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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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The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

Elections are now closed and results will be advised by telephone to Candidates on Monday evening. All members will receive the news on the Official Broadcast next Sunday night and HQ Info-line on the 3rd of April. Of course they will also be published in Break In.

HQ will be closed from Friday 18th March until Tuesday 29th March, as I will be away in the Rotorua district. Hopefully I will have a chance to catch up with some of you while I am there.

Peter ZL2SJ will be coming in to HQ from time to time, however, please call first 04 528 2170 to arrange a time if you need anything. If urgent you can contact me on my cell phone 021 717 378.

Talk soon - Debby ZL2TDM

Branch Spot:

E-mail contact details for the Far North & Districts amateur Radio Club, Branch 78 NZART now differ to those published in Call Book. Please amend your records to be: ericos@kol.co.nz

Branch 78 also gives preliminary notice of their mid-year function to be held on Sunday June 26 at Taipa. The programme will be a Used Equipment Sale and Trading Tables followed by a meal. Trading Table space is free of charge. The Club will need to know what table space is required in advance. The cost of the meal is to be determined and will be advised in due course. Those interested please contact by e-mail to ericos@kol.co.nz.

VHF Convention 2005:

The members and committee of the Wellington VHF Group invite you to attend VHF Convention. Convention will feature an exciting mix of speakers, technical presentations, VHF Forum, mobile rally and fox-hunt, mini-Contest, special interest groups, and this year for the first time, a special forum for National System Trustees. The technical programme is complimented by Hands-on satellite and moonbounce activities. Spot prizes.

Dates: Next weekend 25th, 26th, 27th & 28th of March.
Venue: Raroa Intermediate School, Haumia Street, Johnsonville.
Registration: Full programme including Dinner \$80.00

Programme:

Friday pm	Registration and informal get-together and snacks at the venue
Saturday	Keynote speaker, technical programme, VHF Forum
Sat night	Wellington Area Amateur Radio Dinner and social
Sunday	Technical programme, mobile rally, National System Trustees forum, & special interest groups.

Wellington Area Amateur Radio Dinner:

All Amateurs, spouses/partners and their personal guests are invited to attend this social event associated with the VHF Convention being held in Wellington over Easter 2005, organised and run by the Wellington VHF Group.

Time: 6:30 for 7:30 dining, Saturday 26th March 2005 (Next Saturday).
Venue: The function Room, Johnsonville Club Inc, 1 Norman Lane, Johnsonville.
Dinner: Smorgasbord: choice of meat & salads, hot vegetables, complimentary wine, and fruit juices. Fruit-salad and Pavlova for dessert. Tea & coffee.
Bar service: This is **NOT** bring-your-own (BYO), but a bar service is available at Club prices.
Dance floor: Large Dance floor, bring along your favourite CD.
Entertainment: Amateurs are good performers –some will surely entertain you!
Charge: For those registered for the VHF Convention programme, the cost of the dinner is included in your registration fee. For those who wish to attend the dinner only, a charge of \$30.00 per person applies.

The **latest** technical programme for VHF Convention and a brochure, with a Registration form for VHF Convention and the Wellington Area Amateur Radio Dinner are at

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/infoline/registration.pdf> and
<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/infoline/convtalk.pdf>

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

There are still a number of Jock White field day logs to come in. Closing date is next Saturday 26th March. The next big international contest is the CQ Worldwide WPX (prefix) contest next weekend March 26/27 Saturday 0000 UTC until Sunday 2400 UTC.

The next NZART contest is the Thelma Souper Memorial Contest on April 2/3 0800-1000 each evening, Saturday and Sunday. See Break In WARO column for details.

NEW PLYMOUTH WIND-WAND SYMPOSIUM

The New Plymouth Amateur Radio Club invites all members of NZART to the New Plymouth Wind-Wand Symposium 2005. This includes the NZART Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 4th June.

Venue: The Quality Hotel Plymouth International.
Courtenay Street,
New Plymouth. Phone 0800-800-597

Date: Queens Birthday weekend 4th, 5th and 6th June 2005.

Accommodation: The Quality Hotel Plymouth International is the booking agent for the venue and they have a variety of rooms available at the above premises and the Auto Lodge. If you want to stay at a motor camp or somewhere else please feel free to make your own bookings. When booking please state that you are attending the *NZART Wind-Wand Symposium*.

Transport: Please indicate on the Registration form if you need to be met at the Airport. The maximum shuttle fare will be \$15 per person but this could be reduced depending on numbers, flights.

Talk in station: ZL2AB will be operating on both 720 and 705 repeaters and the National System.

Symposium Registrations: will be in the Hotel Foyer at the Quality Hotel Plymouth International from 5.30pm on Friday 3rd June, closing at 9.00 pm and re-opening at 7.30am on Saturday 4th June. The Registration desk area will be open during the Symposium to assist you with any requests. There will be an informal gathering on Friday evening after registration.

The **Official Opening** of the Symposium will be at 9am Saturday with local dignitaries in attendance.

The **NZART AGM** will commence at 9.30am, chaired by the President Peter Norden ZL2SJ. This meeting will finish at approximately 3pm. Afternoon tea to follow. Richard Rowntree ZL1BOK will then conduct a forum (New & Used Equipment, availability, and how to get on the air) until 5 pm.

The **Annual Dinner** will commence at 6.30pm for drinks and with the meal at 7.30pm. The evening entertainment will be provided by the "Plastic Fantastics" an all girl group that has a good song and dance routine dressed in shopping bags and has to be seen to be believed.

AGMs and Forums will recommence at 8.45am on Sunday; these will be AREC, (at the Taranaki Emergency Management Office), all others, OTC, SPAM, WARO, AMSAT, VHF, Contests, ARPS, Digital Modes etc, will be at the hotel.

Mobile Rally; is scheduled to commence at 1pm on Sunday 5th (see Registration Form). Tarry ZL2KV and Frank ZL2BR are managing this activity. There will be some differences this time with a Hidden Transmitter Hunt (on 2m) incorporated during the Rally; any HF or VHF frequencies can be used. There is also a section for Valve AM rigs manufactured or designed prior to 1960. All road rules must be obeyed and Radio Regulations complied with.

Alternative Program: On Saturday a bus will leave the venue at 9.30am and head to Puke Ariki Museum/Centre City shopping complex. Lunch will be at Oakura followed by a visit to the Coastal Arts and Crafts trail; returning in time for the Saturday night activities.

On Sunday a bus will leave the venue at 9.30am for Kiln Creations (paint your very own design on a plate, cup or dish). Lunch is provided in the Bell Block area. At 2pm the bus will return to a Max's Movie Theatre, then returning in time for the Sunday night entertainment. This will consist of a Buffet Meal, with Gentleman Jim Meachen conducting a quiz to keep you on your toes.

Car boot Sale: For anyone interested in selling or buying equipment, we intend to have a car boot sale in the hotel car park at lunchtime on Sunday. There will be no commission or space charges. Disclaimer: the NPARC has no responsibility for any transactions.

Optional extra: If there is sufficient interest we can arrange a trip to the Nigel Ogle's Tawhiti Museum near Hawera. This museum is the work of one man and depicts local history and scenes from the Taranaki Wars. It is well worth a visit. Please advise the Registration Desk when you register if you choose to do this. A minimum of 25 for a bus, or you may decide to pool cars. This will be on a User Pays basis.

Why Wind Wand Symposium? Many associate Mount Taranaki with our beautiful province but we thought that the Wind Wand was more specific to New Plymouth in particular. It was designed by the late Len Lye who was looking for a way to compose motion. The Wind Wand is a narrow red fibre glass tube, 200mm in diameter and stands 45 metres high on the foreshore of New Plymouth. It weighs approximately 900 kg and can bend at least 20 metres. At night the light at the top emits a soft red glow. It was controversial when it was first erected but has now been proudly accepted by most as representing our beautiful coastal walkway.

The use of the word "symposium" is also extremely apt. Various dictionaries consulted give meanings of: "A meeting or conference for the discussion of some topic. Especially one in which the participants form an audience and make presentations", "Ancient Greek after dinner drinking party with music, dancing, or conversation", "Philosophical or other friendly discussion", "Drinking party", and "A convivial meeting". Synonyms located include: congress, convention, convocation, discussion, forum, meeting, conference, consultation, conversation, debate, deliberation and dialogue. As you can see from this, the Symposium that will be held here in New Plymouth should be all of the above. We are aiming to make it an extremely pleasurable and informative occasion for all attending.

Website: See our website www.nzart.org/nzart/ and follow the links to New Plymouth Amateur Radio Club. Other web sites of interest are: www.newplymouthnz.com (for more about New Plymouth), www.windwand.co.nz/ourwindwand_main.htm (for more pictures of the Wind Wand). For the Quality Plymouth International Hotel (the actual venue) and all its facilities, check out: www.plymouth.co.nz Bill Campbell ZL2AIB, email zl2aib@nzart.org.nz

A Registration Form for the New Plymouth Wind-Wand Symposium 4-5-6th June 2005 is attached to this Issue of HQIL. (See Registration form at the following link – <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/inline/ConfRegistrationForm.pdf>

Dates to Remember:

- **Technology Convention, Wellington 26th & 27th March.**
- **NZART Official Broadcast 8pm & 9pm on Sunday 27th March.**
- **Next HQ-Info-Line Sunday 3rd April.**
- **NZART Wind-Wand Symposium 4th, 5th and 6th June.**

73

**Jim Meachen ZL2BHF
Editor**