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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:**

Phew! Minutes are appearing in my sleep after Council's face to face meeting here in Upper Hutt. Some very interesting speakers joined us over the weekend, with Brian Miller, Manager of Radio Spectrum Planning being among them. The Ministry has asked that NZART place the following request to all amateurs.

**MED Request** - All amateurs should be made aware that life-time licences will be introduced some time this year. However for those of you considering not renewing or have not renewed your annual license because of this, please think again. If your licence is not current at the time of introducing the 'life-time licence', it will cost you more to set it up anew. You may also run the risk of your call sign not being available as it may have been reissued to another amateur.

**Situations Vacant** - Again at Council's meeting, the following Officer appointments will not be renewed as at June 2003. Council's 'On Air' minute secretary, the Monitoring Service Coordinator and Certificate Preparation Officer. If you are interested in any of these positions and require more detail, can you please contact me on [nzart@clear.net.nz](mailto:nzart@clear.net.nz) or my usual postal address.

**Council Members** - I am pleased to advise, that Council has approved a second representative from the Midland region as a Council appointee effective June 2003. Don Dalrymple ZL3SZ has offered to stand as there was only one nomination from this region during elections. Thank you Don for submitting your name, knowledge and expertise.

**FMTAG Report/Recommendations** - Due to the time lapse between Break In issues, FMTAG together with Council have agreed to include all recommendations and subsequent approvals of FMTAG in HQ Info Line. This will keep you all up to date with various changes and the activities which FMTAG is involved.

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**CONTESTS with Stan ZL2ST:**

Up coming contests are:

March 8/9 1000-1000 UTC (Sat/Sun) Commonwealth Contest (BERU) CW

This CW contest deserves your support. There are always some interesting DX callsigns that crop up here.

Other events are:

March 15/16 0100-0059 UTC (Sat/Sun) John Moyle Memorial Field Day (Australia)

March 15/17 0200-0200 UTC (Sat/Mon) BARTG Spring RTTY Contest

March 15/16 1200-1200 UTC (Sat/Sun) Russian CW/SSB Contest

March 15/16 1200-1200 UTC (Sat/Sun) DARC HF SSTV Contest

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**VHF Contest Calendar 2003 with Leon ZL2AOC:**

Hibernation Contest April 5, 6

Brass Monkey Contest July 5, 6

The rules were published in September/October 2000 Break-In. and can also be found at the Wellington VHF Group Website. The full **results of the Cliff Betson Memorial Contest** held on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January 2003 are available at the following link

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/CliffBetsonResults2003.pdf>

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## **NEW ZEALAND 100 MHz H.F. AWARD (2003):**

This award is open to all licensed radio amateurs.

**The object** is to promote amateur activity on the various H.F. frequencies used within New Zealand.

**To qualify** for the award licensed amateurs are required to work such a number of New Zealand base stations on the HF frequencies (160m -10m) to make up a total of at least 100 MHz (100 points) and not more than 107.5 MHz, (107.5 points). All contacts must be made between March the 1st and December 31st 2003.

**The full details and available at the following link**

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/awards/NZAward100MHZ.pdf>

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## **DID YOU KNOW:**

... that the first issue of the NZART Official Journal "Break-In" was in January 1928 and that it has been published continuously ever since – even right through World War 2? Moreover, it has been free to NZART members for all that time.

"Break-In" is the longest continuously-published radio journal (of any type) in the southern hemisphere. Commercial radio journals have come and gone, changed names, but "Break-In" is regularly received by NZART members.

This 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>

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## **Technology Convention, Hamilton, Easter 2003:**

This Easter, April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Technology Convention will be hosted by the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club at the premises of the Hamilton Astronomical Society, Brymer Road, Hamilton, adjacent to the Hamilton Zoo.

Convention can be an enjoyable weekend of learning about new technologies and of fellowship with other Radio Amateurs. **Complete the Registration Form attached to this issue of HQ-Info-Line** and mail it early as only the first one hundred registrations can be accepted. Further details and a map showing how to get to the venue will be mailed out with your receipt after your registration has been processed.

If you have any enquiry about the Technology Convention, write to:

Technology Convention – 2003

PO Box 606

**Hamilton**

Or email Gavin Petrie at [gavinwp@ihug.co.nz](mailto:gavinwp@ihug.co.nz)

### **NZART Conference 2003:**

Conference is to be held in Masterton at the Copthorne Hotel, Solway Park where everything is under one roof. Check it out now at [www.solway.co.nz](http://www.solway.co.nz)

**Public Transport to Masterton** - Information for those who are travelling by public transport to the Conference.

#### **From Wellington you will have to use the train**

Wellington to Masterton trains leave at 8:25 AM, 12:55 PM, 4:33 PM, 5:29 PM, 6:18 PM, **9:55 PM Friday only**

#### **Masterton to Wellington**

Saturday/Sunday & Public Holidays

8:00 AM, 5:00 PM they are 6 minutes latter from the Solway Station. Note the Solway Station is a 'Stop on Request' station so let the Guard know you want to get off at Solway, and let the Conference Secretary know what train you are travelling on so you can be collected and taken to the Hotel.

**From Palmerston North- Masterton** TRANZIT bus, 3:15 PM, 7:00 PM

**Masterton to Palmerston North** (Sunday) 4:20PM

There's a Conference 2003 update on page 44 of Jan/Feb Break-In. Registration and accommodation details will be in the March/April Issue. If you need additional information contact the Conference Secretary Ian Stewart ZL2TIS, or e-mail him at [zl2tis@contact.net.nz](mailto:zl2tis@contact.net.nz) Book travel early and get those discounted fares!

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### **Dates To Remember:**

- **Closing date for the next Break-In is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Next NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Technology Convention 2003 in Hamilton 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April**
- **NZART Conference 2003 Solway Park, Masterton Queen's Birthday Weekend.**

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*Jim Meachen ZL2BHF*

**Editor**