



# NZART HQ INFOLINE ISSUE # 448



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## From Headquarters

### **Conference Update: New date and location**

The original venue James Cook Grand Chancellor Wellington advised Headquarters on 10 March 2022, that they can no longer host our annual conference due COVID restrictions placing a delay on their refurbishment plans, namely electrical upgrades. Council held a special meeting on Wednesday 16 March to determine options available to us at such late notice. Council agreed to change the date and venue as there was no alternative.

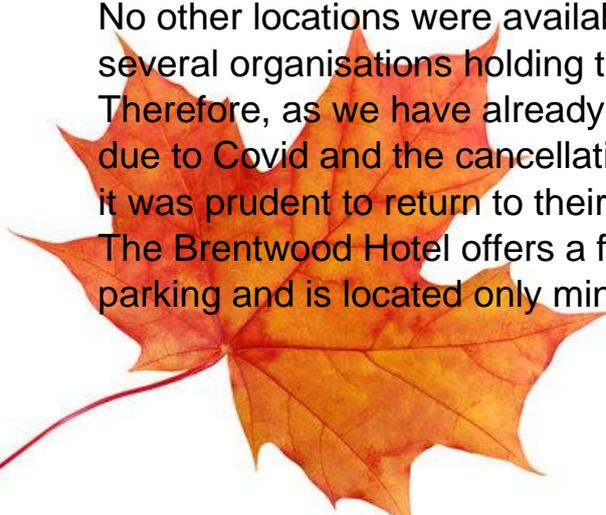
Date of Conference: **10-11 September 2022**

Venue: **The Brentwood Hotel, 16 Kemp Street Kilbirnie, Wellington**

AGM Commencement: **10.30am Saturday 10th September in the Kauri Room of the Brentwood Hotel.**

No other locations were available to us in June, as COVID has affected several organisations holding their conferences in or around May/June. Therefore, as we have already held the 2020 AGM at the Brentwood, (again due to Covid and the cancellation of the Greymouth Conference), it was prudent to return to their tried-and-true venue.

The Brentwood Hotel offers a free hotel shuttle service and free on-site parking and is located only minutes from Wellington airport.



Accommodation is available at the hotel, with several rooms already set aside for attendees to book, we will provide a booking reference in due course. The weekend will be run as per information already published on the conference web site [www.nzart-conference.nz](http://www.nzart-conference.nz), with the only change being the dates and location.

## Council Vacancy

### New Midland District Councillor required

As stated in the recent communications, Council records the resignation of Phil Holliday ZL3PAH effective immediately as of 1 February 2022. A casual vacancy has now arisen and as per Clause 3.7 e of the NZART Constitution. NZART Council will appoint a replacement until the next election. If you wish to apply for this vacancy you must reside within the Midland District. For any further information contact NZART HQ [nzart@nzart.org.nz](mailto:nzart@nzart.org.nz) to express your interest.

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## Contests

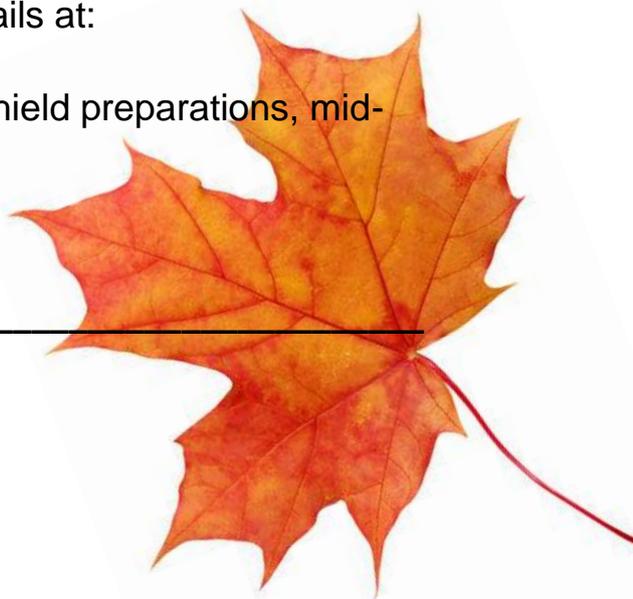
Coming up next weekend is the VHF Low Bands contest (6 m to 70 cm) so why not get on and see who you can work? Full details at:

[VHF & Above Contests](#)

It's now time to start thinking about your Sangster Shield preparations, mid-May will come around quickly!

73 and good luck in the contest!

Geoff ZL3GA



## Friedrichshafen Exhibition

With the recent relaxation of the Covid-19 regulations, both the Friedrichshafen exhibition organisation and the DARC e.V., as the event patron, are now positively looking forward towards holding the 45th HAM RADIO from June 24th until June 26th in Friedrichshafen, subject to the final official approval by the local authorities.

Appropriate hygienic and distancing measures will guarantee the safety of all visitors. These obviously will have implications on the design of the stands, the opening ceremony, the presentation rooms and the flea market area. HAM RADIO 2022 will thus have a different character as in previous years. Nevertheless, we are looking forward to welcome again our friends from all over the world and reflected this also in the event slogan. Furthermore DARC e.V. is planning its 71st Lake Constance Meeting with interesting presentations and workshops during all three convention days.

The official opening ceremony of the convention will take place on Friday, June 24th at 10:00. Due to the necessary distancing measures the total number of attendees might be limited.

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### Request for Information Please:

Phil Mikkelson is a writer and is looking to learn about radio operators during World War 2 in the pacific. How operators would actually operate the 1000 ZC1 Mk I radio, the power needed, the challenges of that set and operating from a harsh pacific island condition.

They also used the Playfair cipher to pass on the messages to headquarters. Kris is prepared to pay for your time and expertise.

**Contact Kris at - [krismikkelson3@gmail.com](mailto:krismikkelson3@gmail.com)**



# Announcements of the QRP Day and the IARU HF World Championship Contest

JARL will operate several special event stations for QRP Day from April through to June 2022.

In Japan, Q-code cannot be used for call sign suffix, so Call Signs will be 8JxVLP representing Very Low Power of 5W where x means a call area number.

For IARU HF Championship, JARL will operate 8NxHQ during the contest and possibly before and after the contest. The operators look forward to having QSO with as many stations as possible including HQ stations of other IARU Member Societies.

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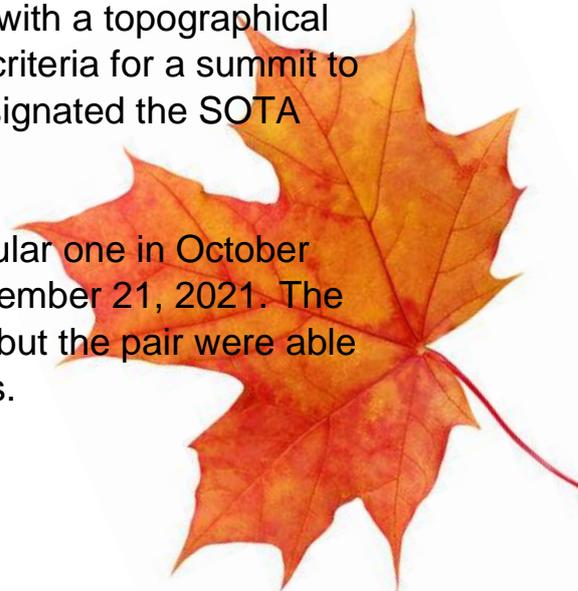
## SOTA Activators Complete their Summit Sweep in Wales

In May 2021, father-and-son Summits on the Air (SOTA) activators Tom Read, M1EYP, and Jimmy Read, M0HGY, (the SOTA Association Manager), completed activating every SOTA summit in Wales...or so they thought.

Detailed surveying work later that year, however, revealed the existence of a new "Marilyn" summit in Wales Rhinog Fach.

"Marilyn" is the nickname given to British and Irish hills with a topographical prominence of 150 meters and is also the qualification criteria for a summit to be included in SOTA in the UK. The new entity was designated the SOTA reference GW/NW-078.

Simon Melhuish, G4TJC, was the first to operate particular one in October 2021. The Reads set out to activate the summit on December 21, 2021. The walk was a long one and included a steep final ascent, but the pair were able to complete most of the route in the short daylight hours.



Jimmy made 12 contacts, all on 2-meter FM, while Tom completed 19, mainly on 20, 30, and 40 meters on CW. Jimmy and Tom Read can once again claim to have activated every SOTA summit in England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man, Jersey, and Guernsey.

Email David [zl1dk@nzart.org.nz](mailto:zl1dk@nzart.org.nz) if you would like the teaching sheets to use in your own time.

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**Kia ora,  
the next Infoline is due out Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April.  
If you would like to share any events or report on any  
upcoming activities, please send these through to  
[nzart@nzart.org.nz](mailto:nzart@nzart.org.nz), Nga mihi nui.**