



## NZART HQ INFOLINE ISSUE # 492

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From HQ...

It is election year this year! There is a copy of the election notice and form in this issue of Infoline, as well as the upcoming Break-In issue.

Headquarters will be sending out account statements in October to members as a reminder to pay before 30 November in order to take advantage of the rebate.

NZART are still looking for a branch to host next year's conference. If your branch is interested in this opportunity, please be sure to let us know before October. If we cannot find a branch to host, then the conference may be held in Wellington.

Sara-Jayne  
*Admin*



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## Election Information

See [HERE](#) for the Election Notice

See [HERE](#) for the Nomination Form

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## Welcome Claire – AREC Administrator



**CLAIRE MARLOW**

**NEW AREC ADMINISTRATOR**

### **Nice to meet you**

I have recently joined AREC as a part-time Administrator, working alongside Annalise in the Upper Hutt office.

My role will include taking care of the membership system, updating our website and social media platforms, ordering AREC branded items and supporting with general administration.

If you need help with anything please feel free to get in contact.

ARECadmin@arec.nz  
022 400 1646

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AREC Newsletter

See [HERE](#) for the AREC August newsletter

## Parks on the Air

The Parks on the Air awards program currently has five official events each year. The main purpose of these events is to get out in parks and to have fun.

The dates for the next five events are listed below. Each event starts at 0000 UTC on the first day and ends at 2359 UTC on the last day. The first event is the Autumn Support Your Park event on October 19 and 20.

Autumn Support Your Park. October 19-20, 2024

New Year's Week. January 1-7, 2025

Winter Support Your Park. January 18-19, 2025

Spring Support Your Park. April 19-20, 2025

Summer Support Your Park. July 19-20, 2025

**Philip Sharp**

**ZL1PSH**

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## Junk Sale - New Plymouth and South Taranaki

*New Plymouth and South Taranaki Amateur Radio Clubs,  
(Branches 27 and 87),*

*present*

# *Junk Sale 2024*



*Mangorei Memorial Hall,  
Cnr Kent Rd and SH3,  
New Plymouth.*

*Food and refreshments will be  
available.*

*To reserve a table, or for  
more information:  
<secretary@z12ab.com>*

*Saturday 28th September  
8:00am - vendor set-up  
10:00am - buyers entry*

*\$20 per table*

**We have learned of major road works that will affect travel to the venue from the north.**

SH3 will be closed from Mangorei Road to Kent Road from midnight to midday. Traffic from the south will still flow through at that time and the hall will still be accessible.

From midday, traffic will flow from north to south.

If leaving the hall in the afternoon, all traffic from Kent Road will have to turn right toward Egmont Village. Take Egmont Road or at Inglewood take SH3A (Mountain Road) to get back heading north.

All hams can call ZL2AB on 720 repeater on the day for the current situation. Others can call Doug on 0278161306 on the day. See <<https://nzta.govt.nz/.../roading-crews-to-rebuild.../>> for details.

Doug Beale

ZL3DUG

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## Whangarei Branch Featured In New Zealand Herald

The New Zealand Herald has recently published an article about amateur radio and the Whangarei Branch.

You can read the article in full [HERE](#)

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## Jamboree on the Air - Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA-JOTI)



Franklin Amateur Radio Club will open our clubhouse to local scout groups on JOTA-JOTI Weekend on 18-20 October. We will open Saturday 19 October from 10am to 4pm. The main purpose of JOTA-JOTI is to facilitate scouts talking with other scouts by radio. We expect to have three modes running to enable scouts to talk with other scouts.

**These modes will be -**

1. FM (2m plus 70cm) for Auckland area calls on Klondyke Repeater or National System.
2. HF (40M) for longer distances on 7.150 MHz
3. DMR on Brandmeister TG 907 (JOTA), TG 5301 (NZ North) and TG 95 (NZ and Aust).

If you or your club will also participate in JOTA-JOTI, please can we swap details so your scouts and ours have the best chance possible to talk on air with each other.

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Steve Doell ZL1TZP [steve@doell.co.nz](mailto:steve@doell.co.nz)

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**FreeDMR NZ (New Zealand) is a digital mobile radio (DMR) network offering several advantages for amateur radio enthusiasts, particularly those interested in digital communication. Here are some reasons why people might consider using FreeDMR NZ:**

**1 - Free and Open Access** - FreeDMR NZ is an open network, meaning it's accessible to any licensed amateur radio operator without subscription fees. It promotes a sense of community and inclusiveness among radio users in New Zealand and beyond.

**2 - Global Communication** - FreeDMR allows users to connect with other radio operators around the world. The network supports international talk groups, making it easier to have conversations with people across various countries.

**3 - Flexible Infrastructure** - FreeDMR networks often offer flexibility in linking repeaters and hotspots. Users can configure their own devices to access the system via personal hotspots or local repeaters, giving them more control over their communication setup.

**4 - Reliable and High-Quality Audio** - As a digital system, FreeDMR offers clearer and more reliable audio compared to traditional analog radio systems. It is less prone to noise, static, and interference, providing a better overall user experience.

**5 - Interconnectivity** - FreeDMR NZ offers connectivity to other digital modes like D-Star, Yaesu System Fusion, and NXDN through various bridges. This interoperability makes it easy to switch between different modes or systems while staying on the same platform.

**6 - Community-Driven** - FreeDMR is typically run by volunteers and supported by a community of enthusiasts. This often results in a strong focus on user experience, innovation, and a cooperative spirit, fostering a tight-knit community.

**7 - Scalability** - The network can grow as demand increases, making it future-proof. Users can expect ongoing improvements and new features as the community and technology evolve.

**8 - Local and Regional Coverage** - FreeDMR NZ offers strong local and regional coverage with repeaters distributed throughout New Zealand. This ensures that users within the country can stay connected even in remote areas.

**9 - Customizable Talk Groups** - The network provides customizable talk groups, so users can participate in conversations that match their interests, whether they're local or international. Overall, FreeDMR NZ is a modern, flexible, and accessible system that offers a great way to explore digital amateur radio while engaging with both local and global communities.

Regards

**Phil ZL2RO**

Email [info@dvnz.nz](mailto:info@dvnz.nz)

Here is link to the FreeDMR NZ dashboard <https://freedmr.dvznz.nz>

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## Contests

It's been a quiet month for domestic contesting. However, it's a good time to be getting ready for the Microwave contest on 5/6 October and also the Oceania DX Contests on 5/6 (SSB) and 12/13 Oct (CW).

I gave a presentation entitled Field Days 2.0 at Westfest which seemed to go down well. It is aimed particularly at branches who haven't taken part in the Jock White Memorial Field Days for a few years (or ever!). Stuart ZL2TW and I are keen to get a few more entrants, so you'd like a presentation at your branch meeting (in person or via Zoom), please let me know.

**73,**

**Geoff ZL3GA**

[zl3ga@nzart.org.nz](mailto:zl3ga@nzart.org.nz)

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## Special Event Callsign ZM100DX

This article is to make you aware of the upcoming centenary celebration of the first trans-global antipodean two-way radio contact from New Zealand to the United Kingdom on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1924. This was between amateur radio operators 4AA (Frank Bell – Shag Valley, South Island, NZ) and 2SZ (Cecil Goyder – Mill Hill School, London).

Branch 30 NZART will be on-site at the Shag Valley site for approximately 1 week before the 18<sup>th</sup> October date and a couple of days afterwards. We will be operating as a field station on most HF bands (CW, SSB and FT8) and also on VHF DN690 (All Star access node 61891) and DN665 (IRLP 6507).

Please look out for the callsign ZL4AA on bands as mentioned above, which will be the callsign used at Shag Valley. (12<sup>th</sup> until 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024)

We will be attempting to recreate the original 1924 QSO on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**For further information please refer to QRZ.com and search for the special event callsign for this celebration: ZM100DX.**



This callsign will be available for operators throughout NZ to use by booking your favored time slots, operating band and mode. You can book these using the following link to a [Google Sheets document](#).

It is available from late September until 26<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and we look forward to your Branch member's support and participation with this.

**Please share this information with your Branch members at your earliest convenience as we strive to make this a successful celebration.**

Thank you for your assistance with this.

73,

**Alan Walton ZL4QC**

**President Branch 30 NZART.**

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## Longburn Table Sale – Saturday 5 Oct

Manawatu Branch is having their annual Longburn Table Sale.

See [here](#) for more information



## America's Cup Special Callsign

NZART has been asked to supply a special event call sign for the upcoming America's Cup to be held in Spain later this year.

The following are specific race days, however the call sign can be used from now until the 30th November 2024:

Preliminary Regatta: 22nd- 25th August

Louis Vuitton Cup Round Robins: 29th August- 8th September

Louis Vuitton Cup Semi Finals: 14th– 19th September

Louis Vuitton Cup Finals: 26th September- 5th October

Louis Vuitton 37th America's Cup Match: 12th October- 21st October

Reserve days are scheduled for the 22nd October through to 27th October if required.

ZL6AMCUP has been allocated to celebrate this event, with Phil Garside ZL2RO as the trustee of the callsign.

Please log all use of ZL6AMCUP and send to Phil: [zl2ro@xtra.co.nz](mailto:zl2ro@xtra.co.nz) for him to keep a record.

**Thanks**

**Phil ZL2RO**

## Around the Branches

[Napier&Hastings Branch August Newsletter](#)

[Northshore Branch September Newsletter](#)

[Christchurch Branch September Newsletter](#)

[Wellington Branch September Newsletter](#)

[Marlborough Branch September Newsletter](#)

[New Plymouth Branch September Newsletter](#)

Next Issue of HQ InfoLine

Kia ora koutou katoa (Hello)

The next HQ InfoLine is due on the 13th October 2024.

If you would like to share any events or report on any up coming activities, please send these through to me at [infoline@nzart.org.nz](mailto:infoline@nzart.org.nz) or [admin@nzart.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzart.org.nz).

The Next Official Broadcast will be made on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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