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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:

NZART Members List to Branches - By now all Branch secretaries will have received their list of NZART members for voting on remits. If you have not please contact me immediately and I will forward an electronic version. I am still receiving payments for the 2003 subscriptions so if someone has been missed off your list that you believe has paid or usually pays, again contact me in order to confirm their membership.

Call Book survey - Having collated the 120 survey forms Peter ZL2SJ and I would like to advise the following percentages, bearing in mind that the form offered a response in each category:

Biennial (reduced one year full the next)	80%
Status Quo (remain as above)	47%
Web Access	46%
CD Rom	42%
Spiral Bound	30%
Full/Annually	24%
Membership without CB	19.7%
Binder	14%
Stapled	5%

Some members also attached some very good suggestions, which will be discussed further by Council at the face to face meeting in June at which time a decision will be made how Call Book will be produced in the coming year.

My thanks goes to all of you who took the time to complete and send this form back. The Association and Business Management Committee always welcome your feedback.

Basic Radio Training Manual - The Business Management Committee recently approved the reproduction of a limited number of the above training manual. This book was originally produced in 1994, and has not been updated since this time, therefore the reproduction includes the "New Rules Explained" booklet as Radio Regulations have certainly changed over the past 9 years. The BMC were asked to consider this special print as a number of enquiries have been received here at HQ from people who prefer a text book rather than a disk or CD Rom.

The cost to purchase this book is \$30, with reference to all web sites included.

CU in the next issue.

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

Up coming contests are:

The NZART Sangster Shield CW Contest is on 80 metres on Saturday May 17 and Sunday May 18 0800-1100 UTC each day. Your activity is needed to make your Branch available. It's a friendly QRP event for the novice or experienced CW hand. Give it a go. Periods are half hourly and the exchange is RST/Branch number/power. Refer to the callbook or NZART website for full rules.

Other events:

May 10/11 1200-1200 UTC (Sat/Sun) Volta Worldwide RTTY Contest

May 10/11 2100-2100 UTC (Sat/Sun) CQ-M (Russia) International CW/SSB/SSTV DX

May 17/18 2100-0200 UTC (Sat/Sun) Baltic CW/SSB Contest.

May 24 0800-1400 (Sat) VK/Trans-Tasman Phone Contest –

The rules are available at

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

From the Ministry of Economic Development:

Amateur Statistics as at 31 March:

Repeater 212

Beacon 42

Digipeaters 29

Fixed 2

General 3267

Limited 1603

Novice 15

TV 19

Total 5189

NZART Annual Conference

Masterton

Queen's Birthday Weekend – 31st. May / 1st. June

The NZART Conference 2003 will be held in Masterton at the Copthorne Hotel, Solway Park, on High Street, Masterton. All Conference functions will take place in this one venue, all under one roof, with excellent facilities and space for meetings, displays and social events.

Provisional Programme

The main programme will follow the usual format, NZART AGM, and AGM's AREC, AMSAT, OTC, SPAM, WARO, together with forums for DX, IRLP, APRS, etc.

Guest Speaker

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Warren Tucker, a Wairarapa resident who is presently the Colonel Commandant of the Royal New Zealand Corps of Signals and has considerable experience in and with government communications.

Friday

Registration will commence on Friday 30th May at the Copthorne Hotel reception area between 3 and 9 p.m. Refreshment facilities will be available also to allow opportunity for informal gatherings and gossiping.

Talk-in Station - On the local 680 repeater

Saturday

Registration facilities will open at 7:30 a.m., and the Conference will be opened at 9 am., by his worship the mayor of Masterton, Mr. R. C. Francis. The annual dinner and social will take place, again in the Copthorne Hotel, this evening at 7 p.m., for pre-dinner drinks followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

The Sunday programme will include both the various Section AGM's and also a range of sectional interest forums.

Alternative Programme

Saturday

This will include shopping in Masterton together with the opportunity to visit the Transport Museum, Aratoi Museum and Art Gallery or the local Genealogy Society, all close to Queen Street, the main street of Masterton. Also close by is the Queen Elizabeth Park and gardens, aviary and deer park. Saturday afternoon will include a short visit to the Carterton Paua Shell Factory and other places of interest along the way.

Social Programme

Saturday

The Conference dinner will include live entertainment

Monday

Other attractions, activities and visits can be arranged where there is sufficient interest advised.

Accommodation

Accommodation has been arranged with an attractive special **room rate** at the Copthorne Hotel and you can check this at www.solway.co.nz and bookings can be made by calling 0800 SOLWAY (765929). However if you choose to book your accommodation you must quote the booking **number 62850**. For those attending the Conference and using their motor homes for their accommodation, sites are available at the nearby Solway A&P showgrounds at a cost of \$12.00 per night with electric power or \$8.00 without power.

Conclusion

It is fervently hoped that you will join us for this Queen's Birthday weekend and make Conference 2003 a memorable experience. Should you require any further information please contact the Conference Secretary, Ian Stewart, ZL2TIS at zl2tis@contact.net.nz or PO Box 860 Masterton.

Conference 2003 Registration Forms were in APRIL/MAY Break-In

Branch Spot:

Wellington Amateur Radio Club - A notice to NZART Conference participants. If you are passing through Wellington going to or from the NZART Conference in Masterton, the Quartz Hill User Group extends an invitation for you to visit the ZL6QH station. To view the facilities and even have some on air experience operating with the wide selection of antennas, please make arrangements with the Bookings Manager. Contact Ralph Sutton ZL2AOH, 12c Herbert Gardens, 186 The Terrace, Wellington 6001. Telephone 04/473-0847 or Fax 04/473-0848.

Dates To Remember:

- **Copy for the May/June BI Closes 10th May.**
- **Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on Sunday 18th May**
- **Next NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 25th May**
- **NZART Conference 2003 Solway Park, Masterton Queen's Birthday Weekend.**

73

Jim Meachen ZL2BHF

Editor