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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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From the President:

The recent changes to our regulations and operating conditions are a step forward. It is good to see increased and different activity. But what is being celebrated? The major change, the great advance forward, is at risk of being overlooked. New Zealand now has only one grade of Amateur Licence. We have stepped from three licence grades down to two and now to one. Gone is the potential "them and us" feeling that sometimes surfaced.

Treasure the "one grade" concept. It is unifying ... and to be celebrated!

You have waited for the new licence conditions. The NZART training materials have all been revised for the "one-grade licence" and are free to anyone from the NZART web page or for purchase from NZART Headquarters. With one licence grade, freely available training resources, examinations by appointment, there is opportunity for any citizen to "Become a Radio Amateur". The future is ours to share. I encourage you all to promote Amateur Radio."

NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

Examinations - With the recent changes to the Radiocommunications Regulations, all the prepared NZART training material suddenly became obsolete. I am pleased to advise now that it is all revised and up-to-date. So download what you require from the NZART web site (www.nzart.org.nz/nzart) and use it in your training classes. I am prepared for a big influx of exam passes.

The web site provides you with the complete Question-Bank (all 600 questions), the Study Guide, Tutorial Notes, and the new exam-paper-generating software to produce exam papers with the new questions.

From this office I can provide you with:

A CD-ROM with the Study Guide, Tutorial Notes, a promotional slide-show and the latest Morse Teach program. \$10 post-paid

The Question Bank - a book with all 600 questions used in the exam. \$15 post-paid.

The booklet about our regulatory background: "Amateur Radio - The New Rules Explained". \$5 post-paid.

The latest version of the "NZART Basic Radio Training Manual", covering all the theory you need. \$30 post-paid.

Most of the Amateur Radio promotional material available on the NZART web site for down loading can be immediately used for your promotions. Some is being revised and this task is nearly completed. So advertise your classes and activities.

Please promote Amateur Radio and train new radio amateurs. With the one-class licence, we have a great future. Make the exam-passes roll in and thank you all for your support. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attached to this issue of HQ-Info-Line is a file for the promotion of Amateur Radio in your locality. Put some words about Amateur Radio above and below the chart to make publicity pamphlets for distribution. Lodge some pamphlets at your local library and other places where there are people. Make sure that your Branch contact details are clear. Please send a copy of your pamphlet to NZART HQ for our records."

Think that's about enough from me for this issue... talk to you all in a couple of weeks. – **Debby ZL2TDM**

FMTAG:

Branch 03 Western Suburbs has applied for an APRS digi-peater, to be located at their clubrooms, grid reference NZ260 R11 612753. The frequency will be 144.575 MHz, in accordance with the band plan.

VHF-UHF Records:

Council have received a number of complaints regarding the changes to the VHF-UHF record rules. The rule changes were intended to align our (ZL) rules to those used in VK. Council recognize that due consultation and comment was not asked for. Therefore, at the Council meeting at Conference 2004 the rule change that had been passed at the March 04 Council meeting was rescinded. A process suggesting a rule change and invitation for comment will take place shortly. **Peter Norden ZL2SJ**

Amateur Licence Statistics from the Ministry of Economic Development's web site with Tony Case ZL1UD:

Amateur Radio Licensing Statistics

Category

	<u>Date</u>	<u>May.24.04</u>	<u>Jun.16.04</u>	<u>Jun.25.04</u>
Grade				
General Grade		3172	3166	4725
Limited Grade		1547	1514	
Novice Grade		12	12	12
Total Licensed Amateurs		4731	4692	4737
Beacons		42	42	42
Digi-peaters		29	29	29
Fixed		2	2	2
Repeaters		219	219	219
TV Repeaters		19	19	22
	Total Licenses	5042	5003	5051

Branch Spot: Papakura Radio Club, Branch 65

7:30 PM Sunday's New Zealand National VOIP Net - A New Zealand National VOIP Net is run on the *ZL1VK* conference server at the new time starting Sunday's at 7.30pm. This is open to all Branches, interest groups and amateurs throughout New Zealand. The aim of the net is to encourage communications between amateurs throughout New Zealand and assist and promote VOIP technology to expand the enjoyment of our amateur radio hobby via this mode. Branch representatives and individual amateurs are invited to participate or just listen-in.

The net agenda includes news about IRLP nodes, news about EchoLink - R (repeater) and -L (link) nodes, NZ EchoLink Conference Server announcements and other VOIP nets or items of interest. [See the map showing NZ VoIP systems attached to this issue of HQIL.](#)

All welcome, we look forward to hearing you on *ZL1VK* New Zealand Conference server at 7:30 PM every Sunday. Please remember to connect to the *ZL1VK* conference server found toward the bottom of the Index list where * xyz * nodes are located and not the ZL1VK-R EchoLink node. Many of the EchoLink Repeaters and radio links will be connected for this net so radio users are most welcome.

Request for Net information and brief details: If you run a net or your Branch runs a net please let us know so we can include the details in a database. This will be forwarded to NZART for further distribution. Please add a few details on the net including frequencies, time, if it's a general net, if it's a computer users net and anything else that's relevant. Please e-mail your reply to QandA@nzart.org.nz
Information from Nigel Goldstone ZL1UXD.

Dates To Remember:

- **Closing Date for Next Issue of Break In 10th July.**
- **Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed Sunday 18th July.**
- **Next NZART Official Broadcast 8pm & 9pm on Sunday 25th July.**

73

Jim Meachen ZL2BHF

Editor

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See the NZART web page: www.nzart.org.nz

Tests are 'by appointment':

The time and place can be arranged with local volunteer Examination Supervisors. Your results are given on the spot!

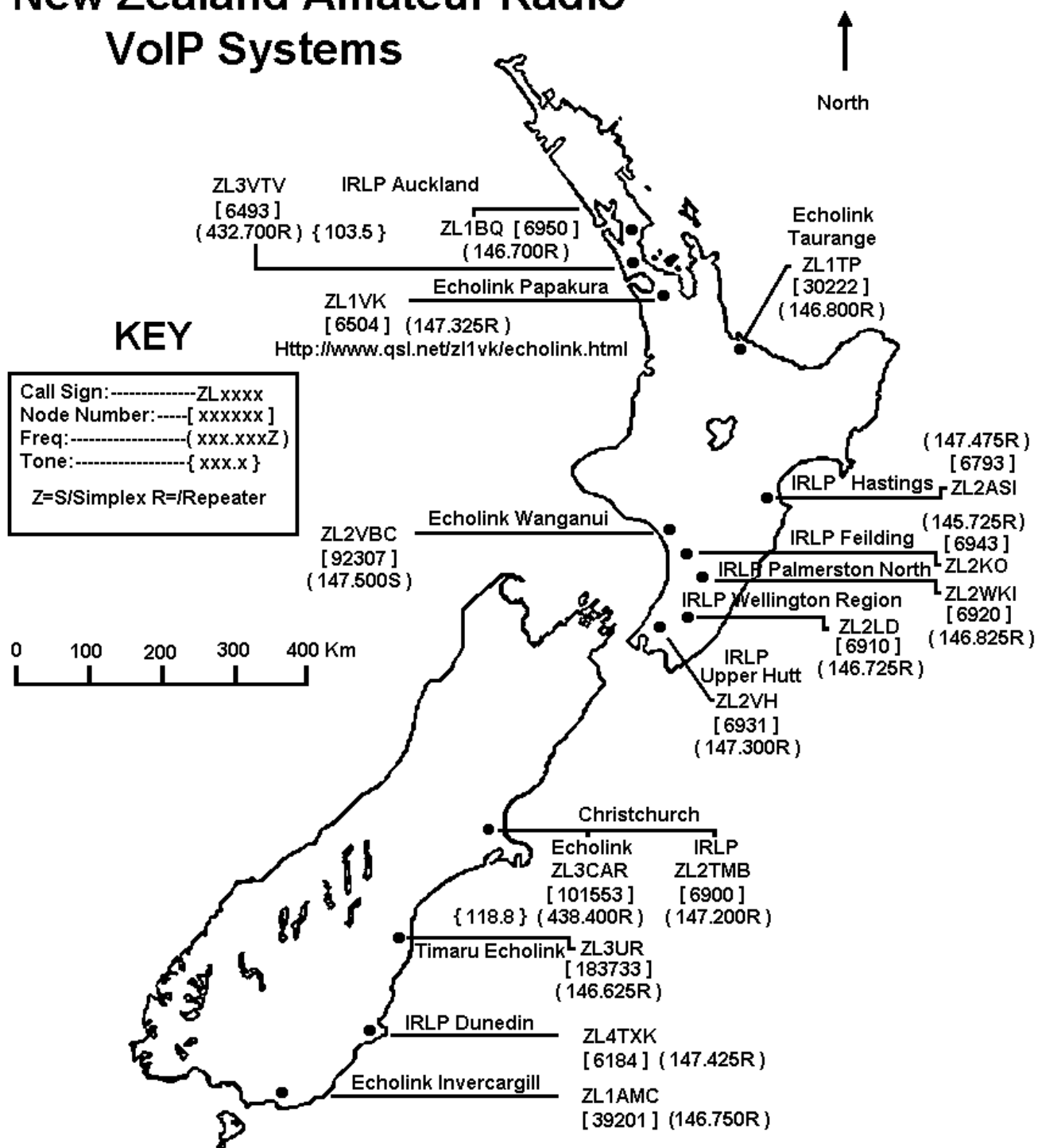
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New Zealand Amateur Radio VoIP Systems



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