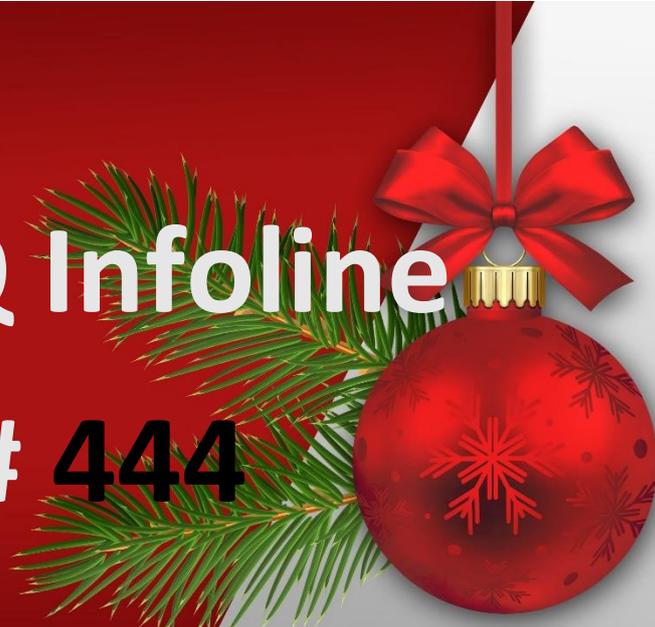


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Debby says...



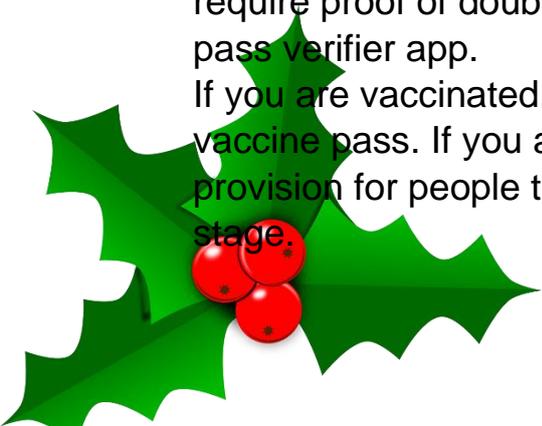
It is hoped that BreakIn and Call Book will be in your letter boxes by the end of next week. The delay has been caused by the ongoing backlog of parcels and post affected by the Christmas season and Covid 19.

On the topic of Covid...I have received several enquiries regarding NZART policy for gatherings under the new Government Traffic Light system. Suffice to say Council encourage the following:

- we expect all branches to follow the government rules and legislation,
- where a branch elects to, we have no objection to mandating that branch meeting attendees must be double Vaxxed,
- we strongly encourage branches to use zoom or other electronic means to enable remote attendance of meetings.

Additionally on the topic of next year's AGM, we have had notification from the venue (James Cook Grand Chancellor Hotel), that they will require proof of double vaccination to attend and will be using the Covid pass verifier app.

If you are vaccinated, please make sure you have a copy of your vaccine pass. If you are not don't make plans to travel, we will make provision for people to attend virtually by Zoom for the AGM only at this stage.

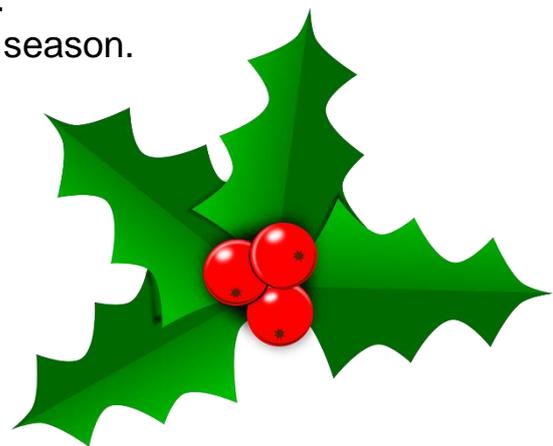


The fact is, the Association has an older demographic and inherent in that has a higher risk from Covid 19. We need to be sensible about our choices and the impact our choices have on others.

Lastly, I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season.



Talk soon...
ZL2DL Debby Morgan



VHF / UHF Field Day Contest 2021



The annual VHF UHF Field Day Contest is scheduled for the first weekend in December – this year that's the 4th and 5th of December.

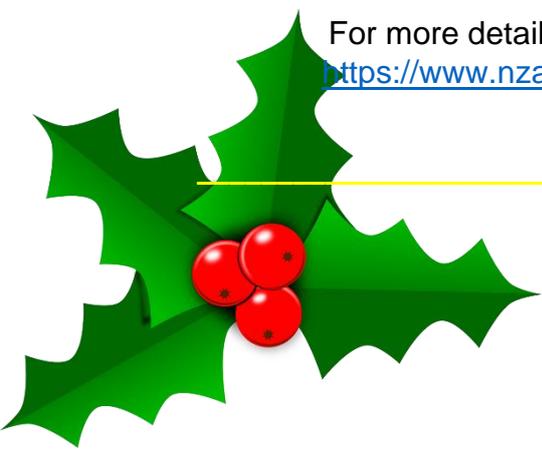
Although it's called a "Field Day", this does not prevent home stations from taking part.

If you haven't taken part for some time, how about dusting off the rig and set aside some time to have a go. Most operation will be on 2m and 70cm and the frequencies to listen and call on are 144.2 MHz, 432.2 MHz. If you've also got 6m, then the calling frequency is 50.15 MHz on 1296 MHz, look for stations on 1296.2 MHz. Most SSB operation uses horizontally polarized antennas. If you are operating from a home station, and only have a vertically polarised antenna, still give it a go!

The contest starts at 1700 NZDT on Saturday 4 December and finishes at 2300 NZDT. On Sunday the 5th, activity gets underway again at 0700, but if that's a bit early for you, just join in when you can on Sunday and the contest finishes at 1300. On both days the contest is divided up into one-hour periods, so starting at 1700 on Saturday, the first period is 1700 to 1800 NZDT. The aim is to work as many stations as possible during each hour but no repeat contacts on the same band please. You can work them again in the next hour and so on right through the contest.

For more detail and the Contest Rules, go to the NZART web site:

<https://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/contests/vhf-and-above-contests>



BREAK-IN

A good way for branches to publicize their activities in Break-In is through the "Around the Branches" column.

Each item in this column typically consists of 50 to 100 words of text and one or two photographs. The items need not necessarily be on official branch activities.

Activities such as the activation of a distinctive SOTA peak by individual branch members will be considered for inclusion.

The portable activities day on January 1 will provide good opportunities for branches to take suitable photographs.

The submission deadline for the January - February, 2022 issue is January 10, 2022

73 Philip ZL1PSH
Editor elect, Break-In

NZART Contest Manager Geoff ZL3GA says...

Local contest events coming up:

- VHF Field Day - 4th and 5th December
- Straight Key Night - 5th December
- H Night - 8th December

73 and good luck in the contests!
Full details on the NZART website

www.nzart.org.nz/activities/contests



New Zealand DMR challenge running from December – 31st January 2022

There is currently a DMR challenge running in New Zealand that ends on the 31st of January 2022. If you would like to know more on the event, click this link.

[NZ DMR CHALLENGE](#)



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**This is the last Infoline for 2021.
I would like to thank you all for your
contribution to the Infoline.**

**I appreciate all the support, content and
feedback that has been received since HQ
took the Infoline back over.**

**On behalf of NZART and AREC,
we wish you a very merry Christmas, and a
happy new year.**

**God bless,
Annalise Mokalei-Smith**

