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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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NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

Insurance - Just a reminder to all Branches to complete and return the information form required for Insurance details. To date only 9 Branches have returned this information out of a possible 78. If we do not get enough interest, we will be unable to negotiate a good deal for public liability insurance. I have attached this form again with this Info line in case yours has been misplaced.

Subscription Rebate - October 31 2001 is the final date for receiving the rebated subscriptions for 2002. If you are having difficulty in meeting your subscription payment please contact me.

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DO NOT ASSUME I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR OUERY.

Branch Details - I have been advised by a number of Branches, that their details are incorrect in Call Book. There are still 34 Branches who have yet to respond to my April request for Branch details for the new Call Book. If your details are incorrect, perhaps the reason is as above. The Business Management Committee and working on a way that an amended sheet may be included in the new Call book. Could those Branches affected please forward their details as soon as possible.

'Til next time.

From the NZART Administration Liaison Officer:

The publication "Radiocommunications Regulations 2001" is now available but we don't suggest that you rush out to buy a copy! It comes into force on 12 October 2001. It contains what NZART expected. The terminology and language used is updated and there seems to be adequate provision made for a procedure for persons with disabilities to be licensed.

There will be a delay while the documents about the licensing arrangements for radio amateurs are finalised and published and there may be a further delay before the arrangements for the release of information for future editions of the Callbook is finally settled.

The questions in the regulatory part of the examination question-bank will be revised as soon as the final licensing details are known. We will keep you posted as all this evolves!

A New NZART Activity:

The first **NZART Straight Key Night** is to be held on 80 Metres from 8pm until 11pm on the evening of Sunday 4th November. Polish and lubricate that old morse key and enjoy an evening of old time radio fun. With a range of divisions and multipliers to cater for all, it will be an activity night in which everyone can be a winner with a certificate to prove it.

View the rules and all details at:

http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/Update/Contests/Rules.html

Did you know?

That the 40-metre amateur band is on the agenda for the World Radio Conference WRC-03 being held by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in the year 2003? The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), of which NZART is a member society, has the objective of an 300 kHz-wide world-wide band exclusive for radio amateurs in the vicinity of 7 MHz. Extensive preparations are underway. You can read about this work at: http://www.iaru.org/7-MHz-Spectrum.pdf - a 26-page booklet in colour, a 600 kB .pdf file.

NZART works both nationally and internationally 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

From the Editor of Break-In

Wanted Urgently; DX World compiler

Sadly, ill-health has forced Lee Jennings ZL2AL to give up organising the DX World column for *Break-In*. We need a replacement urgently; can anyone help or suggest someone suitable? Please contact John Walker, ZL3IB, Editor *Break-In*, Phone 03-3489 084; Fax 03-3489 480, Email; staf169@it.canterbury.ac.nz

The Branch Spot:

View the Web page of the Hutt Valley Branch 18 NZART at: http://homepages.paradise.net.nz/~amoeba/index.html

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

This weekend is the BIG contest for us - the Oceania SSB Contest - it's on till 0800Z tonight. Your activity is needed, if only for a short while.

TARA PSK31 Rumble, RSGB 21/28 MHZ Contest and a number of other activities.

Next weekend, October 13/14 is our other International contest - the Oceania CW Contest 0800 Z Sat - 0800 Z Sun again your signal is needed to make this event worthwhile representing our 'Continent'.

October 20/21 is the time for Worked All Germany SSB/CW Contest and Japan ARTS Worldwide RTTY Contest

Dates To Remember:

- **HQ-Info-Line**, will be E-mailed next on Sunday 21st October
- NZART Official Broadcast 8pm Sunday 28th October
- Rebate on 2002 NZART Subscriptions final date 31st October 2001
- Copy Closing date for Nov/Dec Break-In is Saturday 10th November.

73 Jim Meachen ZL2BHF Editor