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## **NZART Infoline # 502**

**August 2025**

### **From HQ...**

#### **Promotional Material for Amateur Radio**

I am often asked by members and branches if NZART or more specifically headquarters has any promotional material to 'give away' or hand out to potential hams at events.

The simple answer is yes, but only in the form of a brochure, that has an area in it to include your branch contact details. But I regret that is all we have.

I have asked for ideas and suggestions in the past about what promotional material you believe would be a benefit for promoting amateur radio.

I am still very keen to hear from you, if the price is right, we will endeavour to oblige. However, it was disappointing last year when

Sara asked for a response from branches to purchase their own flags. These were offered at a much reduced rate, as we were hoping to purchase in bulk, this offer has now lapsed.

### **Sub invoices 2026**

As mentioned in the official broadcast, I will soon be sending out the annual subscription invoices

These will be emailed to all members for whom I currently have an email address.

I aim to have this completed by mid-August. If you're unsure whether I have your correct email address, please send me an email and I'll be happy to check it against our database.

Last year, invoices were titled using your call sign. This was due to how the data was imported into Xero, our accounting software. I'm currently working through the membership list to include names on invoices this year. For joint memberships, the name of the primary member will appear on the invoice, but it will still include both call signs.

As always, payment can be made by direct credit — our preferred method — or by credit card. If you'd like to pay by credit card, please email or call me directly with your details. Unfortunately, we don't offer online credit card payments due to the high costs of providing that service.

An optional \$15 discount is available for joint membership subscriptions if payment is received on or before the 30th of November, 2025.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2DL

### **From the Vice President - ZL2AJ**

Hi all. Council is seeking submissions on a proposal to allow the use of SSB within the 30 m band. [Please see the attached proposal.](#)

Feedback can be sent to [warren@zl2aj.com](mailto:warren@zl2aj.com) . Please include 10 MHz band plan in the subject line.

Submissions to the proposal close at the 31<sup>st</sup> of August.

Thanks

Warren ZL2AJ

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## **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 people out in the parks and to have as much fun as possible. New Zealand currently has over 800 POTA parks and there will likely be a POTA park close to you. And there are more than 75,000 POTA parks overseas for you to chase!

The date for the next official events are -

Autumn - the third full weekend of October. October 18-19, 2025.

New Year - the first seven days of 2026. January 1-7, 2026.

Winter - the third full weekend of January. January 17-18, 2026.

Spring - the third full weekend of April. April 18-19, 2026.

Events start at 00:00:00 UTC and end 23:59:59 UTC on the days listed.

Past official POTA events have been very popular and the events listed above are likely to be. This popularity will give you many opportunities to make contacts, either as an activator or a chaser.

I hope to hear you on the air during these events.

73 Philip ZL1PSH



Hi all.

Please [click here](#) for your branch Newsletters or circulation, and in your branch nets.

Look forward to receiving registration requests from many.

I hope this is successful as it is in my head.

If I have missed branches from the coverage pattern please feel free to forward on.

Thanks.

Warren – ZL2AJ



## Contests

Reminder that the Winter Sprints are running each Tuesday night in August with your outside air temperature as the exchange. A lot of fun

and something for everyone: SSB, CW and FT4. Check out the rules on the NZART Contest web page or contact [contests@nzart.org.nz](mailto:contests@nzart.org.nz)

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## **International News**

### **Operating Patterns in Canada - survey by Radio Amateurs of Canada**

In 2021, Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) conducted a survey of radio amateurs in Canada. The survey focused on operating patterns among radio amateurs, including how active they are in various specific aspects of the hobby, the frequencies and antennas used, and some key demographics. There were 2,089 respondents, 78% of whom were members of the RAC.

Frank Howell K4FMH published a report that gives a full analysis of the survey data. The report is available

at <https://www.amateurradio.com/the-popularity-of-specific-operating-activities-among-canadian-hams/>. The report contains

many insightful graphics. Pages 31 to 36 of the report give a summary and the key conclusions for amateur radio in Canada. Some conclusions, especially those about demographics, could well apply to amateur radio in New Zealand.

Article provided by Philip Sharp ZL1PSH

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## **Ground Based Space Infrastructure Legislation and how it doesn't affect hams**

This is a subject most ZL hams won't even have thought about, but affects us by not affecting us... that said, those hams who have thought about it may like some reassurance, which is why I write.

*The Outer-space and Upper Atmosphere Activities Amendment Act 2025* was passed under urgency and was given Royal Ascent on 25<sup>th</sup> July. During its drafting, the Act had the possibility of making hams

communicating via satellites or the ISS a ‘regulated activity’, which would have required authorisation and paperwork.

Because the bill was passed under urgency, there was no possibility for public consultation. However, I was one of a very few people who were consulted on the Bill because of my work; during consultation, I was emphatic with the officials the need to protect hams from being caught up with the Act and I believe that I succeeded in so doing. Also, I arranged for the Minister for Space, Hon. Judith Collins KC to confirm to the House—and thus be recorded in Hansard—that amateurs communicating via satellites would not be a regulated activity.

In essence s49A(2)(b)(ii) of the Act says that hams communicating with a space object is not a regulated activity because it is a recreational pursuit or hobby and s49A(2)(b)(v) means that using amateur satellites for SAR and Civil Defence is also not a regulated activity. So, nothing changes for hams and we can all carry on using the satellites as we always did.

Anyone wanting to read the legislation should go to [www.legislation.govt.nz](http://www.legislation.govt.nz) and undertake a simple search for the Act.

73 de Robin McNeill ZL4IG

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## **Branch News and Newsletters**

[Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Market Day 30 August 2025](#)

[Manawatu ARC Table Sale - Longburn, 4 October 2025](#)

[Napier & Hastings Branch July Newsletter](#)

[Northshore Branch August Newsletter](#)

[Wellington Branch August Newsletter](#)

[Marlborough Branch July Newsletter](#)

And last but not least, just for a trial time - read the following:

[New Zealand & Australian Amateur Radio Magazine](#)



**The next HQ Info-Line is due on 14th September 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](mailto:info@nzart.org.nz)**

**The Next Official Broadcast will be made on 31 August 2025**

**Ngā mihi nui (Kind regards)**

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