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ABOUT INFOLINE

Kordia Agreement 2019-2022

In early August 2019, Warren Harris ZL2AJ the Vice-President signed the agreement on behalf of NZART.

The Agreement was more in keeping with my original negotiations with Kordia after their first Agreement was presented. The agreement is for three years, and I expect the first payment to be paid to Kordia within the next month or so, for year one (2019/2020).

One of the outcomes from this Agreement was the identification of various VHF Repeaters around the country that NZART had been paying the power bill for.

From this new agreement going forward all branches with VHF Repeaters will be invoiced by NZART to pay their share of the power bill. For some branches with very few members this may become a huge burden, so they will need to consider whether to pay the invoice or to remove their repeater and locate it away from the Kordia site.

In the South Island one larger branch has offered to support its smaller brother by subsidising in part their invoice.

As per normal business billing, NZART has set the invoice issue date as 1 October 2019 and expect it to be paid in full by 20 November 2019.

If the invoice remains unpaid by 1 December 2019, Kordia will be advised to turn off your equipment and remove it from their site.

If you have any questions about this invoice please feel free to contact NZART HQ via email <nzart@nzart.org.nz.>.

Mark Gooding ZL2UFI

President

NZART

TARANAKI AWARD

The Award will run from Thursday 3rd October till Monday 7th October 2019 Inclusive

It is available to all Amateurs and short-wave Listeners.

Contacts may be made on any band, any mode. Each station may be worked ONCE ONLY for each separate application for the Award.

Compulsory contact with Special Station ZL6RFA 5 points

(We are retaining our call sign from our previous Rhododendron Festival award)

Contact with Taranaki Club Stations

•	New Plymouth	Branch 27	ZL2AB	3 points
•	Waitara	Branch 47	ZL2TO	3 points

•	South Taranaki	Branch 87	ZL2QF	3 points
•	Inglewood	Branch 19	ZL2PT	3 points
•	Hawera	Branch 14	ZL2HWA	3 points
•	Opunake	Branch 32	ZL2ANN	3 points

Each additional Taranaki station (A Station whose base is in Taranaki) 1 point

Copy of log and fee of 5.00 to arrive before the 21st October

Total Points needed for award 25 points

Paper logs and electronic logs both welcome. Electronic can be sent to: <u>choward@xtra.co.nz_or</u> <u>ngairej66@gmail.com</u>

and paper logs to:

The Award Custodian

New Plymouth amateur radio club

P O Box 799

New Plymouth 4310

- Logs must be signed and include full name, call sign, address of operator, and show final score (points claimed) The senders email address in the message header will count as a signature.
- Logs must be legible. No logs will be returned.
- Electronic logs may be in Cabrillo, spreadsheet (.xls, numeric .ods), document (.odt .doc .docx) or ADIF
- Decision of the contest manager will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Logs to include:

DATE TIME BAND MODE CALL SIGN Sig report (HF) Name QTH Points

A summary page should be prepared showing:

Name, Call sign, Points claimed for each certificate if multi band or multi-mode and payment value stated

Payments can be made to TSB account: $153942\ 0001086\ 00$

Please add your Call sign & T Award as a reference

Please make cheques out to New Plymouth Amateur Radio Club

Fee including return Postage

Certificate \$5.00 each

Overseas station requires only 6 points and DO NOT HAVE TO MAKE the COMPULSORY CONTACT.

Overseas award application Fee US \$6.00 or fair equivalent NO IRC or STAMPS PLEASE

The Award Certificate will be a Print of a Taranaki scene

(New Print each year)

Taranaki stations will be available each day on National System and local repeaters and will try and come up when possible.

Taranaki Award Net - 3.660 MHZ +/- 8 pm each evening 0800 UTC

The ZL Awards Net - 3.677 MHz from 9 pm each evening 0900 UTC

In Conjunction with the Taranaki Award

we will be running the Dan Wilkinson Memorial Contest

DAN WILKINSON MEMORIAL CONTEST

- Certificates will be awarded in two categories for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. The categories are:
 - a. Taranaki stations
 - b. Those outside the region.
- **2**. The Wooden Trophy to be awarded to the Station outside the Taranaki region who has the most contacts with Taranaki stations.
- **3**. The Taranaki station contacted can only be used for scoring once, regardless of what bands they are contacted on.
- 4. The Trophy is to be held by winner for 12 months.
- 5. The Dan Wilkinson Memorial Stone Trophy will be awarded to the Taranaki station who has the Contacted the most Taranaki stations.
- 6. However, because of the size and weight of the Trophy it will remain in the club rooms of Branch 27

Dan Wilkinson was the original holder of the call ZL2AB

QRPers NZ



The QRPersNZ Group is alive and well, and operating a weekly net on Thursday nights at 0800 UTC on 3.690mHz. You do not have to be a member of the group to join in. Our only request is that you operate 10w or less. Check-ins are called for at 8.00pm, just give your callsign and net control will put you on the list. A good test of antenna efficiency.

On Saturday 26th October from 07.30pm to 9.30pm we run a fun activity called 'GO QRP NIGHT', where QRPersNZ operators try to work as many other QRP stations as possible in two one-hour sessions. This has been opened up to non-QRPersNZ operators who may contribute contact points to QRPersNZ Group members. Again, we ask that those who wish to get involved please use 10w or less. We are after-all, a QRP Group.

If you'd like to join the group, just send an email to <u>waynezl2oz@gmail.com</u> with your callsign and first name, and you will be put on our membership list. There are monthly newsletters that focus on matters of interest to QRPers, articles about QRP Expeditions and notices of coming events. New members welcome.

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Eastfest

Ashburton Amateur Radio Club have decided to run an Eastfest this year.

It will be held in Methven at the Mount Hutt Memorial Hall Theaterette on Saturday and Sunday

19th and 20th October, at 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday and 9:00am to 12:00noon Sunday.

We plan to have a varied programme of presentations pertaining to Ham Radio. Methven has a varied range of accommodation for those who wish to stay for the weekend.

We plan to organise an evening meal for those who would like to join us on Saturday evening. If anyone would like to do a presentation at this event, please contact me.

The theaterette has good audio-visual facilities with a large screen, computer connection capabilities and internet connection available. We plan to provide HF and VHF/UHF antennas as well. A door charge of \$10.00 to cover venue hire.

For catering purposes, can those who would like to join us for a meal on Saturday night please let me know.

Regards, Jim Nelson ZL3ND, President Ashburton Branch 01. Phone- 0272893833 E-mail -Jim.Nelson@kinect.co.nz

ELG Report

Canterbury Amateur Radio Society (CARDS) have applied for a 23 cm FM voice repeater at Marleys Hill. Topo50 BX24 704.10 714.02. The repeater transmit frequency will be 1293.0 MHz & receive frequency 1273.0 MHz with vertical polarisation. (ARE035 – ELG)

Advisory: CARDS will be adding digital emissions to their 438.400 MHz repeater licence which is also at Marleys Hill. email: elg@nzart.org.nz

New Zealand Net (NZ Net)

The New Zealand Net (NZ Net) is an 80-metre CW net operating every Monday-Friday evening.

All CW stations are invited to check into the net on 3535.0 kHz, starting at 2100 (9pm) NZT.

Further information can be had at: <u>http://radio1nz.com/about-amateur-radio/new-zealand-nets/nz-net/</u>

Expressions of Interest: DATV - Channel 25

With the growth of Digital Television in New Zealand (DTV), Amateurs

lost the use of Channel 39 in the UHF DTV band. This had a major impact on activity so a search for alternative spectrum was begun. Digital TV Channel 25 is the guard band between the Emergency Service C Band and the lower end of the DTV band at around 500 MHZ and was identified as a candidate.

A NZART Branch took on the role to progress testing and building of a DATV Repeater in this guard band. After several years this progress has become too slow, or non-existent to the satisfaction

of NZART Council, by the branch concerned.

NZART is therefore seeking expressions of interest from other clubs or branches to progress this project

to a conclusion. We are seeking a project that can be delivered over an eighteen-month period from its

start date. A high-level project plan must be submitted with measurable milestones spaced no
more than six
months apart. These six-monthly high-level milestones must be agreed to, and met or the
project, after
review may be stopped. NZART is not looking to pressure any group in doing this work but it
cannot
continue for many years without progress.
If your club or branch is interested in undertaking this project, contact Debby at NZART via
email
<<u>nzart@nzart.org.nz</u>> expressing your interest. Once all expressions have been received a
decision will be
made no later than 6 November 2019. The successful club or branch will then be contacted to
provide a more
detailed project plan. Once this plan is approved by NZART Council, a commencement date will
be agreed

to have this project delivered.

NZART Council

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 email or postal address shown below.

ZL2BHF NZART Headquarters P O Box 40-525 UPPER HUTT 5140 E-mail: <u>zl6a@nzart.org.nz</u> Website: <u>http://www.nzart.org.nz/h-quarter/broadcast/</u> 73, Jim ZL2BHF

Off Shore News Links

<u>ARRL News & Features</u> <u>RSGB News</u> <u>IARU Region 3</u>

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