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Conference Dunedin 2018

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Otago Branch 30 are your hosts for this year's annual N.Z.A.R.T. Conference and cordially invites members and partners to join with us to celebrate the 92nd conference and also our own 90th year of operation.

Venue

This year the venue is at Burns Lodge, 89 Church Street, Mosgiel. This is about 12 minutes' drive southwest of the city and about 15 minutes' drive from Dunedin airport.

Provisional Programme

The AGM will be on the Saturday morning and includes the official opening, housekeeping, roll call, and remits. This will continue after morning tea until lunch time. Saturday afternoon will include the AREC and other forums and afternoon tea. The Sunday programme will include the usual WARO, SPAM, OTC and AMSat meetings plus other interesting forums. Morning and afternoon teas, lunches and dinners are all onsite.

Alternative Programme

We think those going on this programme on both the Saturday and Sunday will really appreciate what's on offer. Some of it will include a tour of the Orokanui Ecosanctuary together with lunch, a visit to the Planetarium at Otago Museum, a tour of the old Dunedin Prison and Toitu Early Settlers Museum. The programme is nearly finalised at the time of writing. Your two lunches are in very nice locations. We are hoping for fine days but as this event will be in winter you need to be prepared for any change in weather, so we would suggest that you bring a warm hat and coat.

Keynote Speaker

We have timed this year's keynote speaker to be prior to the buffet dinner on the Saturday so that our ladies on the Alternative Programme don't miss out on hearing him. He is well worth listening to and his presentation should be awe inspiring.

Registrations

These will be from 1800 to 2100 on Friday 1 June and on Saturday 2 June between 0800 and 0900 near the main venue entrance. There you will pick up your swinger ID. Remember; no swinger ID means no entry to any part of the venue. This also means that if you are coming just to the free AGM then you must register with us so we can supply a swinger ID to you. If you wish to come just to the AGM for free, then the "no catering option" applies. Your Saturday options are on the registration form.

Registration Form

This is on the N.Z.A.R.T website, (www.nzart.org.nz), the ZL4AA website, (www.zl4aa.org.nz), and in Break-In. We have kept the costs as low as possible and they are very much the same as the last few conferences. There are two options to for you complete this form from our website. One is to print off the PDF form, complete it and send to us with your cheque and advise us your method of payment. The second way is to use the online form which has some dropdown options.

Airport Transfers

Kiwi Shuttles can provide your transport from the airport to Burns Lodge or the city. We have negotiated a 10% discount so long as you book online and quote "NZART". This will be set up on their web site from Friday 2 March. Should you have a telephone inquiry the number is 0800-365-494. The current full cost is \$20.00 per person door to door.

Drinks

Due to licencing restrictions the venue can only offer a BYO system to us. This should be no problem for you as there are many retail liquor outlets in Mosgiel and the city.

Accommodation

Burns Lodge offers very clean, warm, comfortable and cheap accommodation and you can book directly with them. Breakfast is included in your room costs. You can contact Burns Lodge by phone number at 03-489-2600 or online at www.burnslodge.nz . There are motels in Mosgiel and these details have been previously advertised in Break-In. Further accommodation is available in Dunedin city and an online search will give you many options.

Local Repeaters

VHF 690 and 665 (146.900 and 146.650) (Mt Cargill & Highcliff)

UHF 915 and 9925 (National System) (439.150 and 439.925) (Rudd Road & Mt Cargill)

UHF 820 (and is linked to 690) (438.200) (Saddle Hill)

UHF 830 simplex and is linked to 685 Queenstown (438.300) (Halfway Bush)

UHF DMR (Highcliff)

VHF APRS (Highcliff)

Note: The 690 repeater is our main VHF repeater in Dunedin and is easily accessed in Mosgiel via the link on 820.

Monday 4 June

We are looking at the possibility of a trip similar to the one we did to Shag Valley in 2008. One option is a bit further south of the city to Invercargill to the satellite tracking station and museum but could end up taking the whole day and may therefore not work out due to your travel arrangement. Have a look at the club's website www.zl4aa.org.nz from time to time for any updates. If enough people were to go it would be by bus but this may be too costly if not enough people went.

Parking

There is some parking available on site with the use of two driveways. To use the main parking area, you should use the driveway to the right-hand side of the venue. Caravans and motorhomes are not permitted on site and no provision is made for camping. Motorhome and caravan users may be able to use the A & P Showgrounds located on the corner of Gordon Road and Dukes Road. This is approximately 2 kms from the venue.

Updates

Any updates to this information will be on our club website.

Inquiries

If you have any inquiries, please contact us at: conference2018@zl4aa.org.nz

Ross Chapman ZL4RC

Conference Secretary

Special callsigns mark year of tragedy and bravery



1968 was a tragic year for New Zealand shipping, with the loss of the ferry *Wahine* and the grain ship *Maranui* plus a fire at sea aboard the liner *Gothic*. Sixty-seven people died in these events, but many lives were saved through remarkable feats of seamanship and heroism.

Fifty years later, these disasters will be commemorated by three amateur radio special callsigns, each one in use for a month during 2018.

During April, **ZM50GW** will commemorate the sinking of the ferry *TEV Wahine* (callsign ZMGW) in Wellington, with the loss of 51 lives (two others died later from injuries).

In June, **ZM50LA** will mark the sinking of the grain ship *MV Maranui* (callsign ZMLA), with the loss of nine crew, off Coromandel.

And in August, **ZM50MAUQ** will commemorate the fire aboard *SS Gothic* (callsign MAUQ), while sailing from Bluff to Panama, which killed seven people, although the crew saved the ship and sailed her to Wellington.

A special QSL card will be issued in September, showing contacts with one or more of the three special callsigns.

For further information, visit maritimeradio.org/2018

ELG Report

ELG has received an application from Warren Harris ZL2AJ for a APRS repeater on 144 .575 MHz with 2.2 dBW eirp. Location: Pukekura (Waikato) BE34 210.91 957.95.
To be externally engineered by ARC153.

Steve Fogerty ARE (ZL2ASF)
ELG Team Leader

Thelma Souper Contest

It is with a lot of regret that the Executive Committee of WARO announces that the Thelma Souper Contest will not be held this year.

60M DX

The latest newsletter is available from:

<http://www.60metersonline.com/>

Official Broadcast

The Official Broadcast is made on the last Sunday of each month except:

- December when the Broadcast is made on the Sunday before Christmas.
- January when there is no broadcast

The broadcast is made on 3900 kHz, and on the National System and local VHF repeaters.

The broadcast is made at 2000 hours (8:00 pm), with a repeat at 2100 hours (9:00 pm).

Members and Branches are welcome to submit material for inclusion in the Broadcast to the e-mail or postal address shown below.

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73, Jim ZL2BHF

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