

NZART Infoline # 500

June 2025

There is only one NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION of RADIO TRANSMITTERS. It serves you at local, national and international levels. It deserves our full support if we are to continue to have the frequencies and operating privileges we currently have. *The association is what you and I make it!*



Visitors to NZART HQ Conference weekend.

From left to right back row: ZL2XZ, ZL3TMB, ZL3SI, ZL3TAO, ZL1HOG, ZL2RO, ZL2AJ

Front left standing: ZL2TYF,

Seated ZL4DK, ZL2DL, ZL2LS

Lying down: ZL4CDW

From HQ...

Website - Roll out for the Membership Log In area will commence on the 15th June 2025.

A Log in ID will be sent to you, at which time you can create your own password.

The process will take approximately one week as this will be limited to 100 members at a time, please be patient.

If you have not received notification to log in after two weeks, please

check your spam box. If there is nothing there from NZART, then contact me.

Highlights from Conference

On the Monday following the NZART AGM, Councillor Warren Harris ZL2AJ was elected by council to remain as Vice President. During Council's meeting with our Youth officer James Leadbetter ZL2TIN, the idea was floated that Council will create some "Official tid-bits" for Break In and HQ Info-line to give just a few micro insights into some of the projects and topics that Council works on in the background.

Council met with our Youth Officer James Leadbetter ZL2TIN and discussed the idea of creating a library of learning resources in the new member's area on the NZART website. James and Councillor Cam Wood ZL1DKS will work together on the creation of this. Please send any resources you have to nzart@nzart.org.nz.

Council briefly discussed a draft submission for spectrum allocations in the 40MHz and 70MHz bands. The ALO will work with RSM to progress this.

It was discussed by Council that certain perks of NZART membership includes significantly reduced costs for callsign services and also ELG services including repeater and beacon licensing.

ELG Team leader ZL2ASF advised that RSM have requested NZART branches to update their repeater, beacon and club call sign trustees. This is urgent, as it appears there are a number of silent keys whose names appear for branches.

If you are unsure how to do this, please send an email to Debby at HQ as she will be undertaking this ongoing.

Councillor Cam Wood ZL1DKS has been tasked with publicity/marketing, he has some ideas that will be developed over the next little while.

NZART Subscriptions will increase by \$5 membership category as follows:

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| Transmitting/non-transmitting | \$130 |
| Family trans/non-trans | \$160 Maximum |
| Student | \$10 remains the same |
| Overseas | \$175.00 |

An optional rebate of \$15 will apply if paid before 30 November 2025.

Call Book 2026

It was agreed that a full size printed centennial call book will be produced in Jan/February 2026 and be circulated to all current financial members at this time. This will be posted with their first issue of Break In for 2026.

The Call book compiler will be running a photo competition to used in the upcoming printed version.

Awards:

Present Jumbo Godfrey Award - Awarded to Jim Meachen ZL2BHF
Young Amateur of the Year 2024 - Awarded to Daniel Liddle ZL2DTL (sponsored by RWB Communications)

Amateur of the Year 2024 - Awarded to Soren Low ZL1SKL - citation can be read in next issue of *Break In*

Rothschild Cup – Christchurch Branch 05 – 35 successful passes.
Papakura Branch had 30.

Life Membership to NZART - Awarded to ZL2ATU Ivan Horn for his services to NZART as the QSL Bureau Manager and OTC Grand Old Man.

Break In Awards

Best Columnist – ZL1DKS Cam Wood, always writes interesting Youth columns.

Best General Article – ZL4BN series of articles from Shag Point

Best Technical Article. – ZL2BH John Elvey.

Copy for Break In is very slow, please send in whatever you can, everyone has something to share.

Remits:

Remit 1, passed on voices

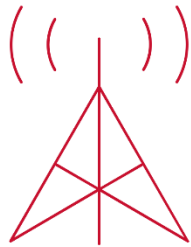
Remit 2, passed on voices

Remit 3, Withdrawn - this was written at a time when AREC was seen by Gisborne branch, to need a better mechanism for bringing in new people who don't yet have callsigns and may not otherwise have a need for them. This proposed certificate could have acted as a gentle introduction to a hobby for people who don't necessarily understand what they are signing up for, without putting them through the rigors of a ham cram that they are ill-prepared for.

Stirrers award: Stuart Watchman ZL2TW was the recipient this year – for so many little jibes throughout the meeting, calling point of order on at least three occasions.

Website Photo Competition - was won by ZL2KJT

Talk soon...Debby ZL2DL



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ALPINE FAULT NETWORK

The Alpine Fault Network (AFN) is a virtual team of New Zealand volunteer amateur radio operators passionate about disaster relief communications.

We prepare for all types of natural disaster, including earthquakes, tsunamis, tropical cyclones, storms, floods and wildfires.

Because natural disasters can happen anywhere, amateur radio operators located in all regions of New Zealand are invited to join AFN.

NZART members are warmly welcomed and invited to JOIN.

<https://afn.org.nz/>

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 date for the next official events is -
Summer Support Your Park. July 19-20, 2025

Happy POTAing

Philip ZL1PSH



Contests

I hope you enjoyed the Sangster Shield last month, please remember to submit your logs to Glenn ZL2KZ ASAP.

You will now be getting ready for the Memorial Contest in July.

Also, don't forget the wildly popular Winter Sprints will run every Tuesday night in August. Full details are on the Contests web page.

73

Geoff ZL3GA

On the International Scene:

Ham Radio 2025 in Friedrichshafen - 75th Anniversary

To Be held 27 - 29th June 2025

Callsigns in India have changed

New Amateur stations in India are now issued callsigns with new prefixes as follows:

General Grade: VU22.. to
VU29..

Restricted Grade VU32.. to
VU39..

The
suffix is of two alphabets - Old callsigns starting with VU2 & VU3 will
continue

The VU2 prefix was first issued around 1929 and VU3 in 1989

Yours sincerely,

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Important Update on the Whakapune 690 Repeater

The Whakapunake 690 repeater will have the addition of CTCSS tone 123.0Hz in the coming upgrade. All at Gisborne Branch 11 voted in favour of the addition. This tone addition does not come without its challenges. 690 is widely used throughout Gisborne, Wairoa and Hawkes Bay.

The change will not happen immediately, but it is suggested that the tone be added to your mobile transmit now and not later, doing this will not affect your current ability to use the repeater but will ensure your continued ability to use it when the time comes.

Cam Wood ZL1DKS

Gisborne Branch

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The next HQ InfoLine is due on 13th July 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

The Next Official Broadcast will be made on 29th June 2025

Ngā mihi nui (Kind regards)

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