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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

Survey Results: There have been a number of questions and concerns raised regarding the figures I quoted on the Official Broadcast last weekend for the results of the Repeaters Beacons and Fixed Links. (Among other things!)

There were a total of 144 votes presented. Eight of which were sent in by Branches, these counted as one vote per branch. Council approved this method of counting, as it was difficult to determine members present at the Branch meeting where the vote was taken. I did request that where Branch votes were submitted to please advise who was present in order to reduce duplication of votes, in case a member chose to vote individually also, however did not receive any response.

All 8 Branches who returned a vote chose Option 1. Taking Branch membership figures into account, the total number of members' votes would have increased the final result to 387. Therefore the correct result would be as follows:

Option 1	341
Option 2	5
Option 3	41

On this information, Council has resolved to adopt **OPTION 1**

For further information in this regard, please contact the Councillor in your Region.

The survey has now closed, so please do not send any further votes to me. Council needed to make a decision before the 2nd of November, and have time to discuss before the payment was due. (See also *Repeater Survey Results (from NZART Council)*)

SMART System and Call Sign Allocation: We are now in the final stages for implementing the SMART system with NZART which will become the location for Official Call Sign issuance.

The Radio Spectrum Group have included the following press release on their web site and asked that I pass on to you all.

"Online applications for licences that include the allocation of a call sign have been suspended until 21-Nov-2006 due to impending software changes. The affected licence types in SMART are:

Amateur/Operator/Amateur General

This is to provide for future access by Approved Radio Examiners to issue call signs and certificates online for the above licence types.

Paper-based applications will be accepted in the interim, but will not be processed until the above changes are implemented in SMART"

Could all examiners please advise your candidates, that if they are wanting a new certificate, these will not be issued until after the 21st of November, so where possible, please hold off making application for a call sign.

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**

Papakura Radio Club makes a \$500 donation to the NZART R & B account

An e-mail received on 25th October 2006 reads:

"Hi Jamie, I have been asked by the Committee of the Papakura Radio Club (Inc.) to send an item for the general news.

At the Papakura Radio Club (Inc.) General Meeting on October 4th it was approved for a cheque of \$500.00 to be sent to NZART in support of "Option 1" of the ongoing MED Repeater licensing.

This amounts to \$10 per member of this radio club.

Regards, Ian Ashley ZL1AOX, Secretary, Papakura Radio Club (Inc.)"

Break-In Closing Date Reminder

From the Editor "*Break-In*", Official Journal of NZART Inc.

"Copy for the Nov/Dec issue of Break-In closes on 10th Nov. Early receipt of copy is much appreciated. Thanks. John ZL3IB, Editor"

Repeater Survey Results (from NZART Council)

Last month Council ran a survey for NZART members to gain their thoughts on options for Licensing Repeaters.

Council received 144 replies. These replies included replies from 8 Branches.

Option 1 asked whether NZART should pay for all beacon, repeater and fixed link licenses for this period only (2006 – 7).

99 votes were recorded for this option. This included 7 of the 8 branches who sent votes in and accounted for 69% of replies.

Option 2 asked whether NZART should decline to pay for any beacon, repeater and fixed link license fees, without exception.

5 votes were recorded for this option. This accounted for 3% of replies.

Option 3 asked whether NZART should pay for certain beacon, repeater and fixed link license fees for 2006 – 2007 and maybe beyond.

40 votes were recorded for this option. This included 1 of the 8 branches who sent votes in and accounted for 28% of replies.

Option 1 came out the clear winner. A question has been asked as to whether the Branch Votes should have been recorded as one vote or one vote per member. The fact that 7 of the 8 branches who voted recorded votes for the winning option only reinforces that option, and therefore making Option 1 the clear winner by a larger margin.

Tony Case – **ZL1UD**, NZART Council Northern Region

Amateur Radio Statistics with Tony Case ZL1UD

	Oct 23, 03	Oct 21.04	Oct 25.05	Aug 21.06	Sept 22.06	Oct 23.06
General Grade	3198	4725	4771	4931	4930	4947
Limited Grade	1546					
Novice Grade	12	12	9	9	9	9
Total Amateur Licenses Issued	4756	4737	4780	4940	4939	4956
Beacons	42	42	44	39	38	38
Digi-peaters	28	29	27	25	25	25
Fixed	2	2	1			
Repeaters	211	239	261	250	250	249
TV Repeaters	19	42	40	33	33	33
Total Beacons Repeaters and Links	302	354	373	347	346	345
Total Licenses	5058	5091	5153	5287	5285	5301

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

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

Contest News

FORTHCOMING NZART CONTESTS

*****TONIGHT*** 2006 STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT ***TONIGHT*****

Not Saturday 4 November as previously given-ED

When - *****TONIGHT***** 5 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
www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/Update/Contests/rules.html

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

VHF Field Day Contest: All bands 50 MHz and up. Saturday the 2nd and Sunday the 3rd of December 2006.

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

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	November 25-26, 2006
ARRL 160 Meter Contest	December 1-3, 2006)
ARRL 160 10 Meter Contest	December 9-10, 2006
CQ 160-Meter, CW Contest	January 27-28, 2007

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Dates To Remember

- * **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 26 November 2006**
- * **Next HQ-Info-Line E-mailed on Sunday 19 November 2006**

Regards
Jamie Pye ZL2NN
Editor

Results of the Memorial Contest 2006

Memorial Trophy - phone and CW

Winner	Leo Hodge	ZL2AJB	20 Palmerston North	3080 points
Second	John Balsillie	ZL1ALZ	65 Papakura	2583 points
Third	John Shaw	ZL1BYZ	65 Papakura	2277 points

Phil Armstrong Memorial Plaque - Phone only

Winner	Chris Meagher	VK2LCD	Australia	1332 points
Second	Paul Manley	ZM2CQ	60 Taupo	1179 points
Third equal	Allison Clarke-Chandler	ZL2KID	20 Palmerston North	1080 points
Third equal	Ron Falconer	ZL4RMF	08 Eastern Southland	1080 points

Mannell Trophy - Low power

Winner	Bill Cousins	ZL2AYZ	22 and 50	1376 points
Second	G W Luscombe	ZL2AVL	45 Waimarino	1092 points

Brother John Rodgers Plaque - Homebrew SSB

First	Bill Cousins	ZL2AYZ	22 and 50	1376 points
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Auckland Shortwave Cup - CW only

Winner	Ron Dent	ZL1JG	03, 80 Western suburbs	1920 points
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Lang-Smith Cup

Winner	Matthew Pearce	ZL1MAT	28	600 points
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Australian stations

Winner	Chris Meagher	VK2LCD	Australia	1332 points
Second	Ian Godsil	VK3JS	Australia	576 points

Observations on the contest

- More people took part this year, which may have been because of the different times, spread over 2 days. There were no unfavourable comments from participants. The two-day format will remain for 2007.
- The ZL4 call was well-represented but ZL3 calls were scarce.
- Congratulations to Palmerston North Branch 20 and Eastern Southland branch 08 who presented logs from 3 stations each. Palmerston North won the branch award on points.
- Many thanks to the support from the Australian stations that took part
- 2 young people took part. Matthew ZL1MAT won the Lang-Smith cup, the first award for a while and Allison ZL2KID came 3= in the Phil Armstrong memorial Plaque. Well done both of you.

A comparison of this years results to previous years:

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total logs	32	26	20	21	16	16	20
Memorial Trophy	6	5	8	11	7	6	7
Phone only	9	7	3	3	3	5	6
CW only	7	8	2	4	3	3	2
Mannell Trophy - Low power	4	3	4	2	1	1	4
Homebrew	1	1	1	2	0	1	2
Laing-Smith Cup	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Australians	6	3	2	1	2	3	4