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Greetings Everyone!

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## **The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:**

**Election Papers** - Election voting closes at last mail clearance (11am) on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Please make sure you have sent your papers in before this date. Just to clarify a few questions that have been asked – there is no age restriction on voting, the only criteria is that you must be a financial member (that is paid subscription for 2005) on or before 20 January 2005. Please don't embarrass yourself or me by asking why you haven't received voting papers if you have paid after this date.

**Headquarters Office Share** - Negotiations are continuing with regard to sharing the HQ Office with another organisation. Regrettably I am unable to confirm who the club is until after contracts have been finalized. Rest assured Council is progressing this cautiously to ensure all NZART National Headquarters functions will continue with the least amount of impact on Association Members and to enhance our financial status.

**Subscriptions** - There are still a number of subscriptions outstanding for 2005, if you know of anyone who is experiencing financial difficulty and wishes to remain a member, please get them to contact me immediately. The Association is here to support all amateurs and I am able to offer payment methods that will not cause additional strain to those who wish to belong but cannot afford to do so. Some have taken the opportunity to make monthly instalments rather than paying a lump sum, which is beneficial to both the Association and it's member.

**Talk soon.....Debby ZL2TDM**

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## Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

A contest for ZLs along with all other Commonwealth countries is the **Commonwealth Contest on 12th and 13th March**. It is a CW event, which runs from 1000Z Saturday for 24 hours on the HF bands excluding WARC bands. Entires can be for the whole period or a reduced period. Refer to Break In for a summary of rules. This is always a friendly event with some exotic prefixes showing up. Give it a go even if you only work a few.

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## VHF Convention 2005:

The members and committee of Wellington VHF Group invite you to attend VHF Convention. Convention will feature an exciting mix of speakers, technical presentations, VHF Forum, mobile rally and fox-hunt, mini-Contest, special interest groups, and this year for the first time, a special forum for National System Trustees. The technical programme is complimented by Hands-on satellite and moonbounce activities. Spot prizes.

**Dates:** Easter weekend 25-26-27-28 March  
**Venue:** Raroa Intermediate School, Haumia Street, Johnsonville.  
**Registration:** Full programme including Dinner \$80.00

**Programme:**

Friday pm	Registration and informal get-together and snacks at the venue
Saturday	Keynote speaker, technical programme, VHF Forum
Sat night	Wellington Area Amateur Radio Dinner and social
Sunday	Technical programme, mobile rally, National System Trustees forum, & special interest groups.

## Wellington Area Amateur Radio Dinner:

All Amateurs, spouses/partners and their personal guests are invited to attend this social event associated with the VHF Convention being held in Wellington over Easter 2005, organised and run by Wellington VHF Group.

**Time:** 6:30 for 7:30 dining, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2005 (Easter Saturday).  
**Venue:** The function Room, Johnsonville Club Inc, 1 Norman Lane, Johnsonville.  
**Dinner:** Smorgasbord: choice of meat & salads, hot vegetables, complimentary wine, and fruit juices. Fruit-salad and Pavlova for dessert. Tea & coffee.  
**Bar service:** This is **NOT** bring-your-own (BYO), but a bar service is available at Club prices.  
**Dance floor:** Large Dance floor, bring along your favourite CD.  
**Entertainment:** Amateurs are good performers –some will surely entertain you!  
**Charge:** For those registered for the VHF Convention programme, the cost of the dinner is included in your registration fee. For those who wish to attend the dinner only, a charge of \$30.00 per person applies.

**Details of the latest technical programme for VHF Convention and a brochure, with a Registration form for VHF Convention and the Wellington Area Amateur Radio Dinner are attached to this issue of HQIL. (See draft program below and Registration form at the following link –**

**<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/infoline/registration.pdf> and <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/infoline/convtalk.pdf>**

## **NEW PLYMOUTH WIND-WAND SYMPOSIUM 4-5-6th JUNE 2005**

The New Plymouth Amateur Radio Club invites all members of N.Z.A.R.T. To the New Plymouth Wind-Wand Symposium 2005. This includes the N.Z.A.R.T. Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 4th June.

**Venue:** The Quality Hotel Plymouth International  
Courtenay Street  
New Plymouth Phone 0800.800.597

**Date:** 4-5-6 June 2005, Queens Birthday weekend

**Accommodation:** The Quality Hotel Plymouth International is the booking agent for the venue and they have a variety of rooms available at the above premises and the Auto Lodge. If you want to stay at a motor camp or somewhere else please feel free to make your own bookings. When booking please state that you are attending the **NZART Wind-Wand Symposium**.

**Transport:** Please indicate on the Registration form if you need to be met at the Airport. The maximum shuttle fare will be \$15 per person but this could be reduced depending on numbers, flights, etc.

**Talk in Station:** ZL2AB will be operating on both repeaters 720 and 705, and the National System.

**Symposium Registrations:** will be at the Quality Hotel Plymouth International at 5.30pm on Friday 3 June in the Hotel Foyer. Closing at 9pm and re-opening at 7.30am on Saturday 4 June. The Registration area will be open during the Symposium to assist you with any requests. There will be an informal gathering on Friday evening after registration. Opening of Symposium will be at 9am Saturday with local dignitaries in attendance.

**The AGM** will commence at 9.30am chaired by President Peter Norden ZL2SJ. This meeting will finish at approximately 3pm. Afternoon tea to follow. Richard Rowntree will conduct the **forum session** until 5 pm. The Annual Dinner will commence at 6.30pm for drinks with the meal at 7.30pm.

**Forums** will recommence at 8.45am Sunday these will be AREC, (at TEMO) OTC, SPAM, WARO, AMSAT, VHF. Contests, ARPS, Digital Modes etc.

**Mobile Rally** is due to commence 1pm Sunday 5th (see Registration Form). Tarry ZL2KV & Frank ZL2BR will be convening this. There will be some differences this time with a Hidden Transmitter Hunt (2 metres) incorporated during the Rally, any HF or VHF frequencies can be used. There is also a section for valve AM rigs prior to 1960 manufacture or design. All road rules must be obeyed and Radio Regulations complied with.

**Alternative Program:** On Saturday a bus will leave the venue at 9.30am and head to Puke Ariki Museum/Centre City shopping complex. Lunch will be at Oakura followed by a visit to Coastal Arts and Crafts trail, returning in time for the Saturday night activities.

On Sunday a bus will leave the venue at 9.30am for Kiln Creations (paint your very own design on a plate, cup or dish). Lunch is provided in the Bell Block area. At 2pm the bus will return to a private movie theatre returning in time for the Sunday night entertainment.

**Car boot Sale:** For anyone interested in selling or buying equipment, we intend to have a car boot sale in the hotel car park on Sunday at lunchtime. There will be no commission or space charges. Disclaimer: the N.P.A.R.C. has no responsibility for any transactions.

**Optional Extra:** If there is sufficient interest we can arrange a trip to the Nigel Ogle's Tawhiti Museum near Hawera. Please advise the Registration Desk when you register if you choose to do this. A minimum of 25 for a bus or you may decide to pool cars. This will be on a User Pays basis.

See our website [www.nzart.org/nzart/](http://www.nzart.org/nzart/) and follow the links to New Plymouth Amateur Radio Club. Bill Campbell ZL2AIB email [zl2aib@nzart.org.nz](mailto:zl2aib@nzart.org.nz)

**A Registration Form for the New Plymouth Wind-Wand Symposium 4-5-6<sup>th</sup> June 2005 is attached to this Issue of HQIL. (See Registration form at the following link – <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/infoline/ConfRegistrationForm.pdf>**

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#### **Dates to Remember:**

- Next HQ-Info-Line Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2005.
- Technology Convention 2005, Wellington 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March.
- NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March

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Jim Meachen ZL2BHF

Editor