

# NZART HQ INFOLINE ISSUE # 455 Dedicated to Amateur Radio in New Zealand since 1926

## From Headquarters

**Conference Registrations:** A reminder conference registrations close Monday 8 August 2022. After this date a \$50.00 late fee will be required. Please ensure when registering that you complete the registration form that can be found on the NZART Conference web site, or in your latest *Break-In*.

## Call Book 2022/2023

NZART Council at their meeting in June, has made the decision that a Call Book will NOT be produced this year. This decision was based on the current deficit NZART is running for the 2022 Financial year.

NZART this year, has financially supported the District Plan Review in Porirua which required a substantial investment of funds. NZART Council agreed to this investment, as if Porirua had followed the Kapiti District Councils outcome, amateur radio in Porirua would be severely curtailed.

NZART Council believe that other Wellington region-based District Councils would look to Porirua's outcome and then use if for their own. By standing against the Porirua District Plan and receiving a much better outcome, the whole of the Wellington Region has benefitted. This includes Wellington City, Lower and Upper Hutt cities, and the Wairarapa Councils. Titahi Bay Branch 42 has also contributed as much as possible, financially to the process, the costs were clearly beyond their ability to pay the full amount.

To ensure that members are not disadvantaged by this decision, the repeater maps and beacons will be re-produced via the NZART web site and where possible in Break-In. This will also include Branch and Club listings, also within *Break-In* where there is space to do so.

This decision was to use NZART funds in this way was also signed off by NZART's Treasurer.

## Review of 2 m/70 cm Band Plan

The review of the 2 m/70 cm Band Plan is progressing well, and remember if you have any input, please make your view known to Warren Harris ZL2AJ. Details are on the NZART Website.

## New NZART Branch

A new NZART Branch has started, within the Tokoroa and districts area, and is now known as South Waikato Branch 57.

We believe that another branch north of Auckland is also in the progress of becoming active again, which is pleasing to see. This is arresting the usual slide of branches into recess.

# Can you Help?

I am looking for any Morse code key collectors amongst you, can you please contact me. I am looking for a NZ-made AKRAD or ULTIMATE Morse key. I am happy to purchase or to exchange for a British Bathtub key.

Regards, Herman Willemsen VK2IXV

email: <a href="mailto:hermanusw@gmail.com">hermanusw@gmail.com</a> +61 434 510 308

## NZART Treasurer Position

NZART Council are seeking expressions of interest for the position of NZART/AREC Treasurer. For more information on this role, please contact NZART HQ.

## **Break-In's Around the Branches Column**

The Around the Branches column in *Break-In* is a very good avenue for a branch to promote itself and to give other branches ideas of possible activities. Branches are encouraged to submit items of approximately 50

to 200 words on recent activities. The item can include a photograph. A branch can submit more than one item.

73 Philip ZL1PSH Editor, *Break-In* 

## Contests

Contests - Return of the ZL Sprints.

Thanks to Mark ZL3AB for resurrecting the Winter Sprints, a quick, friendly way to have fun on a winters evening. Great for new contesters to try out too. See summary below and check out the full rules on the NZART Contests website.

## 1. Objects:

- For amateur radio stations to contact as many other amateur radio stations as possible within the 1hour time limit
- To improve operator skills
- To have fun!
- 2. **When:** Each Tuesday from 2 August to 30 August 2022 0800-0900 UTC (2000-2100 NZST):
  - 0800-0829 UTC (2000-2029 NZST) CW only
  - 0830-0859 UTC (2030-2059 NZST) SSB only
- 3. Band: 80 m

## NZART Memorial Contest

The 2022 NZART Memorial Contest will be held on 2/3 July 2022, get those 80 m antennas tuned up and review the rules at <a href="https://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/contests/memorial-contest/">https://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/contests/memorial-contest/</a>

# IARU HF Championship

IARU HF Championship 9/10 July 2022 is one of two international contests where Member States HQ stations are active. After a fantastic effort in BERU, Jacky ZL3CW is again running the ZL6HQ callsign. This time he's looking for operators to assist, enabling multiple bands to be active simultaneously. If interested, please contact Jacky via email (good on QRZ.com).

## **Ham Cram Classes starting soon**

The Manawatu Amateur Radio Society are starting a series of evening classes leading up to a Ham Cram weekend on September 24th & 25th. If you can't attend in person, you can join the classes via Zoom on Tuesdays 7-9:00 pm.

Ham radio is a great head-start for teenagers wanting a career in electronics, communications and computing, a new challenge for the retired, and has many activities for those in between.

Check out the Manawatu Amateur Radio Society's short HamCram course:

https://www.zl2ko.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Flyer-What-is-Amateur-Radio-and-HamCram-Classes-2022.pdf or https://www.zl2ko.org.nz/hamcram-2022 Enrolments close July 5th.

## Around the Branches:

Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Market Day

Date: Saturday 20 August 2022

Venue: Gordonton Hall

Address: 1024 Gordonton Road SH 1B

Vendors: Access from 8:00 am

Opens: Selling commences 10:00 am

Fee: \$2.00 entry/raffle

Contact: Robin ZL1IC (021 127-9998)

Call In: 146.525spx

## **Situations Vacant**

## 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 <a href="mailto:nzart@nzart.org.nz">nzart@nzart.org.nz</a> to express your interest.

## **NZART Youth Officer**

This is a very valuable position, both to the Association and young amateurs', therefore Council is looking for a replacement for this role. If you are interested, currently under the age of 25 and a member of NZART, please supply a short resume' for this NZART Officer appointed position.

Please contact NZART HQ <u>nzart@nart.org.nz</u> for further information if required.

## Next Issue of HQ InfoLine

The next InfoLine is due out Sunday the 17 July 2022. If you would like to share any events or report on any upcoming activities, please send these through to <<u>nzart@nzart.org.nz</u>>

The Next Official Broadcast will be held Sunday 31 July 2022.

Nga mihi nui. (Kind regards) Debby