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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:**

**Headquarters Security** - Due to a recent scare where an unknown male was using the building to escape from the local constabulary, I am now forced to lock my office door even when in attendance. The police have advised that any persons working alone should ensure their safety by securing the environment where one works.

If you are considering visiting me at headquarters, could you please ring, where possible before coming, this way I will be expecting you, otherwise knock before you enter. I do apologise for any inconvenience this causes, but rest assured I **will** still be working away, just behind closed and secure doors. Yet another sign of the times!!!

**Thank you** - A very sincere thank you to all of you who rang or e-mailed kind wishes for my speedy recovery during my recent illness. I am now fully (?) functional and am none the worse for wear. These little things are sent to let you know that you are human after all. Also a special thank you to President Peter ZL2SJ, who so ably filled in for me while I was away. I do believe he enjoyed himself, although was grateful for my return.

As I was off for an entire week, I have spent this week catching up on all my correspondence. I do apologise for any delays you may have experienced because of this.

**March Branch Circular** - As always around this time of year, all Branches receive an update of events etc from Headquarters. I will be posting HARD COPIES to ALL Branch secretaries, as I will be calling for updates to Branch listings for the upcoming call book. Your attention to completing and returning these at your earliest convenience would be appreciated. Enclosed with each Branch mail out will be NZART membership details specific to your branch, for voting at your Remit meeting and at the Nelson AGM.

C U in a fortnight.

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### **From the Ministry of Economic Development**

**Amateur statistics as at 12<sup>th</sup> March 2002:** Repeater 205, Beacons 42, Digipeaters 29, Fixed 2, General 3309, Limited/Novice 10, Limited 1676, Novice 22, TV Repeaters 19. **Total 5314**

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### **Did You Know?**

... that a new Morse Teacher program is available? Developed by NZART's Morseman, it can be downloaded from the NZART web site or purchased on floppy disk from NZART Headquarters.

It runs in Windows, will take you from absolute zero to high Morse speeds, and is probably the best and most friendly Morse teaching program ever.

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>

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**The Branch Spot:** Here you'll find it, a winter scene, sheep, greenery, a mountain and this from the middle of town and there's more! Visit the home page of New Plymouth Amateur Radio Club, Branch 27 NZART at <http://www.qsl.net/zl2ab/index.html>

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## *"Centre of New Zealand NZART Conference 2002"*

### **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 1-2 JUNE 2002**

**Venue:** Nelson Conference 2002 will be held at the Tahuna Beach Function Centre, located at the Tahuna beach Holiday Park, Beach Road, Tahuna Nelson. This is 6kms away from Nelson City center. Magnificent scenery, beach at your doorstep, central heating for your comfort, plenty of on site accommodation, parking and plenty of aerial space.

**Provisional Programme:** This programme will include the NZART AGM as well as the AGM'S of AREC, OTC, SPAM, WARO and AMSAT-ZL. Other talks and forums have been organised, a full and interesting programme will be available.

**Guest Speaker:** Dr Harry McQuillam ZL2SQ of Nelson will be our guest speaker at this year's Conference. Nelson's Mayor Mr. Paul Matheson will officially open the Conference.

**Friday:** The registration desk will be open at the Conference venue from 6pm until 10pm. Tea, coffee, and a bar will be available, so here is a good chance to have social get together.

**Saturday:** The registration desk will be open from 8.00am. The Conference will officially start at 9.00am, this will be followed by the AGM, lunch, guest speaker and forums, then to finish the day, the Annual Dinner.

**Sunday:** Sundays programme will include AGM'S for AREC, AMSAT-ZL, OTC, SPAM and WARO, plus various forums will be held during the day, ending with an evening meal and Sunday evening entertainment. All raffles will be drawn at this evening's function. Be prepared to have some fun and laughs tonight.

**Alternative Programme:** Saturday morning bus leaving venue 9.45am to take people into Nelson city to visit our famous flea market, shopping center, cathedral, or to just have some free time, returning to venue 12mid day for lunch. Departing again from venue at 1.30pm for city sights tour, returning late afternoon. Sunday am bus leaving venue at 09.15am to take all who wish to go to our fabulous and very famous WOW Centre. This is a guided tour and a very worthwhile visit while in Nelson, you will see some of the great world of wearable art fashions, and for the guys a unique car collection. Returning to venue 12.15pm for lunch. Departing again 1.30pm for Arts, crafts and winery tour, a chance to see some of our local arts and crafts and taste our local wines. Returning late afternoon.

**Accommodation:** Accommodation is available on site at the Tahuna Beach Holiday Park, and all motels are within in 10 minutes walking distance to the venue. ALL accommodation bookings MUST be made through Nelson Tourism Services PO Box 1282 Nelson, Phone 03 5466-338 or Fax 03 5459-227. Email [conferences@nzdirect.co.nz](mailto:conferences@nzdirect.co.nz) This will be at no extra cost to you as they have done bulk bookings for us, so be in early to avoid disappointment.

**Travel:** Origin Pacific has come to the conference offering a 30% discount on standard fares. Please quote reference number **2166** to take advantage of this offer. Some conditions apply. Earlier bookings maybe eligible for greater discounts so check this out first. If you travel with Origin Pacific you automatically go into the draw to win return travel for two anywhere within the Origin Network. This will be drawn Sunday night at the dinner.

We will happily meet all those who want transfers to accommodation from both airports Air Nelson and Origin but please specify on registration form. If you are on the ferry from Wellington then busing to Nelson we will meet you at the bus depot and transfer you to your accommodation but please specify on your registration form also.

**Talk In Station:** This will be up and running one week prior to Conference running in the evenings from 6pm until 8pm, and on the national system and closer to the date on our local repeaters and on Friday operating from 10am until 7pm. The conference call sign will be ZL6SUN so can you please use this call sign when wanting reference to Conference. This will cease at the end of Conference.

**Registration Form:** The Conference registration form will be included in March/April Break-In. It can also be down loaded as an 85K pdf file from the NZART web site at: <http://www.amateur.radio.org.nz/nzart/Conference/RegForm.pdf>

**Post Conference Activities – The Monday Special:** If you are staying on in Nelson for a few days after conference why not let us show you around our region. If you are interested in doing a full day excursion ending with dinner at a local restaurant over looking the marina, think about doing it with us. However to organize this we need a minimum number of definite bookings. There will be a small costing for the bus hire but the rest will be at your own expense. Please indicate this on your registration form.

For further Conference 2002 information E-mail [conference2002@nzart.org.nz](mailto:conference2002@nzart.org.nz) or write to PO Box 414, Nelson.

**SEE YOU ALL IN NELSON TO - LIVE THE DAY**

**Letitia Scott**

**Conference Secretary 2002**

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**VHF/UHF/SHF Records with John Wysocki ZL2TWS:** A 6m contact between Tim Moore ZL3VTV/1 and Jose EH7KW on 03/04/2001 over 19,921kms on SSB was confirmed by IARU Region-1 as a new ZL and World Record. This achievement by Tim ZL3VTV and EH7KW has broken the long standing 6m record held by ZL1MQ & ZB0T of 17/04/1981 over 18,250kms on SSB. Congratulations to Tim ZL3VTV for his record-breaking first QSO into Europe. ZL continues to hold many world DX records.

The latest update for 2001 of VHF/UHF/SHF records can be found on the NZART web page at: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/vhf/>

## **Dates To Remember:**

- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March.**
- **HQ-Info-Line, will be E-mailed next on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Closing Date for copy for the next issue of Break-In Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**
- **NZART Conference 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2002 **Nelson** - live the day**

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**Jim Meachen ZL2BHF**  
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