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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

**Repeaters Beacons and Fixed Links Survey:** Many of you who saw the survey in the last issue of HQ Info-line have submitted their votes. This survey will also be in the next issue of Break In, due out in the next couple of days. Your responses would be appreciated on or before Friday 13th October in order for Council to make the appropriate decision based on membership wishes.

I have received a number of donations from members and non-members which is greatly appreciated to assist in the payment of the licenses should this be the outcome.

If you wish to make a donation you may do so by depositing directly to our **bank account number 02 0772 0209760 00** with just your call sign so that I can identify the payment.

*Call Book:* will be included with your next issue of Break In. Additional copies can be purchased from me at Headquarters for \$20 to members and \$25 for non-members.

*Examinations for Sight Impaired:* I raise this issue again to advise all those examiners out there of the correct procedures when testing a sight impaired candidate.

A reader can be present to read the questions to the candidate.

Any questions that include diagrams can be swapped for another question, but you must advise the Ministry that this has been done.

The easiest way to amend a question is to have the entire database of questions on hand, these can be purchased from me for \$15 or down loaded from the NZART web page at URL: <u>www.nzart.org.nz/exam</u>.

*For payment of membership fees by bank direct debit:* NZART account details are **BNZ 02 0772 0209760 00**, please quote your membership number (where known) in the reference field, otherwise your call sign.

Talk to you all again soon... Debby ZL2TDM

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## Jamboree of The Air (JOTA) 21st to 22nd October

A timely reminder has been received fron Jim Parnell saying that JOTA is coming up in a few weeks - the dates being 21st to 22nd October this year. This is Labour Weekend.

It has been suggested that JOTA stations use the ZM prefix.

The main thing is that the scouts and guides get on to the air!

Please note that the 2006 General User Radio Licence for Amateur Radio Operators provides for the ZL/ZM callsign prefix facility to be decided by individual operators for contests and for special events.

#### **Contest News**

## FORTHCOMING NZART CONTESTS

A reminder that the 2006 Oceania DX contest is happening on the first two weekends of October as follows:

PHONE: 0800 UTC Saturday 7 October to 0800 UTC Sunday 8 October CW: 0800 UTC Saturday 14 October to 0800 UTC Sunday 15 October

Exchange: callsign, RS(T) and serial number. DX stations work Oceania. Oceania stations can work anyone.

The full rules for the 2006 contest and other information can be found at the Oceania DX Contest web site <u>http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/rules.pdf</u>

#### 2006 STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT

When - 4 November 2006 - 2000 NZDT - 2300 NZDT

Where - 80m (3.5Mhz)

Mode - CW only

Contest Rules and other operating information – please refer 2004/5 NZART Callbook – Page 5-8, or NZART Website <u>www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/Update/Contests/rules.html</u>

*Please note* – send logs by email, or mail to Ken McCormack, ZL1AIH, 181 Ararimu Valley Road, Waimauku. AUCKLAND.

#### 2007 JOCK WHITE MEMORIAL FIELD DAY CONTEST

An early notification – the 2007 Field Day Contest will take place on 24 & 25 February 2007, Refer 2006/2007NZART Callbook for Contest rules and other operating information.

#### Now is the time for Branches to commence their planning for the 2007 event.

#### **OTHER FORTHCOMING CONTESTS**

Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 7 to 0800Z, Oct 8
International HELL-Contest	1400Z-1600Z, Oct 7 (80m) and
	0900Z-1100Z, Oct 8 (40m)
PRO CW Contest	1600Z-1800Z, Oct 7 and
	0600Z-0800Z, Oct 8
UBA ON Contest,	SSB 0600Z-1000Z, Oct 8
Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z-0759Z, Oct 14 and
	1600Z-2359Z, Oct 14 and
	0800Z-1559Z, Oct 15

Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 14 to 0800Z, Oct 15
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 28 to 2400Z, Oct 29

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# Amateur Radio Statistics with Tony Case ZL1UD

#### **Amateur Radio Licensing Statistics**

	<u>Sept</u> 22.04	<u>Sept</u> 21.05	<u>July</u> 20.06	<u>Aug</u> 21.06	<u>Sept</u> 22.06
Grade					
General Grade	4735	4756	4910	4931	4930
Limited Grade					
Novice Grade	12	9	9	9	9
Total Amateur Licenses Issued	4747	4765	4919	4940	4939
Beacons	42	44	39	39	38
Digi-peaters	29	27	25	25	25
Fixed	2	1			
Repeaters	239	261	258	250	250
TV Repeaters	41	40	34	33	33
Total Beacons Repeaters and Links	353	373	356	347	346
Total Licenses	5100	5138	5275	5287	5285

This information is derived from the Ministry of Economic Development (MED) Web site found at:

http://spectrumonline.med.govt.nz/other-reports.html

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#### Dates To Remember

#### \* NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 29 October 2006 \* Next HQ-Info-Line E-mailed on Sunday 22 October 2006

Regards Jamie Pye ZL2NN Editor