

# HQ Infoline

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# From the Business Manager, Debby ZL2DL

Debby says...

**Correction** – I must apologise for placing the wrong date in the special issue of HQ Info-line last week for Jamie Pye. He passed away on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011, not June as reported.

### SMART

Having recently been questioned by some amateurs regarding silent key and expired call signs, still viewable in SMART, Warren ZL2AJ my deputy ARX made some enquiries with RSM on what the problem is...their response is below:

"RSM is working on the problem of expired amateur callsigns appearing in the SMART database and plan to complete this work over the next few weeks." Regards

Jeff Hicks

Speaking of SMART, I have been going through the usual annual financial statements and removing those who have not paid their 2011 subscriptions and I notice that one in two new amateurs, who take the offer of a free NZART membership for one year, do not renew the following year. This may be due to financial constraints, so please advise them that an easy monthly payment option of \$8.00 can be set up to ensure they continue to remain members.

I urge all branches to encourage these new members to re-join, both for the sake of the Association and for all the hard work, you as branches put in, to get them to pass their examination.

### Subscriptions for 2012 out soon

The annual invoice for your 2012 subscription will be included in your August Break In. The cost of subscriptions this year is \$95 for transmitting members and \$125 for family transmitting/non-transmitting.

If you pay your subscription by the end of November 2011, your membership number will go in a draw to win an Icom VHF Hand Held radio.

### **HQ Info-line material**

As earlier notified, if you are a regular contributor to HQ Info-line, can you please now forward your articles to me at <u>nzart.hq@clear.net.nz</u>, preferably in word format as I am not able to covert pdf files.

Jamie has done a sterling job keeping this regular media update available to members, and as the new temporary (?) editor, I would hate to be the one who cannot pass on all important information because I do not receive it.

That's all from me...Debby ZL2DL \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# Message from the President – ZL2KH

There is still a casual vacancy on NZART Council for a councillor for the Midlands District. This vacancy will be filled at the on-air council meeting on 2nd August. Would any NZART member who is willing to fill this vacancy please send me their details plus a brief CV outlining their qualities that would make them a good councillor before 20th July. Please send the details to: <u>zl2kh@xtra.co.nz</u> \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# World Scout Jamboree - SJ22S

Amateur radio stations have been set up at each World Scout Jamboree since 1957. They provide live-links from the Jamboree to the home countries of the participants over short-wave radio as well as being interesting stations for other amateurs to contact.

From 27 July till 7 August 2011, the 22nd World Scout Jamboree at Rinkaby in Sweden will be on the air with call sign SJ22S (Scout Jamboree No 22 Sweden). This is a special event call sign.

The station will offer an exciting radio-scouting programme including kit building and fox hunting to the Jamboree participants.

Jim, ZL2APE, who is the NZ National Organiser for the Scout Jamborees on the Air, will be one of the station operators

Google "SJ22S", and go first to the QRZ listing for details of frequencies etc.

Thanks, Jim Parnell, ZL2APE \*\*\*\*\*\*

### Interview with Vaughan ZL1TGC

An interview on National Radio with Vaughan (ZL1TGC) was mentioned on the Auckland VHF group tonight and given an excellent review. I have a copy, but haven't listened to more than the opening section, but I thought it would be good to mention (link to) on the NZART web site.

The link to the mp3 file is <u>http://podcast.radionz.co.nz/ngts/ngts-20110708-2007-</u> <u>community\_radio\_in\_auckland-048.mp3</u>

With info on the item at <u>http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/nights/audio/2493162/community-radio-in-auckland</u> \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# Intruder Watch – JORN in the news

An AFP piece making the rounds (was even in the paper here in VR): <u>http://www.spacemart.com/reports/Australian radar failing to detect boatpeople 999.h</u> <u>tml</u>

Mentions this: <u>http://www.theage.com.au/national/border-radar-fiasco-20110702-</u> 1gwio.html

More about the smallest boat JORN can see: http://www.defence.gov.au/dmo/msd/sea1444/sea1444.cfm

Might JORN be used more given this? http://www.spacewar.com/reports/Australian military shifting focus 999.html

Southgate's on it as well: http://www.southgatearc.org/news/june2011/australian\_radar.htm 73, ex-VR2BG/p. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# **FMTAG NOTES**

**CALL BOOK** Preparations are being made for the 2011-2012 Call Book.

Towards the end of July, FMTAG will be contacting each repeater-beacon-link-owning Branch, asking for up-to-date details on its equipment and repeater trustees, to ensure that the 2011-2012 Call Book is the best ever. Many thanks for your assistance.

### PROPOSALS

That 146.600 MHz be added to the NZART Bandplan for P25 Simplex.

Branch 63 Upper Hutt has applied to add the D-STAR DV digital mode to, and change the location of, its Mount Climie 5425 repeater. The new location will be Topo50 map reference BP32 798.83 423.94. An Engineering Evaluation, in accordance with the MED's Radio Licence Certification Rules (PIB38), shows that the repeater's transmit frequency can remain on 145.425 MHz and the receive frequency can remain on 144.825 MHz, and that there will be no interference to other stations.

Branch 66 Auckland VHF has applied for a D-STAR DV digital mode repeater at Klondyke, Topo50 map reference BC32 602.01 641.50. The repeater's transmit frequency will be 145.650 MHz and the receive frequency will be 145.050 MHz. An Engineering Evaluation, in accordance with the MED's Radio Licence Certification Rules (PIB38), shows that there will be no interference to other stations.

### FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

NZART Council, at its 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2011 meeting, approved the following application:

Branch 53 Te Puke has applied for an APRS Digipeater at Shaw Road, Topo50 map reference BE37 870.20 014.96. The transmit and receive frequency will be 144.575 MHz, in accordance with the band plan.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Please send your comments and suggestions on the above matters, and on any other FMTAG matters, by e-mail to: fmtag@nzart.org.nz

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 on the NZART web site:

http://www.nzart.org.nz/fmtag/index.html

Completed forms should be sent by e-mail to fmtag@nzart.org.nz \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# FROM THE VHF/UHF/SHF CONTEST MANAGER

Results of the Hibernation Contest, held on 11th and 12th of June, 2011. Congratulations to the overall winner: Simon, ZL1SWW, and to Stephen, ZL1TPH, in second place. The full results will be available shortly at: www.vhf.org.nz

### THE NEXT CONTEST

The next contest is the Brass Monkey Contest, 50 MHz and up, on Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th of August 2011. The operating times are: Saturday 1700 to 2300 NZST and Sunday 0700 to 1300 NZST.

All contest logs should be sent, to arrive within two weeks, to: <u>zl2wa@clear.net.nz</u> with Contest Log in the subject line, or by post to:

Contest Manager Wellington VHF Group P.O. Box 12-259 Thorndon Wellington \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# Housekeeping

- 1. **Break-In-Closing Date Reminder:** Copy for the Sept/October issue of Break-In-closes on 10-September-2011
- Copy for Break-In: Copy is welcome in most electronic formats but word.doc files are preferred. Photos and other graphics should be send as separate discrete files (\*.jpg preferred); not as embedded pix in the body of the text. Please ensure that suitable descriptive captions/legends are included with your copy. All received copy will be acknowledged to confirm receipt. Thank you for your cooperation. John Walker ZL3IB Editor.
- 3. Break-In: Early receipt of copy is much appreciated
- Break-In-AREC Column: The close-of-copy date is the 03-September-2011 for articles for publication in the AREC COLUMN OF BREAK-IN. Photos, if available, to be on a separate floppy or CD (with captions), posted DIRECTLY TO US. Use Call Book address. All other material can go to e-mail:

zl3qr@nzart.org.nz or zl3ov@nzart.org.nz

- 5. The ARRL and WIA Weekly News
- 6. <u>Subscribe TO/FROM Infoline</u>

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