

NZART Infoline # 508

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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...

Call Book 2026 - by now all current financial members of NZART would have received this year's centennial edition of Call book.

If your address details are not correct in this publication, then perhaps you have not advised Radio Spectrum Management (RSM). The Amateur Radio Register of call signs is owned by RSM therefore I nor any ARX are able to make these changes, it is up to you to contact them directly on 0508 776 468 or rsmlicensing@mbie.govt.nz.

This also applies to anyone not wanting their details to be publicly available, you **MUST** request in writing to the Registrar at RSM to have your address details withheld.

Conference Registrations & Information

We are having some difficulty linking the centennial conference website to the NZART official website, however registrations are open and can be made if you click this link to the conference

website: <https://nzart100conference.nzart.org.nz/>

You will see drop down menus at the top of the page for more information on what's on at this years milestone event for NZART.

Have you paid your 2026 subscription

Finally, if you have not received your Jan/Feb Break In & Call Book, please make sure your payment was sent to me. Please check this first and let me know, as I do know that NZ Post are becoming very pedantic about the accuracy of postal addresses.

That's all for now. Take care and see you next issue.

Debby ZL2DL - NZART Business Manager



We have come such a long way...in 100 Years!



Celebrate 100 Years of Amateur Radio In New Zealand with us by attending the Centennial Conference 2026.

Venue: Waipuna Conference Centre 58 Waipuna Road, Mt Wellington, Auckland

Date: 30 - 31 May 2026 plus an additional day Monday for sightseeing

Start: 9am sharp Saturday 30 May 2026

Accommodation: Is available at discounted price by calling Waipuna Lodge 09 526 3000 directly and quoting **NZART2026**, you cannot use this code if booking online.

Programmes are still being worked on, however to view the what's on for the enthusiastic Amateur and the Alternate Programmes, please [click here](#)

There is something for everyone.

Saturday night dinner is themed the Roaring Forties, so dress to the era if you can, there is a prize for the best dressed.

We will also be entertained by the amazing Madeleines, who will be singing songs from this era.

We hope to see as many of you as possible, this is a big milestone for NZART and it's members.

If you have any queries please contact

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IARU Region 3 ARDF Championship

Dear IARU Region 3 Colleagues,

Here is a follow up information on IARU Region 3 ARDF Championship to be held on 9-14 Nov. 2026 in Japan.

The IARU Region 3 ARDF Championship Bulletin No.1 has been posted on the ARDF Championship website. The deadline for submitting the Letter of Intent to participate is March 31, 2026.

For more information, you can find the Bulletin No.1 PDF file at the URL given

below; https://www.jarl.com/2026reg3ardf/book/2026r3_bulletin_1.pdf

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73, Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP
Secretary, IARU Region 3
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Dear fellow amateur radio operators in Region 3 and Member Societies,

Referring to the explanation from Grant VK5GR, HF Bandplan Committee Chair of IARU Region 3, the observed signal has been identified as a wideband FSK transmission with an approximate ± 8 kHz frequency shift, operating at a relatively slow symbol rate.

For more accurate observation, operators are advised to use an SDR with a minimum bandwidth of 10 kHz or wider, allowing the full spectrum of the signal—including both upper and lower components—to be clearly visible.

In this regard, we kindly invite all amateur radio operators, particularly members of Member Societies in Region 3 who have received this

signal, to contribute by submitting their reception reports through the Region 3 HF Monitoring System at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/iRAw8n1paRz2E8vP9>

Your participation is highly valuable in supporting further identification, technical analysis, and coordination related to this signal.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

73,

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President, IARU Region 3

2026 Auckland QRP weekend

Each year, IARU's Region 3 holds a QRP day on June 17 UTC. This day is an NZART initiative. To celebrate the day in 2026 and to promote QRP operations, there will be a Auckland QRP weekend on June 20 and 21.

The event is open to all radio amateurs and is not a contest. It is an opportunity to have fun with QRP operations. The two days of the event have markedly different formats. The aim for Saturday is to score points. The aim for Sunday is to achieve goals such as having QSOs on three bands, activating outdoor features, or having SSB QSOs with stations in four different Maidenhead fields.

The event runs 9am to 7pm NZST both days. (Sunset in New Zealand on June 20 and 21 is around 5pm NZST.) All bands from 630m to 3cm including the WARC bands can be used. The permitted modes are CW, digital, EME, satellite and voice.

A more detailed article on the weekend has been submitted to the editor of Break-In.

Philip Sharp, ZL1PSH

WWBOTA is going from strength to strength

The Worldwide Bunkers on the Air (WWBOTA) award program [1] has gone from strength to strength since it fledged in 2023. As of February 14, 2026, over 20 countries had national Bunkers on the Air award program under the auspices of WWBOTA. The total number of bunkers worldwide was just under 26,000.

As you might expect, WWBOTA is an activator - chaser (hunter) award program. The WWBOTA website [1] has the following introduction to the program

"WWBOTA is an exciting mix of amateur radio and history enabling radio amateurs to 'activate' with portable and mobile operations from historic bunker locations and for hunters and chasers to have QSOs with those activating stations (and should they wish to, to 'collect' the special 'bunker reference' numbers). Free awards for activating and hunting bunkers are available but it's also okay if you're not interested in awards but just want to get involved by having a QSO or shortwave listening. Whatever your approach – have fun!"

New Zealand does not have a national BOTA scheme. This means the bunkers in New Zealand can not be activated as part of the WWBOTA. However, radio amateurs in New Zealand can chase bunkers, either for fun or to collect awards.

If you are interested in chasing, I recommend spending a few minutes browsing the WWBOTA website [1].

[1] <https://wwbota.net/>

Contests

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

Reminder to get your Jock White Memorial Field Day logs to Stuart ZL2TW asap please. Autumn Sprints, coming up every Tuesday evening in April. SSB, CW and FT4, something for everyone.

Commonwealth Contest this weekend:

Just a reminder that the Commonwealth Contest runs next weekend, 14/15 March 2026. This unique event is a chance to work all your old mates (and some new ones) around the Commonwealth without the usual contest walls. It becomes a treasure hunt and we have some rare Commonwealth DX entities being activated.

This is amateur radio's oldest contest and we'd love your support, even if only for a limited time. The greyline periods on 80m and 40m are great fun!

The rules can be found here: <https://www.rsgbcc.org/commonwealth.Ink> And the RSGB have put up an informative page here: <https://rsgb.org/main/radio-sport/commonwealth-contest/>

Hope to see you in the contest this coming weekend - remember to work ZL6HQ (Operated by Mark ZL3AB) and the other HQ stations on each band for extra bonus points.

This year ZL3CW (or ZM1A), ZL4TT, ZL1T (ZL1ANH), ZL2RX and ZL4YY will form Team Kiwi - thanks guys and good luck!

73 and good luck in the contest,

Geoff ZL3GA

NZART Contest Manager

Evans Committee (Commonwealth Contest) member

Around the branches.....

Not much happening here folks, I need your branch input to make sure everyone knows what fun things you are doing in your branch.

Branch Newsletters

[Napier Branch February Newsletter](#)

[Marlborough Branch March Newsletter](#)

[Northshore Branch March Newsletter](#)

[Hibiscus Coast Branch Newsletter](#)

Napier Branch Newsletter February 2026



The next HQ InfoLine is due on 12th April 2026

If you would like to share any events or report on any up coming activities, please send these through to me at infoline@nzart.org.nz or admin@nzart.org.nz.

The Next Official Broadcast will be made on 29th March 2026

Ngā mihi nui (Kind regards)

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