

# NZART HQ INFOLINE ISSUE # 474 Dedicated to Amateur Radio in New Zealand since 1926

#### NZART Conference 3-4 June 2023 weekend:

Having achieved a quorum of 1270, the AGM commenced.

## Subscriptions

- Subscriptions for 2024 will increase by \$5, with Students incurring an increase of \$1.

0	Transmitting/Non-Transmitting	\$120
0	Family Transmitting/Family Non-Transmitting	\$30
0	Total for Family membership payable	\$150
0	Students	\$50
0	Overseas (excluding GST)	\$155

 A rebate of \$15 is applicable to Transmitting/Family, Nontransmitting/Family non-transmitting members only. Subs must be paid by 30 November 2023 to be eligible for this rebate.

### Call Book

- Call Book will be produced in December this year, digitally only and made available via the NZART website. If there are no privacy restrictions it will be released on the NZART web site. If this is not possible, a Call Book CD-ROM will may be the alternative.
- The Call Book Editor and Repeater/beacon/map Editor requests that branches ensure their details are correct on the website. Neill ZL1TAJ will only amend maps on request from a branch, as he is no longer going to chase branches for this information. All amendments need to be notified immediately.

#### **Examinations**

- The Study Guide for the NZART Examination Question is 95% complete. Categorising questions to align with HAREC requirements

and questions is approximately 40% complete. The final stage is getting RSM sign off and approval to go live. Updates on this progress via HQ InfoLine, the Official Broadcast and the NZART website.

## Office appointments

- Council approved the appointment of Stewart Robinson ZL2STR as the new NZART Awards Manager
- Council also acknowledged from Philip Sharp ZL1PSH his resignation and has therefore appointed his deputy Douglas Beale ZL3DUG to the position of Break-In Editor effective 3 June 2023. A reminder that close off for the July/August issue of Break-In is 10 July 2023.

# **Annual Accounts & 2024 Budget forecast**

- Stuart Burns, the new Association Treasurer reported a small surplus was achieved in 2022 compared to 2021. During COVID a higher rebate was offered which affected the bottom line. In 2022 this was reduced back to the normal rebate
- Term Deposit interest continues to increase. A recent term which matured on 7 June 2023 saw an increase from 3.5%, to 5.6%.

## **Remits**

- Remit one was lost on voices after considerable discussion, however the following motion was put and passed.

# Motion: NZART Council to create a digital copy of Break-In and make it available to the membership electronically.

- Remit 2 was withdrawn by the branch.

### **Future Conferences**

- Christchurch Branch 05 and surrounding branches have offered to host the 2024 AGM and Annual Conference at Kings Birthday Weekend (1-2 June 2024). Venue yet to be confirmed, however are considering a venue at Wigram Air Force Museum.
- Plans are well underway for the Centenary Conference to be held in Auckland in 2026. Regular updates will be available, although yet to be officially confirmed, the venue may be the Ellerslie Convention Centre.

#### **Awards**

The following awards were presented:

- Young Amateur of the Year Corban Paterson ZL1CAP, Branch 53
- Jumbo Godfrey award Lawry Carr ZL2HQ Manawatu Branch 20
- Youth Award under 20 best exam result Logan Costa ZL3XOF 57/60 aged 19 Christchurch Branch 05.
- Best Examination Result 100% Examination Passes:
  - Branch 02 Auckland; Andrew Creegan ZL1ACR,
  - Branch 05 Christchurch; Nicolas Lynch ZL3NLA, David Palmer ZL3CLV, Ian Thompson ZL3IVT, Jack Pribis ZL3JAX, Chris Dinh ZL3TTD, Robert Helps ZL4XP, Kaiwang Li ZL4KWL
  - Branch 12 Hamilton; Graeme Glasgow ZL1COD
  - Branch 20 Manawatu; Rhys Nicholls ZL2RH, Matthew Watson ZL2KDR
  - o Branch 78 Far North; Don White ZL1DEW
  - o Branch 89 Radio Electronics Group Philip Dew ZL2DEW
- Rothschild Cup Christchurch Branch 05 32 successful passes.
   Other branch results include, North Shore Branch had 19, Radio Electronics Group 15, Gisborne 13, Manawatu Br 11 & Dunedin 10!

## Break-In Awards:

- Best technical award, Alan Page ZL3UJY
- General Articles Award, Craig Crawford ZL3TLB
- Column Award, Geoff Clark ZL3GA
- Long Service Award, Simon Watt-Wyness ZL1SWW

# **Situations Vacant – Expression of Interest**

# NZART HQ Office Administration Vacancy

NZART is looking for a person to take up the role of NZART HQ Office Assistant. This new role is to provide replacement cover for the Business Manager/General Secretary from time to time, to cover for extended annual leave periods, sickness or other support as required.

The role is the same as that of the Business Manager/General Secretary but will exclude the role of NZART's Approved Radio Examiner (NZART ARX). This role will be undertaken by other members of NZART.

The purpose of this is for the employee to remain current with the day-to-day running of NZART HQ.

The role is that of a casual employee and is not a full-time role. It is expected that after a period of training working alongside the current Business Manager, the successful candidate will work a minimum of 10 hours per week, form the office of NZART.

If you wish to apply for this position, please forward a resume to Debby <a href="mailto:nzart@nzart.org.nz">nzart@nzart.org.nz</a>

### Other Officer Vacancies:

## NZART Administration Liaison Officer (ALO)

NZART is seeking expressions of interest in the role of ALO, to work with Richard ZL2FY.

In the first instance please contact NZART HQ for a job description, and then if interested, forward your covering letter and CV to NZART HQ. NZART Council will appoint the candidate after reviewing the supplied information.

## NZART Local Government Administration Officer (LGLO)

NZART is seeking expressions of interest in the role of LGLO. In the first instance please contact NZART HQ for a job description, and then if interested forward your covering letter and CV to NZART HQ. NZART Council will appoint the candidate after reviewing the supplied information.

### **Around the Branches**

# Whangarei Amateur Radio Club Annual Used Equipment Sale:

To be held at Whangarei Branch Clubrooms, Heritage Park Whangarei on Saturday 23 July 2023

- Doors open for sellers at 9am and buyers at 10am
- sausages, sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee on sale
- Auckland VHF group will be attending with a selection from their trading table.
- A large amount of good gear including electronic components will be on offer.
- Bookings for a (900mm) sales table at \$10 available contact Paul ZL1PC 021926952

**NB** There will be a sit-down hamburger meal at 5pm. Make your own with supplied ingredients. \$6 each. BYO drinks. Names to Rose Deverell ZL1WRD please.

# RWB Communications master agents for Icom, will be attending too.

We look forward to seeing you at this friendly social event. You might even find a bargain to add to your existing collection!

A. Walker ZL1AW Sec Br 28

### Contests

# **Straight Key Night**

New Zealand Straight Key Night (Winter Edition) will be held on Sunday 11 June from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm NZT on 80 metres.

SKN honours the original amateur radio mode in an easy-going style. Operators send signal report, name, location, type of key, type of transmitter and power output. Stations are limited to 100W output power.

SKN is not a contest - but the operator who gets the most votes for the quality of their sending will win the Bruce Scahill Best Fist Award. This certificate honours Bruce ZL1BWG, a dedicated supporter of SKN, who died last December.

Due to popular demand, this SKN will see the return of the QSY Rule. Any station that calls CQ must QSY after making a contact. This will keep everyone on their toes!

Full details about SKN are available at https://zl1.nz/skn or you can email neil@zl1.nz or call ZL1NZ during or after the NZ Net.

SKN is open to all straight key operators, regardless of skill level or speed. I hope to work you on 11 June!

Neil ZL1NZ, SKN Manager



## Next Issue of HQ InfoLine

The next InfoLine is due out Sunday 18 June 2023. If you would like to share any events or report on any upcoming activities, please send these through to <a href="mailto:nzart@nzart.org.nz">nzart@nzart.org.nz</a>.

The Next Official Broadcast will be held Sunday 25 June 2023.

Nga mihi nui. (Kind regards) Debby

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