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From the President

I thought I'd take the opportunity, of this Infoline, to brief you all as a result of today's announcement by the New Zealand Government on the move from Level 4 to Level 3 of the COVID Lockdown.

There is no change for the services on offer from NZART or NZART HQ. Where possible we will continue to deliver as many services as possible.

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

Contact is to be made only by email or telephone. The office will remain closed to all visitors. This closed office will be only reviewed once Level 2 is announced.

We continue 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).

Reminders have also been sent out to those members who have not renewed for the 2020 year.

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

At this time of lock down, there are to be **no amateur examinations held**, to adhere with the need for social distancing. This includes the dropping to Level 3 Lockdown. 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.

Debby Morgan ZL2DL

ARX NZART

Waro in recess

After the WARO Executive meeting this month (April) there was a motion passed that WARO goes into recess until we can meet at a full NZART AGM to discuss the future of WARO.

This was seconded and agreed by the Executive Committee.

Therefore, WARO is now in recess until the AGM being held in Napier 2021, where a Special General Meeting will be held not an AGM.

Executive Committee positions will remain the same until then.

Subs do not need to be paid this year.

Finances will be maintained and held by the Treasurer, until the meeting in Napier.

The reason behind the recess is self-explanatory, due to the lack or no support from our members this leaves us no alternative.

There will no longer be a WARO page in the *Break-In*

Stay safe and take care.

WARO Executive Committee

Situations Vacant

NZART HQ Office Assistant

NZART is looking for a person to take up the role of NZART HQ Office Assistant. This new role is to provide replacement cover for the Business Manager/General Secretary from time to time, to cover for extended annual leave periods, sickness or other support as required.

The role is the same as that of the Business Manager/General Secretary but will exclude the role of NZART's Approved Radio Examiner (NZART ARX). This role will be undertaken by other members of NZART.

The role is that of a casual employee and is not a full-time role. It is expected that after a period of training that the person is expected to do a least one day's work, each calendar month, twelve months a year outside any coverage for annual leave, sickness and the like. The purpose of this is for the employee to remain current with the day-to-day running of NZART HQ. The day required for each month will vary and not necessary be the same day.

Description of Position

1. The Business Manager/General Secretary is appointed by NZART Council to provide the day-to-day running of the NZART Headquarters Office based in Upper Hutt.
2. The Business Manager/General Secretary reports to NZART Council.
3. The position requires the person to work from NZART HQ in Upper Hutt, so would ideally suit someone within the greater Wellington area. You must provide you own means to get to this location.

Duties of the Position

1. As outlined in the Procedure Manual the Business Manager/General Secretary has daily, weekly and monthly tasks to complete.
2. Daily tasks include the answering of telephone inquiries and emails. Postal services including the collection of mail from the PO Box. The entering of new members into the database, and well as maintaining updates to the existing membership. The processing of any banking. The answering of all calls for action from NZART Council and its members.
3. Weekly tasks include reconciliation of the accounting software package. The backup of all computer systems at NZART HQ, including off site backups.
4. Monthly tasks include preparation of Financial Reports of all monthly payments for NZART Council approval. Preparation of reports for Councils on Air Meetings held via Skype. Prepare and the recording of the Official Broadcast from NZART HQ. Provide a

list of new members for the Break-In Editor (bi-monthly). Run from the membership database a list of members for the mailing of Break-In (bi-monthly). And other tasks required depending on the calendar month throughout the year.

5. Attend monthly meetings of NZART Council as required via Skype if required.
6. Attend if required the yearly AGM normally held over Queens Birthday each year.
7. Submit an annual report to Break-In in time for the issue that contains Officers Reports for the Annual General Meeting of NZART.

If you wish to apply please register your interest with a short resume for this position by responding to Debby Morgan ZL2DL, by email to [<nzart@nzart.org.nz>](mailto:nzart@nzart.org.nz).

BYOTA (Back yards on the air)

With the extension of Level 4 to 27 April here in ZL and back by popular demand (yes seriously, people have been emailing me), another BYOTA will be held on Saturday 25 April. As it is Anzac Day it will run from 1pm to 3pm NZST (0100z-0300z) to allow our VK cousins to join after their commemorations, whatever form they take.

The event is the same as last time, i.e. set up and operate portable in your back yard. Saying that you are more than welcome to participate if you can only operate ICOS ("In comfort of Shack"). This is an activity not a contest so there is no fixed exchange and no logs to be entered.

There has been a lot of VK interest in this so look out for them on the higher bands. Some may even be using "AX" prefixes to commemorate Anzac Day (remember ZLs can similarly use "ZM").

Proposed frequencies are the same as last week i.e:

80m 3532kHz CW, 3610kHz SSB
60m 5353kHz SSB, 5362.2 CW (both with permit)
40m 7032kHz CW, 7090kHz SSB
30m 10116 kHz CW
20m 14062kHz CW, 14310kHz SSB
17m 18092kHz CW, 18140kHz SSB
15m 21062kHz CW, 21310kHz SSB
10m 28062kHz CW, 28480kHz SSB

Feel free to forward this post to your club or anyone you think maybe interested. It's seems a few people didn't get the memo last time around.

73

Mark ZL3AB

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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