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From HQ

Debby says....We are now into March with only a couple of months remaining before the AGM in Rotorua. Please forward any nominations for awards to me as soon as possible in order for me to obtain the appropriate sponsorship.

To Recognise Achievements in Amateur Radio

The objectives of the Awards are for NZART (and a co-sponsor) to demonstrate and encourage interest in promoting technological awareness and education in the field of radio and electronics by involving young people in Amateur Radio and to focus the activities of our younger Amateur Radio operators into achieving excellence in all aspects of the hobby, both individually and within the fellowship that belonging to Amateur Radio brings.

NZART Awards include:

The requirements to obtain the Awards:

Amateur of the Year Award

Award to be made to the radio amateur who in the preceding 12 month calendar year (January to December) has given outstanding service to Amateur Radio.

1. Criteria.

- (a) Nominees must be active in more than one aspect of amateur radio and in these to have shown extraordinary service to their fellow amateurs.
- (b) The nominee must be a current member of NZART Inc.
- (c) The nominee should be unaware of the nominations.

2. Nominations.

- (a) Nominations to be made to the President of NZART (at current address) to reach the President by May 1st following the year under review.
- (b) Nominations must be made through the Secretary of a Branch of NZART Inc.
- (c) 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 only to the 12 month period under review. Through these, the reason why the nominee should be considered must be clearly evident.

The President will decide on the Award allocation reporting the result to Council immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting. It is possible that in some years no award will be made even though recommendations are received.

Arthur (Jumbo) Godfrey Memorial Award

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 a gap in this area of recognising branch level activities at a national level, this award has been 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 2010, the period of time to be considered are those prior to 31 December 2009.

- (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 10 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.

The General Secretary 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.

1) The Young Amateur of the Year Award

1. Nominee to be under 18 years of age at April 1 in the year of presentation.
2. Nominee to have provided demonstrable service to Amateur Radio in any of the following areas of achievement:
 - * Assistance with NZART Branch or activity
 - * Development of a significant project (hardware or software) for use in amateur radio.
 - * Participation in projects associated with the promotion of Amateur Radio.
3. The recipient will be presented at NZART Conference with:
 - (a) A suitably endorsed framed certificate presented by NZART (and co-sponsor if applicable).
 - (c) One years free subscription to NZART.
 - (d) A presentation from any other Branch/Business/Individual who may wish from time to time, to co-sponsor the Award with NZART.
 - (e) Payment of half registration to NZART Conference if the recipient attends.
4. If no suitable nominations for the Young Amateur of the Year are received by April 1, no presentation will be made for that year.
5. Nominations for this award should be sent by Branches or individuals along with "substantiating evidence", to the General Secretary of NZART by April 1 in the year of presentation.
6. The Young Amateur of the Year will be selected by a sub-committee appointed by Council.

NB - The Youth Achievement Award for Best Examination Result

This award is determined by the NZART ARX, and will be announced at the AGM.

Criteria for the award includes;

1. The recipient to be under 18 years of age at the time of examination.
2. The recipient to have attained the highest marks in an Amateur Radio Operators Certificate Examination held during the previous 12 months to 31 December in the year prior to the Award presentation.
3. The recipient will be presented with the following at NZART Conference :-

- (a) A suitably endorsed framed certificate presented by NZART (and co-sponsor if applicable)
 - (b) One years free subscription to NZART.
 - (c) A presentation from any other Branch/Business/Individual who may wish from time to time, to co-sponsor the Award with NZART.
 - (d) Payment of half a registration to NZART Conference if the recipient attends.
4. In the event of equal marks being gained each recipient will receive the above.

QRP Day (IARU)

1 March 2017

To: Liaison Officers of all IARU Region 3 member Societies
(ARANC/ARCOT/ARM/ARRL/ARSI/BARL/BDARA/
CORACR/CRSA/CTARL/FARA/HARTS/JARL/KARL/
MARTS/NZART/ORARI/PARA/PARS/PIARA/ PNGARS/
RAST/RRGB/RSSL/SARC/SARTS/SIRS/VARC/VARS/WIA)

CC: Directors of IARU Region 3
(VU2GMN / HL1AQQ / JE1MUI / VK3MV/YB0AZ / ZL2TLL)

2017 QRP Day (June 17)

Dear Colleagues:

The interest in QRP activities is everlasting in amateur radio community worldwide. QRP radio communications testify high ability of radio amateurs, and offers advantages concerning, among others, the reduction of QRM on the amateur bands.

The 10th IARU Region 3 Conference held in September 1997 in Beijing has resolved the following recommendations based on the document (97/X/14) submitted by NZART, which says:

"That Region 3 Societies help to promote the IARU objectives for QRP operation, specifically:

- i) to support QRP operation on **June 17** each year;
- ii) to foster QRP activities by their members;
- iii) to encourage regular publication of QRP articles in their national magazines;
- iv) to provide QRP sections in any national contests; and
- v) to assist other Societies with the promotion and development of QRP."

Accordingly, member Societies are requested to note the above resolution and take appropriate actions with reference to the holdings of the following events, for example, in order to contribute to more effective use of radio spectrum:

- 1) QRP Field Day;
- 2) QRP Contest;

- 3) Distribution of QRP Transmitter Kits and Reference Book; and
- 4) Workshop of QRP Operation.

Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJ

Secretary, IARU Region 3

OCAN

The Christchurch VHF'rs would like to invite you to take part in a new series of activity nights starting in June.

What is OCAN?

OCAN is a series of regular weekday evening events designed to promote activity on the VHF-SHF bands. They are run in the form of a relaxed mini contest that promotes band activity on our under-used VHF bands, that gives an impetus to try something new, and gives reassurance that if you build something you will have someone to try it out with on a regular basis, versus listening to white noise for weeks!

OCAN is open to everyone in the OC region and we openly promote activity from some of the rarer OC entities found on VHF.

You don't need to submit logs if you don't want to. Simply enjoy the activity, but the primary aim of OCAN is to create an atmosphere where people can enjoy a bit of light contesting in an activity style environment. You can see the results of improving your station, may be try a new band or mode, or perhaps even get the local club involved, all in the knowledge that on a particular night there will be some activity from across Oceania on the bands to enjoy.

For those who like to enjoy a bit of light hearted contesting we have created some sections to participate in and have some fun. We have made it easy to submit logs and at the end of the year we will hand out some certificates and a trophy to the winners.

Activity nights start in June so get cracking and we will see you on air for the first events in the next months.

Check the website for the latest event info and details of logs/scoring/submission process. We will also be posting news of logging tools that support OCAN. Checking regularly for the latest info.

73 Simon, ZL4PLM
- Team OCAN

ARI 90 YEARS AWARD

To celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the A.R.I. the main Italian Radioamateur Association, since March 1st 2017 to December 31st 2017, many Italian Clubstation will be on air on all bands and all modes.

These Stations can be easily detected from prefix IQ. They will give a code called **SASC**. Each SASC has this structure:

More info in english language

at: <http://www.ari.it/index.php?>

[option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=242&Itemid=262&lang=it](http://www.ari.it/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=242&Itemid=262&lang=it)

ARISS Opens Window for Proposals to Host Contacts with Space Station Crew

The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station ([ARISS](#)) program is seeking proposals from schools and formal or informal educational institutions and organizations -- individually or working in concert -- to host Amateur Radio contacts next year with ISS crew members. The [window](#) to submit a proposal is open through April 15. ARISS anticipates that contacts will take place between January 1 and June 30, 2018. Crew scheduling and ISS orbits will determine the exact contact dates. Proposal [information and documents](#) are on the ARRL website.

To maximize these radio contact opportunities, ARISS seeks proposals from schools and organizations that can draw large numbers of participants and integrate the contact into a well-developed education plan. Each FM-voice contact lasts about 10 minutes -- the length of a typical overhead ISS pass from horizon to horizon.

Scheduled ham radio contacts with ISS crew members allow students to interact with an astronaut or cosmonaut through a question-and-answer format. Participants and audiences alike can learn firsthand from the astronaut or cosmonaut what it's like to live and work in space and to learn about space research on the ISS. Students will be able to observe and learn about satellite communication, wireless technology, and radio science.

Because of the nature of human spaceflight and the complexity of scheduling activities aboard the ISS, organizations must demonstrate flexibility to accommodate changes in contact dates and times.

To help organizations prepare proposals, ARISS offers 1-hour online information sessions, designed to provide more information regarding US ARISS contacts and the proposal process, as well as provide an avenue for interested organizations to ask questions. Attending an online Information Session is not required but is strongly encouraged.

Information Sessions

Information sessions for the current application window will take place on Monday, March 6, at 7 PM EST (0000 UTC on March 7) and Tuesday, March 16, at 4 PM EDT (2000 UTC). [Contact](#) ARISS to sign up and take part or for more information. Read [more](#).

WIA ARISS Coordinator – details here <http://www.wia.org.au/people/TonyHutchinson-VK5ZAI/index.php>

Official Broadcast

The Official Broadcast is made on the last Sunday of each month except:

- December when the Broadcast is made on the Sunday before Christmas.
- January when there is no broadcast

The broadcast is made on 3900 kHz, and on the National System and local VHF repeaters.

The broadcast is made at 2000 hours (8:00 pm), with a repeat at 2100 hours (9:00 pm).

Members and Branches are welcome to submit material for inclusion in the Broadcast to the e-mail or postal address shown below.

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73, Jim ZL2BHF

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