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From HQ

Debby Says...Welcome to the first issue of HQ Info-line for 2019.

If you wish to place any articles in upcoming issues of HQ Infoline, the following is a list of dates it's due out.

Month	First issue	Second Issue
January	No HQIL	No HQIL
February	1 st	15 th
March	8 th	22 nd
April	5 th	19 th
May	3 rd	17 th
June	7 th	21 st
July	5 th	19 th

August	2 nd	16 th
September	6 th	20 th
October	4 th	18 th
November	1 st	15 th
December	6 th	No HQIL

These dates have been set so they do not coincide with the Official Broadcast, however if an urgent matter needs to be communicated to our members, we do from time to time send out an 'Info-line Special'.

Please feel free to make use of this fortnightly 'communique' to members, it's a great tool to pass on important information.

Awards:

It's that time again to start thinking about nominations for the various NZART awards, to be presented at the New Plymouth conference AGM in June this year. For more information on awards criteria please go to; <http://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/awards-conference/>

Silent Key notifications

Last year I received the following instruction from RSM regarding the removal of Silent Key's. Please make sure you can supply at least one of them, so the call sign can be removed.

"Unfortunately, we can no longer release the callsigns unless we have proof of death. Regrettably the website that we used to use is no longer available to us to confirm the deceased details. I know that this will require you to get more information from the person who notifies you. However, we need to be sure that we are releasing the correct callsign."

We now need to have one of the following:

- *confirmation from the family of the deceased*
- *a copy of the death certificate*
- *a copy of the obituary*
- *a reference to a newspaper notification*

This also applies to the attached emails as I've not been able to confirm the deceased details.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2DL

Results of the 2018 VHF Field Day – 1st/2nd December 2018

VHF-UHF-SHF-EHF Contests, as administered by the Auckland VHF Group Inc; on behalf of all VHF groups, including all New Zealand radio amateurs and supported by NZART.

Overall Winner	Station	Points
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ZL1GSG	2893
ZL4AA	1846
ZL3TKI	737
ZL4HSV	106
ZL2BAY	104

Band winner

6 m (50 MHz)	Station	Points
	ZL4AA	169

Band winner

2 m (144 MHz)	Station	Points
	ZL1GSG	1088
	ZL4AA	906
	ZL3TKI	278
	ZL4HSV	96
	ZL2BAY	60

Band winner

70 cm (432 MHz)	Station	Points
	ZL1GSG	766
	ZL3TKI	453
	ZL4AA	296
	ZL2BAY	44
	ZL4HSV	10

Band winner

23cm (1296 MHz)	Station	Points
	ZL4AA	474
	ZL1GSG	254

Band winner

3 cm (10368 MHz)	Station	Points
	ZL1GSG	785

Greatest DX	Station	Distance
6 m	ZL4AA-ZL1AXL	1055 km
2 m	ZL4AA-ZL1GSG	837 km
70 cm	ZL3TKI-ZL1GSG	531 km
23 cm	ZL1GSG-ZL3RC	532 km
3 cm	ZL1GSG-ZL2BKC	218 km

Active Stations (37 in total)

ZL1AXL, ZL1GSG, ZL1SWW
ZL2AD, ZL2ALW, ZL2BAY, ZL2BKC, ZL2CHAR, ZL2KG, ZL2YET
ZL3GE, ZL3LF, ZL3MH, ZL3NW, ZL3RC, ZL3RJ, ZL3OC, ZL3OY, ZL3OZ, ZL3PX, ZL3SV, ZL3TKI
ZL4AA, ZL4AE, ZL4BC, ZL4CEL, ZL4DC, ZL4ES, ZL4FM, ZL4HSV, ZL4JW, ZL4LV, ZL4OL, ZL4QD, ZL4SA,
ZL4TH, ZL4UC

Active Operators:

ZL2BAY Team: ZL2BAY, ZL2BH

ZL4AA Team: ZL4DK, ZL4TAE, ZL4NORM

Operator comments

ZL4AA - Weather - wind and mist/rain all weekend,

Band Conditions - poor

Made some FT8 contacts on 6m but as contest numbers were not exchanged have not claimed the points for these.

ZL1GSG - The weather on Saturday was challenging. Not much rain, but wind up to 40kn.

I've even had a problem with my heavy tripods without anything added shaking in the wind.

My 1m mesh dish got blown over after the pegs let go, so that was the end for the uW bands on Saturday. Sunday had decent weather with some gusts up to 20kn in the beginning and no wind, no rain and even sunshine at the end of the contest.

2m and 70cm with the usual results of solid DX into Christchurch and the usual 800km DX on 2m into Dunedin. Tried to work 24GHz with Wellington, but the path wasn't good enough for that.

Contest Managers comments

Good to see some new callsigns in the contest this year and a new team –

ZL2BAY and ZL2BH (James and John Elvy) operating from Port Underwood in the Marlborough Sounds.

A smaller number of participants for this contest and very few logs submitted. As a result of the VHF Contest Forum at conference in Dunedin in 2018, a smaller number of contests are planned for 2019. See the 2019 Contest Calendar on the NZART web site. The contests will get more publicity in 2019 and this should see an increase in activity.

VHF / UHF Contest Calendar 2019

DX Weekend Contest

All bands 6m and up. Saturday 9 Feb and Sunday 10 Feb

Low Band Contest

All bands 6m up to and including 70cm. Saturday 6 April and Sunday 7 April

Microwave Contest

All bands 23cm and up. Saturday 5 October and Sunday 6 October.

Field Day Contest

All bands 6m and up. Saturday 7 December and Sunday 8 December.

NZART Conference 2019

NZART Conference 2019 is to be held in New Plymouth on Queens Birthday Weekend, Saturday June 1st and 2nd 2019 at the Quality Plymouth Hotel.

[*Note: The Plymouth has asked that Campervans do not park for the duration of the weekend in their parking.](#)

Accommodation available at the venue, details can be found on the conference website: conference.zl2ab.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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