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Resignation of Councillor Phill Dodds ZL4XYZ

Recently Councillor Phill Dodds ZL4XYZ made the decision to resign his position as a Central Region Councillor. He made the decision after realising that he had spread his time amongst NZART Council, local radio projects, his interest in military vehicles, a new job and family life too thinly to really do justice to any of these interests well. He said that he had to give some things up, to ensure that he had time to enjoy all the things he wanted to do, especially to spend more time with family. After speaking with NZART President, Phill decided that the time was right to leave Council. Phill will continue to remain a member of NZART and support it but in a lesser role.

Phill expressed that he would in the future like to return to Council once he has completed a number of the projects he has committed to.

NZART President Mark Gooding ZL2UFI thanks Phill for his service and wished him well for the future.

Appointment of new Councillor Richard Harkett ZL2FY

NZART Council at its December meeting approved the appointment of Richard Harkett ZL2FY as a Central Region Councillor. This appointment is as a replacement for Benjamin Isaacs ZL2BCI who resigned in November. Richard became an amateur in 1973 while still at school and joined Palmerston North Amateur Radio Club, Manawatu Branch 20 NZART. He later joined the New Zealand Post Office as a Radio Technician, and later he joined the New Zealand Police. While with the Police Richard completed his NZCE (Telecoms), running a number of radio communications projects essential to the running of the Police radio network. Richard retired from the Police in 2014. He is a current member of Kapiti Branch 69 and resides in Paraparaumu.

NZART President Mark Gooding ZL2UFI welcomes Richard to NZART Council, his appointment was confirmed at the NZART Council December meeting.

Central Region Councillor

NZART Council is now seeking nominations from the Central Region for the role of NZART Councillor to replace Phill Dodds ZL4XYZ. If you wish to join NZAT Council please forward a short CV to Debby at NZART HQ via email to: nzart@nzart.org.nz

NZART Conference 2020

Greymouth/Shantytown (Saturday 30 May – Sunday 31 May 2020)

The organising committee for the NZART Conference 2020, invites you all to join us at Shantytown on the West Coast of the South Island.

Cost per attendee is \$220.00.

The event will be held on Saturday 30 May – Sunday 31 May 2020 with all Conference activities at Shantytown.

This venue is based approximately twelve kilometres, or fifteen minutes' drive south of Greymouth. As Conference attendees you will have FREE access to Shantytown for the whole weekend including free train rides. Other activities such as on-site gold panning are extra and not covered in your Conference registration fee.

The NZART AGM and AREC AGM (after the NZART AGM) will both be held in the Miners Hall at Shantytown on Saturday 30 May 2020.

The Alternative Programme will leave on both days from and return to Shantytown. It is up to those attending the Conference or the Alternative Programme to make their own arrangements for travel to and from Shantytown.

The various other AGM's and Forum sessions will be held on the Sunday 31 May 2020 in the rooms behind the Miners Hall.

For the evening meals on the Saturday and Sunday (both at Shantytown), a pickup and drop off service may be available from accommodation locations in Greymouth. This will allow those attending to take full advantage of the hospitality on offer without having the need to drive. NOTE: There will be an additional charge to use this service.

The nearest airport is Hokitika (serviced by Air New Zealand), some forty kilometres or thirty-five minutes' drive south of Greymouth. The Conference Committee is NOT offering any transport service from this airport. The TranzAlpine Express (KiwiRail) will deliver you to Greymouth from Christchurch.

Local accommodation is within easy walking distance of the railway station. E.g. the Kingsgate Hotel.

The Conference Committee is looking for people who would like or be willing to run forums at the Conference on the Sunday – please contact Mark Gooding ZL2UFI via email at <zl2ufi@nzart-conference.nz>. At previous Conferences two or three streams of forums have run at the same time. At the 2020 event, a total of four streams could be run simultaneously if sufficient people come forward to run them.

A website is now up and running at www.nzart-conference.nz Check this site as more information becomes available. The registration form will be available in early 2020 from this web site and later in *Break-In*.

Email contacts:

For Conference Registrations is Steve and Debby Morgan ZL2DL registrations@nzart-conference.nz

For Alternative Programme is Topsy Scott ZL2LS and Karen Gooding alt-programme@nzart-conference.nz

For Forums is Mark Gooding ZL2UFI zl2ufi@nzart-conference.nz

Conference Committee 2020

Canterbury SOTA QSO Party

The local SOTA activators are holding a Banks Peninsula SOTA QSO Party 1 February 2020.

On that day eight SOTA summits in the Banks Peninsula area are going to be activated with a meet up in the Little River cafe afterwards.

We are especially keen to introduce SOTA to new operators. Therefore if you are interested in finding out more about SOTA activations, this is the perfect opportunity for you to come with an experienced activator, see what it is all about and have a go.

This activity caters for all fitness levels as the summits vary from a drive up through to an hour's walk.

If you are interested then contact me (Mark ZL3AB markzl3ab@gmail.com) and I can arrange for you to join an activator for the day.

If you require any further information please let me know.

73

Mark ZL3AB

ELG Report

Warren Harris ZL2AJ has applied for a APRS repeater at Topo50 Takauranga BD36 583.03 464.00. The transmit frequency will be 144.575 MHz TX.

(External ARC152)

Raglan Branch 83 has applied for a voice, data & digital repeater at Topo50 BD33 009.23 112.62 Glenview, Hamilton. The transmit frequency will be 439.450 MHz

(External ARE038)

Steve Fogerty ZL2ASF

ELG Team Leader

NZART Portable Activity Day **New Year's Day 1 January 2020**

After the success of the first NZART Portable Activity day last New Years Day, which generated an amazing amount of activity, a second event is being promoted for 1 January 2020.

This is an opportunity to get outdoors and operate knowing there will be others doing the same. As an activity day this is not a contest, so it is up to you where, when and how you operate. There will be a lot of Summits on the Air ("SOTA") activity on this day (VK and ZL) owing to them being able to claim double activation points by operating either side of 0000z 1 January UTC (1pm NZDST). You could therefore activate a SOTA summit, or if that is a bit much, participate in the NZART awards programme by activating a lake, lighthouse or National Park (make sure you know the rules before you start) [1]. Alternatively, you could just park up at your favourite spot and make a few QSOs. Apart from SOTA which stresses portable activity without your station being connected to a motor vehicle, you are free to use any method of portable operation you like.

This could be a chance to take the family on a picnic, a branch activity, or you could get together with a bunch of mates, head to different places and meet up in the pub afterwards to swap “the DX that got away” stories. It is entirely up to you. It is also a great chance to test your portable emergency capability.

There is no fixed operating period, although as a rule of thumb SOTA activators will generally be operating between 12pm and 2pm NZDST, and you can operate as long as you like. Activity on all bands, HF, VHF, UHF and up is encouraged.

Based on SOTA activity we suggest the following HF frequencies. SSB: 5353 kHz (as long as you have a permit), 7080-7115 kHz, 14300-14330 kHz (great to VK); CW: 5362 kHz (with permit), 7030-7040 kHz, 14060-14070 kHz (for VK). 2m FM: 146.500 simplex. Note: repeater contacts are generally not acceptable for awards but can be used to organise simplex operation. If you are not award chasing, then repeater contacts are fine.

Can't get away? Then just fire up the rig at home and work as many stations as you can. Who knows, by the end of it you may be able to claim an award.

Good luck and we hope to hear you on the air!

[1] <http://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/awards/>

60 Metre news

Falkland Islands has now got 60m for more info go to:

<https://rsgb.org/main/blog/news/gb2rs/headlines/2019/11/29/falklands-get-60m/>

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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