

NZART Infoline # 496

February 2025

From HQ...

Happy New Year and welcome back! It's a new year and things are already in full swing.

NZART wishes to apologize for the tone of messaging in Infoline #494 regarding the French Amateur Radio Event commemorating the end of World War II.

NZART has, and will continue to, acknowledge and honour all those who have served and sacrificed for our Country in times of war and peace.

To all who were offended or upset in any way by Infoline #494, we sincerely apologize.

The model branch constitution has been emailed out to branch secretaries. If you have any questions regarding the model constitution, please get in touch with us at headquarters and we will forward your query to the appropriate persons..

The new NZART website has officially gone live! There will continue to be updates and edits over time.

The membership area will be available in the near future. Emails containing login information will be sent out in small batches to current NZART members.

It is time for branches to submit nominations for conference awards! Please email your nominations to HQ at nzart@nzart.org.nz or admin@nzart.org.nz.

Info on the contests and their awards can be found on the [Conference Awards](#) page on the NZART website.

Conference this year will be held at the Lower Hutt Event Centre in Wellington on the 31st May- 1st June. Discount codes will be made available for accommodation at the Sebel Hotel (and possibly Angus Inn) for conference attendees. The conference website is due to be live at the end of the month.

Sara-Jayne

Admin



Voting Information

VOTING PERIOD CLOSES MARCH 20TH

Those who received their Jan/Feb issue of Break-In will have received their ballot paper and returning officer envelope enclosed with the issue.

Family members have been sent ballot papers in the mail.

We will be posting out ballot papers to those paying after 31st Dec 2024. However, the close-off date is the 8th of March. Members paying their subscription after this date will not be sent voting papers.

**PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BALLOT PAPER CAREFULLY.
OTHERWISE YOUR VOTE MAY BE INVALID.**

Radio Spectrum Business Update - Feb 2025

Feedback on Proposed Radio
Spectrum Licence Fee Changes

MBIE is seeking feedback on changes to radio spectrum licence fees. These fees recover the costs of managing New Zealand's radio spectrum regulatory system, including

maintaining the Register of Radio Frequencies, issuing licences, and investigating interference.

For the past eight years, fees have been set below actual costs due to a historic surplus. As the surplus is nearly depleted, MBIE is adjusting fees to ensure full cost recovery. The proposed changes shift fees from an under-recovering level to full recovery.

We are considering two fee options and want your input on:

- Your preferred option
- Alternative options you'd suggest
- How the changes may impact your business

The consultation is open until **5pm on 11 April, 2025.**

[More information about the Radio spectrum fees review 2025](#)

22nd IARU World ARDF Championships

The 22nd IARU World ARDF Championships will be held by the LRMD (Lithuanian Amateur Radio Association) in Birštonas, Lithuania, from August 16-22, 2025.

For more information, please refer to the URL below.

If someone in your Member Society

wishes to participate in the event,
please
submit a Letter of Intent
following the instructions at the URL
below. The deadline for Letters of
Intent is February 16, 2025.

<https://www.iaru-r1.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/22nd-IARU-World-ARDF-Championships-No.1-1.pdf>

An explanation of ARDF can be found
at the following URL:

<https://www.iaru-r1.org/about-us/committees-and-working-groups/ardf/>

73, Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP
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CWops Award for Advancing the Art of CW

The Radio Officers' Association (ROA) comprised of nearly 400 former professional Radio Officers, half of whom hold amateur licenses, highlights the history and accomplishments of more than 100 years of professional maritime and aeronautical radio.

ROA's ongoing efforts continue to preserve CW as a vital communications medium by serving as a repository of the history of the role of CW in maritime and aeronautical communications

They achieve this through their long-time journal plus many activities:

- Maintaining local ongoing CW mentoring and training programs and special events aimed at introducing youngsters to the art and value of CW;

- Running a regular CW net in which transmissions use (as much as possible) commercial Maritime Q-signals and abbreviations;
- Supporting wireless- and maritime- related museums such as the Marconi Center at the site of the first transatlantic signal sent on 12th December 1901.
- The ROA also supports other CW-related museum displays and activities, including CW Radio Rooms on the Planet Lightship, in the Rangefinder Tower at Fort Perch Rock Battery, and on the tug France Hayhurst.

These organized activities as well as others operated and supported by ROA members demonstrate outstanding commitment to the history and future of CW.



Stew Rolfe, GWØETF (left) presenting award to Bill Cross, GØELZ (right) at ROA annual meeting in Liverpool, England

CWops is pleased to announce that it is now accepting nominations for this prestigious award for the year 2025.

The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals, groups, or organizations that have made the greatest contribution(s) toward advancing the art or practice of radio communications by Morse code. Details about past recipients of this award can be seen at [CWops Award Winners – CWops](#).

Criteria - Candidates for the award may be one or more of the following:

- Authors of publications related to CW
- CW recruiters, trainers, mentors, coaches and instructors

- Public advocates of CW
- Organizers of CW activities
- Designers and inventors who advance the art or practice of CW
- Other contributors to the art or practice of CW

Note: The award is not limited to amateur radio operators or their organizations.

Nomination

Nominations may be made by anybody (not limited to CWops members). Nominations should be emailed to awards@cwops.org with a copy to secretary@cwops.org. An email confirmation will be sent acknowledging receipt of each nomination. In order to be considered, a nomination should be received by March 14, 2025 and include:

- Nominee's name, call sign (if applicable), and complete contact information including postal address, email address, and telephone number.
- A detailed explanation supporting the nominee's qualifications according to the above criteria.
- Complete contact information of the person submitting the nomination.

Presentation of Award - A plaque will be presented at the Dayton Hamvention. If a recipient is not present, it will be sent to them.

Rob Norman VK5SW - Youtube

I have been a licensed Amateur for many years and in that time have created my Youtube channel. It features many Amateur Radio music slideshows and videos and also shows well known personalities, inspiring people and various other subjects all of which are designed to uplift and entertain.

Please feel free to use any content on the channel as I hope it can further the hobby and inspire those who take an interest. Thank you.

Rob, VK5SW

[Rob Norman, VK5SW - Youtube](#)

Operation Manna 80th Anniversary

Look up Ph80man, gb80man and vk80man.

There should be info in what is taking place.

The dates are April 25/26 and 27th 2025.

If you need any more info the best place to go to are those in gb or the Netherlands as they are organising the event.

Keep safe.

Rob

**Vice President vhf group wireless
hill Perth Western Australia**

Jock White Field Day and Commonwealth Contest

Reminder for the Jock White Memorial Field Day next weekend, 22/23 February.

Also, the Commonwealth Contest 8/9 March.

Rules are on the NZART website Contests page.

73 and good luck in the contest!

Geoff ZL3GA



Parks On the Air

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

The dates for the next two official events are -

Spring Support Your Park. April 19-20, 2025

Summer Support Your Park. July 19-20, 2025

Happy POTAing

Philip ZL1PSH

Around the branches

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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