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## Greetings Everyone

Welcome to Headquarters-Info-Line a twice-monthly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters e-mailed directly to Branches and to others that subscribe through the NZART Web Site. This bulletin is also distributed on the amateur radio packet network.

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## The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says

Thank you for sending in your 2008 subscription payments so punctually, and also for the many who are taking advantage of paying on-line. Our Bank account details again, in case you have misplaced your last issue of HQ Info-line. BNZ Upper Hutt, 02 0772 0209760 00. Please remember to include your call sign and membership number.

A very special thank you to the many who are donating their \$15 rebate to the WRC-07 conference fund. To date we have collected \$3090.00. This is a wonderful effort and truly a tribute to your commitment of ensuring that amateur radio is represented on the world stage.

To the many who have donated, if you do not want your name and call sign included in the next issue of Break In please advise me as soon as possible. Council feels that rather than me having to send each and everyone a letter of thanks for your donation, that a special mention with your name and call sign in Break In will endorse our grateful thanks.

Branches that are in the process of setting up repeaters or amending frequencies, please be aware that there is a part charge made by the Ministry. The latest changes in several areas have incurred a small pro rata fee. This is to bring them in to line with annual license invoicing due to be paid between October and November each year. Council is currently undertaking preparation of a new policy in this regard as NZART will not be able to sustain these payments forever.

Council is also awaiting word from the Ministry re license fees and how amateur radio requires special consideration over other licensing regimes.

Rest assured all members will be kept abreast of any updates the Ministry or NZART have in progressing a more favourable outcome.

That's all from me....Debby ZL2TDM

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## **NZART Council - Policy Statement: Licensing of Repeaters, Beacons and Fixed Links**

The purpose of this policy document is to outline the processes that NZART will follow, to support the Licensing of Repeaters, Beacons and Fixed Links.

The policy is available as PDF file from the following link: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/NZART/policies/index.html>

Mark ZL2UFI

### **Policy Statement**

Licensing of Repeaters, Beacons and Fixed Links

Tony Case and Mark Gooding - NZART Council

The purpose of this policy document is to outline the processes that NZART will follow, to support the Licensing of Repeaters, Beacons and Fixed Links.

#### **1. Short Term Special Purpose Repeaters (STSP's)**

Council to ensure that a single licence covering all STSP's is implemented as soon as possible. Agreement has been reached with the MED that all STSP Repeaters will be contained within one licence. This one licence will include all VHF (144-148 MHz band) and UHF (430-440 MHz band) STSP repeaters. Once completed, there will be a single licence covering all STSP Repeaters New Zealand wide.

**Recommendation is that NZART seek that AREC pay for this one licence, as these repeaters are used for AREC purposes.**

#### **2. Amateur Television (ATV)**

The 614 MHz, Channel 39 allocation is moving to a Spectrum Management right. It is generally accepted that if New Zealand Amateurs ever give up this allocation it will be lost, and would be unlikely to be returned.

**Recommendation is that NZART pay for these licenses, but seek reimbursement from clubs or individuals to assist in the cost involved.**

#### **3. UHF National System**

The UHF National System throughout New Zealand is deemed a national asset. As such NZART is prepared to fund the licensing fees for this asset. Physical ownership and control will remain vested in the Branch that owns the asset. The billing address for these assets funded by NZART will remain with NZART. All applications to extend the UHF National System in the first instance must be made to NZART Council for approval to fund the licensing fees. If an application made by a Branch is declined on financial grounds, the Branch concerned will be made aware of the fact. If that Branch agrees to fund the licensing of the extension then in this instance, the address for billing will be held by the Branch.

#### **4. International Beacons**

The International Beacons based in the Wairarapa, are currently all on one licence.

**Recommendation is that NZART continue to pay for this licence. That if individuals or Branches wish to assist, they should be encouraged to do so.**

#### **5. Applications for new Repeaters, Beacons and Fixed Links**

With the exception of number 3 (above), all applications for new repeaters, beacons and links will be funded by the Branch applying. The billing address for licensing will remain with the Branch. As part of the process of applying for a new licence the branch/individual will need to pay in advance of the granting of the licence. This is to ensure that NZART has no financial burden during the licensing process. The cost involved is expected to be one years licensing fee, currently set at \$50.00 less 10% for online payment.

**Recommendation is that all Branches are written to and advised of the policy outlined above for new license applications.**

#### **6. Re-licensing Licenses held by NZART on behalf of Branches**

All licence bills received by NZART prior to 31 January 2008 will be paid for by NZART and the Branch concerned will be invoiced for the amount paid.

Branches need to notify NZART should they wish to cancel a repeater Licence. If no notification is received, then the licence will be renewed, once only for the 2007/2008 licensing year.

From 1 February 2008, any licence invoice received by NZART will need to be prepaid by the Branch concerned, before payment of the Licence fee by NZART. Branches will be notified prior to this occurring. If their repeater licenses have not been paid by the due date, the licence will not be paid by NZART, and the licence will lapse or become cancelled.

If the Branch or individual later wishes to have the licence re-engineered, and reinstated an additional cost will be involved. It is recommended that Branches actively monitor this process to avoid cancellation or having to go through the re-engineering process.

In some cases special circumstances may exist that require some assistance by NZART in the relicensing process. If a Branch has any difficulties, it should apply immediately to NZART for special circumstances consideration. This consideration could be assistance in the payment process as an example. Each circumstance will be considered on its merits by NZART Council.

**Recommendation is that all Branches are written to advising of the policy outlined above for existing repeaters.**

#### **7. Returning Repeater Licenses held by NZART back to Branches**

Repeaters, Beacons and Fixed Link licenses are held by NZART on behalf of the Branch at the request of RSM, so that they could enact "one invoice". This has not occurred.

Billing dates can differ between licenses that are held by NZART on behalf of a Branch, if for instance multiple licenses are held. This can be confusing for branches, but is no different to owning two cars with different registration dates throughout the year.

RSM need to be approached regarding this so that no extra expense is added for returning licenses to the Branches.

NZART HQ will work with individual Branches to return licensing responsibility back to the Branch involved.

**Recommendation is that as soon as possible NZART HQ write to the Branches, one at a time and commence the returning of licenses to branches. This may take some time to complete and work through, but this recommendation will then take the onus of payment and invoicing away from NZART. The Branches will then, once again be in charge of their destiny.**

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#### **Old Timers' Club (ZL)**

Your net controllers have unanimously decided to change the time and frequency of the OTC (ZL) SSB weekly net.

From Sunday 2/9/07 onwards there will only be a net on 3.865 MHz at 1600 hrs.

Thanks very much.

73, Roy ZL2KH

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#### **Contest News**

##### **VHF Contests**

The next contest is the Microwave Contest, all bands 614 MHz and up, on Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th of October 2007. The operating times are: Saturday 1700 to 2300 NZT and Sunday 0700 to 1300 NZT.

The rules are available at: <[www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/vhfcontestrules0606.html](http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/vhfcontestrules0606.html)>

All contest logs should be sent, to arrive within two weeks, to:

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

## HF Contests

The WAE SSB DX Contest should be somewhat interesting in light of the patchy band conditions and the likelihood of 80 m & 40 m being the "money bands". Still no perceived improvement in Solar Indices - hopefully by the month's end (and the upcoming Equinox) some improvement and relief will be in sight.

### 2007 OCEANIA CONTESTS

Phone - 6 & 7 October 2007, 0800Z, 6 Oct. until 0800Z 7 Oct. - All Bands

CW - 13 & 14 October 2007, 0800Z 13 Oct. until 0800Z 14 Oct. - All Bands

Updated Contest(s) information will be available on the NZART Website well in advance of the Phone Contest - <http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/index.html>

### 2008 JOCK WHITE MEMORIAL FIELD DAY CONTEST - ADVANCE NOTICE

When: 23 & 24 February 2008.

Updated Contest will be posted to the NZART Website and published in Break In nearer to the event - probably late 2007 and the Nov/Dec Break In Contest column.

### 2008 RSGB COMMONWEALTH CONTEST - TEAMS EVENT

The RSGB HF Contest Committee has decided to continue with the most successful Team's Event in the 2008 Commonwealth Contest. Remember that the ZL Team won the 2007 Inaugural event under the astute and capable captaincy of Frank, ZL2BR, who will no doubt, be looking for the same results in 2008.

### 2008 NZART STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT ACTIVITY

When: Sunday, 4 November 2007

Time: 2000 - 2300 NZDT.

Where: 80 m

Refer 2006 NZART Callbook, Page 5-8 for Activity details.

Please note log sheets are to be forwarded to ZL1AIH, Ken McCormack, 181 Ararimu Valley Road, Waimauku. AUCKLAND, on, or before 20 November 2007.

### OTHER FORTHCOMING CONTESTS

Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW	1200Z, Sep 15 to 1200Z, Sep 16
CIS DX Contest	1200Z, Sep 22 to 1200Z, Sep 23
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Sep 29 to 2359Z, Sep 30
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Sep 29 to 2400Z, Sep 30
UBA ON Contest, CW	0600Z-1000Z, Sep 30
Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 6 to 0800Z, Oct 7
RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest	0700Z-1900Z, Oct 7
Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z-0759Z, Oct 13 and 1600Z-2359Z, Oct 13 and 0800Z-1559Z, Oct 14
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 13 to 0800Z, Oct 14
UBA ON Contest, SSB	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 14
JARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 20 to 2400Z, Oct 21
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 20 to 1459Z, Oct 21
Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 21
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 27 to 2400Z, Oct 28
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Oct 27 to 2359Z, Oct 28

Next week I will be away attending both a family 40th birthday (not mine) celebration and a family wedding so will be somewhat brief with the bulletin.

73, John Powell, ZL1BHQ, NZART Contest Manager

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2007 OB at 8pm Sunday: Sep 30, Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec 23

\* **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 and**

\* **Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on Sunday 23 SEPTEMBER 2007**

2007 HQIL on Sunday: Sep 9-23, Oct 7-21, Nov 4-18, Dec 9-23

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