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Greetings everyone,

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

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Who is receiving Info-Line? Well, as of today the 4th of March, HQ-Info-Line is e-mailed to 50 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 58 Amateurs who have auto-subscribed via the NZART Web page. Total copies distributed about 175. Thanks go to all the Branch newsletter editors who are keeping you up to date with NZART Headquarters activity.

NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

The NZART Business Management Committee team consisting of yours truly ZL2TDM, Neil Gibbons ZL2TNG, Bruce Douglas ZL2WP Peter Norden ZL2SJ and NZART Treasurer Evan Sayer, meet at HQ monthly to discuss various Business aspects of the Association.

At our meeting held on Tuesday 27th February, the team agreed the HQ Info-Line would be a good medium in which to advise members what we are working through to improve the Association finances. Key points from the meeting's minutes are set out below for your information.

Procedure Manual for NZART - Debby is in the process of writing a procedure manual to cover tasks currently undertaken at headquarters. This is being written outside of normal hours as the current allocation of time each day, does not allow for this work to be completed.

Promoting NZART - The committee is keen to seek photos and graphic details of Amateur Radio, in order to update the information booklet produced in 1997. The format of this booklet will be more pictures less words, to encourage younger readers to join the hobby. We are also looking for material that can be used by Branches on national level to promote Amateur Radio.

Call Book Format - The current format of Call Book while being extremely well written and presented, is very costly. The committee is looking into other ways this could be produced at less cost without compromising the quality. Members may be required to comment on this at a later date.

Alias E-mail Service - To join this service you must belong to NZART. For further information on this service please refer to www.nzart.org.nz

Reminder Notices - Debby is in the process of sending out the final reminder for subscriptions to NZART for 2001.

From the Ministry of Economic Development:

New Zealand Amateur Statistics at 1 March 2001 – Repeaters 205, Beacons 42, Digirepeaters 27, Fixed 2, General 3353, Limited/Novice 68, Limited 1777, Novice 26, TV Repeaters 19. **Total 5519**

Congratulations Murray Greenman ZL1BPU:

From the Friday, 23 Feb. 2001 ARRL Newsletter we learn that the winner of the QST Cover Plaque Award for January was Murray Greenman, ZL1BPU, for his article "MFSK for the New Millennium." The QST Cover Plaque Award is made to the author(s) of the best article in each QST issue and is determined by a vote of ARRL members. Voting takes place each month on the ARRL Members Only Web site."

You will find more details on Murray's activities and achievements in your March – April issue of Break-In.

Break-In News:

Editor John Walker ZL3IB advises that in response to many requests, a series of articles especially for the beginners will start in Break-In soon. The series will be co-ordinated by Break-In's Technical Editor Kelvin Barnesdale ZL3KB.

NZART Contest Info from Stan White ZL2ST:

Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest was held on 24/25 February with a good level of participation. Those that I have heard from say that it was a very enjoyable weekend's work and fun. Some took part in a picnic atmosphere and others more seriously. High scoring stations look to be ZL2WB Wellington, ZL1VK Papakura, ZL2AL Napier, ZL2QF Patea. I expect to have an interim result on the March Official Broadcast and full results in May/June Break In.

Commonwealth Contest. A CW contest between Commonwealth countries on March 10th and 11th 1200 to 1200 UTC. It is a friendly contest which brings some rarish calls on to the bands. There are 12 and 24 hour sections.

Did you know ?

That New Zealand is one of very few countries in the world where licensed amateurs visiting from overseas can immediately operate without the hassle of getting a ZL licence and without paying a licence fee? A visiting amateur can walk down the gangplank from the arrival aircraft into the terminal building and start operating on 144 MHz and above with the callsign ZL/(homecall)! Details are in the latest NZART Call Book at page 3-1 and at page 1-12. See: <http://www.med.govt.nz/rsm/guide.html> and also <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/nzart/ recip.html>

This privilege didn't just happen. It was suggested by NZART and obtained by working with the New Zealand Administration. It is yet another good reason for NZART to be supported by your continuing membership. Suggest to your visitors that they too join NZART. See: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/join/join.html>

Dates To Remember:

- ✓ **Closing date** for copy for **March/April Break-In** is Saturday 10th March
- ✓ **Headquarters-Info-Line**, will be E-mailed on Sunday 18th March
- ✓ **NZART Official Broadcast** at 8pm on Sunday 25th March
- ✓ **Technology Convention** Whangarei, Easter Weekend 14th & 15th of April
- ✓ **NZART 75th Jubilee Conference**, Auckland 2nd & 3rd of June

Until the next issue,

73

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Editor