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From the President

I thought I'd take the opportunity, of this Infoline, to brief you all on the current status of NZART as an organisation.

NZART is a financially sound organisation as it faces COVID-19 having weathered a number of events over its ninety plus years. From the great depression, World Wars, near insolvency in the late 1990's, Global Financial Crisis 2007/2008 and now COVID-19 in 2020.

This position is, in no doubt, thanks to our Treasurer Evan Sayer, plus previous administrations, having kept an ever watchful eye on the bottom line.

Rest assured, NZART is not under any financial strain, at this time or in the near future. That said, we do rely on our members continuing to renew their membership each year.

We want to remain to be your voice, for amateur radio in New Zealand.

So, if you haven't renewed your membership for 2020, please contact Debby at NZART HQ by email nzart@nzart.org.nz (for joining information).

I, like you, have watched the news media report on COVID-19. It amazes me that a number of organisations and businesses have almost immediately made their workers redundant and closed the business down. Of course, some companies, like Air New Zealand are different. For many of these businesses, it appears, they are so brittle that a simple strong headwind and they collapse.

NZART is not in that position.

NZART is still open for business Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and closed on Wednesday/Saturday/Sunday.

So, heads up everyone. We will come out of this, and although things may change and look different than before we will persevere.

Good DX and 73

Mark Gooding ZL2UFI
NZART President

From HQ

Debby says...I am not going to talk about the negative impact this dammed virus is having on our country and the world, instead looking at a brighter picture...we finally have that chance to 'stop the world...and breath'.

NZART HQ will remain open as per usual operating hours. I cannot process any credit card or cheque payments at this time. Where possible I would urge all those, who are wishing to renew or join, to contact me via email or phone and I will give you our bank account details to deposit to.

I have transferred the office phone to my personal mobile, so I would appreciate you only contact during my usual business hours 9 – 2 Mon/Tues, Thurs/Fri...on the same numbers as always 04 939 2189.

At this time of lock down, there are to be **no amateur examinations held**, to adhere with the need for social distancing. It is a requirement that two supervisors be physically present with the candidate during the exam. As the RSM appointed ARX for NZART, that reports directly to RSM, I am not prepared to jeopardise my position nor NZART, by deviating from our approved examination procedure, during this time.

However, I can allocate special event call signs, lapsed call signs and secondary call signs as required.

Conference is cancelled for this year, but we are considering the same venue for 2022 as I know many of you were looking forward to going to the West Coast and Shantytown. I still have a few refunds to pay to early registrants, so please email me your bank account details so I can make sure your much-needed funds are returned.

If you are wondering why you need to supply this information to me, the simple answer is...I do not see any bank account numbers from payers when making deposits. It is not banking practice to reveal account numbers of the persons making the payment.

Talk soon...stay safe, keep well and look after one another.

Debby ZL2DL

ELG Report

Eastern BOP Branch 51 will be changing the frequency of their 70 cm repeater on 438.500 MHz TX, 433.500 RX to 438.400 MHz TX, 433.400 RX. This is to avoid strong ISM interference on the present frequency.

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Steve Fogerty

ELG Team Leader

The ZL2AL 2020 Activity Marathon

Date: 0000z Saturday 4 April 2020 to 2359z Thursday 31 December 2020 UTC

An activity to honour the memory of Lee Jennings ZL2AL

1. **Object:** To make a minimum of four QSOs per day for as many days as you can during the period
2. **Bands:** All MF & HF bands 630m to 6m including the WARC bands
3. **Modes:** All modes permitted e.g. CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, FT4 and any other digital mode
4. **Meaning of QSO:** A completed two-way QSO with an amateur station swapping as a minimum Callsigns and a signal report appropriate for the mode used. The QSO can otherwise be as long or as short as you like. This can include QSOs made during contests and nets.
5. **Callsign:** You may claim QSOs using any callsign you are licenced to use during the marathon period.

You may also include QSOs you make using a branch or contest club callsign.

6. **Awards:** A certificate will be sent to each Amateur who meets the Object as follows:
 - a. Bronze 50 days;
 - b. Silver 100 Days;
 - c. Gold 200 Days;
 - d. Platinum 250 Days
7. **Special Certificate Endorsements:** Assuming you qualify for an award, you may if you wish request, we endorse your certificate with any or all of:
 - a. **Worked 100 DXCC Entities:** The QSOs submitted show contacts with Amateurs in 100 or more DXCC entities.
 - b. **Single Mode:** All QSOs submitted must be any one of CW, SSB or a single Digital mode e.g. FT8.
 - c. **QRP:** All QSOs submitted must be 5W or less for CW or Digital, or 10W or less for SSB.
 - d. **Single Band:** All QSOs submitted must be on one band.

Endorsements are applied for when you submit your log.

8. **Judging:** Geoff's (ZL3GA) and/or Mark's (ZL3AB) decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

9. **Logs:** To be eligible you must submit a log with the following information:
- a. Your name, address, email address, callsign(s) used, the number of days you claim meet the Object and any endorsement you wish to apply for.
 - b. A list of your claimed QSOs with the date and time, your callsign (where you submit a log with more than one callsign used) callsign of the station worked, band and signal report.
 - c. Logs can be in any electronic format and must be submitted by email to zl3ga@nzart.org.nz by 3 January 2021. **ADIF or Cabrillo formats preferred.** UTC time/date is preferred however logs may also be submitted using NZST or NZDST provided this is clearly identified.
 - d. Paper logs will also be accepted by post to ZL3GA, 38A Sneyd Street, Kaiapoi 7630. Due to the tight deadline if you wish to post a paper log after the end of the marathon please contact Geoff (ZL3GA) at the email address above or by post prior to the end of the marathon so arrangements for log checking can be put in place.
 - e. If you wish (and to add to the fun), send in your log at the end of each calendar month. This will allow some reporting in Break-In of how people are doing and encourage others! It will also spread the load for the organisers
10. **Results:** will be published in the CQ DX column in Break-In.

Official Broadcast

The Official Broadcast is made on the last Sunday of each month except:

- December when the Broadcast is made on the Sunday before Christmas.
- January when there is no broadcast

The broadcast is made on 3900 kHz, and on the National System and local VHF repeaters.

The broadcast is made at 2000 hours (8:00 pm), with a repeat at 2100 hours (9:00 pm).

Members and Branches are welcome to submit material for inclusion in the Broadcast to the e-mail or postal address shown below.

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73, Jim ZL2BHF

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