



NZART HQ INFOLINE ISSUE # 471
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From the desk at HQ...

Remits for this year's AGM

Apologies, for some reason the remits submitted for this year's AGM were not included in the March/April issue of Break In. I have attached them to the InfoLine for your branch to discuss.

New Awards Manager

Just a heads up, Andrew Barron ZL3DW has now handed over the Awards Manager position to Stewart Robinson ZL2STR. Stewart can be reached on the same email address, awards@nzart.org.nz.

First Trans-Tasman Radio Contact 26 April 2023.

On the 26th April this year, it will be 100 years since the first amateur radio contact between New Zealand and Australia was made, between Frank Bell of Shag Valley Otago, and Charles Maclurcan, 2CM of Sydney Australia.

A special event callsign ZL100 has been issued for 3 months to commemorate the event, commencing 26 April – 25 July 2023.

WIA has also been granted a special callsign of VK100ZL to commemorate this event also.

Annual Financial Accounts Review delayed

Due to the change in our accounting systems, the auditor has not had a chance to review the accounts in time for the May/June publication of *Break In*.

These will be made available via HQ InfoLine and on our web page as soon as we have them.

Talk soon ...Debby ZL2DL

Around the Branches:*Gisborne & Hawkes Bay Ham Crams*

Hawkes Bay & Tairāwhiti (Gisborne) will be holding ham cram weekends.

Gisborne to be held over the weekend of 22/ 23 April and Hawkes Bay over the weekend 13/14 May

Please see the brochures attached to this article for more information in both areas.

Wanganui Branch Table Sale Registration details attached to this issue of HQ InfoLine.

When: Saturday 6th May

Where: Blind & Low Vision Hall 102 Peat Street, next to ZL2JA Clubrooms

Start time: 9am

More information and registration for attached to this infoline. No table sales on the day, so please register early.

Mike Newman ZL1BNB
Secretary Branch 48
Wanganui ARC

Radio Electronics Group – annual equipment sale

You are invited to the Radio Electronics Group annual new and used equipment sale.

When: Saturday 20th May

Where: Glenview Club, 211 Peacockes Road, Fitzroy, Hamilton.

Start time Vendors: 8:30am

Doors Open: 10am

Attached to this email is the sale day notice and a vendor registration form. Vendors please email completed registration forms to [<ZL1REGSALE@gmail.com>](mailto:ZL1REGSALE@gmail.com)

Please feel free to share this email with others. The sale day team are looking forward to catching up with you all on the day.

73 de ZL1PO
John Lisignoli

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 Radio Electronics Group (Inc.)
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Western Suburbs Branch 03 – ANZAC Day



Western Suburbs NZART Branch 03, will be running a special station to commemorate ANZAC day. Between 0800 - 2000hrs. All Bands FT8 and SSB Callsign ZL1PPY. Special QSL card.

Contests

Reminder for the ZL Autumn Sprints

ZL Autumn Sprints kick off on Tuesday 4 April 2023 at 0800z (8pm) and run for the four consecutive Tuesdays in April on 80m.

The format is the same as last time, i.e. work as many other stations as you can in an hour with the first half hour being CW and the second half hour SSB. You can work the same station once in each half hour (or you can just do the CW or SSB segment).

The exchange is signal report and outside temperature (if it is below zero then record the number with an "M" in front of it e.g. M1 is minus 1). Each QSO is worth one point and there are no multipliers.

Logs must be emailed to me in within 24 hours of each round to be counted and scores will be posted weekly.

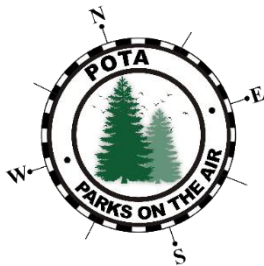
Recommended frequencies are: CW 3520-3550kHz SSB 3600-3650kHz

This is a good chance to have a go at contesting in a very low-key way or improve your operating skills.

The full rules can be found at <https://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/contests/sprints/>

Any questions let me know.
Mark ZL3AB

Parks on the Air (POTA) Workshop



When: 1000 to 1200 Saturday April 15 and 0900 to 1300 to Sunday April 16.

Where: Saturday April 15 is at the Branch 29 clubrooms, 400 East Coast Road, Sunnynook. Sunday April 16 is in Long Bay Regional Park. On the Saturday, parking is available in both the lower and upper car parks at 400 East Coast Road, Sunnynook. The location of the workshop in Long Bay Regional Park will be decided on the Saturday of the workshop.

Organisers: Terry James ZL1HOG and the Branch 29 committee. Terry is the chairperson of Branch 29 and a POTA proponent.

Cost: The workshop is free as is morning tea on Saturday morning. Workshop participants should bring their own food for Sunday.

Who can attend: The workshop is open to any operator with an amateur license.

Rain check: Unless there is an extreme weather event, the first day of the workshop will go ahead. The second day of the workshop will be postponed if there is rain or high winds.

POTA is an awards program that requires operators to either activate a park by contacting other stations, or to hunt parks by contacting stations activating parks. The Auckland region is fortunate to have 22 POTA parks within a two-hour drive of downtown Auckland. There are also four POTA parks on islands in the inner Hauraki Gulf.

The workshop on Saturday morning will be an introduction to POTA. The first half of the introduction will explain what activators and hunters do, what awards are available, and what is required to activate a park, including alerting and spotting. The second half of the introduction will describe how to submit logs and discuss the important role FT-8 plays in the activation of parks. During the introduction, Terry will present tips operators can follow to help ensure they successfully activate or hunt a park.

The workshop on Sunday will be a practical demonstration of activating a park. Terry will go through setting up a portable POTA station and discuss the gear he typically uses on a POTA activation. He will then activate Long Bay Regional Park.

If you are new to POTA and have gear you are thinking of using on POTA activations, you are encouraged to bring the gear to the workshop and ask questions about the gear.

Although the organisers would like you to attend both days of the workshop, the organisers realise that you might be able to attend one day only.

Questions? If you have any questions about the workshop, please email Terry ZL1HOG at tcjhog@icloud.com

Acknowledgement: The use of the POTA logo is acknowledged

IARU Member-Societies and Friends,

The IARU is excited to mark World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) and the 98th anniversary of its founding with a special event to promote the United Nations Human Security for All (HS4A) initiative. We hope you will activate special event stations during the period 11 to 25 April 2023 to help with the celebration. For more information about WARD and HS4A please visit <https://www.iaru.org/on-the-air/world-amateur-radio-day/>.

Thanks to the support of the IARU Region 1 Youth Working Group a special website hs4a.iaru.org has been established to manage the operating event. If you are planning to operate one or more special event stations for WARD/HS4A please register at the website. Here is the procedure:

1. Click on Register and provide the requested basic contact information.
2. Click on Participate and agree to each of the six rules that you will be shown. Check "I accept these rules" Then click on Next.
3. Click on "Continue as <your name>". You do not need to enter the contact information again.
4. Select "Register a new Station" and provide the requested information. The station description (minimum 200 characters) can be almost anything: what Human Security for All means to you, who is the sponsor of your station, etc.

That's it! We will receive your registration request and will approve it as quickly as we can. Please direct any questions to iaru@iaru.org.

See you on the air!

73,
Dave Sumner, K1ZZ
IARU Assistant Secretary

Next Issue of HQ InfoLine

The next InfoLine is due out Sunday 7th May 2023. 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)

The Next Official Broadcast will be held Sunday 30th April 2023.

Nga mihi nui. (Kind regards)

Debby

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