



NZART HQ INFOLINE ISSUE # 495

December 2024



From HQ...

***Many of you will no doubt now have received your November/December issue if Break In. You may have noticed that your name on the front cover has been replaced by your email address.***

***I can assure all members this was an error on the part of our mailing contractors, who in good faith have chosen to substantially reduce this months mailing invoice because of it.***

***Unfortunately, they have a new processing system, although we gave approval and sign off for the address labels, as they were presented to us, somewhere between their proofs and the actual file going to print a gremlin has snuck in and created this error.***

***Our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this has caused, Sara & I will make sure this little Christmas Elf, who decided to play a nasty trick on us all, is put to better use elsewhere!***

***Merry Christmas***

***Debby***

It's December and the silly season is in full swing!

With the end of the year fast approaching, two very important deadlines are approaching with it - remits & election nominations.

The deadline for remits to be submitted to headquarters, either electronically or by snail mail, is 31st December 2024. Any submissions after this date will not be accepted. Please send them to [nzart@nzart.org.nz](mailto:nzart@nzart.org.nz) or [admin@nzart.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzart.org.nz).

The discount period ended on the 30th November. For those who didn't pay within the discount period, please ensure you are paying the full amount for membership indicated on your invoice.

The conference committee has confirmed that conference will be held on Kings Birthday weekend 2025.

As per usual, there will be no Infoline or Official Broadcast in January, and they will resume in February 2025.

Thank you for the continued support of all our members and the hard work, dedication, and community spirit that keep amateur radio alive.

NZART wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays!

**Headquarters will be closed from the 23rd December 2024 and will reopen on the 6th January 2025. However emails/PO Box will be monitored up until 3rd of January for remit and election nominations.**

**Sara-Jayne**

*Admin*





## Election Information

### How would you like to improve NZART?

It is election year once again and the Returning Officer has called for nominations for NZART President & Council.

**The deadline for nomination forms to be submitted is the 31st December 2024.**

If you are considering putting your name forward, your nomination form must be completed and returned to HQ by this date. You can do this via post or email - [nzart@nzart.org.nz](mailto:nzart@nzart.org.nz), [admin@nzart.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzart.org.nz). If sending by post, please ensure it arrives at HQ by the first business day after the new year stat holidays.

Nomination forms can be found in the September/October issue of Break-In and in the link below.

We encourage you to put your name forward and wish all nominees the best of luck.

See [HERE](#) for the Election Notice

See [HERE](#) for the Nomination Form

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## FISTS Down Under (FDU) Award

To encourage more on-the-air CW activity and to create an easy goal for new-comers, FISTS Down Under (FDU) is sponsoring the following award for December 2024.

### **Basic Award**

Make at least 10 QSOs within 10 consecutive days in December. The 10 QSOs could all be on the same day.

### **Endorsements**

- a) At least one QSO per day for any 10 consecutive days in December.
- b) QRP (5W or less), QRPp (1W or less).
- c) Straight key, bug, or cootie.

### **Options**

1. Try for multiple categories.
2. Try for multiples: ie. 20 or 30 consecutive days, one QSO per day.

FDU will issue a certificate for those achieving the award.

### **Competitive form**

To add extra fun, we are adding a competitive component to this activity. Separate to the above Award criteria, calculate your score as follows -

1 point per QSO at >5W

2 points per QSO at QRP

3 points per QSO at QRPP

The top 3 place-getters will receive an FDU Coffee cup with their callsign.

Submit your log in electronic format by 7 January 2025. A photo of your paper log, excel or other format is fine. Queries and logs to Chris vk3qb using his email address on qrz.com. The award is open to all VK and ZL ops. You do not have to be a FDU member.

### **Philip ZL1PSH**

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### 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.

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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Around the branches



Otago Branch 30 HAM CRA

**Location:** ZL4AA Clubrooms.

109 MacAndrew Road, South Dunedin.

**Date:** 8th & 9th February 2025.

**Contact Information:** Alan Walton ZL4QC

[t462603@xtra.co.nz](mailto:t462603@xtra.co.nz)

See [HERE](#) for more information!

73,

**Alan Walton**

**ZL4QC**

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South Taranaki Radio Club in the local newspaper

South Taranaki Branch 87 has recently appeared in an article from 'The Post'!

You can read the article [HERE](#)

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Te Puke Amateur Radio Club Market Day!

**Location:** Paengaroa Community Hall

4 Old Coach Road, Paengaroa

**Date:** Saturday 8th March 2025

**Contact Information:** Syd Rowe ZL1LWR

sydrowe@xtra.co.nz

See [HERE](#) for more information!

73

ZL1LWR Syd Rowe

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Branch Newsletters

[Napier & Hastings Branch November Newsletter](#)

[Northshore Branch December Newsletter](#)

[Christchurch Branch December Newsletter](#)

[Wellington Branch December Newsletter](#)

[Marlborough Branch December Newsletter](#)

[New Plymouth Branch November & December Newsletter](#)

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## Next Issue of HQ InfoLine

The next HQ InfoLine is due on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

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

The Next Official Broadcast will be made on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

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