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Greetings Everyone,

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

Who is receiving Info-Line? Well, as of today the 17th of June, HQ-Info-Line is e-mailed to 56 of NZART's 77 active Branches. Of these, 16 newsletter editors have elected to receive copy direct. Info-Line also goes to NZART Council and Officers (about 50) and to a further **154** Amateurs who have auto-subscribed via the NZART Web page. **Total copies distributed about 276.** Thanks go to all the Branch newsletter editors who are continuing to keep you up to date with NZART Headquarters activity.

Now it's even 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 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.

NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says: Hello to you all after a very hectic two weeks.

Conference weekend was as usual a very busy time for both Council and myself.

As some of you may already know, I took the computer from Headquarters to Conference and have now learnt a very valuable lesson. Computers do not like to travel too far!

After a very major restoration I am now back on line at work (having worked from home for a few days). I have lost about six months worth of Excel and Word documents, however I am slowly rebuilding what was lost by retrieving major documents which I posted or e-mailed to Council by them forwarding them back to me.

If any Branches have received important documentation, either by post or electronically from me since the 4th December last year, could you please send me a copy. Items such as specific instructions for a Branch would be gratefully received.

Evan our treasurer and I did perform a full back up the night before I left, however, My Documents file appears to have been corrupted. The good news is that all membership information, the Accounting package and Outlook, are all back to normal. Indeed better as there were a number of little fixes which finally have been able to be corrected.

I do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but thank you in advance for your patience and assistance.

Attached to this copy of Info-Line you will find the annual reports of the Examination Division Coordinator and the Morse Examiner. These reports were not available for March /April Break-In but were received by Council at their recent Conference Council meeting.

Until next month

From NZART Conference 2001 – Remit Results:

Remit 1

That the NZART constitution be amended to eliminate Electoral districts.
After discussion, was put and lost.

Remit 2

Requests Council to change rule 4, Membership and rule 7 Subscription, to provide membership by affiliation in the same manner as sporting organisations.
This remit was the subject of much discussion, was put and lost.

Remit 3

This remit charges Council to investigate the possibility of benefits in revising the method of collection of Branch and Association dues, and report back its findings to Conference in 2002.
This was also the subject of a long period of discussion, but when put, was declared lost on voices.

Remit 4

That NZART council investigate options for combining Branch subs and NZART subs in one transaction.
This remit was put and lost on voices

Remit 5

This Conference urges Council to
Publish Break-In 11 times a year
Publish the Callbook Bi-annually, for sale to all radio amateurs.
This remit was lost on voices.

Remit 6

That NZART request the MED to allow operators holding novice licences, to operate on the 70cm band.

This remit was carried on a vote count.

Remit 7

That NZART consider removing the need to claim poverty for a reduced subscription, and instead, rely upon proof of being the holder of a community service card.

This remit was lost on voices.

Remit 8

That NZART policy be amended to support the removal of Morse code as an IARU requirement for an amateur licence to operate on a frequency below 30MHz. And that NZART continue to encourage and protect the use of Morse code recognising its value as an effective and efficient mode of Communications. Terry Carrell ZL3QL explained the fine points of this remit.

It was put and carried on voices

Remit 9

With the passing of Remit 8 the sponsoring Branch withdrew Remit 9

From the Ministry of Economic Development:

New Zealand Amateur Statistics at 1 June 2001. Repeaters 205, Beacons 42, Digipeaters 27, Fixed 2, General 3310, Limited/Novice 70, Limited 1756, Novice 27, TV Repeaters 19. **Total 5458**

The Ministry and Licences – An update from Administration Liaison Officer Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ:

You will recall that our administration, the Ministry of Economic Development, Radio Spectrum Management Group, called for submissions earlier this year about a proposal in a document DP15: "Formulaic Approach to Licences". The "Headquarters Info-Line", Issue #5 of 18 March 2001, advised that "no change" was proposed to the amateur radio licensing method or procedures so the matter could be safely ignored by amateur radio licensees.

The Ministry has responded with a new document, DP15A. This can be found with the original document at: <http://www.med.govt.nz/rsm/publications/dps.html> The DP15A document itself is at: <http://www.med.govt.nz/rsm/publications/dps/dp15a.pdf>

The essence of the response for radio amateurs is: "4.2.2.1 The sixteen submissions from amateur operators almost all made the singular assumption that the outcome of DP15 would be an increase in amateur licence fees. It was clearly stated in the discussion paper that amateurs would continue to be licensed as a "station-based" service, and it is believed that the paper was clear in this regard. Applying the formula approach to station-based licences, including amateurs, would be unlikely to change

the existing fees unless the level of costs applicable to that particular category has been largely understated by the current fee level. In the case of the amateur service, this is most unlikely."

New Radio Regulations:

The latest words from the MED about the new Radio Regulations: "now hoping for bringing into force by Order in Council on 1 September 2001".

Alan Chapman ZL3GX NZART Callsign Compiler:

I am currently preparing the callsign database for publication in the next Call Book. If you have any corrections to your entry or change of callsign, please send the details to NZART Headquarters as soon as possible. Please note: only callsigns that are on the list supplied to me by the MED will be listed in the Call Book.

QTC from the Morseman:

Greetings all a very simple request. Morse code practice groups come and go. I would appreciate an update from you or your Branch of the details of your current Morse Code practice groups and time etc. An e-mail to g.bold@auckland.ac.nz would be very much appreciated

Did you know?

That during the year 2000, on ten separate days during business hours, the NZART Administration Liaison Officer, sometimes accompanied by members of the NZART Frequency Management Technical Advisory Group, FMTAG, attended meetings with our administration, the MED's Radio Spectrum Management Group at their Head Office in Wellington, working on Amateur Radio matters.

This is yet another good reason for NZART to be supported by your continuing membership. Suggest to others that they too join NZART.

See: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/join/join.html>

NZART Contest Update with Stan White ZL2ST:

CW time - This weekend June 16/17 the All Asia CW DX Contest is held from 0000 Saturday to Sunday 2400 UTC.

On the weekend of June 23/24 between 1400 Saturday and 1400 Sunday UTC the Marconi Memorial CW Contest will be in action.

A reminder that the NZART Memorial Contest is coming up soon. Saturday July 7 between 0800 and 1400 UTC. See Break In for a summary of rules. Full rules in the May/June 1999 issue of Break In.

Dates To Remember:

- **NZART Official Broadcast** at 8pm Sunday 24th June.
- **The Next HQ-Info-Line**, will be E-mailed on Sunday 1st July
- **NZART Memorial Contest** 0800-1400 UTC July 7th (Sat)
- **Closing date** for copy for **July/Aug Break-In** is Tuesday 10th July

Until July,

73

Jim Meachen ZL2BHF
Editor

Progress Report Amateur Radio Examinations 2001

The examinations under the new system got off to a slow start but are now slowly building up in frequency. There have been 50 candidates, 7 females and 43 males during this past year. The average pass mark for the exam was 45 questions correct out of 60. The highest pass mark was 60 and the lowest mark attained was 24, that being the one and only failure,

It is interesting to note that only 7 of these people was under the age of 20 and 3 persons were over the age of 70 years. The average age is 43 years and the youngest candidate was 13.

We need to thank the many new examiners who came forward to help run the new system. We have 43 Branches and exams have taken place in 16 examination centres. Gisborne, Hutt Valley, Palmerston North and Whangarei have had the most candidates.

I still make up all the stationary used in this exam system so as to keep costs down. Branches are allowed to deduct \$5 per candidate out of the \$25 fee, but this is rarely done except by Auckland Clubs.

I hope that Council and members feel that I have served you well.

Anne Anderson ZL1TAF
NZART Examination Coordinator.

Report on NZART Morse Testing April 2000 – March 2001

This was a moderately busy year, with 29 candidates tested by 11 branches. Testing was also carried out by ZL1AN.

It is quite apparent that the Branches are thoroughly preparing candidates as evidenced by the failure of only one candidate! A pass rate of about 97%.

Almost all testing is now done by the computer testing system devised by Gary Bold ZL1AN (aka The Morseman). The materials for the cassette testing are still available to meet the occasional request from Branch testers.

A reminder to all users and intending users of the Morse Testing service, that is to send all enquires and requests to NZART Morse Examiner, P O Box 30 399 Lower Hutt from which mail is automatically delivered to Mike or myself.

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