meeting room facilities at no extra charge, and have also negotiated a very reasonable room rate.

NZART HQ: Advice has been received from the building owners that the building is under conditional sale and purchase. At this time we are unsure of the impact this will mean to NZART HQ as the rental renewal is not due until August 2004.

See you next time.....**Debby ZL2TDM**

Licence statistics from the Ministry of Economic Development's web site with Tony Case ZL1UD:

Amateur Radio Licensing Statistics					
	Category	Date	Date	Date	Date
		Oct. 23, 03	Nov. 25, 03	Dec. 19, 03	Jan.23,04
	General Grade	3198	3155	3162	3168
	Limited Grade	1546	1516	1525	1534
	Novice Grade	12	12	12	12
	Total Licensed Amateurs	4756	4683	4699	4714
	Beacons	42	42	42	42
	Digi-peaters	28	28	28	29
	Fixed	2	2	2	2
	Repeaters	211	211	211	211
	TV Repeaters	19	19	19	19
	Total Licenses	5058	4985	5001	5017

IARU NEWS:

The Twelfth Regional 3 Conference is being held from February 16 - 20, 2004 in Taipei, Taiwan

There will be workshops on two important topics:

The first is a Workshop on WRC 2003. It will include a detailed discussion on the new Article 25. To facilitate the discussion, a paper by Michael Owen VK3KI is being circulated with the Conference papers so that all societies will be able to make an advance study and brief their delegation on issues to raise and matters for seeking clarification.

The other Workshop will be on The Society's IARU Liaison Officer. The Workshop will help gain a better appreciation of the duties and responsibilities of the Liaison Officer and hopefully lead to greater satisfaction from the work carried out by Liaison Officers. More information can be found at: <http://www.jarl.or.jp/iaru-r3/>

Experience Marlborough 2004 NZART Conference:

When - Queens Birthday weekend, 5th & 6th June 2004.

Where - Marlborough Girls College, McLaughlan Street, Blenheim.

Come and enjoy the 78th annual NZART conference in Blenheim we are easily accessible by road, air and sea there is no excuse not to come!

The conference committee is working hard to put together a memorable weekend for you, with entertainment, guest speakers, forums and the alternative programme.

The forums will include the latest in the digital world, satellite dx and some home brew sessions. There will be a follow up on the Medical Imaging session of 2002 in Nelson, also voice on internet protocols, echolink and internet repeater linking project (IRLP). Expect the usual in Sunday's lineup: SPAM, AREC, WARO, OTC and AMSAT-ZL.

Ham Kiwiana a display of NZ Amateur Radio projects old and new is developing well. If you have equipment such as the Galbraith series, the Wellington Walkie, Climie, Southland projects, the Tucker tin etc. please let us know.

The alternative programme will be everything that you will expect from the gourmet province of Marlborough: wine, fine food, olives crafts and natural products.

The Conference registration form will be in your March/April edition of Break-In.

Accommodation remains at a premium in Blenheim for this holiday weekend so book early and avoid disappointment. For information see our website: www.zl2ks.com

Contact: Conference Secretary: Helen Harris ZL2TPT

Telephone or Fax: 03 575 7181

Or e-mail: mt.adde@xtra.co.nz

VHF FIELD DAY CONTEST - DECEMBER 2003:

Certificate winners:

Overall	ZL1BK with 6367 points
6 m	ZL2GK with 4060 points
2 m	ZL1BQ with 1278 points
70 cm	ZL6EE with 1719 points
32 cm	ZL1BQ with 144 points
23 cm	ZL1BK with 1380 points
12 cm	ZL1BK with 3564 points
9 cm	ZL1TPH with 11 points
5 cm	ZL1TPH with 16 points

GREATEST DX

6 m international	ZL2KS – JR2HCB	9435 km
6 m local	ZL2AGI – ZL2GK	374 km
2 m	ZL1TPH - ZL2TGQ	539 km
70 cm	ZL1IU – ZL6EE	450 km
32 cm	ZL1AVZ – ZL1BQ	146 km
23 cm	ZL1TPH – ZL1BQ	424 km
12 cm	ZL1BK – ZL1TPH	318 km
9 cm	ZL1TBG – ZL1TPH	9 km
5 cm	ZL1TBG – ZL1TPH	9 km

78 ZL stations were active, as well as many in Vanuatu, Australia and Japan.

THE NEXT VHF/UHF/SHF/EHF CONTEST IS:

Hibernation Contest - 50 MHz and up. Saturday the 3rd and Sunday the 4th of April.
1600-2200 NZT Saturday, 0800-1400 NZT Sunday.

The rules were published in September/October 2000 Break-In. The rules are also available at: www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/vhfcontestrules.html

All contest logs should be sent, to arrive within TWO WEEKS of the contest, to:

Contest Manager,
Wellington VHF Group,
P.O. Box 12-259,
Thorndon,
WELLINGTON

Branch Spot:

The **Far North Branch 78** NZART is celebrating 25 years this year and will be having a special event station (ZL1FND) for the month of June. A QSL card will be issued to all contacts with ZL1FND during that month. There will be no charge for this and no need to apply.

Planning for the 25th anniversary celebrations is underway. Celebrations will be in the form of a sit-down meal on Saturday 26th June, followed by a used equipment sale / BBQ on Sunday 27th June.

Dates To Remember:

- **Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on Sunday 15th February**
- **Next NZART Official Broadcast 8pm & 9pm on Sunday 29th February**
- **NZART Conference 5th and 6th June 2004 at Marlborough Girls College, Blenheim**

73

Jim Meachen ZL2BHF

Editor