



New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters

ZL1AA - AUCKLAND BRANCH 02

JULY

2014

👉 Simon Watt-Wyness, ZL1SWW 👈
SATURDAY JUL 19 @ 13:00 Hrs
BBQ at 1200

Informative talk about Routers
Club Room will be open at 10:30 AM

Simon Watt-Wyness, ZL1SWW, Data Network Engineer by day, Microwave enthusiast by night, will give us the ins and outs of network routers, and switches.

Notice: Nominations / Election

As the general membership is aware, as previously reported, Steve, ZL1FS, due to circumstances unforeseen, has resigned from the office of Vice President. Your Committee would like to thank Steve for his years of service to ZL1AA in the Vice President role.

This notice is hereby given to announce a special election for Vice President to be held Saturday 19 July at the ZL1AA Clubroom. Nominations will be accepted at this time for candidates. Wes Printz, ZL3TE has accepted nomination by the Committee for this position. You are welcome to nominate other members as long as they accept the nomination.

NOTICE: SPECIAL ELECTION 19 JULY!

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Branch 02 Clubroom is located at
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Kohimarama, Auckland
(Off the beaten track / main road)

Google Earth:
36.869730s, 174.843860e

Clubroom is open every Saturday from
1030 hrs for members and guests to drop
by for coffee and a chat! .

General meetings are held on the third
Saturday of each month at 1330 hrs (except
Dec / Jan).

Committee meetings are held on the first
Tuesday of each month at 1930 hrs. ALL
paid members are welcome to attend.

Affiliations:
10-10 International
NZART
AMSAT-ZL

Club nets:
Monday:
3.645 MHz @ 2000 Ray, ZL1AJR NCO
Thursday:
145.775 MHz @ 2000 Ray, ZL1AJR NCO

10-10 Down Under Chapter Net:
28.530 MHz 2230Z Fridays
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SUBSCRIPTIONS

❖ Subscription Rates:

- Regular \$45 (discounted with a \$5.00 raffle ticket if paid by 31st March 2014)
- Youth Rate \$20
- ❖ Post to PO Box 18003, Glen Innes, Auckland 1743, direct credit may be made into our bank account 12-3047-0076823-00, or pay the Treasurer or Secretary at the clubrooms.
- ❖ A pro rata rate is offered to a new member joining part way through the year. The financial year runs from 1 December to 30 November
- ❖ Receipts will be distributed either in person at meetings or via mail/E-mail.
- ❖ Branch financial year currently runs from 1 December to 30 November.
- ❖ A current Membership Application / Renewal Form is required with all payments to assist with accurate record keeping. Available from the Secretary, or by download http://www.qsl.net/zl1aa/br02_mem_form.pdf
- ❖ All members' information is kept confidential unless approval is given for it to be released.

Newsletter material submissions are welcomed and appreciated by your editor. You may submit material in a variety of file formats: .TXT .DOC, or just plain old E-mail. Photos are accepted also. Please submit material via E-Mail to: ZL3TE@dxer.com I will use what I can with the space available at the time of newsletter editing.

Auckland Unitary Plan Update

Further to the last Unitary Plan Update of 27 February from Douglas Birt, ZL1BFS, I would like to let you know what happens from here onwards. A comprehensive submission on behalf of all Auckland amateur radio operators was submitted on 27 February and has been received by the Auckland Council Unitary Plan Team.

The submission and its associated attachments can be found at www.qsl.net/zl1bq - look for the tab saying "**Auckland Unitary Plan**" and then go to the yellow and blue folders to view the information. This submission represents a lot of hard work by Douglas Birt ZL1BFS, Peter Loveridge ZL1UKG, Mike Newman ZL1BNB with assistance from Brian Heywood ZL1IE and Graham Barton ZL1GMB. My sincere thanks to these individuals for their time and effort resulting in a very comprehensive submission.

What happens now? The Council will publish all submissions online by the end of May, along with a summary report of the decisions requested in them. The submissions will be indexed and searchable by submission number, name, local board and theme. The summary report will be publically notified, marking the start of a further submission period.

The Submission Status

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Looking for something to do on the weekend? Need to fill some more DXCC Challenge slots? work new Countries, work new modes? Why not operate a short while in a contest. There are several to choose from. More Information can be found here:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/weeklycont.php>

Jul 11-18

- IARU HF World Championship: Jul 12 / 13
- CWops Mini-CWT Test: Jul 16 / 17
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB Jul 16
- NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint: Jul 17
- QRP Fox Hunt: Jul 17
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Jul 19-26

- VK/Trans-Tasman Contest: Jul 19
- DMC RTTY Contest: Jul 19/ 20
- NA QSO Party, RTTY: Jul 19/20
- CQ Worldwide VHF Contest: Jul 19/20
- RSGB IOTA Contest: Jul 26/27

Every Month: NZART Official Broadcast: 3900 kHz LSB last Sunday of month at 2000hrs and at 2100hrs. (Also broadcast on the National Link and available on the NZART Website).

Auckland Branch 02, NZART (Inc.)
Minutes of General Meeting

Date / Time / Place: Saturday 17th May 2014 / 1355 hours / Clubroom

Attendees: George ZL1TUJ Presiding, Steve ZL1FS, Wallace ZL1WAL, Ray ZL1AJR, Logan ZL1LMN, Bob, ZL1AFU, Gwynne ZL1AAR, Ayman ZL1AK, Selwyn ZL1BRC, and visitors Graham ZL1TOF and Vaughan ZL1VH as per the Attendance book.

Apologies:

Minutes: of the General meeting on Saturday 15th February 2014 (See Newsletter March 2013)

Taken as read and approved ZL1WAL / ZL1AJR

Correspondence In:

* NZART: Polling for preferred format for next Call-Book. A print run of 2100 for 10 pages costs \$47,000

o Arising: The 2013 CD Rom is not friendly. No person admitted to having used it.

o A B4 printed list of Licencees is preferred, that is, do not print the technical data.

* Douglas Birt: Update about deadline (mid July) for Members to make supporting submissions to the NZART submission to the Auckland Council Unitary Plan. See web page <http://www.qsl.net/zl1bq/page13.html> for details of NZART submission.

o Arising: Secretary is authorized to send a list of Members and their e-mails for this purpose.

* NZART list of financial Members entitled to vote on Remits.

o Arising: 7 Members present are entitled to vote on the remits today.

o Branch Membership statistics:

Attached	Financial	Unattached	Life	Not paid yet	Unknown attached
57	33	includes 8	4	11	26

* NZART- HQ Membership promotion. Branches may earn half of the sub if they persuade a lapsed Member to renew his NZART Membership.

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

Correspondence Out:

* NZART update of Call-book Branch Directory

* Web page: Update of phone number 528-1177 for Gwynne as our Contact person.

* Suburban Newspapers: ditto.

Finance: The Treasurer tabled the year to date Accounts. These had not been presented at the last Committee meeting. Donations received amounting to \$925 from Members for the Fighting fund.

Received ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

Remits:	Subject	For	Against
1:	Councilors stick to governance issues	0	7
2:	Change Constitution to require a "Review" of Accounts	7	0

Delegate to NZART AGM and Conference:

* Gwynne Rowe ZL1AAR is appointed as Branch Delegate. He should vote on these remits as per above, and on other matters at his discretion.

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

General Business

* Reports:

o The raffle for the 2013 hardcover ARRL Handbook was won by Paul ZL1AJR

o Vaughan outlined NZART matters: The NZART web site will host a Members only forum.

* **Remotely operated station.**

* The Policy document under review by the Committee allows "receive only" operation on 3.645 Mhz to enable Members to listen to the Branch HF net on Monday evenings at 2000 hours.

* The setting of host RCForb allows only Committee Members to tune the Station and to transmit.

* Responses need to be sent to 173 overseas Hams who have applied for Membership / privileges.

* The Branch is required to admit only NZART licencees.

* A new class of Membership is being considered. However a change to the Branch Constitution - and permission by NZART - will be required before this can be put to a Special General Meeting.

* ZL1VH offered to liaise with RSM to seek permission for overseas CEPT Licencees to transmit along similar lines as ruled in US and Canada, viz:

Foreign CEPT and IARP operators visiting US and Canada

1. Must have operating privileges in the respective country.

2. Must identify with the appropriate US or Canadian Country Prefix and Zone (Region) PRIOR to their call sign.

3. Must observe restrictions concerning the third party use of their equipment.

4. Must adhere to the operating powers and frequencies of their country's license AND the country they are operating in.

5. A reciprocal agreement must be present and in good standing between the two countries.

Meeting closed at 15:04 with afternoon tea and banana cake baked by Wallace ZL1WAL on his birthday.

Auckland Branch 02, NZART (Inc.)
Minutes of General Meeting

Date / Time / Place: Saturday 21st June 2014 / 1300 hours / Clubroom

Attendees: George ZL1TUJ Presiding, Steve ZL1FS, Wallace ZL1WAL, Ray ZL1AJR, Logan ZL1LMN, Gwynne ZL1AAR, Selwyn ZL1BRC, Simon ZL1SWW and Jeff ZL1TOU as per the Attendance book.

Apologies: Ian ZL2ATD, Robert ZL2RED

Sustained ZL1WAL / ZL1AJR

Minutes: of the General meeting on Saturday 17th May 2014 did not appear in the June Newsletter, nor was a printed copy available to be presented at this meeting.

To be carried over to the next General Meeting

Correspondence:

* State Insurance: We questioned why they had ignored our request (made 30 September 2013) for 6monthly billing; they replied offering only monthly if paid by Direct Credit.

* Supporting submissions may now be made to Auckland Council Unitary Plan. Get forms from ([blue icon](#)) <http://www.qsl.net/zl1bq/page13.html> print, sign and post by 22nd July 2014.

Finance:

* The Treasurer tabled the year to date Accounts as presented to the Committee Meeting on 7th June.

Received ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

* Approval to pay State Insurance \$579.16 (being over \$300.00).

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

* Approval to set up Direct Credit to pay this premium monthly in future.

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1AJR

General Business

* At the next General Meeting on 19th July we shall hear an address by Simon ZL1SWW about Routers.

* A vote of thanks was recorded for the donation of 1 cubic metre of concrete by Atlas Concrete Ltd for the base of the 15 metre high Nally fold-over crank-up tower.

* Ross Scarborough was commended for his leadership on this project.

* Steve will arrange for a hoist to be on site on 5th July so as to position the pedestal and lattice tower.

* Associate Member ship was granted gratis to John (the Atlas Truck driver) this year.

The meeting closed at 13:25 followed by an address by Vaughan Henderson ZL1VH on the subject of

Redesigning receivers for 2m ARDF (fox hunting) events

Whilst this sport is popular in a number of overseas countries, in NZ it does not have a wide following. One reason may be because good equipment is not readily available. This shortage has encouraged Vaughan to design /produce a receiver (sniffer) which will suit our conditions. While not yet a reality, quite some considerable thought and investigation has been made for components and availability.

Fox hunting requires 5 transmitters ('foxes') and a number of receivers ('sniffers'). It is the latter that are being developed. The two main components for a 'sniffer' are the aerial and the receiver, either AM or FM (Overseas, AM is the predominant mode).

The Aerial; the HB9CV 2 element Yagi has proved to be simple and successful. These may be combined with a range of receivers of various designs with costs generally NZ\$130 - \$150 but some may cost up to NZ\$700 each. British, Australian, Japanese, and Chinese designs and kits are out there, but none quite meet the idea that Vaughan has in mind to suit NZ.

Hopeful specifications for a NZ 'sniffer' would include

1. High sensitivity; up to 5km range
2. Fairly good selectivity.
3. Wide dynamic range to cope with the weak and strong signal.
4. PLL tuning or Xtal. However availability of suitable Xtals in small numbers (< 100) is not too readily available.
5. S meter readout.
6. Front end attenuator.

The full specification above may prove too expensive for the NZ 'sniffer'. A price of \$100 or so is desired.

Discussion continued around the subject and club members thanked Vaughan for being with us and telling us about his project.

Notes taken by Gwynne Rowe ZL1AAR.

Auckland Branch 02, NZART (Inc.)
Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date / Time / Place: Tuesday 1st July 2014 / 1945 hours / Clubroom

Attendees: George ZL1TUJ Presiding, Wallace ZL1WAL, Steve ZL1FS, Ray ZL1AJR, Wes ZL3TE, Japie ZL1JJN, Logan ZL1LMN, and visitor Selwyn ZL1BRC

Apologies: Gwynne ZL1AAR.

Sustained ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

Minutes: of the previous Committee meeting on Tuesday 3rd June 2014

Arising: Only 2 sets of 5 crystals (3.51, 3.52, ... 3.55 MHz) have been ordered. More will be needed.

Correspondence In:

- * Newsletters: Franklin, North Shore (by post); Hibiscus Coast; Auckland VHF Group (by e-mail)
- * Douglas Birt - Submissions to Auckland Council Unitary plan have been published
- See <http://www.qsl.net/zl1bq/page13.html> then download the forms under the blue tab
- * ZL1 QSL Bureau: Five bundles
- * Western Bay of Plenty: Receipt of our support for Jacky's Resource Consent Application
- * State Insurance: Monthly billing is offered provided that we authorize direct debit
- * Gwynne - notes of Vaughan ZL1VH address about ARDF 2m sniffer project
- * Selwyn - suggestions about fixing K3, blocking mice, qsl cards, etc.

Correspondence Out:

- * Wes ZL3TE - Contributions to the July Newsletter:
 - o Minutes of May and June General Meetings
 - o Photos of tower project in progress
- * Western Bay of Plenty: Support for Jacky's Resource Consent Application to erect small tower.
- * Auckland Council - Submission made to support NZART Submission (3 pages)
- * Andrei - Web page to describe ARDF (Fox hunting) - required by Orienteers for their summer events
- * Higgins - Mow lawns less frequently in winter please
- * State Insurance - Asking why they ignored our request for 6 monthly billing.

Received and approved ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

Arising: Treasurer is to begin investigating alternative insurance for the following year.

Finance:

- * Finance Report. Taken as read and accepted ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ
- * Expenses: Insurance premium \$579.16 already approved (being over \$300) at June General Meeting.
- * Equipment for sale: Approval (being over \$300) required by General Meeting
 - o Decided not to sell the Kenwood 570D, but use it for training new Members
 - o Kenwood 450 This may be taken on approval for 2 weeks
 - o Kenwood 480HX (200 watts) no power supply. \$1,300 to break-even. Trademe asking \$1,600
 - o Yaesu FT101E
 - o Atlas 350XL with power supply.

General Business:

- * Progress reports:
 - o Maintenance
 - * Plumbing - Tub installed at backdoor and leak has been fixed
 - * Vermin - some traps have been set with pumpkin seeds as bait
 - * Painting north wall - to be scheduled
 - * Poles for existing antennas / other poles - to be scheduled
 - * Tidy up clubroom - carpet has been cleaned
 - * Level floor - to be scheduled
 - * Blown fuse - Steve has located problem in the wall behind the microwave
 - * Batteries have had to be recharged from separate supply.
 - o Computers :
 - * All working OK after minor faults (mice and dust)
 - * HDMI cable for large monitor was supplied by George
 - * Printer cartridges. Wallace has refilled the cartridges but they need sonic agitation.
 - o Remotely operated station:
 - * It is working. Local Members are urged to listen on 3.645 MHz Monday 2000 hours
 - * Repair / install mods for K3 - George intends to get this done soon
 - * Overseas applicants are being put on hold meanwhile.
 - o QSL newly received cards have been sorted and may be collected.
 - o Tower: 5th July - Truck is booked to hoist the pedestal. The lattice structure is to be done later.
 - o Nets:
 - * George will call in to ZL1BQ 146.625 MHz on Sunday nights 20:15 hours

* Monday and Thursday nets - Incentive award discussed for Members to call in.

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Minutes of Committee Meeting 1 July 2014 (Continued)

- * Monday and Thursday nets - Incentive award discussed for Members to call in.
- o Copier: George will provide a small copier until the paper jamb in the Ubix is cleared.
- * Trustee and Vice President. Notice of election for these positions will be given in the next newsletter for the General Meeting on 19th July. Wes ZL3TE has accepted nomination. Recommended ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ
- * Future Events:
 - o 5th - 6th July Memorial Contest - Wallace will roster operators for 2000 - 2300 each evening.
 - o 19th July Simon ZL1SWW - His subject will be "Routers"
 - o Reschedule ARDF Competition - Date (spring) / location to be decided after equipment proven
- * Membership:
 - o New Member Ken Lawrence ZL1TJL in Remuera
 - o Assignment of tasks required for Members attending on Saturdays
- * Other business:
 - o Speculation about the future of this section was discussed, based on snippets of information from various sources. We have been assured that a lease will be drawn up for us.

The meeting closed at 2150 hours with supper provided by Ray ZL1AJR.

VK/ trans-Tasman Contests

Multi-Mode contest: Third Saturday of July (19 July 2014)

The Multi-Mode contest combines 160m phone and 80/160m CW & Digital on the same night, and may be entered as 160m phone only, 80m CW only, or various combinations including Multi TX. See website for categories.

Both contests are run as 6 one-hour blocks, from 8 UTC to 14 UTC.
The best 5 hours count toward the final score.

See the rules below for details and this years changes to the scoring system:
<http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/transtasman/>

Aim Of The Contest

The main emphasis of the contest is on making trans-Tasman and trans-continental contacts.

The 6-hour contests are not intended to be either sprints or marathons, but to provide a good evenings contesting without too much intrusion on family life or sleep time. The format is intended to be suitable for both the serious and the novice tester, with a friendly and relaxing atmosphere.

The scoring system rewards contacting as many different call areas of VK and ZL as possible. Bonus points are awarded each hour for every group of 5 different call areas.

The points tables reflect typical propagation during the contest, accounting for distance and band, and also allows for differences in propagation with time zone. Selecting the best 5 hours of the 6 allows for poor propagation in the west in the first hour, and late nights in the east.

The 80m phone contest is always popular, and the second night's mix of 160m phone, and 80m&160m CW and Digital modes, has something for everyone, and plenty to offer a multi-op station as well! So extend the dipole, fire up the PC, or break out the paddle and have a go!

INTERMITTENT FAULT DETECTION IN AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT

In my involvement in attempting to solve intermittent problems which have plagued the K3 remote station I have unearthed an Internet website which should interest members, even if they only read the summary and look at the high quality technical photos.

Modern, factory produced, amateur transceivers tend to be extremely reliable unless they are abused in some way. Components may fail for various reasons including age, but if the equipment is operated properly in a stable environments and, especially if the manufacturer has a good reputation, failure may be expected to be rare.

Electronic equipment used in commercial or military aviation, on the other hand, tends to be much more complicated with more components and interconnected modules, harsher environments and sustained operating cycles. Sooner or later something is bound to give.

In both cases, amateur and professional, a simple failure may be easy to diagnose and fix. The greatest difficulties may arise with intermittent faults which cannot easily be reproduced or are so transient in nature that the human brain cannot detect them, or where several faults interact with each other.

A modern (2012) Internet illustration of the technology needed to tackle such complex problems is to be found under the title

Intermittent Fault Detection and Isolation System, a powerpoint type presentation by Universal Synaptics, where the ingredients and possible remedies are discussed in plain language with high quality technical photography. These photographs alone are worth looking at and the narration which accompanies them will improve your understanding of how the most common faults may arise.

This technology is claimed to have saved the US government, and no doubt commercial organisations too, billions of dollars in fault finding time and rescuing expensive equipment which would otherwise have been scrapped because of seemingly intractable faults.

Intermittent Fault Detection & Isolation System (IFDIS)

Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium and Exhibition November 13-16, 2012

http://www.sae.org/events/dod/presentations/2012/intermittent_fault_detection_and_isolation_system.pdf

73,
Selwyn Ross ZL1BRC

RSGB IOTA Contest

1. GENERAL The aim of the contest is to promote contacts between stations in IOTA island groups and the rest of the world, and to encourage expeditions to IOTA islands. The General Rules for RSGB HF Contests do not apply to this event. UK entrants are permitted to use Contest Call Signs (SCC) if they hold a valid NoV from OFCOM.

2. WHEN 12:00 UTC Saturday 26th July to 12:00 UTC Sunday 27th July 2014. The contest always takes place over the last FULL weekend of July.

3. BANDS AND MODES 3.5, 7, 14, 21 and 28MHz, CW and SSB. IARU band plans must be observed, with CW contacts being made only in the recognised CW ends of the bands. Contest-preferred segments on 80m and 20m must be observed, so no operation must take place on 3500-3510, 3560 - 3600, 3650 - 3700, 14060 - 14125 and 14300 - 14350kHz.
<http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2014/riota.shtml>

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10 July 2014

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Progress on the Hamilton District Plan

Good News. Phil King ZL1PK has been fronting the submissions to the Hamilton District Plan and the following message was recently received from Phil:

The Hamilton Decisions and marked up District Plans are available on line at:
<http://www.hamilton.govt.nz/our-council/council-publications/districtplans/proposeddistrictplan/Pages/Contents.aspx>

An extract from the Commissioners decision tables from the hearings says:

"Amateur Radio plays an important role in times of crisis, in addition to providing another option for international communication. The overall effects and scale of the activities are important considerations for Amateur Radio operation as there are some adverse visual effects for the surrounding neighbourhood. Therefore it is appropriate to adopt a similar approach taken by the Environment Court Decision in Tauranga.

Mr King also sought additional amendments as outlined in evidence presented at the 13th November hearing. The additional amendments sought are over and above the Environment Court Decision in Tauranga and consequently are not supported. The only change accepted is an incorrect cross reference within 25.7.6.2.3vi."

The marked up plan looks at a quick glance the same as we had seen earlier in the S42 report.

Congratulations on your success Phil.

Auckland Council's Standard Response to a Further Submission

Once Auckland Council has received your submission, you should receive the following message from them:

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan

Thank you for your further submission on the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan. Your Further Submission number is FS <your number>.

If you have indicated that you wish to be heard in respect of your further submission, the Unitary Plan Independent Hearings Panel will contact you to let you know the date, time and venue for any pre-hearing meetings and the hearings.

For up to date information on the submission and hearing process, please visit the Unitary Plan page on the council's website: www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/unitaryplan or the Unitary Plan Independent Hearing Panel website: www.aupihp.govt.nz.

If you need assistance or have any queries in relation to this matter, please email: unitaryplan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or phone 365 3786.

Yours sincerely

John Duguid
Manager Unitary Plan

Scuttle butt

It was very alarming to hear several people discussing the Unitary Plan submission process on the 6625 repeater on Sunday night (6 July 2014). The conversation ran something like: "This is a Hibiscus Coast Branch 80 issue. What do they know about it? We should ignore the whole issue."

I can assure you that this is an NZART driven project. The steering committee comprises Vaughan Henderson, President of NZART; Peter Loveridge, President of the Auckland VHF Group, Branch 66; Graham Barton, President of the North Shore Amateur Radio Club Branch 29, and myself. Furthermore, before the submission was first sent to Auckland Council, every branch in the region (except Rodney Br 71) was visited and consulted, and they all agreed that NZART should put in a single, comprehensive submission, representing all amateurs (throughout NZ).

There is an old proverb which talks about "Cutting off your nose to spite your face" and any deliberate action to avoid or nullify this submission process is doing just that.

As the Auckland Council Unitary Plan currently stands, no Radio Amateur will be permitted to erect any aerial/antenna without a Resource Consent, and with the indicative price of such consents being \$5,000 none of us can afford that. We must stand together, and fight the plan together.

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“How to” Guide

A guide for the preparation of “Further Submissions” to Auckland Council’s Unitary Plan.

Further Submissions.

NZART has made a submission concerning amateur aerials/antennas in the Unitary Plan, and Council has now called for submissions which Support or Oppose the NZART one.

There are three ways to make a further submission:

1. Go to the Auckland Council Website <http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/planspoliciesprojects/plansstrategies/unitaryplan/Pages/further submissionsform.aspx> and download the PDF submission form, fill it in by hand, and post or deliver it.
2. Go to the Auckland Council Website <http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/planspoliciesprojects/plansstrategies/unitaryplan/Pages/further submissionsform.aspx> and fill in the on-line form, and submit it electronically. NOTE - You must fill in every box that is marked with an * (asterisk).
3. Go to the VHF Group website <http://www.qsl.net/zl1bq/page13.html> and download the (partially completed) WORD submission form, complete it on your own computer, and submit it to Council by email at unitaryplan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz. A copy of your Further submission must also be sent to the “address for service” of the original NZART submission at kdbirt@gisborne.net.nz within 5 days of being sent to the Council (RMA requirement).

We recommend you use option 3.

The Submission Form

Auckland Council requires the format of submissions to comprises two main parts:

1. The first part covers the submitter’s details. Council is required by law to communicate back to you, so all your name and contact details must be entered correctly. Also required in this part is proof that you have an interest “that is greater than the interest the general public has.” You will see we have suggested “I am a licenced Radio Amateur.” You may change this if you have a better reason.
You may choose whether you want to appear in person or not and whether you will make a joint presentation at a hearing where there are a large number of similar submissions. We hope that there will be. The authors of the original submission will be appearing at the Hearings.
2. The second part specifies the specific section that you support or oppose, with your reasons. There is a third option - you may also support a specific point *with amendments* (rather than opposing it outright).

Specifying the sections you support or oppose.

Council has distilled the NZART submission into 20 specific “Amendments to the Unitary Plan.” These are numbered 4498-1 through to 4498-20. They are all to do with different aspects of the NZART submission.

On the second part of Auckland Council’s form,

- The Submitter’s Name is “New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters Incorporated”
- The address is kdbirt@gisborne.net.nz
- The submission number is “4498” The Submission point may be “1 to 20” (or if you are really keen, you can deal with each of the points 1 through 20 separately, together with 20 specific reasons.). Tick the “support” box.
- Provision No. of the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan is given in the “Subtopic” column if you are dealing with each of the 20 points individually. [These are listed on the Council report, pages 385-386]
- Reason (for supporting). A sample reason is provided on the VHF Group website. It is always better, though to provide you own individual reason. Don’t use the word “hobby”. Do use the terms “technology”, “experimentation” “communication” or “Licenced radio amateur”
- The whole or part. If you are supporting the recommendation, but want it modified (say, you want to increase the maximum number of antennas from 12 to 13 per site), tick the allow box, and add the comment about 13 antennas under “specify precise details”.

The Auckland VHF Group has identified a submission which opposes the installation of antennas close to dwellings made by Hartwig Clasen, submission number 5219 at points 24 and 25 [page 771 of the same Council report]. A second “Further submission” has been created to oppose the restrictions which Mr Clasen would like the Council to put in place. The same procedure as above should be used to send this submission to the Council. A copy must also be sent to the hartwig_clasen@yahoo.com.au address within 5 days.

Due Date

Your submission *must reach a Council Office by 5:00pm on 22 July 2014*. You can deliver it in person, Email gets it there instantly, but allow up to 5 days for NZ Post to deliver.