



Headquarters - Info - Line

... a service from ...

The New Zealand Association of
Radio Transmitters Incorporated



17th April 2005

Issue #93

Greetings Everyone!

Welcome to **Headquarters-Info-Line** a fortnightly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters E-mailed directly to Branches.

It has never been easier to subscribe to the Info-Line distribution list and have Info-Line sent to you direct by E-mail. Just check into the NZART web page <http://www.nzart.org.nz>. Look for **Info-Line Subscribe**. Supply your name, callsign and e-mail address and that's all you need to do. You will receive an e-mail confirmation of your auto-subscription and you can un-subscribe at any time.

The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

Final Reminders - for the 2005 subscriptions have now been posted out. Please contact me if you are experiencing financial problems which would ultimately require you to cease your membership to NZART. There are payment options available.

Branch Circulars - have also been posted to all Branch secretaries. Included in the mail-out is the Branch detail update. Please make sure that you complete and return this to me by May 16th so that your listings will be correct in the next Call book.

Repeater & Beacon - information was enclosed with the Branch circular, so again I urge you to acknowledge all details to Doug Ingham ZL2TAR to ensure accurate details are recorded in this years' Call Book.

NZART Sub Leasing - with another organisation has yet to be agreed upon. I did attend the AGM for this organisation in Auckland back in February, however as yet contracts have to be agreed and signed so nothing has been actioned to date. I hope that I will be able to advise in the very near future the outcome of all the negotiations and when/if a commencement date is confirmed.

Combined Wellington Area Branch Junk Sale - was a tremendous success. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the organisers of this event and also the invitation for NZART HQ to have a display table. This proved quite successful with 3 new members signing up. I have noticed at events such as these and Branch meetings, that people who would otherwise probably wait until they remembered 'to do it' approached the table with questions regarding membership and actually joined after they received answers.

That's all from me.... Debby ZL2TDM

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

The following contests for May – Sangster Shield CW Contest May 14/15th 0800-1100 (Sat/Sun)
Comments on this contest on page 43 of your March/April Break-In. Full rules for detailed on page 5-4
of the 2004-5 NZART Callbook also the NZART Web Site.

On Saturday May 21st for the VK/Trans-Tasman Phone contest 0800-1400 (Sat). See the summary of
rules plus changes on page 43 of your March/April Break-In.

IARU News 576: World Amateur Radio Day April 18

Newington, CT, USA. April 12, 2005 - The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) and its member societies representing more than 150 countries around the world celebrate World Amateur Radio Day each year on April 18. The theme for this year's celebration is "Expanding the World of Wireless Communications."

Amateur Radio operators, sometimes called "Hams," have been the leaders in developing many of today's modern electronic and communications marvels. Today the citizens of Earth can think of "wireless" as being the ubiquitous cellular or portable phone because of the pioneering work in radio and associated technologies first explored by these amateurs. Many leading electrical engineers were able to draw from their practical experiences as Amateur Radio operators as they developed modern radio and television receivers and transmitters including two-way radios, adaptive antennas, and many other inventions that are today's necessities.

Today's hams continue to explore new frontiers. Radio Amateurs are finding ways to use frequencies at the fringes of the radio spectrum while developing marriages of radio and the internet, and experimenting with ultra-high speed digital communications. Ham Radio operators are "amateurs" only because they are unpaid volunteers; their skills and contributions to the world are of the highest order. Since 1925, the IARU has been instrumental in coordinating and representing Amateur Radio to the world. For information about the International Amateur Radio Union please see: www.iaru.org

WIA News:

Special Anzac Day Callsign VI 90 ANZAC For Use In Western Australia: Dennis Muldownie VK6KAD reports that the Special Callsign VI 90 ANZAC has been arranged for use on the 23rd 24th and 25th of April 2005. The Dates and Times (0001 on the 23rd to 2400 on the 25th are UTC, GMT or Zulu whichever you prefer to use). Operation of this callsign will be from at least four areas in VK6 and we hope to operate from Albany on the 25th, from just after dawn on. Operation will be aimed particularly at VK, ZL, P2, and of course any amateur with a Turkish Callsign. Operation will be on HF voice and hopefully on CW as well.

Albany was the point of embarkation for the first Convoy of Australian and New Zealand troupes in World War One. It was also the birthplace of the traditional ANZAC day Dawn Service.

Are You Ready? – Prime-time Civil Defence Documentary Screens Tonight:

A special two-hour civil defence documentary/debate will screen tonight Sunday 17 April at 8.30pm on TV1. This is an exciting development for Civil Defence Emergency Management - a prime-time television slot devoted to raising awareness of New Zealand's hazards and focusing on the need to be prepared.

The key message to be reinforced throughout the programme, is the need for individuals and communities to plan to look after themselves for at least three days. While the public can count on support from the agencies involved, (and the range of interviews with Civil Defence, emergency services, utilities staff etc builds a picture of everyone working together in the new CDEM environment) help may not arrive for at least three days - people must take responsibility to look after themselves during this time.

Recording for the documentary's studio debate took place in Auckland on 12 March 2005 with a wide-ranging audience from mayors, Civil Defence and emergency services staff and scientists, to community group representatives, volunteers, and the general public.

- **Are You Ready?** Screens tonight, Sunday 17 April on TV One 8.30pm to 10.30pm.
- Main theme is 'preparedness' - know your hazards and be more resilient
- A rare and key opportunity to inform our communities about individual and family preparedness, emergency planning and survival kits
- Simulates a volcanic eruption in Auckland, a major earthquake in Wellington and flooding in Christchurch

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 fibreglass 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/infoline/ConfRegistrationForm.pdf>

Dates to Remember:

- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 24th April**
- **Next HQ-Info-Line Sunday 1st May.**
- **NZART Wind-Wand Symposium 4th, 5th and 6th June.**

73

Jim Meachen ZL2BHF

Editor