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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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NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

Phew, I have just completed 12 pages of minutes from Councils' face to face meeting here last weekend. These will be summarised for you by ZL2WP

Vice President - Regrettably the vice president of NZART Vaughan Henderson ZL1TGC resigned his position and from Council last Thursday, due to heavy work commitments. On behalf of all NZART members Vaughan, we wish to thank you for the excellent work you achieved while on Council and the time and effort you volunteered to the Association.

President Peter ZL2SJ called for nominations at the beginning of our meeting for the position of Vice President with only one being received and unanimously accepted . Bruce Douglas ZL2WP a relatively new Councillor elected in the 2000 elections has accepted this position. Good luck to you Bruce.

Elections - While on the topic of elections. Once again we will be calling for nominations for Councillors in each district, also the position of NZART President. Please consider this important opportunity for you to 'make a difference' in the world of Amateur Radio and most importantly to your hobby.

In past years I have heard people say they are too old to go on Council. Please remember you are NEVER too old. Years of experience can never be swept under the carpet and most importantly your views matter.

I have now been at HQ for 3 election years. Sadly – I have yet to see one, please change that for me this year. It may mean more work for me but in the end I believe with the process of elections you the member get an opportunity to have your say. **“DON’T MISS IT”**.

C U next time....

Did you know?

... that, unlike many of the world's amateur radio societies, the cost of your NZART Callbook is included in your NZART membership subscription?

The New Zealand Amateur Radio Callbook and Radio Reference is a part of the service received by NZART members. "Break-In" and the "Callbook" keep you informed.

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>

Council Face to Face Meeting – Key Points

Council chose Saturday 9th and Sunday the 10th of February (arguably the best two days of summer) for it's face to face meeting at Upper Hutt.

Councillor Vacancy - Councillors had earlier been made aware that Vaughan Henderson ZL1TGC had resigned from Council and following a call from the President for nominations, Bruce Douglas ZL2WP was appointed to the vacant position of Vice President. Vaughan's valued service on Council was acknowledged by all and will be appropriately recognised by a presentation by Murray Woodfield ZL1CN at the next meeting of the Auckland VHF Group.

At the meeting a suggestion was made as to an appropriate amateur to be appointed to the vacancy on Council and it is believed that the name of the appointee will be announced shortly.

Business Management Committee - The usual range of reports were received and considered. From the Business Manager's report the departure of Neil Gibbons ZL2TNG from the Committee was noted with regret. The Committee will continue with reduced membership because the President Peter Norden ZL2SJ will now be available to assist as required.

Examinations Coordinator - Anne Anderson ZL1TAF Examinations Coordinator presented her report in person. Several issues with the examination process were clarified. Anne's role now includes responsibility for Morse Testing and Morse Testers are now required to be registered with her.

Amongst other issues Anne emphasised the need to return to her all unused “Blue Forms” which will be replaced by new “Yellow Forms”.

Break In - John Walker ZL3IB spoke to Council referring to a number of cosmetic changes to Break In for 2002. He discussed the value of last year’s members survey, hoped that we all appreciated the significance of the coloured edging stripe on Break-In (you did didn’t you?), and that this year we will be producing a full Call Book. John also informed Council that Council member Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ had been awarded the “Calcutta Key” by the Board of the Radio Society of Great Britain for “Outstanding service to International Friendship through amateur radio. Well done Fred!

FMTAG - FMTAG report and recommendations were presented to Council by Doug Ingham ZL2TAR. Council after discussing the matter with Doug approved including Repeater Information Maps and Frequencies on the Web, as such information is of particular interest to overseas visitors. Other recommendations approved including approval of the Taupo/Wairarapa ATV repeaters will be detailed elsewhere.

AREC Annual Report - After presenting his report Brian Purdie ZL2ADL the AREC National Director displayed to Council the inaugural award and accompanying brass nautical clock/barometer presented to AREC by National Search and Rescue. There had been five highly meritorious nominations for this award and the significance for Amateur Radio of AREC’s selection was noted with pleasure.

Other Reports - Other reports received and accepted included the HQ Info- line, Official Broadcast. Administration Liaison, Contest Manager, Monitoring Service, Awards Manager/Callsign Compiler and Reciprocal Licensing Bureau.

Remits – Three Remits to hand are to be published as presented. In addition a Council Remit to the effect that Council approach the Ministry of Economic Development to obtain provision for a lifetime Amateur Radio licence was discussed and is to be included.

WRC–2003, NZART Representation - Council considers it vital in the interests of Amateur Radio in New Zealand that NZART be appropriately represented at this Conference. Council plans for one person to attend the Conference as a delegate of NZART the person selected to be named at or around the time of the Nelson Conference

Membership - The life-blood of NZART is membership. Our Treasurer Evan produced graphic evidence of our need to be pro-active in facilitating membership recruitment by Branches and individuals. Considerable time was spent discussing several papers prepared and submitted by Fred ZL2AMJ. Attention was drawn to promotional resources currently or soon to be made available all of which are now completely up to date. Additionally individual Councillor’s have been charged with implementation of various initiatives. Fred’s papers were enthusiastically received and “trials” are to be immediately undertaken at selected “volunteer” branches.

Returning Officer - Evan Sayer will once again act as Returning Officer for the forthcoming Presidential and Council Elections.

Other Matters - Progress on a number of action points was reported. Collated data for Repeater and Beacon Public Liability Insurance has been handed to an Insurance Broker for consideration. A draft of the Headquarters Procedure Manual was tabled for inspection, it will be amended shortly as a result of a computer upgrade and will be put to the test by ZL2SJ and ZL2WP. Various Constitutional matters were considered and a number of action points of long standing disposed of. Plans for the "Nelson Conference" are in the good hands of David ZL3TPV, and it looks like this year's Conference will be a "winner". It was agreed that it would be appropriate for the President and Vice President to represent NZART at the WIA annual Conference in May this year.

Headquarters Badge - Debby ZL2TDM received her white "Headquarters Badge" and made sure that we stuck to Agenda (which included many other items too numerous to detail). Debby's family made sure we were "fed and watered" at regular intervals and the "Giant" Bacon and Egg pie with NZART logo for lunch went down a real treat. The weekend finished with a Bar-be-Cue with Debby's hubby Steve at the helm and happy Councillors departed not to meet face to face as a group again until the Nelson Conference Queen's Birthday weekend.

Report Bruce Douglas ZL2WP

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

The Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest is next weekend February 23/24 during 0200-1100 and 1700-0200. Rules at the NZART contest website

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests> and November 1998 Break In. These are summarised in November/December 2001 Break In.

Other main contests are:-

February 22/24 2200-1600 (Fr/Su) CQ 160 M SSB Contest

February 23/24 0600-1800 (Sa/Su) REF (French Station) SSB Contest

February 23/24 1300-1300 (Sa/Su) UBA (Belgium) CW Contest

February 23/24 1500-0900 (Sa/Su) RSGB 40 M CW Contest

March 2/3 0000-2400 (Sa/Su) ARRL International Phone DX Contest

Pirate Operation:

A maritime mobile station using the callsign ZL2TO and the name Tony has been heard recently operating on nets on 15 Metres. This station currently gives his location as the Cape Verde Islands. The callsign ZL2TO is that allocated to NZART Branch 47 the Waitara Amateur Radio Club.



"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!

Book your Conference travel on Origin Pacific and you will automatically be in the draw for a return trip for two from your Origin Pacific airport to any destination within the Origin network.

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: An affiliated Group to NZART is the Canterbury Amateur Radio Development Society "CARDS." To view their informative and up to date web page point your browser to: <http://www.qsl.net/cards/>

STOP PRESS from NZART President Peter Norden ZL2SJ:

I am pleased to advise that the casual vacancy on NZART Council has been filled. Don Ewen ZL1DTE has agreed to take on the position as a Northern District Councillor for the rest of this Council term. Don has been on Council previously, and has experience much needed by Council. He is well known in Northland, and I know will be an asset to the Association. Please join with me in offering Don our congratulations.

Dates To Remember:

- **Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest next weekend 23rd & 24th February**
- **NZART Official Broadcast Next Sunday 24th February**
- **HQ-Info-Line, will be E-mailed next on Sunday 3rd March**
- **Closing Date for copy March/April Break-In Sunday 10th March**
- **NZART Conference 1st & 2nd June 2002 [Nelson - live the day](#)**

73

Jim Meachen ZL2BHF
Editor