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Debby Says....not too much news this week. A Number of press releases have been sent to me from RSM, so I have included them in this week's issue of HQ Info-line, in case anyone is interested.

With only one week to go before the Rugby World Cup commences (and who needs reminding??!!), I would just like to remind that special call signs may be used throughout the tournament. For more details please contact me.

Meantime, if you have managed to contact a visitor to ZL who is here for the duration of the rugby, just let them know who will win...go the ALL BLACKS!

A reminder that Council's 'on air' meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:30pm on 3820kHz, if you wish to keep up to date with what is happening in your hobby.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2DL

Spectrum: Public Consultation on Allocation of the Digital Dividend

The Ministry of Economic Development has today released for public consultation a discussion document on the allocation of "digital dividend" radio spectrum, specifically the 700 MHz band.

The digital dividend is the radio spectrum freed up by the switchover to digital television. The discussion document canvasses technical and policy considerations for the allocation of the 700 MHz band. It includes a "straw man" proposal by the Ministry.

The Ministry seeks feedback from interested parties on the contents of the document, to help inform recommendations to Government in early 2012. Public submissions are due by 7 October 2011. This will be followed by a period for cross-submissions, until 9 November 2011.

A workshop will be held on 8 September in Auckland, to provide an opportunity for interested parties to clarify any of the analysis or proposals presented in the document.

More information, and a copy of the document, can be found at the Ministry's [Radio Spectrum Management website](#).

Spectrum for Studio-to-Transmitter Links: 841 – 849 MHz Band to Open

A new band of frequencies, 841 – 849 MHz, will open for licensing studio-to-transmitter links (STLs) on 5 September 2011.

New licences in the 841 – 849 MHz band must be certified after 9:00 am on Monday 5 September 2011. RSM Licensing will not grant any licences that are certified prior to that time. Existing licences in the band have been issued for the purpose of transitioning STLs currently in the 915 – 921 MHz band.

Special consideration must be given for assessing the technical compatibility of a proposed licence in the band. There are also specific rules for licence creation in this band. [PIB 38 \(Radio Licence Certification Rules\)](#) and [PIB 58 \(Radio Licence Policy Rules\)](#) contain the details.

The 841 – 849 MHz band was allocated for STLs, which are used to transport radio programmes from studios to broadcast transmitters, as part of a [review of non-cellular use of the 806-906 MHz band](#).

Western Suburbs Radio Club – Equipment Sale

When: Saturday 8th October
Where: Rosebank Road Primary School, 217 Rosebank Road, Avondale, Auckland
Start time: Sellers 0800hrs – Buyers 0900hrs

If you are interested in booking a table, please contact Barry ZL1ACZ, barrydx@xtra.co.nz, Roy ZL1WI milam_roy@yahoo.co.nz, Merv ZL1SK m.r.thomas@vodafone.co.nz or John ZL1JT jbt.greenbay@xtra.co.nz.

Please contact these people for any other information...otherwise turn up on the day with plenty of cash and enjoy the day's events.

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2. **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.
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