



## **NZART HQ INFOLINE ISSUE # 481**

### **From HQ...**

Just to let you know, Council has made a decision on the frequency of HQ InfoLine, based on feedback from you, the reader.

### **HQ InfoLine dates**

As from October, we will move to a monthly issue of HQ InfoLine, with the first issue of October InfoLine being scheduled for Sunday 15th October, then monthly from then on.

The InfoLine & Official Broadcast calendar will be as follows:

Infoline - 15 October, OB 29 October.

Infoline - 12 November, OB 26 November.

Infoline - 10 December, OB 17 December.

A new Calendar for 2024 will be placed on the NZART website in December.

Should anything urgent need to be promulgated to members, we still will run Special Issue HQ InfoLine as and when required.

### **NZART email aliases**

NZART Headquarters is now operating on fully cloud based applications. Yay!

Over last weekend, Chris Hellyar worked with Don Robertson to install Microsoft Office 365 on the new laptop. This move was essential to ensure future proofing of email access for HQ. However, it has meant that all NZART alias emails have temporarily been removed, while Chris

upgrades the exchange gateway for these emails.

As Chris volunteers his time to work on NZART Website services, we have to be patient during this process, as he can only dedicate time out of work hours to upgrade these emails.

Chris hopes to have this completed by the end of this weekend. So if you are wondering why your @nzart.org.nz emails are not working, Chris is working through the problem.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris on mine and your behalf, for all the work he undertakes for NZART.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2DL

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### **NZART Conference 2024 – Christchurch - Update**

The 2024 NZART Conference Award is ready to start on the 1st October and will run through to the eve of the conference. Look out for the bonus point stations, ZL6WG, ZL3AC (Br05), ZL3AF (Br01) and ZL3RR (Br68) on the National System, 80m (Awards net) and 40m using various modes. Contacts with members of the three branches also earn award points. Details are now online at <[hamradio.co.nz/award](http://hamradio.co.nz/award)>

Geoff Clark ZL3GA  
Christchurch Amateur Radio Club

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### **Ham Cram North Shore Branch:**

The North Shore Radio Club, Branch 29, is holding another Ham Cram radio training course over the weekend of October 28 and 29. Location will be 400 East Coast Road, Sunnynook, Auckland. Please email Vaughan Henderson ZL1VH [zl1vh1@gmail.com](mailto:zl1vh1@gmail.com) for more information.

Best regards  
Vaughan Henderson ZL1VH  
Secretary  
North Shore Radio Club  
021 844 804

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## Around the Branches

Branch 27 and Branch 87 are running their Junk Sale on Saturday 23rd September. The venue is the Mangorei Memorial Hall, corner of Kent Road and SH3 south of New Plymouth. Sellers access from 8am, buyers from 10am. BBQ food and light refreshments available. There is still time to reserve a table by contacting [<secretary@zl2ab.com>](mailto:secretary@zl2ab.com) or phoning Doug on 027 8161306.

Also, the Taranaki Award runs from Wednesday 27th September until Sunday 1st October. The aim is to earn at least 25 points by speaking to amateurs located in the Taranaki region. Each station will state their point values but you must contact ZL6RFA for 5 points. Stations will be on air during the day on National System and Western link repeaters, (New Plymouth 720, South Taranaki 705, and Wanganui 690), at 8pm on 3660 kHz. Full details at [<https://www.zl2ab.com/taranaki-award-2023/>](https://www.zl2ab.com/taranaki-award-2023/) or contact Doug on [<zl3dug@zl2ab.com>](mailto:zl3dug@zl2ab.com)

## Grandparents Day – 1 October 2023

**It is** Grandparents Day in NZ on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. To bring attention to this, Franklin Amateur Radio Club will host Grandparents-Grandkids net. This is a national event but we will use Klondyke 6625 repeater for communications in the Auckland region. Our call sign will be ZL1SA and we start the event with a call for check-ins at 3 PM. If you intend to run Grandparents Day in your region, send me details and I will include your event here.

Invite your granddaughters or grandsons over for Sunday dinner. (If you have not got a grandchild, borrow one) Once the eating is done and tidied and the little hand is nearing 3, invite everyone into the shack and tune your VHF to 146.625 MHz. Check-in will involve lists of call signs, granddads, grandmothers, grandsons and granddaughters. Once everyone checks in, each participant gets their turn on-air. Suggested topics – best grandparent joke, best grandchild joke, my grandmum, my grandad, my grandson, my granddaughter.

73

Peter Henderson  
ZL1PX

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## Contests

A quiet month domestically but the Microwave Contest and Oceania DX Contests are coming up in early October - see the website for details. CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY is on 23/24 September.

I hope you are all getting ready for the Oceania DX Contests coming up on 7th (SSB) and 14th (CW) October.

The beams of the world point to Oceania over these weekends, it's a great time to be on-air. Don't forget to add your club/group affiliation in the Cabrillo "Club" field.

Geoff ZL3GA

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### ***Next Issue of HQ InfoLine***

The next InfoLine is due out Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023. If you would like to share any events or report on any upcoming activities, please send these through to [nzart@nzart.org.nz](mailto:nzart@nzart.org.nz).

The Next Official Broadcast will be held 27th September 2023.

Nga mihi nui. (Kind regards)  
Debby

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