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NZART HQ is closed until 1 August 2019

Due to illness NZART has been closed since the beginning of July 2019 and only urgent matters have been dealt with in Debby's absence.

NZART HQ will re-open on Wednesday 1 August 2019 but with reduced hours.
From 1 August 2019 NZART HQ will be open for two days a week.

Wednesdays 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Fridays 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

The email address for NZART HQ nzart@nzart.org.nz is being monitored and all inquiries should be directed to this address. Until 1 August 2019, there is no ability to leave a telephone message, so please make contact via email.

Remember your NZART Councillor can be contacted and maybe able to assist any inquiries you may have.

See this link for your local councillor: <http://nzart.org.nz/council/positions/council/>

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NZART Response to French 144 – 146 MHz Allocation Proposal

By John Moriarty ZI2JPM, NZART IARU Liaison Officer <iaru@nzart.org.nz>

The recent proposal from France that additional bandwidth for aeronautical use be made available in the 144 -146 MHz spectrum has been opposed by the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) and some other member states of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in Region 1.

NZART is a very active member society of the IARU and New Zealand is a well-regarded member state of the ITU. The spectrum in question is a primary, worldwide allocation to amateur radio.

At this stage, there is no certainty that France's proposal will develop into a formal position by member states within Region 1. And even if it did, would then need to receive support from wider ITU forums such as the World Radio Conference (WRC) where adoption would require international consensus. There is currently no evidence that this is a likely outcome.

However, it is sensible to consider the relationships between amateur radio, the spectrum allocations we enjoy and how all of this contributes to our society. For the 2 metre band alone, New Zealand's amateur radio operators have invested tens of millions of dollars in infrastructure and have dedicated hours beyond measure to usage and innovation. On top of this, we have also contributed to our broader society through, for example, disaster communications, search and rescue, plus administration support to organisers of public events. The value of our voluntary efforts is enormous and, arguably, without substitute!

The 2 metre band is not replaceable for most of these contributions as it is well-matched to the task of reliable radio communication in our urban and mountainous terrain. This New Zealand story is

replicated throughout the world in different ways and the IARU have been explaining this to member states in Region 1. They are being listened to.

Radio spectrum is scarce and precious. Amateur radio operators have rights to it, so long as the ITU agrees that we should. There is no sensible reason why the enormous social and economic contribution by amateur radio operators should be reduced, but we should not expect to be free from challenge! For this very reason, NZART and other radio societies are contributing members of the IARU so that there is a strong voice in the right places to advocate for the spectrum we have and explain the contributions we make to our respective societies.

Many who read this may still have their concerns. Many will not be members of NZART but, none-the-less, expect someone to work for the protection of the amateur spectrum. The only resources NZART and the IARU get come from their members, so don't ask what NZART can do for you, but rather, what can you do for NZART?

If you are not a member – join NZART and a radio club. Just do it!

If you are a member, we thank you for your support and ask that you participate to the extent you can: use the 2 metre band, log your QSO's, write short articles for *Break-In*, be active in your Club, cooperate with NZART Officers who volunteer their time to inform IARU, Radio Spectrum Management (RSM), Youth development and more besides.

In the meantime, it is more important that you show your support for NZART and your club rather than speculate about what might never happen in the years to come with a very immature proposal from a country in Europe. The more resources NZART and the IARU have, the more likely it is that you will continue to enjoy the benefits of the spectrum we have.

Intentional interference on Amateur systems

From time to time, we can be plagued with intentional interference on our systems – recently, it has been bursts of music on the National System.

We are not the only ones to suffer from this – it was a major problem for Police for a while and also the South Island Mountain Radio Service amongst others.

The most important reaction to these transmissions is to totally ignore them and not react or refer to them on air.

If you listened to the music, you would hear it break every so often, that's the perpetrator checking to see if he is creating reactions. They only do it to create reactions and upset people. If they can't get reactions, they quickly get bored and head away to try something else.

Please pass around your branches; the important point – ignore and don't react.

DO NOT PASS THIS INFORMATION ON THE AIR – ITS RED RAG TO A BULL FOR THE PERPETRATOR AS HE KNOWS HE IS CREATING A REACTION.

New Plymouth Amateur Radio Club Branch 27Junk Sale

Date: Saturday September 21st, 2019

Hall opens at 8:00 am for Vendors

Selling Start Time: 10:00 am

Venue: Mangorei Memorial Hall

Corner Kent Rd and State Highway 3, New Plymouth

Food and refreshments will be available onsite

We will have someone on 147.200 repeater on the day

Please contact the Secretary to reserve a table or more information on Secretary@z12ab.com

Cost per table \$20.00

Please see www.z12ab.com/

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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