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From HQ

Debby says...Branch Circulars were all posted out on Friday. Included was the NZART membership names for each branch. If your name does not appear in the branch in which you wish to place your vote, then please contact me. Although you may belong to more than one branch, you can only place a vote with branch I have been advised to assign you to.

Awards for recognition of Service– I MUST receive any nominations for awards before the end of April, to ensure Council has time to consider and engraving etc to be done. Please forward to me ASAP.

Thank you to all those who sent congratulatory messages on my 20 years' service as NZART Business Manager. I have no idea where the years have gone but hope to stay healthy enough to continue for some time to come.

Lastly, as I will be attending the RFUANZ conference in Auckland, the office will be closed from Tuesday 1st May and reopen Friday 4th May...however my youngest daughter is due to have a baby on the 28th April, so if it is suddenly closed either before or after these dates, I will be taking time off to be with her.

Royal Wedding - Prince Harry to Ms. Meghan Markle.

The First Use of the “GR9” prefix in the United Kingdom.

GR9RW 19th – 23rd May 2018

Ofcom has issued this unique ‘Special Event Callsign’ to be used from 19th to 23rd May inclusive, and we believe it may be the first time that the ‘GR9’ prefix has ever been active.

The special callsign GR9RW will be active for five days in May to mark the occasion of the Royal Wedding between HRH. Prince Harry and Ms. Megan Markle is due to take place on 19th May 2018 at St. George’s Chapel in Windsor Castle in England. This commemorative amateur radio station will be operated by members of the Cray Valley Radio Society from their shack in Eltham, south-east London, UK.

GR9RW will primarily use SSB and CW, and additionally FM on the VHF and UHF bands. Two HF stations and one VHF station will be active and will cover all bands from 80m to 70cm. A very special QSL card will be sent on request, and cards can also be requested via OQRS.

Please see the club’s web site www.cvrs.org for further detail and look on the QRZ page for GR9RW for details of the station and how to obtain the special QSL card. Up to date information will also be posted on the Cray Valley Radio Society Twitter feed: @G3RCV.

For further information about the Royal Wedding itself please take a look at the following website; <https://www.royal.uk/royal-wedding-2018>

YUDX Contest 2018.



We invite you to participate in
YUDX Contest 2018.

The term to hold the contest is still the third full weekend of April, i.e. Saturday at 12:00 UT up to Sunday at 11:59 UT
(April 21-22 in 2018).

For more information please see:

<http://yudx.yu1srs.org.rs/2018/>

Conference Dunedin 2018

N.Z.A.R.T. ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 2 TO 3 JUNE DUNEDIN

Otago Branch 30 are your hosts for this year's annual N.Z.A.R.T. Conference and cordially invites members and partners to join with us to celebrate the 92nd conference and also our own 90th year of operation.

Venue

This year the venue is at Burns Lodge, 89 Church Street, Mosgiel. This is about 12 minutes' drive southwest of the city and about 15 minutes' drive from Dunedin airport.

Provisional Programme

The AGM will be on the Saturday morning and includes the official opening, housekeeping, roll call, and remits. This will continue after morning tea until lunch time. Saturday afternoon will include the AREC and other forums and afternoon tea. The Sunday programme will include the usual WARO, SPAM, OTC and AMSat meetings plus other interesting forums. Morning and afternoon teas, lunches and dinners are all onsite.

Alternative Programme

We think those going on this programme on both the Saturday and Sunday will really appreciate what's on offer. Some of it will include a tour of the Orokanui Ecosanctuary together with lunch, a visit to the Planetarium at Otago Museum, a tour of the old Dunedin Prison and Toitu Early Settlers Museum. The programme is nearly finalised at the time of writing. Your two lunches are in very nice locations. We are hoping for fine days but as this event will be in winter you need to be prepared for any change in weather, so we would suggest that you bring a warm hat and coat.

Keynote Speaker

We have timed this year's keynote speaker to be prior to the buffet dinner on the Saturday so that our ladies on the Alternative Programme don't miss out on hearing him. He is well worth listening to and his presentation should be awe inspiring.

Registrations

These will be from 1800 to 2100 on Friday 1 June and on Saturday 2 June between 0800 and 0900 near the main venue entrance. There you will pick up your swinger ID. Remember; no swinger ID means no entry to any part of the venue. This also means that if you are coming just to the free AGM then you must register with us so we can supply a swinger ID to you. If you wish to come just to the AGM for free, then the "no catering option" applies. Your Saturday options are on the registration form.

Registration Form

This is on the N.Z.A.R.T website, (www.nzart.org.nz), the ZL4AA website, (www.zl4aa.org.nz), and in Break-In. We have kept the costs as low as possible and they are very much the same as the last few conferences. There are two options to for you complete this form from our website. One is to print off the PDF form, complete it and send to us with your cheque and advise us your method of payment. The second way is to use the online form which has some dropdown options.

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Airport Transfers

Kiwi Shuttles can provide your transport from the airport to Burns Lodge or the city. We have negotiated a 10% discount so long as you book online and quote "NZART". This will be set up on their web site from Friday 2 March. Should you have a telephone inquiry the number is 0800-365-494. The current full cost is \$20.00 per person door to door.

Drinks

Due to licencing restrictions the venue can only offer a BYO system to us. This should be no problem for you as there are many retail liquor outlets in Mosgiel and the city.

Accommodation

Burns Lodge offers very clean, warm, comfortable and cheap accommodation and you can book directly with them. Breakfast is included in your room costs. You can contact Burns Lodge by phone number at 03-489-2600 or online at www.burnslodge.nz . There are motels in Mosgiel and these details have been previously advertised in Break-In. Further accommodation is available in Dunedin city and an online search will give you many options.

Local Repeaters

VHF 690 and 665 (146.900 and 146.650) (Mt Cargill & Highcliff)

UHF 915 and 9925 (National System) (439.150 and 439.925) (Rudd Road & Mt Cargill)

UHF 820 (and is linked to 690) (438.200) (Saddle Hill)

UHF 830 simplex and is linked to 685 Queenstown (438.300) (Halfway Bush)

UHF DMR (Highcliff)

VHF APRS (Highcliff)

Note: The 690 repeater is our main VHF repeater in Dunedin and is easily accessed in Mosgiel via the link on 820.

Monday 4 June

We are looking at the possibility of a trip similar to the one we did to Shag Valley in 2008. One option is a bit further south of the city to Invercargill to the satellite tracking station and museum but could end up taking the whole day and may therefore not work out due to your travel arrangement. Have a look at the club's website www.zl4aa.org.nz from time to time for any updates. If enough people were to go it would be by bus but this may be too costly if not enough people went.

Parking

There is some parking available on site with the use of two driveways. To use the main parking area, you should use the driveway to the right-hand side of the venue. Caravans and motorhomes are not permitted on site and no provision is made for camping. Motorhome and caravan users may be able to use the A & P Showgrounds located on the corner of Gordon Road and Dukes Road. This is approximately 2 kms from the venue.

Updates

Any updates to this information will be on our club website.

Inquiries

If you have any inquiries, please contact us at: conference2018@zl4aa.org.nz

Ross Chapman ZL4RC

Conference Secretary

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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