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Greetings Everyone,

Welcome to **Headquarters-Info-Line** a fortnightly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters E-mailed directly to Branches.

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Who is receiving Info-Line? Well, as of today the 16th of August, HQ-Info-Line is E-mailed to 56 of NZART's 76 active Branches. Of these, 17 newsletter editors have elected to receive a copy direct. Info-Line also goes to NZART Council and Officers (about 50) and to a further **275** Amateurs who have auto-subscribed via the NZART Web page. **Total copies distributed now about 400.**

Many NZART Branches are proving excellent publicity for themselves and Amateur Radio on their World Wide Web pages. Commencing in this issue of HQ-Info-Line, "**The Branch Spot**" will include a URL taking you directly to the Web page of an NZART Branch.

The following message was sent by NZART President Peter Norden ZL2SJ to the ARRL President:

To all our Fellow US Amateurs

From all New Zealand Amateurs may I offer our heart felt sympathy in the tragedy that unfolds before our very eyes. We are many thousands of miles away, but our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Our Sympathy and support go to you all, in this time of such a shocking tragedy.

Peter Norden ZL2SJ - NZART President

**NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:
US Tragedy and HAM Radio**

With news of this weeks devastating events slowly unfolding in America I would like to thank all those people who have been forwarding me e-mails of HAM activity in and around the United States. It is indeed heartening to learn that Amateur Radio enthusiasts are able to rally together and offer assistance not just to each other but to all who have been affected.

Jock White Memorial Field Day

Correction for the dates of the next Jock White Memorial Field Day recently published in your Branch circulars, were in fact those for 2001. The 2002 contest dates are February 23rd & 24th 2002. Rules will appear in the November /December issue of Break In.

Callbook

The latest callbook has now been published and distributed. The price of Callbook is \$7 to members and \$9 to non-members. I also now have available the 2001/2002 Alpha callbook for purchase, at the cost of \$7.00.

That's all from me - Cheers Deb

From Rotorua Branch 33 – The Whale Island Expedition:

During November this year (2001), a small number of Branch 33 members are going to Whale Island for a little radio activity. The dates planned for the DX expedition are the 23rd to 26th of November with operations on all HF bands to take place over the weekend NZ local time.

Whale or Moutohora Island is a small hilly island rising to 347m, in the Bay of Plenty, 9km off shore from the mouth of the Whakatane River. It should not be confused with the active volcano of White Island its much larger neighbour to the northeast.

The New Zealand Department of Conservation presently manages Whale Island and access to the island is very limited with strict controls for any whom may be lucky enough to be allowed a short visit. Being an island of IOTA interest it is hoped that this expedition will generate many contacts for the amateurs who will be participating. The special callsign of ZL6WI is being applied from the MED (NZ's Licensing Bureau) and it is hoped that the IOTA committee would give consideration to a unique reference number. Details will be released as they come to hand.

Did you know?

That a request was made in 1990 by NZART for access to the LF band 165-190 kHz by New Zealand radio amateurs? This was approved subject to special conditions. You require a special permit from the Ministry of Economic Development, Radio Spectrum Management, if you wish to transmit in this band.

Access to this LF band didn't just happen. NZART works in the interests of all radio amateurs in New Zealand and needs the support of your continuing membership. Suggest to others that they join NZART too.

See: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/join/join.html>

The Branch Spot:

View the Web page of the Auckland Branch 02 NZART at: <http://www.qsl.net/zl1aa/>

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

Results of the 2001 NZART Memorial Contest, the Waitakere Sprint and the Pacific 160 Metre Contest have been posted on the NZART contest website at <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests>. Some links to other contest sites and rules of the new November 4 Straight Key Night have also been added to the website.

Upcoming contests this month:

September 15/16 1200-1200 (Sa/Su) Scandinavian CW Activity.

September 22/23 1200-1200 (Sa/Su) Scandinavian SSB Activity.

September 29/30 0000-2400 (Sa/Su) CQ Worldwide RTTY Contest.

The first two weekends of October are the time for the Oceania Contest, New Zealand's premier and only overseas contest. Please give this event a go to provide activity for the rest of the world to contact New Zealand even if it is only for a short period. The rules were in the July/August Break In and are on the NZART contests web page.

Contest times are:

October 6/7 0800-0800 (Sa/Su) Oceania SSB DX Contest

October 13/14 0800-0800 (Sa/Su) Oceania CW DX Contest

Also on the first weekend of October are these two events:

October 6 0000-2400 (Sat) TARA PSK31 Rumble

October 7 0700-1900 (Sun) RSGB 21/28 MHz SSB Contest

Contests Cont- VHF & UHF:

Microwave Contest - 614 MHz and Up - Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th of October.
1600-2200 Saturday 0800 - 1400 Sunday.

Field Day Contest - 50 MHz and Up. Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd of December 1600-
2200 Saturday, 0800-1400 Sunday.

Dates To Remember:

- **NZART Official Broadcast** 8pm Sunday 30th September
- **HQ-Info-Line**, will be E-mailed next on Sunday 7th October
- **Rebate on 2002 NZART Subscriptions final date 31st October 2001**
- **Copy Closing date for Nov/Dec Break-In** is Saturday 10th November.

73

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