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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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The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

Another short week but so much has happened yet again.

New Councilors and new RSM licensing fee structures, what next! Actually as I said in my last newsletter, now is the time to really consider not just your membership to NZART, but those in your Branch that you know who do not belong to the Association.

As Peter ZL2SJ has mentioned, it is in the best interest to all amateurs to belong to the Association, as the acceptable donation from members is less than what is being asked of non-members. Help NZART by helping others to join the Association. Payment options are available for those who may have difficulty in making lump sum payments, as well as pro rata subscriptions for those who have never belonged and wish to join now.

All that being said, I leave recruitment of members now in you very capable hands and await the great influx of membership. An electronic version of the 2005 membership application form can be emailed to you on request to NZART HQ.

Talk soon....Debby ZL2TDM

Amateur Licence Statistics from the Ministry of Economic Development's web site with Tony Case ZL1UD:

Amateur Radio Licensing Statistics				
Category	<u>Dec.20.04</u>	<u>Jan.25.05</u>	<u>Feb.15.05</u>	<u>Mar.29.05</u>
Grade				
General Grade	4696	4712	4716	4687
Limited Grade				
Novice Grade	11	11	11	11
Total Amateur Licenses Issued	4707	4723	4727	4698
Beacons	42	42	42	42
Digi-peaters	29	29	29	29
Fixed	2	2	2	2
Repeaters	247	247	249	249
TV Repeaters	42	42	42	42
Total Licenses	5069	5085	5091	5062

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

The 2005 Jock White Field Day results have just been completed and the full results are available at:
<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/Update/Contests/FDRResults2005.pdf>

Some highlights are:

- Good weather this year and plenty of activity.
- 42 field stations with 243 operators/assistants and between 60 and 100 home stations took part in this popular event.
- Some changes to the regular to places this year. ZL2QF Patea won the Patea Shield (which it donated) for the first time. ZL1BCO Taupo displaced frequent winner ZL1IZ Waitomo at top of the phone only section.

NEW PLYMOUTH WIND-WAND SYMPOSIUM

The New Plymouth Amateur Radio Club invites all members of NZART to the New Plymouth Wind-Wand Symposium 2005. This includes the NZART Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 4th June.

Venue: The Quality Hotel Plymouth International.
Courtenay Street,
New Plymouth. Phone 0800-800-597

Date: Queens Birthday weekend 4th, 5th and 6th June 2005.

Accommodation: The Quality Hotel Plymouth International is the booking agent for the venue and they have a variety of rooms available at the above premises and the Auto Lodge. If you want to stay at a motor camp or somewhere else please feel free to make your own bookings. When booking please state that you are attending the *NZART Wind-Wand Symposium*.

Transport: Please indicate on the Registration form if you need to be met at the Airport. The maximum shuttle fare will be \$15 per person but this could be reduced depending on numbers, flights.

Talk in station: ZL2AB will be operating on both 720 and 705 repeaters and the National System.

Symposium Registrations: will be in the Hotel Foyer at the Quality Hotel Plymouth International from 5.30pm on Friday 3rd June, closing at 9.00 pm and re-opening at 7.30am on Saturday 4th June. The Registration desk area will be open during the Symposium to assist you with any requests. There will be an informal gathering on Friday evening after registration.

The **Official Opening** of the Symposium will be at 9am Saturday with local dignitaries in attendance.

The **NZART AGM** will commence at 9.30am, chaired by the President Peter Norden ZL2SJ. This meeting will finish at approximately 3pm. Afternoon tea to follow. Richard Rowntree ZL1BOK will then conduct a forum (New & Used Equipment, availability, and how to get on the air) until 5 pm.

The **Annual Dinner** will commence at 6.30pm for drinks and with the meal at 7.30pm. The evening entertainment will be provided by the "Plastic Fantastics" an all girl group that has a good song and dance routine dressed in shopping bags and has to be seen to be believed.

AGMs and Forums will recommence at 8.45am on Sunday; these will be AREC, (at the Taranaki Emergency Management Office), all others, OTC, SPAM, WARO, AMSAT, VHF, Contests, ARPS, Digital Modes etc, will be at the hotel.

Mobile Rally; is scheduled to commence at 1pm on Sunday 5th (see Registration Form). Tarry ZL2KV and Frank ZL2BR are managing this activity. There will be some differences this time with a Hidden Transmitter Hunt (on 2m) incorporated during the Rally; any HF or VHF frequencies can be used. There is also a section for Valve AM rigs manufactured or designed prior to 1960. All road rules must be obeyed and Radio Regulations complied with.

Alternative Program: On Saturday a bus will leave the venue at 9.30am and head to Puke Ariki Museum/Centre City shopping complex. Lunch will be at Oakura followed by a visit to the Coastal Arts and Crafts trail; returning in time for the Saturday night activities.

On Sunday a bus will leave the venue at 9.30am for Kiln Creations (paint your very own design on a plate, cup or dish). Lunch is provided in the Bell Block area. At 2pm the bus will return to a Max`s Movie Theatre, then returning in time for the Sunday night entertainment. This will consist of a Buffet Meal, with Gentleman Jim Meachen conducting a quiz to keep you on your toes.

Car boot Sale: For anyone interested in selling or buying equipment, we intend to have a car boot sale in the hotel car park at lunchtime on Sunday. There will be no commission or space charges.
Disclaimer: the NPARC has no responsibility for any transactions.

Optional extra: If there is sufficient interest we can arrange a trip to the Nigel Ogle's Tawhiti Museum near Hawera. This museum is the work of one man and depicts local history and scenes from the Taranaki Wars. It is well worth a visit. Please advise the Registration Desk when you register if you choose to do this. A minimum of 25 for a bus, or you may decide to pool cars. This will be on a User Pays basis.

Why Wind Wand Symposium? Many associate Mount Taranaki with our beautiful province but we thought that the Wind Wand was more specific to New Plymouth in particular. It was designed by the late Len Lye who was looking for a way to compose motion. The Wind Wand is a narrow red fibreglass tube, 200mm in diameter and stands 45 metres high on the foreshore of New Plymouth. It weighs approximately 900 kg and can bend at least 20 metres. At night the light at the top emits a soft red glow. It was controversial when it was first erected but has now been proudly accepted by most as representing our beautiful coastal walkway.

The use of the word “symposium” is also extremely apt. Various dictionaries consulted give meanings of: “A meeting or conference for the discussion of some topic. Especially one in which the participants form an audience and make presentations”, “Ancient Greek after dinner drinking party with music, dancing, or conversation”, “Philosophical or other friendly discussion”, “Drinking party”, and “A convivial meeting”. Synonyms located include: congress, convention, convocation, discussion, forum, meeting, conference, consultation, conversation, debate, deliberation and dialogue. As you can see from this, the Symposium that will be held here in New Plymouth should be all of the above. We are aiming to make it an extremely pleasurable and informative occasion for all attending.

Website: See our website www.nzart.org/nzart/ and follow the links to New Plymouth Amateur Radio Club. Other web sites of interest are: www.newplymouthnz.com (for more about New Plymouth), www.windwand.co.nz/ourwindwand_main.htm (for more pictures of the Wind Wand). For the Quality Plymouth International Hotel (the actual venue) and all its facilities, check out: www.plymouth.co.nz
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A Registration Form for the New Plymouth Wind-Wand Symposium 4-5-6th June 2005 is attached to this Issue of HQIL. (See Registration form at the following link –
<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/infoline/ConfRegistrationForm.pdf>

Dates to Remember:

- **Next HQ-Info-Line Sunday 17th April.**
- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 24th April**
- **NZART Wind-Wand Symposium 4th, 5th and 6th June.**

73

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