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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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My thanks to Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ for acting as editor during my recent absence.

The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

Conference is over for another year. It was great to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. I really enjoy when Conferences are held in each Island on alternate years as you see many new faces that could otherwise not afford to attend.

It really does pay to try and hold it between the islands, so that newcomers to the Association can see how things work.

On the subject of Conference, many of you who attend will know of Jim's infamous Quiz. This year was no exception; I am pleased to say that once again he had us thinking back to days we thought were long gone. The winners of the quiz this year came from all around the country. Therefore they wished that the Com-Centre prize of a \$250 voucher be presented to the youngest person who has successfully completed the amateur radio exam in the last 12 months. The persons' name was not known at the time, however I am now pleased to advise that it was Caleb Manson from Christchurch who was only 10 years old when he sat and passed the exam in January this year. Well done Caleb.

Sadly there were a number of Branches who did not submit any voting figures for a proxy to present at the AGM. Please remember this is your opportunity to effect change by placing your vote on remits. Equally if your views differ from current practices or procedures at Branch level, this is the chance to be heard and forward remits to make changes happen. Branches have the answers to tomorrow's problems so work as a collective to ensure those ideas come forward.

Finally Conference 2007 will be held in Palmerston North, however it may be opportune to also get Branches thinking for 2008 as we have yet to receive any offers to host it for this year.

Talk soon....Debby ZL2TDM

FMTAG Notes:

NZART Council approved publication of the following FMTAG notes, at its June 2006 meeting.

Interim Recommendations to NZART Council.

Branch 12 Hamilton has applied for a 144.650 MHz BBS, in accordance with the bandplan, to be located at Seddon Road, Map Reference S14 102773.

Branch 12 Hamilton has applied for a 147.500 MHz BBS, in accordance with the bandplan, to be located at Seddon Road, Map Reference S14 102773.

Branch 12 Hamilton has applied for a VHF Link Station (VLS) to the Kaimai 540 repeater, to be located at Seddon Road, Map Reference S14 102773. The VLS will transmit on 144.800 MHz and receive on 145.400 MHz.

Branch 12 Hamilton has applied for a UHF Link Station (ULS) to the Waikato 840 repeater, to be located at Seddon Road, Map Reference S14 102773. The ULS will transmit on 433.400 MHz and receive on 438.400 MHz.

Branch 12 Hamilton has applied for a UHF Link Station (ULS) to the Klondyke 9875 repeater, to be located at Seddon Road, Map Reference S14 102773. The ULS will transmit on 434.875 MHz and receive on 439.875 MHz.

Branch 12 Hamilton has applied to make changes to its 615.250 MHz ATV repeater (Licence 148707) located at Seddon Road, Map Reference S14 102773.

Branch 53 Te Puke has applied for a 144.625 MHz BBS, in accordance with the bandplan, to be located at Mt Maunganui, Map Reference U14 912883.

Branch 53 Te Puke has applied for a UHF Link Station (ULS) to the Waikato 840 repeater, to be located at Mt Maunganui, Map Reference U14 912883. The ULS will transmit on 433.400 MHz and receive on 438.400 MHz.

Branch 69 Kapiti has applied to increase the power of the Mount Field 9925 National System repeater, Map Reference R26 875374. The repeater transmits on 439.925 MHz and receives on 434.925 MHz.

Branch 69 Kapiti has applied to increase the power of the Mount Field 9900 UHF Link Station (ULS), Map Reference R26 875374. The ULS transmits on 439.900 MHz and receives on 434.900 MHz.

Final Recommendations to NZART Council.

None this month.

Comments.

Please send your comments and suggestions on the above matters and recommendations, and on any other FMTAG matters, by e-mail to fmtag@nzart.org.nz or by mail to FMTAG, c/- NZART, PO Box 40-525, Upper Hutt.

MED Warning and Infringement Notices.

All licensees have an obligation, under the Radiocommunication Act, to ensure that station operation complies with the MED Licence. Failure to comply with the licence can result in a warning or infringement notice (including a fine).

Technical changes to radiocommunication stations, such as increased antenna gain, reduced feeder and/or filter losses, or increased transmitter power, or a change of location, require a new licence application and new engineering certification.

Using the MED Radio 2 Form, or selecting certification by MED engineers via SMART, will result in the MED issuing an invoice for \$300 plus GST. Certification via FMTAG results in a zero fee.

These are the only ways that the MED accepts notification of technical changes. **The MED does not accept notification of changes by letter, email, fax or telephone.**

Please fill out one NZART FMTAG Form 10 for each transmitter, if choosing certification by FMTAG. All of the information requested by the Form 10 needs to be supplied.

Applications

Applications for repeaters, beacons, digipeaters, point-to-point links, and so on, should be made on the latest version of FMTAG Form 10.

The latest versions of FMTAG Form 10, and the explanatory Form 10A, are available from the above address, in paper or electronic versions, or in Word or .pdf versions on the NZART web site at:

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/nzart/fmtag.html>

Completed forms should be sent by e-mail to fmtag@nzart.org.nz or by mail to FMTAG, c/- NZART, PO Box 40-525, Upper Hutt.

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

Statistics						
Amateur Radio Licensing Statistics						
Category	<u>May.24.04</u>	<u>May.19.05</u>	<u>Mar.21.06</u>	<u>Apr. 20.06</u>	<u>May.23.06</u>	
Grade						
General Grade	3172	4675	4845	4868	4879	
Limited Grade	1547					
Novice Grade	12	9	9	9	9	
Total Amateur Licenses Issued	4731	4684	4854	4877	4888	
Beacons	42	42	43	45	44	
Digi-peaters	29	29	28	27	26	
Fixed	2	1				
Repeaters	219	292	262	259	261	
TV Repeaters	19	42	38	38	38	
Total Beacons Repeaters and Links	311	406	371	369	369	
Total Licenses	5042	5090	5225	5246	5257	

Keypoints from Conference:

Conference Guest Speaker was **Sir Angus Tait**. He recognised the value of employing the right people with the appropriate expertise and of seizing opportunities as they present themselves. He said "nothing is more certain than change" and investing in Research and Development was a key to success in the ever changing area of technology.

Richard Sawers from the **MED** explained the workings and progress of the SMART system, presently being implemented in various stages at Radio Spectrum.

Council Activity:

Council approved the purchase of a laptop computer with special recording software for Council and Annual General Meetings.

Break-In will be put in into larger metropolitan area libraries at a reduced rate in December this year.

A new **Promotional Brochure** advertising NZART and Amateur Radio is to be produced.

Fred ZL2AMJ advised there was nothing further to report regarding **Repeater and Beacon licensing**. NZART Council's position remains that the payment of any fee to MED should be equitably shared by all New Zealand Amateurs.

Call Book this year will be distributed with the October issue of Break In.

There is no change to **Subscriptions for 2007**. The rebate of \$15 will again apply to full membership subscriptions if paid on or before 30 November 2006.

A **Membership Drive** is to become an annual promotion. Reduced promotional subscription amounts, will only apply to new members or those who have lapsed membership of NZART for a period of 3 years or longer.

Stuart Watchman ZL2TW has completed a series of **Amateur Radio Training DVD's** (13 in a set).

A Special **ZL1HV Jumbo Godfrey Memorial Badge** is to be introduced. It is to be presented in recognition for outstanding service by a member at Branch/Regional level. Details will be advised soon.

The **Rothschild Cup** was awarded to Auckland Branch 02 with 6 successful examination passes.

The **Youth Achievement Award** was this shared this year. The two winners were Caleb Williams of Marlborough and Ben Pearce of Whangarei each scored 55 out of 60.

Remit Results - Remit 1 submitted by Manawatu Branch was lost on voices, Remit 2 submitted by New Plymouth Branch, was withdrawn, Remit 3 had two amendments which were both lost on voices then the remit as submitted was then put and lost on voices. Remit 4 already under action was carried on voices unanimously.

Amateur of the Year was awarded to John Walker ZL3IB for his continued commitment to excellence in maintaining high class standards for the production of Break In.

A motion that was put at last years Conference regarding, **MED** and the **Repeater Licensing** system was reaffirmed.

Palmerston North was confirmed as the Conference venue for next year.

The **Stirrers Award** was awarded to Ian Ashley ZL1AOX who attempted to place a negative vote for an otherwise unanimous vote.

VHF – UHF Contests:

Hibernation Contest 1st & 2nd of April Results.

There was plenty of activity, but only one log was received.

Steve, ZL1TPH, is therefore declared the winner. Congratulations Steve.

Forthcoming Contests - Note: These are the first contests to be held under the new rules, published in HQ Infoline, and available on the NZART website. Just to confuse everyone, following the revision of the VHF/UHF contest calendar, the next contest is called, wait for it, the Hibernation Contest.

Hibernation Contest. All bands 50 MHz and up. Saturday the 10th of June, and Sunday the 11th.

(Hey! that's today, Ed.)

The contest has been delayed one week because of the clash with NZART Conference.

For all contests, the operating periods are 1700 to 2300 on the Saturday, and 0700 to 1300 on the Sunday, NZ local time.

All contest logs must be sent, to arrive within TWO WEEKS, to:

**Contest Manager
Wellington VHF Group
P.O. Box 12-259
Thorndon
WELLINGTON**

Contests with John Powell ZL1BHQ - NZART Contest Manager:

2006 Memorial Contest

When - 1/2 July 2006 - 2000NZST until 2300NZST - 80m - All Modes and operating category choices. refer NZART Website - <http://www.nzart.org.nz/contests> for updated Rules and operating information.

2006 Oceania Contest

When - 'Phone - 7/8 October 2006 - 0800UTC (1 Oct) - 0800UTC (2 Oct.)

CW - 14/15 October 2006 - 0800UTC (14 Oct.) - 0800UTC (15 Oct.)

Updated Rules and other operating information NZART Website -

http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzartupdate/contests/Oceania2006_rules_version 1.pdf

Upcoming Contests

All Asian DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Jun 17 to 2400Z, Jun 18

SMIRK Contest, 0000Z, Jun 17 to 2400Z, Jun 18

His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB 1200Z, Jun 24 to 1200Z, Jun 25

Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest, 1200Z, Jun 24 to 1200Z, Jun 25

RAC Canada Day Contest, 0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1

Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest, 0000Z, Jul 1 to 2359Z, Jul 2

DL-DX RTTY Contest, 1100Z, Jul 1 to 1059Z, Jul 2

VK/Trans-Tasman 160m Contest, Phone 0800Z-1400Z, Jul 8
IARU HF World Championship, 1200Z, Jul 8 to 1200Z, Jul 9

Dates to Remember:

- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 26th June**
- **Next HQ-Info-Line E-mailed on Sunday 9th July**

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