

NZART HQ Infoline

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Dedicated to Amateur Radio in New
Zealand



Our hearts are with the civilians of Ukraine who have been caught up in the war fighting for their country. May peace and order be restored for all.

Debby Says.....

Thank you

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Annalise who has undertaken the preparation of HQ Info-line – it's absolutely like a breath of fresh air, informative, pleasing to look at, a great read and very topical. Well done, Annalise.

AREC contact info

Staying with Annalise - many may not have realised that she is now officially the AREC Administrator. This role, which originally was intended to form a part of my workload, has really taken on a life of its own, which Annalise has completely embraced with youthful enthusiasm. Therefore, if you need to talk to headquarters on any matters relating to AREC, you can email Annalise directly on admin@arec.nz, or call her on 022 432 2105. This is not a 24/7 phone number, so please ensure you only call during business hours.

NZART membership stats

Recently I have been asked by a number of members, just how well NZART membership is fairing so I decided to crunch some numbers from examination results over the last few years.

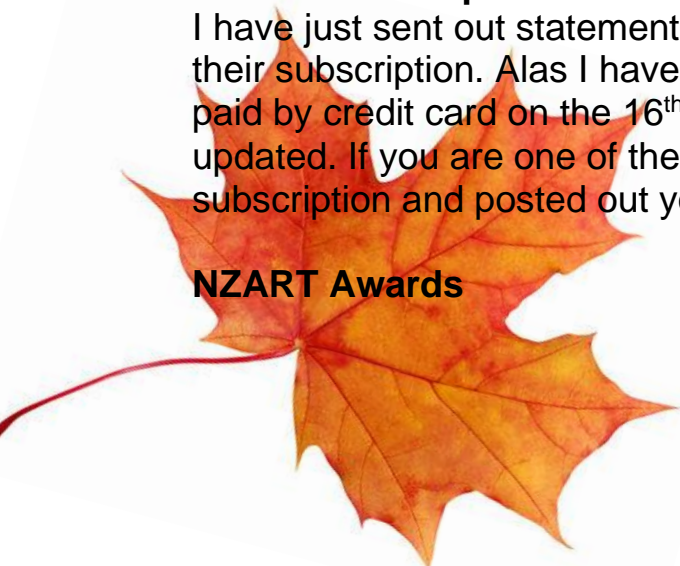
You will read in my annual ARX report that last year saw a record 118 new amateurs sit and successfully complete the amateur exam. Due in no small part to branches holding weekend ham cram courses, so well done to you all. Keep up the fantastic work team.

Over the past 10 years NZART examiners have achieved 727 successful passes. While it will take a lot more analysis to confirm how many of those are still members of NZART, I would suggest this is quite a satisfying result. Passing the exam is possibly the easy part for these new amateurs, so how do we retain their interest and membership within branches and NZART...something we could all possibly ponder? I don't have any magical answer, however, am always open to suggestions.

NZART subscriptions

I have just sent out statements for all members who have yet to renew their subscription. Alas I have just realised there are three members who paid by credit card on the 16th of December whose records had not been updated. If you are one of these three people, I have since updated your subscription and posted out your January/February issue of Break In.

NZART Awards



As we near conference, it's time to send in nominations for anyone you feel worthy of the following: NZART Life Membership, Amateur of the Year, Young Amateur of the year, Jumbo Godfrey ZL1HV Branch award. The criteria for these awards and previous recipients can be found here <https://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/conference/awards/>. Please send in any nominations by 30 April 2022.



Talk soon... Mauri Ora (stay well)
Debby ZL2DL



QSL cards...

It has come to my attention from activity within the Christchurch amateur club that members with "out of region" callsigns are missing out on QSL Cards.

If you have an out-of-zone callsign, you will need to contact the correct zone manager directly to have cards sent on.



All the info is on the NZART website
<https://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/qs1/sub-managers>

If you would like information on who you can contact to attain QSL cards, please email us at HQ nzart@nzart.org.nz, Debby will be more than happy to assist you.

Branch 35 Picnic

Annual picnic of NZART South Otago Branch 35 at Naish Park, Charlotte Street, Balclutha, on Sunday the 13th of March, starting around 10:30am.

As always, it's a great chance to catch up with ham friends, old and new.

Bring family too, with your own seats, lunch, drink and sunhat. We will have a BBQ on site.

We don't expect numbers to exceed Covid limitations but may cancel if the weather is quite horrible.

Monitor our Kuriwao repeater on 675 for directions.



NZ Morse Key Directory

ZL1NZ Neil writes

Hello, I am the curator of the New Zealand Morse Code Telegraph Key Directory.

As you will probably be aware, two of the best-known NZ-made keys were manufactured in Christchurch by Eric Sorensen ZL3OQ (SK) in the 1970s and sold by Tricity House as the Supreme straight key and the Supreme bug.

I will soon be publishing a biography of Eric Sorensen on the NZ Morse Key Directory website and am looking for a photo of him.

Are you able to tell me if he was a member of Branch 05, and are you able to find a photo of him that I could use?

His son Alan was also an amateur (ZL3JU - SK). Perhaps you will know of a way I could contact his family?

Thanks for your assistance and 73,

Neil ZL1NZ



Jock White Field Day



Field day is definitely going ahead this year however there is a need to acknowledge the omicron situation and provide a 'plan B'.

This is the first field day that will be underway with the virus in the community.

To view more information provided by Dr Stuart Watchman ZL2TW, [click here](#)

Papakura Amateur Radio Club Morse Training

Papakura Amateur Radio Club Morse training Broadcasts National System and 3.755 MHz

Monday 7.15pm

Tuesday 7.30pm

Thursday 7.30pm

Friday 7.30pm

Using TEACH software from NZART website

Start level:

19 WPM Character Speed

6 WPM Farnsworth Target

by November:

15 WPM



[Click here for the TEACH software](#)

Email David zl1dk@nzart.org.nz if you would like the teaching sheets to use in your own time.

**Kia ora,
the next Infoline is due out Sunday the 20th of March.
If you would like to share any events or report on any
upcoming activities, please send these through to
nzart@nzart.org.nz.**

Nga mihi nui

