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Greetings Everyone,

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NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says: Subscriptions and donations

A very special thank you to the very generous people who have so willingly donated their \$10 rebate with the 2003 membership subscription. Total donations received to date are \$1480. It is so gratifying to read the many nice comments that are included with the donation. The loyalty that exists within the Association will certainly ensure its place is cemented in the future.

Correction

Very sincere apologies to Jumbo ZL1HV, for the error in call book, which has an asterisk beside his name in the Honorary Life Members listing. As you may know this stands for silent key. Jumbo has advised me in no uncertain terms that he is definitely not a silent key, nor does he intend to become one in the near future. Jumbo, please accept this apology from both the call book editor and myself for not picking this up earlier.

...til' next time

Did You Know:

That the questions for the amateur radio examination are now taken from a question-bank of 600-questions and that all these questions are in the "public domain"? You can study all these questions prior to taking the test. They are available in a book from NZART Headquarters or can be downloaded from the NZART web site.

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>

Administration Liaison Officer News with Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ:

A letter from the Ministry of Economic Development advises that the Radio Spectrum Management Group is undergoing review and the "scope of this review is focused on the Ministry's internal processes and structure with a view to enhancing our service delivery in terms of innovation, cost-effectiveness and simplicity". Apparently the draft review proposes a severe reduction in staff numbers but no figures are given. It seems that many regional offices will close and regionally-based licensing is to cease, so it is expected that candidates passing the Amateur Radio Exam outside the main centres will be inconvenienced. The possibility of added delays to amateur radio matters due to decreased staff is of concern. More when more is known.

National System 2002 Award Update:

With the publication of the 2002-2003 Callbook, the number of possible Branches that qualify for inclusion in the award has reduced to just 75, making the achievement of the previously announced 75 Award a tough proposition.

Wellington VHF Group, sponsor of the award, have decided that in addition to the pinnacle 75 Award, they will now also award certificates for achievement of 70 to 74 branches.

Award Custodian, Dick ZL2TGQ said, "Whilst we want to encourage applicants to continue to strive for the 75 Award, we appreciate how much more difficult this is now, and we want to also recognise the efforts of those who exceed 70 Branches but who don't quite make the 75 target".

From the Callbook Editor Doug ZL2BCF:

I would like to thank all of those who have contributed to the production of this year's Callbook. I know for many of you this is quite a time consuming task and as editor would also like to apologize for any errors in this publication.

An updated copy of the AREC Officers Information is included as an attachment to this edition of Info Line and will be published in the next issue of Break-In. Unfortunately an outdated version was printed in the new Callbook. My apologies also to Jumbo ZL1HV. In the Honorary Life Members list Jumbo is listed as deceased. He is in fact very much alive and contributing more than most to this hobby of ours.



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BRANCH SPOT:

Manukau Branch 21- Most MixW (Digimode software) fans will know of Dennis Nechitailov UU9JDR (co-author with Nic Fedoseev of MixW). Digimode fans in ZL may be interested to know that Dennis is currently visiting Auckland and will address NZART Branch 21 (Manukau) on August 21st at 7.30 PM. His subject will be "MixW - the future" Please join us if you are in the Auckland region - this is guaranteed to be a very interesting evening.

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

Coming up on Monday September 2 is the annual Doug Gorman Frequency Measuring Contest at 0915 UTC. Are you prepared for this event? How about organising a Branch team of three. Two weeks later on September 14 is the Nostalgia night for valve equipment. See Break In and the callbook for details.

Dates To Remember:

- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 25th August**
- **HQ-Info-Line, will be E-mailed next on Sunday 8th September**
- **Deadline for copy for the next issue of Break-In, Tuesday 10th September**
- **45th World Jamboree on the Air 19th & 20th October**

73

Jim Meachen ZL2BHF

Editor