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IMPORTANT NEWS – HQ OPENING HOURS CHANGE

As from Monday 4th November office hours will change to being open four days a week. The new days will be **Monday/Tuesday & Thursday/Friday** from 9am to 2pm. The office will be closed Wednesday's from this date onwards.

60-year continuous service to NZART

I have recently had a few enquiries from some very long-standing members as to the length of service they have as NZART members. Regrettably back when records first began and membership certificates issued, a date was never placed on the original certificate.

However, my predecessors did assign a number for each new member, in 1981 when records were computerised, this number was replaced with a new one, which correlated to the length of service for each member and with the original number.

I still have the list of old numbers issued to these people right up until 1981, when the computer programme generated a new number. I am satisfied that the old and new numbers are sequentially allocated corresponding to the time of membership to NZART.

While many of you may have been licensed in the early 1950's it was not a requirement then to have been a member of the Association, but a matter of choice.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2DL

Removal of Branch Rebate on New Members

At the 1 October 2019 meeting of the NZART Executive Council it was agreed that the Branch Rebate on new members be rescinded, as of 1 October 2019.

This rebate system had been in operation since 2010 but was poorly subscribed to by the branches of the association.

In order to simplify the membership process and to fund the new Student ZERO Fee's Policy the decision was made to remove this rebate.

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 waynezl2oz@gmail.com 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.

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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: <http://radiolnz.com/about-amateur-radio/new-zealand-nets/nz-net/>

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

<nzart@nzart.org.nz> 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 e-mail or postal address shown below.

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73, Jim ZL2BHF

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