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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:

Urgent Please response required.

On a number of occasions I have been asked for advertising material from branches for upcoming events. To date there has been very little I have been able to supply.

Below are details of suggested styles, sizes, and colours for a promotional banner or flag that branches may wish to purchase.

Details of the banners are as follows:

Size: 900mm x 1800mm or 650mm x 1800mm

Fabric: Knit Knit

Cost per 25 = \$65.85 each plus GST

Cost per 35 = \$59.45 each plus GST

Cost per 50 = \$54.80 each plus GST

Obviously the more produced the lower the cost.

There is one other size available which is 900mm x 3000mm, however the cost increases by \$10 per banner or flag.

Please take the time to view the flags, they are available on the NZART web page located at <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/> this is your opportunity to have a professional banner made for special events.

Subscriptions 2006

A final reminder will be sent out to all non-paid members of the Association for the 2006 subscriptions, at the end of this month. If you know of members in your branch who have yet to pay, please give them a gentle reminder.

Talk soon.....**Debby ZL2TDM**

MED: Report of meeting held 23 February 2006.

As members were advised in the last InfoLine, meetings with the MED RSM Division are on going. To this end a meeting was held on 23 February 2006, which included representatives of MED and Officers of the Association. The Officers were Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ, NZART Administration Liaison Officer (ALO) and Evan Sayer, NZART Treasurer.

The main matter discussed which concerns the membership was that of the fees around the cost of licensing Repeaters, Beacons and Fixed Links. The NZART position was already fully understood by RSM and as expected, no further explanation was necessary. The MED position on beacon and repeater numbers, the total fee resulting and the 10% discount for on-line payment were reviewed.

A solution proposed by the MED around this “fee” was discussed by the ALO and Treasurer. The solution offered is being considered by both officers, and NZART Council are awaiting this proposal from the two officers before proceeding further.

Proposed Waikato District Plan: Submission 167 – Aerials

One of the many issues that NZART is dealing with at present is the **Proposed Waikato District Plan: Submission 167 – Aerials**. NZART’s Local Government Liaison Officer, Mike Newman, ZL1BNB has prepared a response to the proposed plan. Mike is now seeking a wider response from members of NZART about this important issue.

The letter states “You (the Waikato District Council) have asked whether a standard aerial design exists which might be referred to in your district plan as an “acceptable solution.” And further Mike states: “Any planning rules must give reasonable consideration to the needs of the amateur radio service. The proposed rules do not show such consideration has, so far, been given, and in short, will act as an severe impediment to amateur radio operations and future recruitment”

In order for additional feedback from members, the contents of the letter from Mike to the Waikato District Council will be made available on the NZART Website at www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/index.html

All comments will need to be addressed to Mike Newman at localgovt@nzart.org.nz While some debate may take place in other forums on this matter such as the many NZART Sponsored Email Reflectors, it is important to note that all comments, submissions and the like must be directed to above NZART email address so they can be collated, and used in any future submissions.

Australian Special Event Stations - Commonwealth Games:

The 18th Commonwealth Games in Melbourne Australia, contested by 4,500 athletes from 70 countries, will be celebrated by two special event callsigns, **AX3MCG** and **AX3GAMES**.

AX3MCG (Melbourne Commonwealth Games) will be QRV daily 1-31 March, with operators David VK3EW and Peter VK3QI aiming to achieve at least DXCC. A multi-operator roster will also activate AX3GAMES generally QRV daily on all bands.

Special Commemorative QSLs for both callsigns will be available via the VK3 Buro.

AX3MCG and AX3GAMES are the only special event callsigns issued by Australian Communications and Media Authority to celebrate the Commonwealth Games. Individual VK's may also substitute the AX prefix during the games period.

Amateur Radio Victoria www.amateurradio.com.au

FMTAG Notes:

Transpower has advised NZART of revised access conditions at its sites. The main changes are to the specifications for protective clothing and other protective equipment. Repeater Trustees can obtain a copy of the new conditions from FMTAG at: fmtag@nzart.org.nz

NZART Conference in Christchurch Queens Birthday Weekend 2006:

Conference this year is to be held at the Riccarton Racecourse in Christchurch. Arrangements to date can be viewed at <http://www.hamradio.co.nz/convention>

Dates To Remember:

- Next HQ-Info-Line E-mailed on 19th March
- NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 26th March

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