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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:

A special thanks to the Upper Hutt Branch 63 members for providing a venue for the Council face to face meeting over the weekend. Council acknowledges the improved financial status of NZART later in this issue of HQ Info-line, however is mindful that keeping expenditure at a minimum for these Face to Face meetings is essential.

SMART - I would like to advise all branches especially examination supervisors, that SMART is still in the development stage as far as the Examination Coordinator (that's me) is concerned re inputting new Candidates details and issuing call signs. The Blue ERN form must still be forwarded to RSM for licence applications.

As per the previous issue of HQ Info-line, I requested that Supervisors please forward this ERN form to me on completion of a successful examination. A better solution is to ring me prior to the exam so that I can give you my examination authority number.

All ERN forms issued after the 10 February will have this number on it.

Talk soon....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>Feb.26.04</u>	<u>Feb.15.05</u>	<u>Dec.19.05</u>	<u>Jan.24.06</u>	<u>Feb.15.06</u>
Grade					
General Grade	3171	4716	4798	4816	4830
Limited Grade	1541				
Novice Grade	12	11	9	9	9
Total Amateur Licenses Issued	4724	4727	4807	4825	4839
Beacons	42	42	44	44	44
Digi-peaters	29	29	28	28	28
Fixed	2	2			
Repeaters	211	249	267	267	266
TV Repeaters	19	42	40	40	40
Total Beacons Repeaters and Links		364	379	379	378
Total Licenses	5027	5091	5186	5204	5217

Keypoints from the NZART Council Meeting held in Upper Hutt Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February:

Reports -

Council received the annual reports for the 2005-year prepared by Association Officers. It has viewed and classified the four remits received for the NZART AGM to be held at Conference in Christchurch on 3rd and 4th of June. Reports and remits will be published in the March/April issue of Break-In.

Branch Changes -

With the successful formation of South Taranaki Branch 87, Council has formally placed Branches 14, 32 and 54 into recess.

13th IARU Region 3 Conference – Bangalore, India, August 2006 -

Council appreciated the importance of NZART representation at Bangalore this year and has budgeted accordingly. Team details will be in Break-In in due course.

AREC National Director Position -

Council has received a recommendation for appointment to this position and is now working through the appointment process.

Licence Fee Negotiations -

The Administration Liaison Officer reported to Council on progress of the licence fee negotiations as at 19 February 2006. Council appreciates that the membership needs to be informed of progress in these negotiations. Meetings are ongoing and Council will continue to support to the ALO as required. Since the last NZART Conference held at New Plymouth, there has been a general election, which has slowed negotiations. Council has full appreciation of the complexities of the negotiations and these will take time to resolve. Council reminds membership that the issue under negotiation is not of NZART's making and that negotiators are endeavouring to find a solution acceptable to all.

Break-In Sales in Bookstores -

To date there has been a moderate success in sales and Council is proceeding with sales for another six months to further evaluate the viability.

NZART Conference in Christchurch Queens Birthday Weekend 2006 -

Conference Secretary and Break-In Editor John Walker ZL3IB briefed Council on the arrangements in place for this years NZART Conference to be held at the Riccarton Racecourse in Christchurch. Arrangements to date can be viewed at <http://www.hamradio.co.nz/convention>

Business Management Sub-Committee -

Recognising the Association's improved financial situation, Council has requested the Business Management Sub-Committee to meet and provide it's financial oversight on a three monthly basis. The sub-committee previously met monthly.

Repeater Trustee Responsibilities -

The wide-ranging responsibilities of repeater trustees were a topic for discussion. Current NZART Policy concerning trustees is available on the NZART Web Site. <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/policies>

Contests and Activities with NZART Contest Manager John Powell ZL1BHQ:

UPCOMING CONTESTS

CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	0000Z Feb 25 to 2359Z Feb 26
REF Contest, SSB	0600Z Feb 25 to 1800Z Feb 26
UBA DX Contest, CW	1300Z Feb 25 to 1300Z Feb 26
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, S	0000Z Mar 4 to 2400Z Mar 5
RSGB Commonwealth Contest	1000Z Mar 11 to 1000Z Mar 12

Thelma Souper Memorial WARO Contest 2000(local) to 2200 (local) April 1 and 2. Sangster Shield QRP CW Contest 2000(local) to 2300 (local) May 20 and 21.

Please excuse the abbreviated nature of this Bulletin. I had the misfortune to have experienced a Hard Disk crash with the resultant loss of all pertinent records. Good Luck to those participating in the ARRL CW International Contest this weekend.

Australian Special Event Stations - Commonwealth Games:

The 18th Commonwealth Games in Melbourne Australia, contested by 4,500 athletes from 70 countries, will be celebrated by two special event callsigns, **AX3MCG** and **AX3GAMES**.

AX3MCG (Melbourne Commonwealth Games) will be QRV daily 1-31 March, with operators David VK3EW and Peter VK3QI aiming to achieve at least DXCC. A multi-operator roster will also activate AX3GAMES generally QRV daily on all bands.

Special Commemorative QSLs for both callsigns will be available via the VK3 Buro.

AX3MCG and AX3GAMES are the only special event callsigns issued by Australian Communications and Media Authority to celebrate the Commonwealth Games. Individual VK's may also substitute the AX prefix during the games period.

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FMTAG Update:

NZART Council, at its meeting on the 19th of February 2006, approved publication of the following FMTAG notes.

INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

Branch 13 Hastings has applied for a 70 cm repeater at Te Mata Peak, Map Reference NZ260 V21 447602. We have selected 9175, being a repeater transmit frequency of 439.175 MHz and repeater receive frequency of 434.175 MHz.

Branch 30 Otago has applied for a 2 metre BBS at the Branch 30 Clubrooms, Map reference NZ260 I44 158759, on 465, in accordance with the band plan. This corresponds to transmit and receive frequencies of 144.650 MHz. Its signals will be re-transmitted by the Highcliff digipeater.

Branch 30 Otago has applied for a 70 cm link, between the 2 metre BBS at the Branch 30 Clubrooms, Map reference NZ260 I44 158759, and the Mount Cargill National System station, for the over-night data forwarding traffic. The Clubrooms transmit frequency will be 434.925 MHz and receive frequency will be 439.925 MHz.

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. The latest versions of FMTAG Form 10, and the explanatory Form 10A, are available from the above address, in paper or electronic versions, or in Word or pdf versions on the NZART web site at: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/nzart/fmtag.html> 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.

Results Of the Cliff Betson Memorial VHF-UHF Contest:

The Results for this contest held on 14th & 15th January 2006 are attached to this issue of HQIL.

Jock White Memorial Field Day Reminder from the Co-ordinator Stuart Watchman ZL2TW:

Don't forget the HF field day this weekend, 1500 to 2400 Saturday February 25th, and 0600 to 1500 on Sunday 26th. Setup begins 1200 on Saturday. Be as social or competitive, as you like, but either way this event is a lot of fun. Many branches have a BBQ on the Saturday evening. Please see the November/December issue of Break-In or the NZART web page contest page under 'various NZART contest rules' for more details.

HAMADs Information from John Walker ZL3IB Editor of Break-In:

Please send your HAMAD to The Advertising Manager, Break-In, PO Box 1733, Christchurch. If possible use the HAMAD form on p2 (reverse side) of your BI address sheet.

*Please **do not** send HAMADs to NZART HQ.* This causes extra work and delays; so you may miss the closing date!

Dates To Remember:

- NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 26th February.
- Next HQ-Info-Line E-mailed on 5th March.

73

Jim Meachen ZL2BHF
Editor