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From HQ…
What a fantastic weekend at our Centennial Conference in Auckland, the weather stayed pretty warm and dry for the most part, but the many forums and display were enjoyed by a total of 188 registrants with a number who had not registered but came to see the displays and listen in at the AGM.
Joining us for our celebration was the IARU President Tim Ellam VE6SH, IARU R3 President Wisnu Widjaja YB0AZ and WIA Vice President Peter Schrader VK4EA.
Letters of congratulations were also received from the President of ARRL Rick Rodderick K5UR and President of RSGB Bob Beebe GU4YOX.

To summarise moments from the AGM:
Base subscriptions for 2027 will remain the same as 2026 with the following changes:
* Transmitting/Non Transmitting $130.
* Family $160 (i.e. additional $30 to the primary member)
* Students $30
* Overseas $110

Two discounts to the base subscription may apply

1. If you choose not to receive break in, you can claim $20 discount on the base subscription. Note this discount is not available to overseas

members as a paper version of Break In will not be available to these members.

2. If you make your payment on or before 30th of November 2026 you can claim a $10 discount off the base subscription. Note this discount is not available to student members.

- Remits results as follows:
Remit 1: Digital Magazine & Membership Category - Failed on voices
Remit 2: Access to Digital TV Spectrum - Passed on show of Hands
Remit 3: NZART HQ Procedure Manual - Failed on Voices
Remit 4: Electronic Voting – Schedule A –Passed on show of hands
Remit 5: Constitution clause 4.3 change - Passed on voices

- Awards presented
Amateur of the Year - Craig Crawford ZL3TLB
Young Amateur - Connor Brennan ZL4XY
Jumbo Godfrey Award - Chris Scott ZL4CS
Youngest amateurs of the year, both aged 15 who achieved a pass of 50/60, Haylie Graham ZL3HGR & Ezekiel Baillie ZL2EZY.
The 100% Pass Mark badge went to 10 successful candidates this year.
The Rothschild Cup - Christchurch Branch
The Stirrers award to Mike Barnes ZL3TMB

The Break In Editor Awards:
Best Columnist – ZL1AMH – Graham Hunt, created one hundred puzzles.
Best General Article – ZL1GA Gary Lodge
Best Article by a newly licensed operator. – ZL4XE Lisa Thompson

AREC Recognition Service awards were presented to:
Recognition of 55 years of Service: Murray Milner ZL2LB
Recognition of 52 years of Service: Ian Ashley Zl1AOX,
Recognition of 31 years of Service: Kevin Croker ZL3DAC
Recognition of 50 years of Service: Paul Rennie ZL2RE
Recognition of 46 years of Service: Steve David ZL2UCX
Recognition of 25 years of Service: Jim Nelson ZL3ND
Recognition of 50 years of Service: Cliff Gray ZL4AS
Recognition of 30 years of Service: Trevor Wignall ZL3ADZ
Recognition of 53 years of Service: Denis Browne ZL4DB
Recognition of 57 years of Service: Ian McLachlan ZL2IMM

Recognition of 50 years of Service: John Yaldwyn ZL4JY
Recognition of 46 years of Service: John Andrews ZL2HD
Recognition of 51 years of Service: Ian MacPherson Zl3TAO
Recognition of 25 years of Service: Warren Crawley ZL2FE
Recognition of 16 years of Service: Rob Wallace ZL2WAL
Recognition of 10 years of Service: Ryan Warner ZL1RKW

Most active new member: Tai Rimmer ZL2TAI.
Douglas Gorman Award to Andrew Brill ZL1COP

It is with sadness that we note Bill Girimonti ZL1BG who played a vital role in undertaking the conference webmaster position, became a silent key on the 5th June 2026, following a sudden heart attack on the Monday after conference.

NZART HQ will be closed:
The Office will be closed from close of business Monday 29th until Monday 20th July. For any examination enquiries, please contact Warren Harris ZL2AJ warren@zl2aj.com.
All other enquiries please contact your local Councillor.

Debby ZL2DL

The official 100 year History of NZART

The history book 'ZULU LIMA 100' was written by our very own Historian, Craig Crawford ZL3TLB.

The book was given to each registered conference attendee, although we have a limited supply stock, I have some for sale at HQ.

Please click here for more details and how to order and pay.

Software Defined Radio Conference 2026 - Adelaide

I am writing on behalf of Prof. Samuel Drake (VK5PHY) and the organising committee of the Software Defined Radio Conference 2026, hosted by Flinders University in Adelaide, South Australia, running 28 September – 2 October 2026.

First — congratulations on NZART's centenary.
One hundred years of organised amateur radio in New Zealand is a remarkable achievement, and we would like to be part of the celebration.
We would be honoured to invite NZART to deliver a presentation at our conference — by video link — on the contribution of New Zealand amateur radio to science, engineering, and citizen science over the past century, and where the next century is heading.

Why we're reaching out!
Our conference is hosted by the College of Science and Engineering at Flinders University, and our organising team is drawn from the PEWTER Centre (Professional Electronic Warfare Training, Education and Research).
Every member of our academic staff holds an amateur radio licence — including our conference lead, Prof. Samuel Drake (VK5PHY), Professor of Electromagnetic Systems & Spectrum Security and co-director of the Centre for Defence Electromagnetic Research and Training.

We are not observers of amateur radio from the sidelines — we are active operators who are building the case within the engineering and defence communities that hands-on RF experience through amateur radio is foundational to understanding electromagnetic systems.

A central theme of our 2026 conference is bridging the gap between amateur radio communities, academic researchers, and professional engineers.
New Zealand has produced extraordinary contributions to this space — from the KiwiSDR (designed and built in NZ by John Seamons, ZL4VO, now a global network of 800+ receivers used in peer-reviewed ionospheric research), to the University of Otago's distributed VLF sensor networks, to the worldwide adoption of digital weak-signal modes like FT8 championed by NZ operators.

NZART sits at the centre of that story, and your centennial year makes this the perfect moment to tell it.

We see two opportunities:

1. A presentation at our conference

We would welcome a talk on any aspect of NZART's work — past, present, or future. Topics that would resonate strongly with our audience include, but are not limited to:
- 100 years of NZ amateur radio and its contribution to radio science and engineering
- How amateur radio operators in New Zealand are contributing to citizen science today — propagation studies, WSPR/FT8 data, distributed sensing
- The role of amateur radio in developing the next generation of RF engineers and scientists
- The future of amateur radio in an increasingly software-defined world
- NZ amateur radio's unique position in the Pacific — propagation, remote sensing, and emergency communications

2. Cross-promotion between our conferences
With your centennial conference in Auckland (30 May – 1 June) and our SDR conference in Adelaide (28 Sep – 2 Oct), there is an excellent opportunity for mutual promotion.
Our audiences overlap significantly — academic researchers, RF engineers, and radio amateurs and we would be happy to promote your centennial events to our attendees and networks if you would consider doing the same.

Conference context:
This is the second time we have run this conference, with the inaugural event held in conjunction with GNU Radio — https://events.gnuradio.org/event/27/.
The 2026 program covers FPGA/DSP for SDR, antenna systems, direction finding, TDOA geolocation, AI/ML in signal processing, and spectrum operations.
Our audience includes academic researchers, defence engineers, and a strong contingent of radio amateurs and citizen scientists from across Australia and internationally.

- Format: Video presentation (live or pre-recorded, your preference)
- Duration: Minimum 25 minutes, happy to extend to 50 minutes

- Dates: Any day during 28 September – 2 October 2026 (we will schedule around your availability)

More about Prof. Drake: https://www.flinders.edu.au/people/samuel.drake

We would be delighted to discuss this further at your convenience.
Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Around the branches:
Hawkes Bay ARC are hosting a Ham Cram weekend over the 27/28 June 2026. Enrolments must be in by Monday 22 June.
For more information please click here.

Hamilton ARC Market Day will be held 29th August 2026.
For more information, please click here:

Topfest: Call for speakers

This year Westfest has changed venues and names: Topfest is being held in Blenheim on Saturday and Sunday September 19 and 20 at the vintage car club rooms, Brayshaw Park, 26 Arthur Baker street.

If you would like to deliver a talk we would love to hear from you.

Expect a further announcement in August.

Nick Batt ZL2NEB and Stuart Watchman ZL2TW

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Contests:

We hope everyone enjoyed the Sangster Shield contest and are now looking forward to the Memorial Contest on 4th July.

Situation Vacant:
Contest Manager urgently required, as Geoff ZL3GA has now resigned from the position.

Branch Newsletters

North Shore Branch June Newsletter

Napier Hastings Branch May Newsletter

Marlborough Branch June Newsletter

Wellington Branch June Newsletter

Christchurch Branch June Newsletter

The next HQ InfoLine is due on 12th July 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 28th June 2026
Ngā mihi nui (Kind regards)

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