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Greetings Everyone,

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### **NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:**

**Business as Usual** - Hi all, I am pleased to announce, that as from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, I will be back at work as usual. The road to recovery has been bumpy, but as you are all quite familiar with my temperament and perhaps lack of tolerance, it's hard to keep me down!

**Proxy delegates required** - As mentioned in the last HQIL, if your Branch is unable to attend Conference a proxy can be arranged by me to submit your votes at the Conference AGM. Please remember this is a critical part of the ongoing business of the Association and very important to obtain a quorum. Please get all your NZART Branch members to submit their votes on the 2 remits

**NZART Constitution** - One of the remits to be tabled and voted on this year includes the new updated NZART Constitution. Thank you to those who have read and submitted their recommendations to Council before the vote is counted on the draft copy sent out with Mar/April Break In. The final version when agreed by all members will be carefully proof read, therefore any typo's or, or incorrect titles will be amended rest assured. What we do ask for in your votes is that the content is clear and concise, but most important a document that can be upheld by all members.

See you at Conference.... Debby ZL2TDM

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## **IARU presents an Amateur Radio Administration Course in Iran:**

In response to an invitation from the administration of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ representing the IARU Region 3 and Daniel Lamoureux VE2KA representing the IARU International Secretariat visited Iran to present a three-day Amateur Radio Administration Course, 26 to 28 April 2004.

Since the early 1980s this course has been conducted by IARU in various forms in countries all over the world and in response to invitations from administrations to train regulators and prospective regulators in the administering of the amateur service and amateur satellite service. Related objectives include managing disaster relief communications and organising an amateur radio society.

The course in Tehran was arranged by Mr T. Shafiee and Mr M. Zomorodi of the Directorate General of Telecommunications. An excellent training room was provided with full support facilities including a data projector and access to a photocopier. The course was presented using PowerPoint displays prepared by IARU and each of the 16 participants received printed copies of the displays and many other documents and two CD-ROMs with documentation about amateur radio.

The two IARU visitors had discussions with many radio amateurs in Tehran, some of whom attended the course. The course participants visited EP3PTT, a station established in the Ministry's office premises in Tehran. The equipment in this station was received by Iran from the IARU Region 3 Stars\*\*\* programme. Licensed Iranian operators may operate it by arrangement.

There have been amateur radio societies in Iran in earlier years but there has not been an IARU member society. An amateur radio "club", a social meeting group, presently meets in Tehran.

The course has been a memorable experience for the two IARU visitors who have been very warmly received. Contact between IARU and the amateurs and the administration of Iran is to continue and further amateur radio information is to be provided.

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## **FMTAG NOTES:**

**CALL BOOK UPDATE** - FMTAG has written to all Branches (known to own repeaters, beacons, etc.) requesting updated information for the FMTAG listings in 2004-2005 Call Book. Time is running out. Please send your response, as soon as possible, by mail or e-mail, to the addresses at the bottom of this column, to help us ensure that this Call Book is the most accurate ever.

## **RE-PLANNING THE NATIONAL SYSTEM – PROGRESS REPORT**

There are two proposals:

1. Move the existing stations up the band, by “about 900 kHz”.
2. Move the existing stations up the band, by “about 900 kHz”, and invert the transmit/receive sense of all the stations.

Evaluation of Proposal 1 has been completed. Proposal 1 is viable, from a frequency planning perspective, and can proceed after consultation with NZART members and MED licensing action.

Evaluation of Proposal 2 is under way. Proposal 2 has some impact on “local” 2 metre and 70 cm repeaters, requiring many of them to change frequency.

FMTAG is also investigating alternative paths in Northland, to solve the long-standing problems caused by path overshoot and distant-site intermodulation.

A National System Forum is planned for NZART Conference in Blenheim. It is hoped that as many of the Trustees, as is possible, will attend Conference, or will brief their Branch delegates accordingly.

**INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL** - None this month.

**FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL** - Branch 65 Papakura has applied for coordination of a Voice-Over-Internet system. The main station will be a 2 metre repeater at Quarry Road, Ardmore, at NZ260 map reference R12 892577. We have selected 545 as being the most appropriate, corresponding to a repeater transmit frequency of 145.450 MHz and a repeater receive frequency of 144.850 MHz. The corresponding Internet access station will be located at the Branch 65 clubrooms, at NZ260 map reference R12 812590. The Quarry Road station will be linked to the clubrooms by means of a duplex 70 cm link. We have selected 438.000 MHz for the Quarry Road transmit frequency, and 433.000 MHz for the Branch 65 clubrooms transmit frequency, as being the most appropriate.

Branch 85 Mercury Bay has applied to move the 7075 repeater, by a distance of less than 3 km, to Kakaratahei, at NZ260 map reference T11 385754. Engineering analysis confirms that this repeater can continue to operate on the existing channel 7075, corresponding to a repeater transmit frequency of 147.075 MHz and a repeater receive frequency of 147.675 MHz.

Branch 86, the Suburban Amateur Radio Club, has applied for a duplex 70 cm link between Ponga Hill, Papakura, at NZ260 map reference R12 886529, and Musick Point, at NZ260 map reference R11 800818. We have selected 438.125 MHz for the Ponga Hill transmit frequency, and 433.125 MHz for the Musick Point transmit frequency, as being the most appropriate.

**COMMENTS** - We value your comments and suggestions on the above matters and recommendations, and on any other FMTAG matters.

Please send your comments by mail to FMTAG, NZART Headquarters, PO Box 40-525, Upper Hutt, or by e-mail to [fmtag@nzart.org.nz](mailto:fmtag@nzart.org.nz)

**APPLICATIONS** - Applications for repeaters, beacons, digipeaters, point-to-point links, and so on, should be made on the latest version of FMTAG Form 10, which may be obtained from the above address, in paper or electronic versions. Completed forms should be sent to NZART Headquarters or by e-mail to [fmtag@nzart.org.nz](mailto:fmtag@nzart.org.nz)

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## **Experience Marlborough 2004 NZART Conference:**

This is the last edition of HQ-Info-Line before the **Experience Marlborough 2004 NZART conference**. The members of the Marlborough Amateur radio club are looking forward to hosting this event and meeting all delegates.

**Important information follows please read it!**

**The Alternative Programme:** If you have booked after May 18<sup>th</sup> (approx) there may be slight alterations to the alternative programme due to the overwhelming demand. For details please contact the Conference Secretary Helen Harris ZL2TPT.

**Telephone or Fax:** 03 575 7181 or **Or e-mail:** [mt.adde@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mt.adde@xtra.co.nz)

### **Friday Evening**

**Registrations** at the Conference venue, in the foyer of the Marlborough Girls College **from 1730 until 2100.**

### **Why register on Friday evening?**

To catch up with the other delegates, and to make the evening more interesting we have arranged:

- Wine tasting with Vavasour and Koura bay wines of Marlborough's Awatere valley.
- Cheeses from Terrace Farm Sheep cheeses.
- Olive oil from Heards of Marlborough.
- To help warm you up we will have the traditional hot soup as well.

Why wait till Saturday morning to register when you can enjoy all this?

### **Saturday**

0800 Registration opens

0900 AGM official opening in the main hall.

0900 the alternative programme departs the conference venue

### **Travelling to Blenheim**

Please use our talk in Station ZL2KS for information. ZL2KS will be operating from 0900 Friday on our three linked VHF repeaters: 695 Blenheim: from Havelock, Seddon and south of Picton to Blenheim 560 Ward: SH1 from North of Kaikoura to Welds pass, just south of Blenheim 7225 Picton: Marlborough Sounds, Queen Charlotte drive and Picton. John ZL2WW assisted by David ZL2TCO will operate ZL2KS. For excellent coverage of Blenheim in addition to 695, Blenheim 845 on 70cm is also available.

### **Please drive safely!**

**Enquiries** to Conference Secretary, Helen Harris ZL2TPT 03 575 7181 or email [mt.adde@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mt.adde@xtra.co.nz)

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### **NZART STOLEN EQUIPMENT REGISTER:**

**Correct as at:** 10 May 2004

**Make:** Icom

**Model:** IC-W32A

**Serial Number:** 6432

**Type:** Dualband Handheld

**Accessories:** Speaker/mic model number HM-75A, Power Supply/Charger unit, and Rubber Duck Antenna.

**Marks:** There is a slight scratch across the face of the digital display unit and the rubber grommet for the power/speaker/mic sockets is missing.

**Stolen From:** Taken from the residence of ZL2SKY in Palmerston North.

**Date:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2004 between the hours of 0530 & 1815 NZST.

**Owner:** Allan Chandler, ZL2SKY.

**Contact Details:** Any information regarding the whereabouts of this transceiver should be directed to either the Palmerston North Police or to ZL2SKY at callbook address or via phone to: 06-357-8725.

**Police:** Palmerston North Police

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**Make:** Yaesu

**Model:** VX150

**Serial Number:** 4C921202

**Type:** VHF Hand-held

**Stolen From:** Car

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> May 2004

**Owner:** Warren Harris, ZL2WKH

**Contact Details:** 410 Brunswick St, Hastings

**Police:** Hastings Police (Constable Bryant)

## **Branch Spot:**

### **Far North Districts Amateur Radio Club 25 Year Anniversary**

The celebration will comprise an evening meal at the Doubtless Bay Scouts Hall, Taipa on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Celebrations will also include a used equipment sale on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 10.30am at the same venue.

A separate program on Sunday is being planned for those not attending the sale. Dependent on numbers it is planned to visit local attractions some free and some with a concession entry fee. Attractions may include the Ancient Kauri Kingdom, The Gumdiggers Park and the Matthews Vintage Car Museum.

If you wish to attend the celebrations, please complete the registration form attached to this Issue of HQIL.

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## **Dates To Remember:**

- **Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed Sunday 13 June**
- **Next NZART Official Broadcast 8pm & 9pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Marlborough Conference Official Broadcast 8pm Only Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June**
- **NZART Conference 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2004 at Marlborough Girls College, Blenheim.**

73

Jim Meachen ZL2BHF

**Editor**

Branch 78 25 Year Celebrations Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> / Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Registration form.

Name and Call Sign (if applicable): .....

Number attending: ..... @ \$10 per head = \$.....

Postal address:.....

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Payment enclosed:.....

Please post to: Branch 78 NZART  
arrival.  
P.O.Box 4  
AWANUI  
Far North 0552

Registration can be e-mailed to  
[rshack@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rshack@xtra.co.nz) with payment on

**Closing date is 12<sup>th</sup> June 2004**

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The celebrations comprise an evening meal at the Doubtless Bay Scouts Hall, TAIPA on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June. The cost is being subsidised by the Far North Districts Amateur Radio Club and is set at \$10.00 a head. B.Y.O.  
Time is 6.30p.m. for 7.00 p.m.

The 25yrs celebrations also include a Used Equipment sale on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June at the same venue. This will commence 10.30 a.m. *If you have equipment you wish to trade please provide details beforehand so that space can be made available for you.*  
A sausage sizzle will be available at \$2.00.

A separate program on Sunday is being planned for those not attending the sale. Dependent on numbers it is planned to visit local attractions some free and some with a concession entry fee. Attractions may include the Ancient Kauri Kingdom, The Gumdiggers Park, Matthews Vintage Car Museum etc.....

More details will be provided in a "registration pack" which will be mailed out to those registering. A raffle of two items of used equipment will also be held. Details in the registration pack.