



NZART HQ INFOLINE ISSUE # 486

From HQ...

I would like to welcome Sara Morrow the new Administrative Assistant to the team at HQ.

Sara will be working 20 hours per week for now but will cover me for any annual and eventually when I retire ...this will be a wee way off yet!

However, in the meantime, Sara can be contacted by email admin@nzart.org.nz, or by phone 04 939 2189/04 528 6487. Please welcome Sara and try not to ask too many curly questions yet.

As I mentioned last month, the close-off date for award nominations is the 1st May. Please send me your nominations as soon as possible for Amateur of the Year, Young Amateur of the Year or the ZL1HV Jumbo Godfrey Branch award.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2DL

In the future, please send all HQ InfoLine articles to Sara at admin@nzart.org.nz

NZART Conference 2024

Christchurch 1st and 2nd June 2024 - Air Force Museum of New Zealand,
Wigram

You will soon receive your March-April Break-In that has the registration form to attend the annual conference at King's birthday weekend.

Please check regularly at the conference website hamradio.co.nz as information is starting to be finalised and published. Email questions to: conference2024@nzart.org.nz

Roger ZL3RC has kindly taken over the publishing duties from me.

We look forward to seeing you in Christchurch!

Amateur use of 3300 -3410 MHz

Members will be aware that the Government has, for some time, been planning to use part or all of the 3.3 GHz band for cellular use and that NZART has been working with RSM to see what we can do to retain access to the band.

As a result of our submissions, RSM has agreed to allow continued Amateur use in the 3 300 – 3 410 MHz for the time being and General User Spectrum Licences (GUSLs) have been created in the RRF under Licence ID 404591 and Licence ID 404591 which replace the 3.3 GHz provisions in the current Amateur GURL.

Also, they have decided that they will no longer allow individual amateur beacons, repeaters and fixed links to be licenced in the band but have made an exception for the existing beacon operated by the Wellington VHF Group.

While, overall, this is good news, we must stress that there is concern in RSM that we could cause interference to the primary users of this spectrum and that sharing may not be feasible. As they said in a recent letter to us:

“ In providing this licence for continued Amateur use I would like to highlight the following points:

1. We continue to be of the view that co-existence between amateur radio services and broadband / mobile use on the same or adjacent frequencies within an area is challenging (likely unfeasible). Interference could impact both the broadband and mobile networks and amateur radios. However, we acknowledge that roll out of broadband / mobile

use may be progressive and happen over time, still leaving opportunities for interference free amateur use.

2. Ongoing amateur use in 3 300 -3 410 MHz will be secondary to the other use in the band and will be on an opportunistic basis. The new GUSL strengthens the conditions on not causing interference compared with the GURL.
3. We strongly encourage amateur operators to listen before they transmit or to check the Register of Radio Frequencies before commencing transmission. We trust that amateurs will take care to prevent interference to the primary users of 3 300 -3410 MHz band noting that the occurrence of interference can have a direct impact the broadband / mobile services being delivered (e.g. outage for customer broadband connections).
4. If we are receiving reports of interference issues occurring to the primary users 3 300 -3410 MHz band, we may cancel the GUSL and no longer allow amateur use, particularly if this becomes burdensome on RSM. The new GUSL highlights that the chief executive reserves the right to cancel this licence at any time.”

There is a clear message in all of this – if any Amateur misbehaves, we are likely to lose access to the band!

AREC – Winlink Weekly Check-In Net

A weekly AREC Winlink check-In net will be available to all Amateur Radio Operators

Winlink is the email operating software that is used throughout the world for emergency communication in the event of a natural disaster or emergency. Winlink is also used by many government agencies including military and humanitarian services on non-ham frequencies.

The very existence of Amateur radio is a result of providing emergency communications in a national emergency and it is prudent that all amateur

operators that are capable of sending an email to learn how to operate this software as it may be your lifeline in a communication blackout.

For more information, read [here](#)

ZL3NB Memorial Sprints

The ZL Sprints have been renamed the ZL3NB Memorial Sprints for April in honour of Bill Carney ZL3NB (SK) who was a good friend and regular participant in the sprints.

Held on Tuesday nights at 0800z (8pm) get prepared for 5 rounds of fun and frivolities (and some contesting).

The format is the same as in previous years, 30min of CW followed by 30min of SSB on 80m with an exchange of RST (always 599 or 5NN in CW) and your outside temperature. Work as many stations as you can in one or both periods, once on each mode.

This is a great chance to give CW a go as this is a laid back activity with a stylised exchange and speeds around 15 to 18wpm. Ops will slow down to your speed (hint hint).

The rules are [here](#).

73

Mark ZL3AB

Call Book:

As Editor I bear the responsibility here and sincerely apologize that Callbook is late. However, when you see the work I have done you will appreciate the hours I am putting into collating and ensuring accurate information is published.

If you have any concerns, please email me directly at zl2drv@gmail.com

Daniel Vandenberg ZL2DRV

President NZART

Callbook Editor

Around the Branches

Western Suburbs ANZAC Commemoration

Western Suburbs Branch 03 will be running a special station to commemorate ANZAC day. The station will run from 8am to 8pm on all bands. FT8 & SSB.

Grant ZL1GSM

Western Suburbs Radio Club

[Christchurch Branch March Newsletter](#)

[Marlborough Branch March Newsletter](#)

[Wellington Branch March Newsletter](#)

[Napier/Hastings Branch February Newsletter](#)

Next Issue of HQ InfoLine

The next InfoLine is due out Sunday 14th April 2024. If you would like to share any events or report on any upcoming activities, please send these to admin@nzart.org.nz.

The Next Official Broadcast will be held 31st March 2024

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