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Greetings Everyone

Welcome to Headquarters-Infoline 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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Official Broadcast This Month Is On SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2008

Next Infoline Is To Be E-Mailed On SUNDAY 06 JULY 2008

From The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM

Debby says...

Sorry about the last issue of HQ Info-line, I didn't get home in time to write my piece. I was too busy sunning myself in the winterless South, with temperatures reaching up to -2 degrees! However I did have a wonderful time.

Now a very real apology for not presenting the 2007 AGM minutes to Break In last year. This was only noticed at this year's AGM in Dunedin.. I have attached these for you. There was of course an abridged form of minutes attached to HQIL last year. This year's minutes will be included in the July/August edition of Break In.

Two very important items on the agenda were the two vacant positions of FMTAG chairman and an NZART Publicity Officer.

Both of these positions need to be filled ASAP. If you are interested, please contact me for a job description for either or both.

[<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/nzart/> and look at the end of the page-ZL2NN]

Call Book for 2008/2009 will be produced in October this year, therefore anyone who feels their information needs to be updated has time to view the Ministry's web page and confirm your details.

It is also very important for all Branch Trustees to update their details this also includes the AREC section of each branch.

If details are not received, the space that is usually completed will remain blank this year.

That's all for this issue ...talk soon Debby ZL2TDM

**Annual General Meeting Minutes 2007
Palmerston North Convention Centre
Saturday 2nd June 2007**

1. Welcome

The symposium began at 9am with guest speakers Steve Maharey local MP and Minister of Broadcasting, Michael Owen WIA President then a power point presentation from Phil Wait VK2DKN WIA expert on BPL.

The Annual General Meeting commenced at 10:30am after morning tea

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from the following:

Branches:

Raglan Branch 83; Waitara Branch 47; Hastings Branch 13

Individual Members

ZL3GX, ZL2LS, ZL2SJ, ZL2AMJ, ZL3IB, ZL1AOC, ZL3HAM, ZL1BOK, ZL3TKI, ZL3BPS, ZL2NN< ZL1TDG, ZL1TKG, ZL2MAB, ZL4JY, ZL1BAQ, ZL1AUI, ZL1UCT.

3. Silent Keys

Bruce ZL2 WP called for a moment of silence in remembrance of silent keys.

4. Confirmation Of Quorum

A quorum of 1192 was required for the AGM to proceed. 1483 Transmitting members were recorded as being present.

Bruce declared the meeting in session.

5. Report On Council Business

Council met in the Steeple room of the Kingsgate hotel yesterday.

New members of Council were welcomed to the meeting Vaughan Henderson ZL1TGC, Noel Rowe ZL3GR, John Andrews ZL2HD and Keith Stanton ZL3QH.

Also invited to attend was the WIA President Michael Owen VK3KI. Phil Waite VK 2DKN,

Council resolved that Break In will continue to be offered in bookstores, for a further 12 months. Sales continue to remain constant and marginally above costs to the Association for production of additional copies. Council feels that this continues to be a direct approach of keeping the profile of Amateur Radio and NZART in the public arena.

Most Officers of the Association agreed to continue in their appointed positions, with the exception of the Administration Liaison Officer. This position is yet to be determined, as Council requires a new approach for this very important role.

Council fully supports any initiatives that members or Officers of the Association recommends to promote amateur radio. However Council must approve any such suggestions, where the business manager requires expenditure or time allocation.

Tauranga Branch has amended their name to Tauranga Districts Amateur Radio Club.

Subscriptions for 2008 will be as per 2007

Transmitting	\$95
Non-Transmitting	\$95
Family Additional	\$30
Maximum Family	\$125
Student	\$40
Overseas Air Mail	\$110
Overseas Surface mail	\$95

A rebate of \$15 is applicable if subscription payments are received before 30 November 2007.

Council is also considering the option of a 5-year membership subscription. More details will be advised once the mechanics of this can be worked through.

Stuart Watchman was appointed to the Vice President position

Council has still to determine if a representative will be sent to the WRC- 07 conference in Geneva. Council has a number of large expenditure items to consider in the coming months, therefore has chosen to delay this decision until the outcome of this meeting. Presently the Association is facing a deficit of approximately \$19,000 this year, and further commitments need to be prioritised before a decision is made.

While the Association does have funds in reserve, this amounts to only 1 full year of operation at the present level of membership.

Branches are urged to encourage those people who do not belong to the Association to join and help support the amateur bands like the rest of us.

Vaughan Henderson was presented the 'Gawdy Award' a newly introduced award by the business manager to identify the most outspoken Councillor at a pre conference meeting. The recipient of this award has to wear a hideously coloured tie for the duration of the weekend's events.

The meeting closed at 6:25pm

6. Minutes 2006 AGM- Confirmation

The full text of the Annual General Meeting 2006 was tabled and approved. ZL3TNT/ZL3QH - Carried

7. Annual Accounts

Evan our Association Treasurer raised serious increasing concerns of Association expenditure and the dwindling number of members.

Furthermore he advised that although accounts appeared reasonably healthy, in essence, funds available would only be enough to sustain one full years operational costs. Simply put, if membership drops to below 1800 members, the Association will seriously need to consider the two biggest areas of expenditure. Head Quarters and Break In.

Gareth ZL3VP called clarification of the annual accounts as printed in Break In. Dates appear to be incorrect as the income and expenditure column show for 2005, which should be 2006.

Evan called for Parsons Roddick to continue to act as the Associations annual auditors - Carried

8. Officers' Reports As Published In Break-In

All reports were taken as read and moved for approval ZL2SKY/ZL1TGC Carried

Matters arising from reports are as follows:

Debby advised that examination results as published in Break In were incorrect. Auckland Branches combined, had a total of 10 successful candidates.

Therefore the recipient of the Rothschild Cup went to Palmerston North Branch for a total of 6 successful candidates.

Alistair Allan ZL4AO congratulated Stuart ZL2TW for the excellent series of DVD's for amateur radio training. He advised that his branch had good results from the local high school with this educational programme.

A query was raised regarding no financial reporting for the Radio Science Education Trust. Bruce advised that it was a separate entity from NZART and therefore is not required to report financials, merely a courtesy should the trustees wish to do so.

9. Remits

Prior to discussion on the remit, Wanganui Branch submitted an amendment to the published remit in Break In.

The Amended Remit

That the Association makes generous provision of funds to defend threats to amateur radio such as Restrictive antenna planning, Industry threats such as BPL, such other things as Council considers necessary.

The meeting rejected this amendment, as it appeared to change the entire intent of the original remit.

The Remit as published was then put and LOST on voices.
Despite having been lost, valuable discussion occurred which will be very helpful to Council as to the way forward.

10. Fixing Of Venue For 2008 Conference

Otago Branch 30 offered to host the 2008 Conference. This was received with great enthusiasm.

14. General Business

Several items of value were raised during General Business principal among these was the GURL issue. Some Branches who could not be present at the AGM had submitted their views in writing to Council regarding the GURL. All were not in favour of the current proposal.

Mark ZL2UFI addressed the meeting, giving an overview of developments to date and answered questions from the floor with regard to the GURL MED proposal.

All had the opportunity to comment and useful guidance was provided to Council as to what now needed to be done.

A resolution from the floor proposed that:

"This Conference considers that in most circumstances the GURL option is an UNACCEPTABLE solution to the repeater licensing situation and directs Council to negotiate a solution involving the SMART system at no cost or minimal cost to the Amateur Radio Service."

This was carried unanimously.

Foundation License.

The meeting revisited the issue of adopting a Foundation licence grade in New Zealand.

Council have been given information from the WIA representatives, which they will consider and report to members as to the feasibility of adopting here in New Zealand.

The meeting felt that should this be adopted that a special requirement be considered that all applicants must be members of the Association.

Tararua Branch 06

Stephen Cooper invited all in attendance to participate in their branches 80 year celebrations next year. - Further details on these celebrations will be advised later.

Alan ZL2SKY wished to thank Jim ZL2BHF for his involvement in Access Radio over the past 9 years.

15. Stirrers Award

The Stirrers award for 2007 was presented to Vaughan ZL1TGC of the Stirrer's award which matched his earlier Gawdy Award.

16. Presentation of Amateur of the Year

The amateur of the year award was presented to Mike Newman ZL1BNB

This was presented in recognition for his considerable achievements and role as Local Government Liaison Officer.

The meeting applauded

Meeting closed at 4:15pm

These minutes are available on the NZART web at:

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/branches/2007agm.xls>

From the Trustees of the National System

The e-mails below are the latest first

1. Lockup

Jamie

Thanks for the reply and the action to be taken.

We had another lockup this morning (Friday 20-JUN-2008) with a Mobile set stuck on for around 20 minutes

Cheers, Steve

2. Lockup

Some one had their PTT jammed on in the Auckland area.

Please remind club members to use a proper microphone clip in shack and in vehicle and not just throw it on shack bench or car seat !!

A lot of unnecessary time and effort was wasted by several of us isolating various parts of the system plus cellphone calls and text messages used up !!

Perhaps Jamie could mention this on the next InFo Line reminding people to be careful of lock ons esp on the National System

Steve ZL2KG

3. Lockup

Yesterday (Tues 17-JUN-2008) afternoon Kaimai was transmitting continuously a noise-free carrier. I checked the input and could not detect a signal. Checking Klondyke local the system was operating normally, so I assumed someone had turned the Kaimai port off. I also turned Rotorua off as we have a solar site with a deteriorating battery. I do not know what happened subsequently, but things were back to normal early this morning.

Peter

Motor Rallies - Operators Required

2008 Silver Fern Rally

16 October 2008 Branch 22

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DayBreaker® Rally 2008

Saturday 11 October 2008

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Please see;

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/events/index.html>

for full information on these events

Used Equipment Sales

New Entry

New Plymouth Amateur Radio Club

Mangorei Hall, Junction Road.

Auction to be held on 19th July 2008.

Inwards goods received from 0800 hrs

Auction starts at 1000 hrs

Equipment of a quality and type not normally seen at such sales will be available at this sale.

(buyer registration is essential)

ZL2KH Roy Symon

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Hamilton Market Day – Saturday August 9th 2008

at Claudelands Events Centre Hamilton

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Whangarei Amateur Radio Club Inc - Saturday 26th July 2008

at Club Rooms Museum & Heritage Park St-Hwy 14, Whangarei

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Contest News

VHF-UHF Contest Notes

The Next Contest

The next contest is the Brass Monkey Contest, 50 MHz and above, on Saturday the 2nd and Sunday the 3rd of August 2008. 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>

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

zl2wa@clear.net.nz

or:

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

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HF Contests

Contests This Weekend - June 21 & 22 2008

This weekend's principal contest is the JARL sponsored All Asia CW Contest a good one to pick up those elusive prefixes and countries in the Asian and Mediterranean areas. A real "don't be ashamed of your age" show all - the Serial Number exchange comprises REST and your age - egg 59945. If history repeats itself you will see ages of 80 years plus being sent by some real "old timers". Who said there wasn't a merry tune in an old fiddle !!.

Also for the digital modes enthusiasts is the Digital Pentathlon Olivia mode Contest - an All Band and short duration contest. Note the maximum power output limitation of 50 watts.

RESULTS OF 2008 VK/TRANSTASMAN 80M PHONE CONTEST

Call	Points	Placing
Open Section		
ZL4AL	2346	3rd equal
ZL2AMS	2146	10th
ZL4AA	2042	12th
ZL7M	1772	14th
ZL3AKM	1753	15th
ZL2SKY	1450	21st
ZL2CC	1220	23rd
ZL3GL	1210	28th
ZL1AAR	847	30th
QRP Section		
ZL2AYZ	1043	2nd

2008 NZART MEMORIAL CONTEST

When :- 5 & 6 July 2008

Time :- 2000 NZST to 2300 NZST each evening

Band :- 80m

Modes :- CW and SSB

This Contest was established soon after the re-commencement of Amateur Radio activity in NZ post World War 2 to commemorate those Radio Amateurs from our ranks who lost their lives in the Second World War. A number of Contest categories are available to intending participants to suit their own individual interests, namely :-

Memorial Cup - awarded to the competitor who accumulates the highest aggregate of points achieved in both the CW and SSB modes.

Auckland CW Cup - awarded to the CW only competitor who returns the highest score in the CW only Section. All contacts to be CW to CW only.

Mannell Trophy - awarded to the competitor who returns the highest score, either or aggregated, in the CW and SSB Sections. Maximum power output in both modes limited to 10 watts.

Ron Gray Memorial Shield - awarded to the competitor in the Listeners Section who returns the highest score in that Section.

Bro. John Rogers Plaque - awarded to the competitor with the highest score using home made equipment.

Phil Armstrong ZL1BMC (VK7MC) Memorial Plaque - awarded to the competitor returning the highest score in the SSB Section only. All contacts must be Phone to Phone.

2008 VK/TRANS-TASMAN CONTEST

When :- 160m Phone - 5 July 2008

160m CW - 19 July 2008

Times :- 0800 UTC to 1400 UTC each evening.

Contest rules and operating information is available from the Contest Website :-

<http://home.iprimus.com.au/vktasman>

Likewise the group calculator sheets and relative log sheets are also available from the Contest website, as are Contest Rules and other ancillary information/operating aids.

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE/LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND

When - 16 & 17 August 2008

Times - 0001 UTC (16th) until 2359 UTC (17th)

This is not a contest as such, but an international activity operating from landbase lighthouses, or floating lightships.

A fun team's event involving a true sense of adventure for seasoned landlubbers.

BEWARE OF OTHERLOOKALIKES/SOUNDALIKES activities that generally pop up a week, or so earlier

than this ORIGINAL event.
Refer to the Official Website for more detailed information :-
[http:// www.illw.net](http://www.illw.net)

73, John Powell, ZL1BHQ, NZART Contest Manager

Break-In and Infoline Information
Break-In Closing Date Reminders

1. From the Editor Break-In, Official Journal of NZART Inc.

"Copy for the JULY/AUGUST issue of Break-In closes on 10th JULY 2008.
Early receipt of copy is much appreciated. Thanks. John ZL3IB, Editor"

2. COPY FOR THE AREC BREAK-IN COLUMN

The close-of-copy date is the 3rd of JULY for articles for publication in the AREC COLUMN OF BREAK-IN.
Photos, if available, to be on a separate floppy or CD (with captions), posted DIRECTLY TO US Call Book
address. All other material can go to e-mail: zl3qr@nzart.org.nz or zl3ov@nzart.org.nz.

Regards, Geoff ZL3QR

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OB at 8pm Sunday: 2008 Jun-29 Jul-27 Aug-31 Sep-28 Oct-26 Nov-30 Dec-21

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