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NZART HQ

The office in Upper Hutt will remain closed throughout the COVID-19 Alert Level 2, however it is business as usual as I am working from home, so normal opening hours are:

Monday/Tuesday and Thursday/Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm and closed Wednesdays.

Examinations can be held at Alert Level 2...but!

The great news is that we can now start holding examinations under alert Level 2, however this does come with conditions, therefore the following rules must be strictly adhered to:

1. All businesses can operate if they can do so safely. Alternative ways of working are still encouraged where possible.
2. Talk with those present to identify risks and ways to manage them.
3. **Ask everyone, with cold or flu-like symptoms to stay away from your premises.**
4. **Keep groups 1 metre apart.**
5. **Keep contact-tracing records of anyone who will have close interaction (candidates and supervisors) maximum of 10 persons in a room maintaining rule 4 above.**
6. **Reduce the number of shared surfaces, and regularly disinfect them. (desks/chairs etc)**
7. **Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.**

Points 1 & 2 may not necessarily apply for holding exams; however, these rules have been taken from the COVID-19 web site Alert Level 2 Guidelines.

Ham Crams may **NOT** be held at this alert level at this time. This may change if the Government allows different changes under Level 2.

However, if you can hold classes via social media, Zoom/Skype in preparation for a reduced exam environment, you may then allow 4 – 6 persons to come to a nominated venue to hold their exam. These numbers allow for a minimum of two Supervisors to be present but ensuring we do not have more than ten in the group in one area to allow one-metre distancing. (Note: maximum time per session is two hours.)

Branch Newsletters

As is customary at this time of year, your branch would have received a newsletter from me which included your branch statistics of NZART members, for voting on upcoming remits placed at the AGM.

Due to the current crisis of COVID-19, the AGM as you know has been postponed until 10:30 am 5 September 2020, to be held in Wellington at the Brentwood Hotel as per our web site.

I will, however, be posting these out to you in the next few weeks, so once branches are able to gather again in clubrooms, you can proceed with voting. As these are very changing times, and travel may not be appropriate for a branch representative to attend, you may request a proxy to present your vote from the floor. Please contact me should your branch wish to do so, and I can arrange for one at the AGM.

Debbie

Technical writers wanted

The NZART exam rewrite committee needs writers from among the amateur community to help make our exam more relevant for current times.

Below is a list of the broad sections we need writers for.

- Receivers
- Transmitters
- Measurements
- Interference and Immunity
- Safety

If you are interested please contact:

Don MacDonald ZL3DMC
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and I will send detailed requirements and a guide for writers.

60 METRES MOVES CLOSER IN VK

The VK radio regulator, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) have produced an options paper on amateur use of the 60 metre (5 MHz) band.

“The paper proposes various options for sharing of the band between amateur and commercial users” President of the Radio Amateur Society of Australia (RASA), Glenn VK4DU said.

ACMA are calling for comments on the paper. These close on 19th June.

RASA has conducted a 60 metre monitoring program over the past few months.

“We received numerous monitoring logs from VK amateurs” Glenn said.

“These logs, along with our own monitoring, have helped us build a picture of 60 metre activity during daylight and evening hours from the east and west coasts of Australia. European and US amateur stations are regularly heard in VK on FT8 and CW at dusk and into the evening.” Glenn said.

“We believe that, with coordination, sharing is possible on 60 metres between amateurs and commercial services.”

“RASA have previously made submissions to ACMA on 60 metre access for amateurs, and we will be providing a considered response to the latest ACMA paper” Glenn said.

SKN winter edition on Sunday 14 June

The winter edition of New Zealand Straight Key Night will take place 8-9pm on Sunday 14 June.

As usual, this casual contest will be held on 80 metres, and operators must use a straight key (no bugs, paddles or sideswipers). We'll use the traditional SKN exchange, which includes type of key and type of transmitter.

But this time there will be an extra challenge: the QSY Rule maritimeradio.org/resources/new-zealand-straight-key-night/the-qsy-rule/, and I strongly urge you to get familiar with it. If you don't, well, I think it will be a bit like driving on the wrong side of the road and wondering why everyone's tooting their horn!

Find out more about SKN, including the QSY Rule, at maritimeradio.org/skn

I hope to work you on 14 June! Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Neil Sanderson ZL1NZ, SKN Manager <neil@zl1.nz>

Young Transmitters NZ Net

This net is running Every Monday @ 7pm NZ Local Time Accessible via IRLP 9556
Echolink: 256883 (Aotearoa CONF Server) All-Star : 48820 & 40452

For more information please visit <http://zl3tom.com>

We have DMR Connections also. My Goal is to encourage people into the hobby and to help those who are new to amateur radio, and want to have a place to be while helping others, and giving the latest technology news

Thomas ZL3TOM

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).

ZL1PWM Bay of Islands SDR

NZART members are invited to use my KiwiSDR HF receiving station located in the Bay of Islands.

<http://kiwisdr.zl1pwm.nz:8073/>

The KiwiSDR receiver is configured for 2 users with full spectrum display and 6 users audio only.

The antenna is a north east facing delta terminated loop.

73

Peter Mott
ZL1PWM
Bay of Islands, New Zealand

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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Next HQ-Infoline: - Sunday 7th June. Closing date is Friday 5th June.

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