



**NZART HQ INFOLINE ISSUE # 473**  
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***From the desk at HQ...*** I can finally let you know I have been approved for surgery on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

As I will require a lengthy recuperating period, there will be several small changes necessary to ensure the day-to-day business of the Association can continue as smoothly as possible during my absence.

You will be advised via this medium who to contact for things such as call sign applications etc.

Talk soon ...Debby ZL2DL

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**NZART Conference 2023 Palmerston North**

Information regarding the conference including amateur and alternative program is here <https://nzart-conference.nz/>

Register now here. <https://form.jotform.com/212306992296058>

The early bird payment date for registering at conference has now passed (19<sup>th</sup> May 2023) Please remember if registering after this date to add an additional \$50 per registration.

There is a jam-packed program for the weekend with plenty of forums on the Sunday that will be of interest to most.

Thanks  
NZART Conference team.

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### ***Additional Conference forums.***

The Society for the preservation of A.M. (SPAM) have their own session at Conference this year commencing 8:30am Sunday, which will not clash with OTC.

Also, on Sunday at 11.15am we will hear about the latest developments with the Christchurch-based green radio group (GROTA). See what our own ZC1's and No. 48 radios from WW2 can really do! You will be surprised. Interesting data about HF ground wave operating has been acquired by the group.

A discussion about the future of SPAM is also planned.

All are welcome.

Martyn, ZL3CK

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### **Situations Vacant – Expression of Interest**

#### ***NZART HQ Office Administration Vacancy***

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 purpose of this is for the employee to remain current with the day-to-day running of NZART HQ.

The role is that of a casual employee and is not a full-time role. It is expected that after a period of training working along side the current Business Manager.

If you wish to apply for this position, please forward a resume to Debby [nzart@nzart.org.nz](mailto:nzart@nzart.org.nz)

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#### ***Other Officer Vacancies:***

##### ***NZART Administration Liaison Officer (ALO)***

NZART is seeking expressions of interest in the role of ALO, to work with Richard ZL2FY.

In the first instance please contact NZART HQ for a job description, and then if interested, forward your covering letter and CV to NZART HQ.

NZART Council will appoint the candidate after reviewing the supplied information.

***NZART Local Government Administration Officer (LGLO)***

NZART is seeking expressions of interest in the role of LGLO.

In the first instance please contact NZART HQ for a job description, and then if interested forward your covering letter and CV to NZART HQ. NZART Council will appoint the candidate after reviewing the supplied information.

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***Expression of Interest to help complete the Examination Rewrite***

The exam rewrite team have almost completed the study guide for the new exam and is now working on the question bank.

We now require your assistance to:

1. A Person to check each regulation question and match to actual regulation reference (this is for an appendix to the study guide and to validate all regulation questions are current)
2. A person to check all frequencies-based questions are current (and match against GURL)
3. A Person with a very high skill level using MS Word to integrate the various document sections, into the composite document. Will need to check figures and table numbering and update manual references to any such with automatic fields for maintainability.
4. Two people to test read the study guide for any technical errors.

If you are able to help please contact

Don MacDonald ZL3DMC

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**Around the Branches**

***Manawatu Branch Mini Junk & Car Boot Sale:***

The weekend after the NZART conference Manawatu Branch will have a Mini Junk and Car Boot Sale, and BBQ at the club rooms. The last few years were very successful, and the funds contributed to the ongoing upgrade of our facilities.

We are accepting donations of equipment for sale at the Mini Junk Sale with all proceeds going to the club in support of club upgrades. If you have donations for the sale to be sold for club funds, please ensure you put them down at the club by Sunday 4th June for sorting if possible.

If you want to sell your own equipment, we are offering a car boot sale option. It will cost you \$10 per "car boot" payable on the day to the Treasurer on the day. The sales area will be in the car park beside the club room.

We will have a BBQ running – don't eat breakfast – buy a sausage. Tea, coffee, and drinks will also be available for sale.

This is a cash only event, please bring small change if possible.

See you there.  
Kind Regards,  
Ryan ZL1RKW

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### ***Whangarei Amateur Radio Club Annual Used Equipment Sale:***

To be held at Whangarei Branch Clubrooms, Heritage Park Whangarei on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

- Doors open for sellers at 9am and buyers at 10am
- sausages, sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee on sale
- Auckland VHF group will be attending with a selection from their trading table.
- A large amount of good gear including electronic components will be on offer.
- Bookings for a (900mm) sales table at \$10 available contact Paul ZL1PC 021926952

**NB** There will be a sit-down hamburger meal at 5pm. Make your own with supplied ingredients. \$6 each. BYO drinks. Names to Rose Deverell ZL1WRD please.

***RWB Communications master agents for Icom, will be attending too.***

We look forward to seeing you at this friendly social event. You might even find a bargain to add to your existing collection!

A. Walker ZL1AW Sec Br 28

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## **Contests**

### **Straight Key Night**

New Zealand Straight Key Night (Winter Edition) will be held on Sunday 11 June from 8pm to 9pm NZT on 80 metres.

SKN honours the original amateur radio mode in an easy-going style. Operators send signal report, name, location, type of key, type of transmitter and power output. Stations are limited to 100W output power.

SKN is not a contest - but the operator who gets the most votes for the quality of their sending will win the Bruce Scahill Best Fist Award. This certificate honours Bruce ZL1BWG, a dedicated supporter of SKN, who died last December.

Due to popular demand, this SKN will see the return of the QSY Rule. Any station that calls CQ must QSY after making a contact. This will keep everyone on their toes!

Full details about SKN are available at <https://zl1.nz/skn> or you can email [neil@zl1.nz](mailto:neil@zl1.nz) or call ZL1NZ during or after the NZ Net.

SKN is open to all straight key operators, regardless of skill level or speed. I hope to work you on 11 June!

Neil ZL1NZ, SKN Manager



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### **Next Issue of HQ InfoLine**

The next InfoLine is due out Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 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 25<sup>th</sup> 2023  
Nga mihi nui. (Kind regards)  
Debby

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