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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!*

From HQ...

I do hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and new year, and now settled back into the usual grind.

As many of you are aware, Council has been under a bit of pressure, with the recent resignation of Daniel ZL2DRV.

Rest assured Warren ZL2AJ has moved seamlessly into the role of President and Council will soon appoint a new VP and Councillor to fill the current casual vacancy, so it's business as usual in this, our milestone centennial year.

Remits: There are four remits to be considered this year, these will be included in the March/April issue of Break In and the March edition of HQ Info-line.

Subscriptions: Although we are now passed the subscription expiry date, I can still accept your payment for subscriptions if you have yet to pay. And yes, you will receive the first issue of Break In plus all Book on renewal of your subs.

Debby ZL2DL - NZART Business Manager



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Centenary Activities Updates:

The NZART Centenary website can now be accessed from the NZART homepage website here: <https://nzart.org.nz/centenary/>
All celebratory activities will be announced as they near launch dates.

Conference Registrations:

The Conference 2026 registration form will be available in the very near future, from the NZART web site. It will also be included in the March/April issue of Break In

We appreciate that this is quite an expense to add to your travel and accommodation costs, therefore we are offering a three month payment option of \$100 per month, with the final payment to be made on or before 30th April.

Please advise me in advance if you are choosing to pay by this option, by emailing nzart@nzart.org.nz.

The full **Programme & Alternative Programme** will be available from the NZART website within the next month and published in the March/April issue of Break

An Introduction to our newest branch Digital Voice NZART Branch 404 (not found)

Mission Statement

“To promote shared learning and technological advancement in the field of digital communications and electronics”

Digital Voice NZART Branch 404 (not found) is to be a nationwide (and international if there is an interest) virtual branch, a branch only found on the internet. The branch will primarily serve as a membership hub for digital voices and secondly serve as an engine to grow and diversify the DVNZ radio network.

Core Values

404 will not serve to compete with other branches. The intention is **not** to take members away, but rather to offer another gathering place where digitally focused hams might find better support for their journey.

We know anyone can belong to many branches, however they must choose one for remit voting and election voting of President & Council. If they choose Br 404, they must advise the

NZART Business Manager in writing to transfer their branch affiliation from their current one to Br 404 and we welcome them with open arms.

404 will be flexible and move in whatever direction best fits its members, while loosely keeping within the territory of digital communications.

Special interest groups that don't specifically fall into the category of amateur radio such as IP networkers or mechatronics tinkerers are to be expected and encouraged.

There will remain a necessity for members to either hold or be working towards obtaining their General Amateur Operator's Certificate or international equivalent. Official roles within the club structure will not be gatekept.

If members who actively contribute show an interest in an official role then the current officers will help the interested member to understand the role and prepare them to step into the role at the next opportunity.

All interests that loosely fit digital radio/electronics will be supported as far as the club can reasonably do so, or endeavour to assist an interested party in finding the correct special interest group where the club is unable to immediately support it.

Our sole aim is to offer another option for amateurs who may or may not be members of NZART, that have a more digital approach to the hobby of amateur radio. Our branch callsign is ZL2DVNZ with the secondary call of ZL1DV

Finally we encourage all members of our branch to remain or join NZART
Any queries please contact
Flynn Bailey
secretary@dv404.nz

Check out the Contests Calendar on the NZART [web page here](#)

Jock White Field Day

Jock White Memorial Field Day Feb 28th and Mar 1st. Reminder that if you want to use a branch number in recess for FD, please coordinate through Stuart ZL2TW ASAP to avoid duplication/confusion.

This year there is an individual and a team that wish to participate as field station in the South Island.

There are no available branches in recess in their areas to use. For this reason I have allowed **temporary** use of non-allocated branch numbers: 91 and 92.

They are:

ZL2NEB temporary branch 91, Blenheim
ZL1GUD temporary branch 92, Canterbury

Any queries please feel free to contact me:
Stuart Watchman
ZL2TW
clareanstuart@xtra.co.nz

Commonwealth Contest (CW) 7/8 Mar this very friendly contest is exclusively Commonwealth countries and is a great way to nab some rare ones. Look out for ZL6HQ as it's a bonus station, even for us.

I have advised NZART that I will be stepping down from the Contest Manager role after the AGM. If you are interested in this role, please contact Debby nzart@nzart.org.nz

73 and good luck in the contest!
Geoff ZL3GA

The 2026 CWops Award for Advancing the Art of CW

CWops is pleased to announce that it is now accepting nominations for this prestigious award for the year 2026.

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 our past recipients (including the 2025 winners - VK2KI, DJ5CW, and OK1RR) 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. All nominations will be confirmed by email. In order to be considered, a nomination should be

received by March 14, 2026 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.

Riki K7NJ

k7nj@awinets.com

North Shore Radio Club Sale

Looking to score a bargain on quality radio gear, or clear out some surplus?

[Check this out](#)

The NSRC is hosting a massive sale on Radios and surplus equipment.

Whether you are after a new transceiver, vintage parts or just some tech inspiration, this is the place to be. They will have a huge variety of gear available and plenty of fellow hobbyists to chat with.

Where: 400 East Coast Road, Sunnynook, Auckland

When: Saturday 14th March 2026

Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Sellers: Got too much gear taking up space? Turn that surplus into cash.

Tables only \$20.

Bookings: Email zl1rpc@nsrc.nz to reserve your spot.

International News

February 10, 2026

Special notice

Starting February 13, the FCC will restrict U.S. amateur radio stations from operating at 100 watts on 5.357 MHz, limiting power to just 9.5 watts on that frequency. To continue operating at 100 watts, many U.S. DXers will move their FT8 activity to a new frequency: 5.371.5 MHz, effective the same date.

Operators are encouraged to inform friends, club members, and relevant news outlets about

this change to ensure a smooth transition.

While many other countries will continue using the original frequency, it is important to notify anyone planning DXpeditions of the U.S. shift to 5.371.5 MHz.

Joe Pater W8GEX

The 100th anniversary of the city of GDYNIA | 1926-2026.

The Board of the Pomeranian Field Division of the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK) in Gdańsk invites all amateur radio operators to participate in a radio award ceremony to celebrate **The 100th anniversary of the city of GDYNIA | 1926-2026.**

The sixteen-day radio event of Pomeranian amateur radio operators will take place from February 7 to 22, 2026. For radio contacts with the organizer's six special event stations and accumulating the required number of points, each correspondent will receive a commemorative eAward (PDF, format A4).

Please visit the dedicated website (<https://ot09.pzk.org.pl/akcje/100gdynia/100gdy.php>) of the campaign there are regulations for the anniversary award, including the eDiploma graphic design and QSL card templates.

A limited number of commemorative paper QSL cards will be sent only to correspondents served by QSL bureaus (please update your profile on the QRZ.com - from here we will collect data on who is served by the QSL bureau).

We cordially invite you to participate in our radio campaign.

Management Board of the Pomeranian Field Division of the Polish Amateur Radio Union in Gdańsk

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Please inform your members and radio friends.



OZ100OZ Award 2026

100 years since the first Legal Danish amateur radio license were issued.

In March 1926, the **Ministry of Public Works** finally decided to give experimental Danish amateurs access to build and operate private radio transmitting stations on a legal basis. Thus, Børge Jørgensen OZ7BJ and James Steffensen OZ7JS became the first two Danish radio amateurs to be issued a valid Danish broadcasting license and this happened in March 1926 - 100 years ago.

During 1926, more than 40 new OZ-licenses were issued, thus legalizing the use of their transmitting equipment.

Experimental Danish Radio Amateurs are celebrating this by activating an event from **1st March at 00:00 UTC to 8th March at 23:59 UTC**, where the call sign OZ100OZ will be on the air.

Activity can be followed here: <https://www.supersaas.dk/schedule/edr/OZ100OZ>

All two-way contacts and SWL reports count towards the diploma.

Contact with OZ100OZ on different bands or modes (CW, SSB or DIGI) counts 1 point. Max. 3 points per band.

There are three categories of diplomas:

DX: GOLD=8 - SILVER=6 - BRONZE= 4 (Stations outside Europe)

EU: GOLD=14 - SILVER=10 - BRONZE=6 (Stations in Europe)

OZ: GOLD=18 - SILVER=14 - BRONZE=8 (Stations in Denmark)

Please check that your QSOs are in our Log on <https://clublog.org/logsearch/OZ100OZ> before you submit an application! *Applications must be submitted no later than December 31, 2026.*

Print your own diploma

This diploma is free. Send an email to award manager oz4cg@live.dk with information about your callsign, as well as each QSO with date, time, mode and frequency. We will check the log and send an email with the diploma attached as a PDF file.

Printed and laminated diploma

The diploma costs 75 DKK. Send your PayPal payment together with the information mentioned above, plus your postal address, to "Laminate manager": ha@hand.dk

OZ100OZ QSL cards will be available

Use [OQRS Clublog](#) to order a card.

Questions regarding QSL should be sent to oz1acb@wiland.dk

Information can be found at <http://qrz.com/db/OZ100OZ>

Organizers:

Log manager = OZ0J - Jørgen – oz0j@oz0j.dk

QSL manager = OZ1ACB - oz1acb@wiland.dk

Award manager = OZ4CG - oz4cg@live.dk

Layout manager = OZ2i - oz2i@edr.dk

Branch Newsletters

[Napier & Hastings Branch January Newsletter](#)

[Wellington Branch January Newsletter](#)

[Wellington Branch February Newsletter](#)

[Christchurch Branch February Newsletter](#)

[New Plymouth Branch February Newsletter](#)

[Marlborough Branch February Newsletter](#)

Topfest - Save the date: Blenheim, September 19 and 20, 2026

Westfest is usually held in Murchison, alternating with Eastfest in Ashburton. This year it will be hosted by the Marlborough branch (with an appropriate title change!) in Blenheim at the vintage car club rooms, Brayshaw Park, [26 Arthur Baker street](#) in Blenheim.

Expect a further update around June when we will be asking for speakers.



The next HQ InfoLine is due on 15 March 2026

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 or admin@nzart.org.nz.

The Next Official Broadcast will be made on 22 February 2026

Ngā mihi nui (Kind regards)

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