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Greetings Everyone

Welcome to Headquarters-Info-Line a twice-monthly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters e-mailed directly to Branches and to others that subscribe through the NZART Web Site. This bulletin is also distributed on the amateur radio packet network.

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Subscriptions 2008

Thank you for sending in your 2008 subscription payments so punctually, and also for the many who are taking advantage of paying on-line. Our Bank account details again, in case you have misplaced your last issue of HQ Info-line. BNZ Upper Hutt, 02 0772 0209760 00. Please remember to include your call sign and membership number.

A very special thank you to the many who are donating their \$15 rebate to the WRC-07 conference fund. To date we have collected \$3090.00. This is a wonderful effort and truly a tribute to your commitment of ensuring that amateur radio is represented on the world stage.

To the many who have donated, if you do not want your name and call sign included in the next issue of Break-In please advise me as soon as possible. Council feels that rather than me having to send each any everyone a letter of thanks for your donation, that a special mention with your name and call sign in Break-In will endorse our grateful thanks.

Ministry/RSM Repeaters fees

Branches that are in the process of setting up repeaters or amending frequencies, please be aware that there is a part charge made by the Ministry. The latest changes in several areas have incurred a small pro rata fee. This is to bring them in to line with annual license invoicing due to be paid between October and November each year. Council is currently undertaking preparation of a new policy in this regard as NZART will not be able to sustain these payments forever.

Council is also awaiting word from the Ministry re license fees and how amateur radio requires special consideration over other licensing regimes.

Rest assured all members will be kept abreast of any updates the Ministry or NZART have in progressing a more favourable outcome.

Call Sign application fees update

Having now been allocating call sign for six months Council considered all costings involved in processing call sign applications. They agreed that in order to cover these costs a fee increase is necessary. The new fees listed below will be effective from 1 October 2007

New/Lapsed Callsigns	\$75
Secondary Callsigns	\$50
One Letter Callsigns	\$50*
Special Event Callsigns	\$25
Change of Callsigns	\$25
Replacement Certificate	\$25
Examination fee	\$15

*One letter call signs can only be allocated for a period up to12 months, at which time, there is a 6 month stand down period when the call sign cannot be reallocated to the same person.

Call sign application and NZART membership

A reduced membership is now being offered to all new amateurs who wish to join the Association at the same time as applying for the call sign. Details are:

Examination	\$15
Callsign and certificate allocation	\$75
NZART membership for first year	\$30
Total payable	\$120.00

Subscription payment option of three years

A three year payment option is being made available to those who wish to pay their subscriptions in advance. For those of you who have already paid their 2008 subscription, you may forward a further \$160 to take advantage of this special offer.

The new three-year payment option is as follows: Three-year membership to the value of 240. i.e. 80 + 80 = 240.00

Membership Promotion

A membership promotion will commence on the 1st October 2007. A special discounted rate of \$65 will apply to all non-members and those who have not been a member of the Association for a period of three years or longer.

A further three year option will also apply as follows: \$65 + \$80 + \$80 = \$225

Special Service Award - Jumbo ZL1HV

The purpose of this award is to remember one of New Zealand's most well known radio amateurs, who fully supported NZART Inc and branch level activities, in the belief that strong branches meant a strong national organisation.

As there was/is a gap in this area of recognising branch level activities at a national level, this award has be instituted to not so much reward those who work at this most important level but to acknowledge to the rest of the amateur service the tireless work put in at the grass roots of amateur radio.

The Award is to be made to the radio amateur or non-transmitting branch member who in the opinion of the nominator(s) has given outstanding service to Amateur Radio at a branch level over a period of time that has not been recognized anywhere else.

Criteria:

(a) Nominees must be active in branch level activities and in these to have shown extraordinary service to their fellow branch members. Points of service rendered need to be presented to ensure that the nominee meets the purpose and vision of the award as outlined in the introduction.

(b) The award is for the years prior to the award presentation. E.g. if award year is 2008, the period of time to be considered are those prior to 31 December 2007.

(c) There are no limits on the number of nominees, however up to a maximum of three recipients can be awarded in any one year.

(d) The nominee must be a current member of NZART Inc.

(e) The nominee must be a current member of the nominating branch.

(f) The nominee should be unaware of the nominations.

Nominations:

(a) Nominations to be made to the General Secretary of NZART (at current address) to reach the office by 1 May following the year(s) under review.

(b) Nominations must be made through the Secretary of a Branch of NZART Inc.

(c) Bullet points of "service rendered" must be tabulated and certified as correct by the Branch Chairman (except that two other officers would be accepted if the circumstances warrant) and these must refer to the period under review.

Through these, the reason why the nominee should be considered must be clearly evident.

In my capacity of General Secretary I will recommend those that meet the criteria of the Award to NZART Council for confirmation immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting. It is possible that in some years no award would be made even though nominations/recommendations were received.

Any branch who feels that they have members who would fit this criteria, please send their nominations to me before 1 December.

That's all from me....Debby ZL2TDM

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Dates for Official Broadcast (OB) and Head Quarter's Info-Line (HQIL)

2007 OB at 8pm Sunday: Sep 30, Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec 23

* NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 and * Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on Sunday 23 SEPTEMBER 2007

2007 HQIL on Sunday: Sep 23, Oct 7-21, Nov 4-18, Dec 9-23

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