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From HQ

Debby says....there has been some interesting discussions appearing around the branches regarding next year's subscription rebate for current financial members!

Subscriptions 2020 & rebate

Council approved a bigger than usual rebate on subscriptions for the 2021 year, for those CURRENT financial members (i.e, already a member). This rebate of \$34 is applicable to anyone who has been adversely affected by job losses or reduction in

income due to Covid-19. Like the current government, we are operating under a high trust model for this rebate.

There are several members whom Council recognises as loyal and supportive, this rebate is to thank you for your continued support and ensuring you may remain a member throughout 2021.

This rebate is NOT applicable to those members who have opted to pay in monthly instalments

The increased rebate was not intended as a promotion, however now it has been circulated as such, anyone wishing to join the Association BEFORE 1 October, may do so for \$65. You will only receive Break In from October 2020 until December 2021. No back issues will be supplied.

There is NO \$10 rebate available this year, should you not deduct the \$34.

If you have recently joined the Association, the 2021 subscription invoice will be included with your August Break In, and will show the amount payable as normal, if you are in the category mentioned earlier, for loss of income etc, you may deduct the rebate of \$34.

If joining after 1 October, the amount payable will be \$99 for a transmitting/non-transmitting membership.

This also does not apply to those persons who allowed their membership to lapse at the end of 2019.

Call Book this year

There will be NO Call Book produced at the end of this year. I have it on very good authority having attended a meeting with RSM wearing my Radio Frequency Users Association hat as administrator, the Smart or RSM register rewrite is well underway and on track to go live towards the end of 2021.

This said, we need to keep those silent key notifications coming...however I cannot request a call sign to be removed purely from a death notice, we need to make sure there are no family members who may wish to take up the call sign of their loved one. I am very keen to see a much more accurate record of call sign holders published next year.

AGM 2020 Wellington

If you are considering attending the AGM on the 5th of September, please let me know by the 27th August at the latest. I need to confirm catering numbers with the venue. The meeting room has limited space with a capacity of 70 people; therefore, it is essential you let me know you are coming. There is no charge to attend the AGM, however you must be a financial member of NZART to attend.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2DL

From the NZ QRPers Group.

We use 3.690 MHz for our daily calling frequency and our Thursday night Net. 3.690 MHz is an IARU dedicated QRP frequency and is in the Region 3 Band plan. Can ZL hams please consider this, and at the very least, check the frequency is not in use before transmitting.

Wayne Jacobsen ZL2OZ

NZ QRPers Group

ACMA approve 2 x 1 contest callsigns

30/07/2020

ACMA have approved the issue of 2 x 1 contest callsigns with VJ, VK and VL prefixes. These callsigns are available for Advanced class amateurs and club stations, for contest operation only. There is a limit of one callsign per licensee and one per club. The 2 x 1 contest callsign structure was originally developed by a cross sector committee convened by RASA.

After a suggestion by AMC, ACMA has extended this structure to two new prefixes: VJ and VL.

This allows 2 x 1 callsigns to be available to many more amateurs.

A link to the new callsign template and FAQ:

<https://www.amc.edu.au/industry/amateur-radio/callsigns/new-callsign-template-and-faqs>

WESTFEST 2020

Nelson Branch 26 is again attempting to host “**WESTFEST 2020**” in Murchison over the Weekend of 19th-20th September 2020.

This will of course be subject to any Covid regulations that maybe in effect at the time.

It will be held at the Murchison Bowling Club Rooms, meeting and registering from 9.30am on the Saturday and getting underway at 10.30am.

Saturday Morning sessions from: 10.30 - 12.30.

Lunch: 12.30 - 1.30pm

Afternoon sessions from: 1.30 - 5.00 and an afternoon tea break in there somewhere.

Sunday commence at 9.00am and finish up by 12.30pm.

We are looking for presentations from anyone, with a theme of interest to our Hobby. Anything will be considered and from filling a time slot from 15min increments to 45 mins. White Board, OHP and power point projector will be available to presenters.

Sales table for any pre-loved equipment will operate.

\$10 per head registration.

A raffle to help defray expenses will be held.

Participants to organise their own accommodation and meals.

Please help by conjuring up people to present a paper

Hope to see you all in Murchison!

Contact for info and registering your presentation is as follows.

Stewart Robinson ZL2STR
6 Willow Ave, Stoke, Nelson 7011.
strobnz@gmail.com
03 547 5036
022 459 0415

Manawatu Amateur Radio Society Annual Table Sale

Saturday 3 October 0900 hours NZDST

Longburn Hall



Hi Everyone

It's that time of the year again – the Annual Branch 20 Table Sale. Held at the Longburn Community Hall, 17 Ngaire Street, Longburn. (Off State Highway 56)

Doors open for Sellers at 0730 and to the general public at 0900. Morning tea will be available at the venue. Costs are:

Full Table - \$25

Half Table - \$15

For Further Details Contact:

Peter Moore – ZL2AUB

Bill Dench – ZL2BILL

Please make bookings by emailing committee@zl2ko.org.nz

The preferred method of payment is via electronic banking to the club account.

Westpac Account: 03-1522-0161009-000

Put **tablesale** in particulars, your **callsign** in code and, **surname** as the reference.

Warren Crawley

President ZL2KO

Remember the Rules – do not come if any of the following apply to you:

If you are unwell with a cough, fever, or other respiratory symptoms.

If you have been in close contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 until they have completed the prescribed quarantine period, even if they are completely symptom free.

If you have returned from any overseas country until they have completed the self-quarantine period for 14 days, even if they are symptom free

If you are undergoing COVID-19 testing, until they have received negative results and are symptom free

If you have been advised to stay at home by a health professional.

Guideline from Ministry of Health

Hamilton Market Day

NEW LOCATION on SH 1B

Hamilton Amateur

Radio Club

Saturday August 29th, 2020

Gordonton Hall

1024 Gordonton Rd

Vendors from 8.00 am

Buyers from 10.00 am

Table space at \$20 per metre pre-paid

\$25 per metre on the day

All enquiries to: Market Day,

Hamilton Amateur Radio Club,

PO Box 606, Hamilton

E-mail: harcmday@nzart.org.nz

Web: http://z1lux.org.nz/market_day.html

Taranaki Junk Sale

New Plymouth Branch 27 will be hosting their annual Junk Sale on Saturday 26 September 2020. The venue once again is Mangorei Memorial Hall, corner Kent Road and State Highway 3, New Plymouth.

Buyers will be admitted to the hall at 10:00 am, sellers from 8:00 am.

Tables are available for \$20 each. To book yours, contact <secretary@zl2ab.com>

We plan to provide light refreshments for sale before and during the event.

This year, it coincides with the start of the **Taranaki Award** which runs from 26-30 September 2020. Club Station ZL2AB will monitor the local 720 repeater and National System from the event, with every QSO worth 3 points towards the required 25.

The hall is adjacent to Taranaki Aviation Transport and Technology Museum (TATATM). This is well worth a visit and has a good display for the radio enthusiast among many other items.

Further details of both the Junk Sale and the Taranaki Award can be found on the zl2ab.com website or by contacting Doug (ZL3DUG) on <secretary@zl2ab.com>

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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