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Greetings Everyone

Welcome to Headquarters-Info-Line a fortnightly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters E-mailed directly to Branches and to others that subscribe through the NZART Web Site.

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The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says

SMART Callsign/Certificate Fees: Once again I reiterate with the introduction of the Certificate of Competency and Callsign allocation, NZART MUST recover some costs by imposing a fee structure.

The minimal time to process a new application for callsign and certificate is approximately 20 minutes, add postage and printing this soon adds to an already expensive exercise, however on the upside it will be done almost as soon as the application and relevant paper work is received here by me.

If I do not receive clearly completed applications and the Official Examination Result Notification, I am required to spend additional time and resources before I can complete the process. I ask ALL Examiners to please ensure that you forward all documentation to me as soon as possible.

The callsign/certificate fees to be charged by NZART as at 1 January 2007 are as follows:

Application for Callsign/Certificate of Competency:	Fee	Comment
NZART Member's Rate*	\$30	
Non NZART Member's Rate	\$50	
Student Application for Callsign/Certificate	\$25	(E-mail address is required)
Other related charges:		
Providing a replacement Certificate	\$20	
Examination Fee	\$15	
Amendment to existing callsign/details in SMART	\$20	
Special Event Callsign (temporary use)	\$10	
Secondary Callsign application	\$10	

* [members of NZART and those joining members who enclose at the time of forwarding the Radio 4A form an appropriate application form with fees, as set out in the Subscription Details below, are entitled to the Member's rate]

Present membership rates for those wishing to join NZART include:

Transmitting membership NZART	\$95
Student Membership	\$40 [special conditions apply]

Thus an intending full transmitting member would pay: Application for Callsign/Certificate of \$30 plus Membership fee of \$95 (total \$125) and an intending student member would pay Application for Callsign/Certificate of \$25 plus Membership fee of \$40 (total \$65).

Note:

1. An amateur radio operator is required to hold a certificate and a callsign (NZ Radio Regulations, General User Radio Licence for Amateur Radio Operators 3 (1)).
2. These fees are subject to revision.

Branch Circulars: These have now been sent to all Branches where an e-mail address is known. Thank you to all those Branches who have submitted an e-mail address for this to happen promptly and correctly. This saves time and money.

Don Ewen ZL1DTE - New ZL1 Councillor: NZART President Bruce Douglas ZL2WP, advises that as a result of the recent resignation of Dr Barry Kirkwood ZL1DD (as one of three Councillors representing the Northern Electoral District Executive Council), NZART Executive Council were required to fill the casual vacancy that then arose. After due consideration, an invitation was extended to former Council Member Don Ewen ZL1DTE to accept the role as a replacement ZL1 Councillor and we are delighted to let you know that Don has been pleased to accept the appointment. In terms of the NZART Constitution Don will hold office until the next Executive Council takes Office.

For payment of membership fees by bank direct debit:

NZART account details are **BNZ 02 0772 0209760 00**, please quote your membership number (where known) in the reference field, otherwise your call sign.

Finally...I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy prosperous New Year and many thanks for all your kind wishes and support through 2006.

Talk to you all again soon... Debby **ZL2TDM**

Important Notice to All Radio Amateurs, Students, Exam Candidates and Exam Supervisors

There have been regulatory and procedural changes involving the General User Radio Licence for Amateur Radio Operators, the General Amateur Operators Certificate of Competency, and to the Amateur Radio Callsign arrangements.

The new arrangements concern all radio amateurs. It is recommended that you download a copy of the *NEW RULES explained* booklet from the NZART website and study it - to be sure that you are familiar with our new operating circumstances.

The consequential detailed revisions of the Amateur Radio Examination Question-Bank and the many training documents have been completed.

Changes to the Amateur Radio Examination

The revised examination-paper-generating software is available from the NZART website and is for immediate use.

These have all been revised to reflect the new requirements and the new versions are available from the NZART website:

The Amateur Radio Exam-paper software	The <i>Question-Bank</i> book
The <i>Amateur Radio Study Guide</i>	The <i>Tutorial Notes</i>
The <i>NEW RULES explained</i> booklet	The <i>Secret Listening</i> booklet

The CD-ROM *All You Need to Know to Become a Radio Amateur*, available from NZART Headquarters, has been updated with these revisions and is an ideal Christmas gift.

Send \$10 to NZART Headquarters and it will be posted gift-wrapped with your message direct to your selected recipient.

Radio, Radio Waves and Schools

Remember that you have been asked to help with supporting your local school to take an interest in radio and to help students to find out the many ways in which radio is used today. Please visit the Radio, Radio Waves and Schools page at the NZART website:

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/waves/radiowaves.html>.

Please download and print the pamphlet, print it double-sided. Please distribute copies so the staff at each of your local schools is made aware of this resource of radio teaching material including several teaching booklets. These are freely available for downloading by anyone to use to promote and to encourage interest in radio. Please pass the pamphlet on to all your Branch members for passing-on.

NZART Stolen Equipment Register

Correct as at: 10 December 2006

Make: Kenwood
Model: TH-42AT
Serial Number: 60201100
Type: 430 MHz FM Handheld Transceiver (Handheld with keypad)
Stolen From: A vehicle in Papakura
Date: 20/11/06
Owner: David Karrasch ZL1DK

Would any person who has knowledge of this equipment please contact the rightful owner or me.

Roy Symon, ZL2KH, Manager – NZART Stolen Equipment Register, 25 Annandale St., New Plymouth, Phone: 06-758-2156, Fax: 06-758-2154, Email: zl2kh@nzart.org.nz

Break-In Closing Date Reminder

From the Editor *Break-In*, Official Journal of NZART Inc:

Copy for the **February/March** of *Break-In* closes on **10 January 2007**. Early receipt of copy is much appreciated. Thanks. John ZL3IB, Editor

Amateur Radio Statistics with Tony Case ZL1UD

No statistics available this month as the MED have taken the database off line for General License holders, so I have been unable to complete the stats.

This information is normally derived from the Ministry of Economic Development (MED) Web site found at: <http://spectrumonline.med.govt.nz/other-reports.html>

Contest News

FORTHCOMING NZART CONTESTS

2007 JOCK WHITE MEMORIAL FIELD DAY CONTEST

An early notification – the 2007 Field Day Contest will take place on 24 & 25 February 2007, Refer 2006/2007NZART Callbook for Contest rules and other operating information.

Now is the time for Branches to commence their planning for the 2007 event

OTHER FORTHCOMING CONTESTS

CQ 160-Meter, CW Contest	January 27-28, 2007
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Out and About

ZL DXList Reflector KiwiDxlist: A new ZL DXList Reflector called KiwiDxlist has just been formed. It has members from all over the World, with new and the more experienced operators taking part on the discussions. There is also the Kiwi DX Group net on Tuesday and Friday nights at 0800Z (9PM NZDT) hosted by Allan ZL2SKY. All are welcome to join in. To join KiwiDxList please go to: www.groups.yahoo.com/group/kiwidxlist and follow the instructions. From Bill ZL3NB

No Morse: Radio amateurs in the United States do not need a Morse test anymore to obtain a General Class or Amateur Extra Class amateur radio operator licence. *From ARRL Website*

VK BPL Report: This report is worth a visit.

See it on URL <http://www.amateurradio.com.au/bpl/index.html>

Angus Tait ZL3NL: Is the 2006 Fred M. Link Award winner (Dec 14, 2006) The Radio Club of America (RCA) has honored Sir Angus Tait, ZL3NL, as the recipient of its 2006 Fred M. Link (W2ALU) Award for his substantial contributions to the advancement and development of land mobile radio and communications. *From ARRL Website*

Waikato District Proposed Plan: The detailed decision of the Waikato District Council is available on the NZART web-site at <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/repeaters/AmRad.pdf>

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Dates To Remember:

- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 17 December 2006 ==TONIGHT==**
- **The First NZART Official Broadcast for 2007 is Sunday 25 February**
- **Next HQ-Info-Line E-mailed on Sunday 14 January 2007**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all

Jamie Pye ZL2NN
Editor