

## NZART Memorial Contest 2024 Results

| Callsign             | Phone Points | CW Points | Prefixes | Score |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| <b><u>Mixed</u></b>  |              |           |          |       |
| ZL2TW                | 96           | 54        | 10       | 1500  |
| ZL3YB                | 68           | 28        | 8        | 768   |
| ZL4QC                | 59           | 18        | 8        | 616   |
| ZL1RQ                | 40           | 28        | 8        | 544   |
| ZL2AQL               | 32           | 30        | 7        | 434   |
| ZL2PZ                | 29           | 20        | 8        | 392   |
| ZL3ABY               | 22           | 2         | 5        | 120   |
| <br>                 |              |           |          |       |
| <b><u>Phone</u></b>  |              |           |          |       |
| ZL4UC                | 88           | -         | 7        | 616   |
| ZL4RO                | 85           | -         | 7        | 595   |
| ZL2W                 | 97           | -         | 6        | 582   |
| ZL3PIE               | 72           | -         | 6        | 432   |
| ZL1WL                | 72           | -         | 5        | 360   |
| ZL2MH                | 71           | -         | 5        | 355   |
| ZL1IB                | 62           | -         | 5        | 310   |
| ZL4QD                | 51           | -         | 4        | 204   |
| ZL2TLF               | 48           | -         | 4        | 192   |
| VK2TTL               | 20           | -         | 4        | 80    |
| <b><u>PH ORP</u></b> |              |           |          |       |
| ZL2WE                | 47           | -         | 4        | 188   |
| <b><u>CW</u></b>     |              |           |          |       |
| ZL2GD                | -            | 56        | 6        | 336   |
| <b><u>CW ORP</u></b> |              |           |          |       |
| ZL3GA                | -            | 54        | 5        | 270   |

| Active Stations<br>(>2 QSOs) |    | Logs<br>Received |    |
|------------------------------|----|------------------|----|
| ZL                           | 36 | SSB              | 11 |
| VK                           | 6  | CW               | 2  |
| Total                        | 42 | Mixed            | 7  |
|                              |    | Total            | 20 |

Participation in the contest was down a little from last year. Thanks to the VKs who joined in the fun. Congratulations to all the category winners, especially to Stuart ZL2TW who was overall winner for the first time. A very impressive score too!

**Logs:** We received a couple of paper logs for 2024 which took me longer to process than all the other logs combined! Cross checking and scoring the electronic logs submitted in Cabrillo format takes a matter of minutes meaning we can now get the results out soon after the contest. The results are published on the website and in Infoline rather than waiting for the bi-monthly *Break-In*.

High quality PDF certificates are emailed to category winners. These can be printed on good quality card at your local stationery store for around \$5 and make a nice addition to your shack wall.

### **Log observations:**

We use the W3KM Cabrillo Evaluation software to cross check all logs and adjust the scoring based on NIL (Not In Log) and incorrect logging of the exchange. Therefore, your published score may well be less than your claimed score. Congratulations to ZL2GD submitted an error-free log.

- Be careful with copying the exchange and if you are not sure, ask for a repeat – there were a lot of incorrect exchanges recorded this year
- Ensure your computer clock is set accurately. The internationally accepted time tolerance is  $\pm 5$  minutes.  
**Logs must be in UTC** – if you use one of the recommended programs, it takes care of this for you. I had to manually update two logs from NZT to UTC.
- Ensure that the other station has your call correct, use (standard) phonetics in SSB to help with this

Currently two free contest logging software programmes fully support the NZART Memorial Contest and produce Cabrillo format logs: **N1MM Logger+** (7 stations used this) and **VKCL** (9 stations used this). Sadly, the author of VKCL, Mike VK3AVV, passed away in 2022 and the software is not able to be supported. 4 logs used WA7BNM online conversion which is hard yakka! I recommend N1MM Logger+ as it is in current development by a worldwide team.

An alternative to using a dedicated Contest logger is to export an ADIF file from your usual logger and convert to Cabrillo using one of the many tools available on the web.

6 stations who worked >10 QSOs didn't submit logs. Please send in your log, regardless of how many QSOs you make. If anyone is genuinely struggling with the change to electronic logging, drop me a note (contests@nzart.org.nz) and we'll work on it together.

Thanks for participating in the contest this year and I look forward to seeing you all in the next Memorial Contest in July 2025.

73

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