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From HQ

Debby says...Another great Conference is over for another year, special thanks to Rotorua Branch members especially Ted & Margaret Bretherton for hosting and organising this event for NZART.

Highlights of the AGM include:

Subscriptions 2018 – no change. A rebate of \$10 is applicable if paid by 30 November 2017.

Call Book 2017 – will be produce in hard copy this year, and is anticipated to be included with your Nov/December Break In.

Remit Results:

*Remit 1: Constitutional changes required for NZART to become charitable NZART Council –
Transmitting* **Carried on Voices**

*Remit 2: Constitutional change to Council Election Procedures
An amendment to this remit from the Marlborough Branch 22 to make the wording clearer was
carried on voices* **Carried on Voices**

*Remit 3: That any contacts made via a terrestrial VHF or UHF repeater shall not count
towards the N.Z.A.R.T. "Worked All Districts" and "VHF Century Club" awards, and any such
contacts shall be invalid for the purposes of the award.* **Lost on
Voices**

Awards 2016:

Break-In Article of the Year presented by Mark ZL2UFI Break-In Editor

Best technical article 2016 – ZL3IO Holger Hannemann

Best General article - Douglas Birt ZL1BFS

Best Columnist – Murray Greenman ZL1BPU

Each award winner received a certificate and a copy of the RSGB handbook.

*ZL1HV Jumbo Godfrey award; Pete Moore ZL2AUB, Laurie Winton ZL2TC, Heather Scott
ZL2TYF, Dylan Smart ZL2SAR.*

*Badges were present to 100% Examination pass 2016; Merijn Weehuizen ZL1MXW Br 28,
Walter ZL4EC & Estelle ZL4WAL Flanagan Br 28, James Buchanan ZL1JSAT Br 55 and
Wally Smith ZL1JLM Br 65.*

Rothschild Cup – Most successful examination passes Christchurch Branch 05 – 32 passes

*Best Examination Result 2016 under 18. Sponsored by Icom NZ; Matthew Woermann ZL3COG
aged 17, Result - 58/60 from Branch 05*

*Youngest Amateur Result 2016 Sponsored by Nelson Sound; Alice Bowler-Parkin ZL2EM Result
- 56/60 aged 14, from Branch 13*

Amateur of the Year; Kelvin Barnsdale ZL3KB

Update from the ALO on 220 MHz and 5 MHz

220 MHz

The initial information from the RSM appears that an amateur allocation was not considered although there were submissions from NZART and other amateurs.

The ALO will make further enquiries with RSM to pursue an allocation here.

It must be stressed that this is a region 2 allocation only and there is no obligation on the RSM to allow amateur use here even though this spectrum has been cleared by the Band 3 TV turn-off.

5 MHz

Although many other countries have had the allocation made at WRC-15 available things are not straightforward in New Zealand. The allocation for amateur use is on a secondary basis. The NZDF is the primary user here with several licences in the allocated 5 MHz band. The RSM will not approve amateur use here unless consent is given from the primary user. It is as straightforward as that: we have no automatic right at all.

The good news is that the ALO is working well with the NZDF to see if permission can be sought for amateurs to use the allocation on a non-interference basis. Once consent is given it will then be a matter for the RSM to add non-interference use by amateurs in this band to our GURL. It is appreciated that this is frustrating to those keen to operate on 60 metres but we are at the mercy of the primary user.

Website Update – Chris Hellyar ZL3LF gave us a comprehensive update on the new website, a lot of work has gone on “under the hood” which will result in a site which is much easier to use. It is hoped to have a facility on the website for the 2018 subscriptions to be paid online.

Conference 2018 – is to be held at Burns Lodge Mosgiel, Queens Birthday weekend 2018

Stirrers Award – Stuart Watchman ZL2TW for an unbelievable number of quips throughout the AGM.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2DL



Our Vice President making sure the President is properly dressed for the NZART AGM

ZL Winter Sprints

The ZL Winter Sprint will kick off on Tuesday 13 June 2017 at 8pm. The format is the same as the Summer Sprint i.e. work as many other stations as you can in an hour, with the first half hour being CW and the second half hour SSB. The exchange is signal report and outside temperature (if it is below zero then record the number with an "M" in front of it e.g. M1 is minus 1). Each QSO is worth one point and there are no multipliers.

The Sprint runs for six consecutive Tuesdays, the first three on 40m and the last three on 80m.

Logs must be sent to me within 24 hours of each round to be counted and scores will be posted weekly.

Recommended frequencies are:

40m: CW 7015-7035 SSB 7100-7150

80m: CW 3520-3550 SSB 3600-3650

The full rules can be found here <http://zl3x.com/zl-winter-sprint/>.

Island Life - Waiheke Amateur Radio Club - May 20 2017

Brent Simpson talks to John and Joe from the newly formed Waiheke Amateur Radio Club

To listen to the audio go to <http://waihekeradio.org.nz/content/island-life-waiheke-amateur-radio-club-may-20-2017>

OCAN



Promoting VHF-SHF Activity Across Oceania

OCAN is a series of regular weekday evening events designed to promote activity on the VHF-SHF bands. They are run in the form of a relaxed mini contest that promotes band activity on our under-used VHF bands, that gives an impetus to try something new, and gives reassurance that if you build something you will have someone to try it out with on a regular basis, versus listening to white noise for weeks!

OCAN is open to everyone in the OC region and we openly promote activity from some of the rarer OC entities found on VHF.

You don't need to submit logs if you don't want to. Simply enjoy the activity, but the primary aim of OCAN is to create an atmosphere where people can enjoy a bit of light contesting in an activity style environment. You can see the results of improving your station, may be try a new band or mode, or perhaps even get the local club involved, all in the knowledge that on a particular night there will be some activity from across Oceania on the bands to enjoy. For those who like to enjoy a bit of light hearted contesting we have created some sections to participate in and have some fun. We have made it easy to submit logs and at the end of the year we will hand out some certificates and a trophy to the winners.

Activity nights start in June so get cracking and we will see you on air for the first events in the next months

73 Team OCAN

For more information <http://ocan.online/>

Official Broadcast

The Official Broadcast is made on the last Sunday of each month except:

- December when the Broadcast is made on the Sunday before Christmas.
- January when there is no broadcast

The broadcast is made on 3900 kHz, and on the National System and local VHF repeaters.

The broadcast is made at 2000 hours (8:00 pm), with a repeat at 2100 hours (9:00 pm).

Members and Branches are welcome to submit material for inclusion in the Broadcast to the e-mail or postal address shown below.

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73, Jim ZL2BHF

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