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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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The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

BREAK IN, BREAK IN, BREAK IN - Will be slightly delayed this month due to invoices being enclosed with the wrappers. They should arrive in your mailboxes within the next 3 days. Please check your packs to confirm receipt of the invoice.

If you do not receive an invoice and if your subscription expiry date on the wrapper says **31 December 2006** please do not forward a payment as you have paid in advance throughout the year.

Branch Circular ...I will be posting out a branch circular in the next couple of weeks. If there is anything you as an individual or a Branch would like included to advertise upcoming events, please let me know as soon as possible.

Examinations & Recruitment... Attached to this issue of HQ Info-line is a survey that branches are requested to complete. It concerns your Branch needs regarding recruitment of amateurs to the hobby, examination programme requirements and what special needs your Branch could benefit from with regard to encouraging newcomers to the hobby. PLEASE take the time to read this survey, complete and post it back to the address given on the document.

That's all for this issue ...**Debby ZL2TDM**

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

Statistics				
Amateur Radio Licensing Statistics				
Category	<u>Jul.23.04</u>	<u>May.19.05</u>	<u>June.21.05</u>	<u>Jul.21.05</u>
Grade				
General Grade	4746	4675	4662	4685
Limited Grade				
Novice Grade	12	9	9	9
Total Amateur Licenses Issued	4758	4684	4671	4694
Beacons	42	42	42	45
Digi-peaters	29	29	29	27
Fixed	2	1	1	1
Repeaters	226	292	277	262
TV Repeaters	37	42	41	40
Total Beacons Repeaters and Links	336	406	390	375
Total Licenses	5094	5090	5061	5069

FMTAG Notes:

NZART Council approved publication of the following Recommendations at its August meeting.

INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

Branch 30 Otago has applied to increase the transmitter power of 690 Mount Cargill (repeater transmit frequency 146.900 MHz, repeater receive frequency 146.300 MHz). An engineering evaluation confirms that the repeater can continue operating on the existing frequencies, at the increased power.

Branch 30 Otago has applied to increase the transmitter power of the 465 Highcliff Digi (transmit and receive frequency 144.650 MHz). An engineering evaluation confirms that the repeater can continue operating on the existing frequency, at the increased power.

Branch 30 Otago has applied to increase the transmitter power of 665 Highcliff (repeater transmit frequency 146.650 MHz, repeater receive frequency 146.050 MHz). An engineering evaluation confirms that the repeater can continue operating on the existing frequencies, at the increased power.

Branch 35 Balclutha has applied to increase the transmitter power of 675 Kuriwao (repeater transmit frequency 146.750 MHz, repeater receive frequency 146.150 MHz). An engineering evaluation confirms that the repeater can continue operating on the existing frequencies, at the increased power.

Branch 74 Wellington VHF Group has applied to increase the transmitter power of 710 Belmont (repeater transmit frequency 147.100 MHz, repeater receive frequency 147.700 MHz). An engineering evaluation confirms that the repeater can continue operating on the existing frequencies, at the increased power.

Branch 78 Far North has applied to re-locate 6775 Paikauri to Akatere (repeater transmit frequency 146.775 MHz, repeater receive frequency 146.175 MHz). An engineering evaluation confirms that the repeater can continue operating on the existing frequencies, at the new location.

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

None this month.

COMMENTS

Please send your comments and suggestions on the above matters and recommendations, and on any other FMTAG matters, by e-mail to fmtag@nzart.org.nz or by mail to FMTAG, c/- NZART, PO Box 40-525, Upper Hutt.

APPLICATIONS

Applications for repeaters, beacons, digipeaters, point-to-point links, and so on, should be made on the latest version of FMTAG Form 10, which may be obtained from the above address, in paper or electronic versions. Completed forms should be sent by e-mail to fmtag@nzart.org.nz or by mail to FMTAG, c/- NZART, PO Box 40-525, Upper Hutt.

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

Welcome to two newcomers to the contesting team. Long time active contesters John ZL1BHQ will be Contest Manager from October and Stuart ZL2TW has already taken over management of the Jock White Memorial Field Day contest.

Upcoming contests and events:

August 13/14 0000-2400 (Sat/Sun) Worked All Europe DX CW Contest

August 13/14 0800-0759 (Sat/Sun) Australian Remembrance Day PH/CW Contest

August 20/21 0000-2400 (Sat/Sun) International Lighthouse/Lightship QSO Weekend

August 20/21 various SARTG WW RTTY Contest

August 20/21 1200-1200 (Sat/Sun) SEANET WW DX All Mode Contest

Dates To Remember:

- **International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend 20-21st August**
- **Next HQ-Info-Line Sunday e-mailed 21st August 2005**
- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 28th August**

73

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Editor

NZART Branch Recruitment & Training Survey

NZART council are looking at ways to assist branches to recruit new people into amateur radio. A new idea that council is looking at is to have classes for the examination available on DVD/video. This material would be available to be used by those branches that may have difficulty finding suitable persons to run classes, or to use as a resource to help get things started locally.

Council would like to get an idea of how useful this resource would be, hence the following survey.

Radio classes are closely associated with the wider issue of recruitment, so we have decided to include a few questions on this matter, your answers will help us feed back to branches information that may help in this area.

We appreciate your efforts replying to this survey.

How many new amateurs have joined amateur radio in your club in the last year?

How were these people attracted?

(E.g. Friends/family workmates, Newspaper advertisement, Promotion, Schools)

Does your club run classes for the examination?

If No, What is the reason that you do not (e.g. No suitable teacher, unable to find candidates for classes, no perceived need)

Would a DVD/Video as outlined above be useful for your branch?

Are you aware of the existing material on the NZART website to assist in studying for the examination (study guide and question bank)?

(If yes, have you used it?)

Are you aware of the promotional pamphlet material on the website?

(If yes, have you used it?)

Any final comments or suggestions?

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