



Headquarters - Info - Line

... a service from ...

The New Zealand Association of
Radio Transmitters Incorporated



3 February 2002

Issue # 24

Greetings Everyone,

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

It has never been 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:

Not much to tell from HQ this week. I have been very busy preparing for the Face to Face meeting of Council here in Upper Hutt on the weekend of the 9/10 February.

Insurance Details - Progress has been rather slow regarding the Group Insurance scheme we have been looking into due to the Xmas National shutdown. However this very weekend, one of your intrepid Councillors, Mr Bruce Douglas ZL2WP is meeting in Dunedin with an Insurance Broker.

Thanks to all those Branches who have forwarded information to me. This material has been collated by Bruce and will be analysed and discussed with the Broker. It is anticipated a draft proposal will be prepared in time for the Council meeting next week. Once Council approval has been confirmed, Branches will then have the opportunity to make comments.

Public Liability cover is the priority at this stage, however further down track we hope to be able to offer equipment cover also. Meant if your Branch Insurance is coming up for renewal, I would recommend that you pay the full premium and request that if a Group scheme is viable, that you are to have a rebate for the period that is not required. If this is not possible, then perhaps pay a 6 monthly premium in order to cover yourselves.

Business Management Committee - It is with regret that the Business Management Committee accepted the resignation of Neil Gibbons ZL2TNG at the end of December 2001. Neil, who now resides in Raumati, has found it difficult to attend

meetings. The Business Committee and I would like to thank Neil for all his efforts, both on the committee and prior to my time at HQ. As the NZART President now lives in Featherston, it is anticipated at this time that he will step into Neil's position.

'til next time...

Did you know?

... that, being the start of a new year, this is the time to advertise the Amateur Radio classes being run by your Branch during this year?

An extensive collection of pamphlets, advertisements, brochures, and other publicity and Amateur Radio promotional material is at the NZART website for you to freely use to promote your classes.

More support material than ever is now available for Branch Instructors. The Study Guide on the NZART web site can be used as a source for Branch Notes for distribution to your examination candidates. NZART Headquarters has booklets with the Regulatory information needed by candidates and the full Examination Question-Bank. All has been revised and updated to meet the new Radiocommunications Regulations.

The Amateur Radio examination and the Morse Tests are available by appointment for candidates when they are ready. Trial Test papers are in the Study Guide.

So ... it's all GO this year ... and the time to start is now.

NZART works in the interests of all radio amateurs in New Zealand and needs the support of your continuing membership. Suggest to others that they join NZART too. See: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/join/join.html>

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

The main upcoming contests are:-

February 9/10 1200-1200 (Sa/Su) PACC (Dutch) CW/SSB Contest

February 9/10 2100-0100 (Sa/Su) RSGB 160 M CW Contest

February 9/10 0000-2400 (Sa/Su) CQ/RJ Worldwide RTTY WPX Contest

February 16/17 0000-2400 (Sa/Su) ARRL International CW DX Contest

and

February 23/24 0200-1100/1700-0200 2002 Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest. Rules at the NZART contest website <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests>.

From the Ministry of Economic Development

Amateur statistics as at 1 February 2002: Repeaters 205, Beacons 42, Digipeaters 29, Fixed 2, General 3310, Limited/Novice 10, Limited 1682, Novice 22, TV Repeaters 19, **Total 5321**

NZART Radioscience Education Trust:

The 31st March is approaching and shortly after that, you will receive your rebate claim form from the Inland Revenue Department.

Do you have anything to claim? Why not make a donation to the NZART Radioscience Education Trust? By letter dated 11 December 1997, the Inland Revenue Department advised the trust of approval as a charitable organisation and of the following exemption

Section KC5 Income Tax Act 1994

A special rebate for income tax purposes in respect of donations for \$5 or more made by an individual subject to an overall maximum equal to the smaller of

- 1. a sum equal to 33.33% of the aggregate of all gifts and/or donations made by the taxpayer*
- 2. the sum of \$500.*

The trustees invite you to make a donation to the trust and claim the benefit of this exemption. A full copy of the Inland Revenue Department letter is available on request. You will need a receipt to claim the rebate, which will be issued immediately your donation is received.

Here is your chance to support a worthy cause in a tangible way, and receive a benefit as well.



"Centre of New Zealand NZART Conference 2002"

The venue is to be the **Tahuna Conference Centre**. Accommodation is being organised by **Nelson Tourism Services** and should be booked through them. This does not cost you anything, but it does allow us to have them help us out by providing the service at no cost either to you, or the Conference. **Nelson Tourism Services, P. O. Box 1282 Nelson.** Telephone 03 5466-338 or Fax 03 5459-227 or e-mail conferences@nzdirect.co.nz

Conference 2002 Travel.

Origin Pacific New Zealand's Own Regional Airline, www.originpacific.co.nz (Telephone 0800 302 302) is supporting Nelson Conference and offering a 30% Discount on Standard fares to Conference Delegates and Partners. When booking

quote reference number **2166**. [Conditions are; *Does not include children. Travel is to be paid for within 48 hours of booking. Bookings must be made directly with Origin Pacific Airways no agencies to be involved or no discounts available.*] Always remember to check for any super discounted fares before using the 30% Discounted Offer. You may do even better!

Charter Tour Bookings can be organised through Origin Pacific by phoning Gilbert Blakeborough at 03/5478643.

If you plan to travel to Wellington and catch the ferry across to Picton, the bus timetable for travel Picton to Nelson is available at travel@nelsoncoaches.co.nz

The Registration Form for NZART Conference 2002 will be in the March/April Issue of Break-In.

For further Conference information please contact **Conference Secretary**; Letitia Scott 03 5450 237 or **Chairman**, David Holland 03 5485 414. Fax 03 5485 414 or 03 5488 738. E-mail conference2002@nzart.org.nz or post to P.O. Box 414, Nelson.

The Branch Spot: To view a Branch Web page that's innovative progressive, informative and certainly colourful point your browser to Upper Hutt Branch 63: <http://www.qsl.net/zl2vh/>

Dates To Remember:

- **HQ-Info-Line, will be E-mailed next on Sunday 17th February**
- **Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest 23rd & 24th February**
- **Next NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 24th February**
- **NZART Conference 1st & 2nd June 2002 Nelson - live the day**

73

Jim Meachen ZL2BHF
Editor