



NZART HQ INFOLINE ISSUE # 451
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From Headquarters

There have been a number of hot topics circulating the many media platforms, therefore it made sense to go directly to the persons who have the correct information, to seek out the most accurate answers.

Enjoy...Debby ZL2DL

Break-In: CQDX Column – March-April 2022

In the latest issue of *Break-In* (March-April 2022) the CQDX Columnist Mark Sullivan ZL3AB described how the ZL callsign prefix would be replaced by the AT prefix. Mark's description was intended as an April Fools' joke and not that of a planned change in the callsign prefix. In publishing the text of the description, there was no intention at any stage to mislead the many readers of *Break-In* into believing the change in prefix was planned soon or at any time in the future. The Editor regrets that some readers were misled by the text.

The Editor will endeavour to prevent similar types of errors occurring in future issues of *Break-In*.

Philip Sharp ZL1PSH

Doug Beale ZL3DUG

Break-In Editorial Team

60m Sub Licence

As announced in the last InfoLine NZART has obtained from RSM, a new 60m licence with the same terms and conditions as the previous licence which expires on 4 May 2022. This allows time for RSM to promulgate a new GURL.

If you have an existing 60m sub-licence then it will continue to apply under the new licence and you can continue operate on 60m as you did before. No need to reapply.

If you are a new user to 60 m then you must first apply for a sub-licence by completing the application found on the NZART website here: <https://www.nzart.org.nz/info/60m> and forward to NZART HQ for sign off and subsequent listing on the website of users.

73

Mark ZL3AB

Remits & Conference

To make it easier for branches, we have prepared a draft constitution which incorporates all changes should the remits be passed at the AGM on the 10 September this year.

See the page for the updated Remits and draft Constitution: <https://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/constitution>

If discussing or going to discuss with branches use these documents as your source of truth.

Also available on the website is the conference 2022 registration form. <http://nzart-conference.nz/>

Mark ZL2UFI

8 WPM ZONE

There seems a huge gap between learning to copy Morse and actually operating on air. It is a time when we need to practice at a speed we can copy while we build confidence and skill in our new pastime. This is the zone somewhere between 8 and 13 wpm. If we cannot find success here, we are unlikely to continue.

To help close this gap I am starting an 8 WPM ZONE. We will use 3.545 MHz each Wednesday at 8 PM for this zone. It would be a one-topic net. The topic for the first session would be 'TODAY?'

1. Net control begins at 8 WPM
CQ 8 WPM ZONE DE ZL1PX K
2. Members give calls at 8 WPM
ZL1BOX, ZL2BOX, ZL3BOX,
3. Net control prompts each caller in turn to send something at 8WPM.
ZL1BOX DE ZL1PX TODAY? K

4. First caller responds at 8 WPM
DE ZL1BOX TODAY I WENT SHOPPING FOR FOOD FOR MY BOA
CONSTRUCTOR K
5. Net control responds and invites next caller
THANKS ZL1BOX ZL2BOX DE ZL1PX TODAY? K

The emphasis is on keeping to one speed that all can copy while we build our skills. We would want our offerings to be simple to start with – maybe not more than a dozen words. We change net controller and topic each week. Tune in if interested. 8 WPM ZONE runs April and May.

Further details ZL1PX Peter Henderson pjh@teachlit.com

Sangster Shield Contest – May 2022

The 2022 NZART Sangster Shield Contest is to be held Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd May 2000 – 2300hrs NZST each evening.

Rules for this year are unchanged since those published in the 2016 April/May Break In and as per the NZART website:-

<https://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/contests/sangster-shield>

Contest is 80 metres CW only for entrants with power output up to 5 watts pep.

Note that the Transistor Trophy entry criteria allows first time Sangster contestants to enter, rather than just newly licensed operators.

Reminding that the Exchange (Cipher) is RST, Contact serial number beginning at 001 & Branch number. Power output is not to be given on air but will be published in results.

CW beginners have commented that their preferred exchange is – RST / Serial number / Branch number (**where / = dah-di-di-dah-dit**).

Remember that there are 6 HALF hour operating periods EACH evening. 12 periods in total

Use the Branch Number of your location regardless of whether this is currently active or in recess.

If you are going to work from different locations each night – experience has shown it is easier for all if you just choose one Branch number & stick to it.

Operating just one night is also fine as we would all prefer to have as many on the air as possible.

73's & hope to work you in the contest – Glenn ZL2KZ

Marlborough Branch Ham Cram

Marlborough Amateur Radio Club

Ham Cram Weekend 18-19 June 2022

Registrations to attend marcbranch22@gmail.com

Contact Don 027 315 6227 or Bill 03 579 3121

Radio Electronics Group – Equipment Sale

You are invited to the Radio Electronics Group annual new and used equipment sale.

Date: Saturday 21st May.

Place: Glenview Club, 211 Peacockes Road, Fitzroy, Hamilton.

Contact: ZL1REGSALE@gmail.com John or Vern

Vendor registration form and sale notice can be found as attachments on this eNewsletter.

The sale day team are looking forward to catching up on the day.

73 de ZL1PO

John Lisignoli

President

Radio Electronics Group(Inc.)

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North Shore Branch Ham Cram Weekend

North Shore Amateur Radio Club

Ham Cram Weekend 28 and 29 May 2022

400 East Coast Road, Sunnynook.

email training@nsrc.nz for more information

Vaughan ZL1VH

New Midland District Councillor required

Council continues to seek expressions of interest for the role Councillor in the Midland Region as per Clause 3.7e of the NZART Constitution.

NZART Council will appoint a replacement until the next election. If you wish to apply for this vacancy you must reside within the Midland District. For any further information contact NZART HQ nzart@nzart.org.nz to express your interest.

Next Issue of HQ InfoLine

The next InfoLine is due out Sunday the 15th May 2022. If you would like to share any events or report on any upcoming activities, please send these through to <nzart@nzart.org.nz>

The Next Official Broadcast will be held Sunday 29 May 2022.

Nga mihi nui.

Debby