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## **NEW ZEALAND WOMEN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS**

**OBJECT:** To promote and encourage interest in amateur radio amongst women

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## **President's Message.**

Greetings everyone,

The year 2007 is well under way and I hope that most of you have been able to enjoy some summer activities whether it has been really energetic, or something sedate. Many of our members find themselves helping with communications over the spring and summer sitting under the stars or the sun reporting horses, cars, runners etc passing a particular point. Others catch up on tasks around the QTH.

Nominations for WARO Executive are now open and any financial member is eligible for nomination. A form is enclosed with this Bulletin Magazine and I ask that you give consideration to either nominating a WARO member or offering your own services for a position on Executive. It is not burdensome to give something back to WARO by helping out on the Executive for a term.

Send completed nomination slips back to Secretary Maxine ZL1FW before the 31<sup>st</sup> March. All nomination slips received will be acknowledged. Nominations are also called for the WARO Achievement Award. Details are in this Bulletin magazine. Nominations for this award are to be sent to Lynnette ZL1LL by the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

The Canadian Ladies organisation CLARA is celebrating their 40 years with the CLARA Challenge and I know some ZLYLs are already working on the 40 contacts with YLs required for the award.

I hope to contact many of you during the WARO Thelma Souper Memorial 80 metre Contest on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April. If you can only spare half an hour in the contest it will be greatly appreciated. In past years there has been a lack of YL stations operating in the contest in contrast to the many Oms looking for contacts and points.

Recently the OM and I were part of a large group who spent a wonderful time at the get together and luncheon at the QTH of Biny ZL2AZY and Mervyn in Pirongia. We all look forward to this annual event and the chance to meet up with YLs we do not see often.

The WARO AGM will be held during the NZART Conference at Palmerston North and we are hoping for a good attendance of members at this meeting.

To those of you who have not been well lately I hope you will soon return to good health. To our members who have recently lost loved ones our thoughts are with you and your families, especially Life Member Biny ZL2AZY and OM Mervyn ZL2AVY.

As I write my last President's message I feel sadness that my time in office is nearly over. It has been an enjoyable three years and a giant learning experience. I am sure that the incoming President will enjoy the same generous support from our members that I have experienced over the past three years.

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Rosemary ZL1RO

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## **NEW ZEALAND WOMEN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The NZ WARO Annual General Meeting will be held at the Palmerston North Convention Centre on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2007 at 8.30am.

### **AGENDA**

WELCOME: To members and visitors.

APOLOGIES:

SILENT KEYS:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2006 AGM:

MATTERS ARISING FROM 2006 MINUTES:

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

TREASURES REPORT:

ALL OTHER REPORTS:

AWARDS CUSTODIAN: Presentations

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2007/2008:**

President.

Vice-President.

Secretary.

Treasurer.

Committee Members (optional).

### **APPOINTMENT OF:**

Awards Manager.

Contest Manager.

Sponsorship Secretary.

Librarian/Archivist.

Break-In Columnist.

Bulletin Editor.

Official Broadcast Coordinator.

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS 2007/2008:**

### **AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION:**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

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## **WARO Constitution Amendments:**

**CONSTITUTION:** The following amendments will be moved at the 2007 AGM :-

Paragraph 10 Clause (g) of the Constitution be amended by adding /Archivist after the word Librarian.

*Explanation:* This name change was confirmed at the 2006 AGM.

Paragraph 10 Clause (h) of the Constitution be amended by inserting (under the heading Editor and Publicity) the following:

- (i) Editor of the WARO Bulletin.
- (ii) Break-in Columnist.
- (iii) Official Broadcast Co-ordinator.

(All non-elective positions appointed at the AGM.)

***Explanation:*** This amendment clarifies the positions currently under the heading Editor and Publicity.

Paragraph 12 clause (f) of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

“The Librarian/Archivist shall maintain the scrapbooks, albums, articles, books, documents, and electronic media. Library books, and where appropriate, some electronic media items, may be lent to members as requested. Other documents may not be lent out. They may be copied and sent to any member who requests information. The cost of such copying and postage to be charged to that member.”

***Explanation:*** This amendment defines the duties, and updates the clause to allow for electronic media.

Paragraph 12 Clause (g) of the Constitution be amended by striking out "The Editors and Publicity Officers shall edit the WARO newsletter and record and produce any publicity as required" and by then inserting the following: -

Clause (g) Editor and Publicity:

- (i) The Editor of the Bulletin shall edit the WARO Newsletter/Bulletin and arrange distribution.
- (ii) The Columnist for Break-In shall prepare appropriate material for publication in the NZART magazine.
- (iv) The Official Broadcast Co-ordinator shall prepare and deliver a report for inclusion in the NZART Official Broadcast.

***Explanation:*** This amendment states the duties of the appointed officers in Clauses (f) & (g)

Paragraph 14 Clause (d) of the Constitution (Quorum) be amended by (i) striking out the words " not less than one sixth of financial members" and then inserting the words "not less than one ninth of financial members", and by (ii) striking out the words "a minimum of fifteen" and then inserting the words "a minimum of ten".

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***Explanation:*** A quorum of 15 has been unattainable at recent AGMs.

(The changed paragraph should now read: Paragraph14(d). A quorum at the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting shall consist of not less than one ninth of the financial members of Clause 3(a), with a minimum of ten. In the absence of a quorum the meeting may make recommendations to the Executive Committee.).

## **Reports for 2007!**

### **WARO Award Manager's Report 2007:**

This year has been another quiet year for awards with no applications being received in the last few months. I have issued four WARO HF awards which were from some of those who entered the 2006 Thelma Souper Memorial Contest. Most people who enter the contest make at least 10 WARO contacts and I hope that more people will apply for an award after this year's contest.

Several WARO members are attempting the CLARA Challenge which is to contact 40 YLs during 2007. To support them it would be good if WARO members could come up now and again on the WARO net at 8.00 pm on 3.695 on a Monday evening to give some contacts. Contacts of course can be any YLs.

I am happy to continue being Awards Manager and hope to receive a few more applications for awards during the coming year.

Lynnette McDonald ZL1LL

### **Sponsorship Secretary Report 2007:**

"DX membership is just under 100 YLs now as each year sees a small drop in numbers. Many thanks to those WARO members who take the trouble to write notes when they send the Bulletins every three months. It can be an effort if there is rarely a response, but others find that friendships blossom with letters and more often, emails.

If you, as a sponsor, are unhappy with your arrangements, or are unable to continue sponsoring owing to changed circumstances, PLEASE

LET ME KNOW. DX sponsoring can be rewarding, but some arrangements, after a time, do need to be signed off. WARO has a good name overseas because of our direct contact via the Bulletin postings, but the system does not work for everyone.

Do not hesitate to contact me if your interests have changed, as there are newer YLs happy to try sponsorship for the first time. If you are wanting to get to know about the higher bands and DX , sponsorship is a great way to start. The ALARA MEET in Tasmania is coming up in 2008 and personal contact with VK sponsors is great fun!

I am happy to continue as Sponsorship Secretary but I would welcome a possible successor. "

Celia ZL1ALK

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## **Official Broadcast Annual Report 2007:**

Fortunately I never ran out of news for the Official Broadcast during the past year and there was something to report on every month. My thanks go to Biny ZL2AZY and Bev ZL1OS for sharing material submitted for their publications with me. Having access to DXYL journals also provides interesting snippets for our monthly Official Broadcast.

It would be helpful to have more input from ZLYLs. Maybe we are all getting too old to organise interesting events any more. It is a privilege for WARO to have time allotted each month to contact our membership via the Official Broadcast. My personal thanks go to Jim ZL2BHF for his patience and helpfulness in recording and editing the WARO segment to his usual high standards.

I am willing to continue in the position if it is the wish of the meeting.

Rosemary ZL1RO

## **Bulletin Editor's Report 2007 - Bev ZL1OS**

This has been a very busy year for me, I have received lots of wonderful articles and photos for inclusion in the Bulletins. A big thank you to all those people who contribute to the Bulletin, without their input we would not have such a good magazine. It is always so interesting to read about the travels of our WARO members both in NZ and overseas. One thing I am always on the lookout for is small fill in lines just to finish off a page if there is a small gap. If you can think of anything you may have please e-mail to me.

A number of our members both DX and local have opted to have the Bulletin e-mailed to them, for this to be done efficiently I do need to be kept up to date with any e-mail address changes. The Bulletins are also available on the WARO Website at <http://www.qsl.net/zl6yl>. Thank you to Margaret ZL1MB for keeping me updated with the membership lists, also to Biny for passing on articles that she receives from some of our DX members.

I am willing to stay on as Bulletin Editor for the coming year. Thank you all for your contributions and help.

33 Bev ZL1OS

## **Reminders!**

- Nominations for the Executive Committee close 31st March 2007.
- Nominations for the NZ WARO Achievement Award Close 31st March 2007.
- Closing Date for June Bulletin 5th June 2007.
- Closing date for Break-In column is 2nd July 2007.
- Thelma Souper Memorial Contest 31st March and 1st April.

## Aola ZL1ALE and Dave ZL1AMN

Sixty wonderful years have passed by since Aola and Dave pledged their troths on the 1<sup>st</sup>. March (St. David's Day) at St. Albans Church in Balmoral. Little did they know then of the trials and tribulations ahead of them, but they always confronted the problems together which is the way married couples should face life.

During the fifties their time and energies were devoted to raising a family of two daughters with all the problems that go with that stage of life. Camping holidays were always enjoyed together, most parts of the North Island were visited at one time or another.



Into the sixties and Amateur Radio entered the family life. Dave was the first of the family to receive his licence and the call of ZL1AMN, not to be outdone, Aola followed to receive firstly the call of ZL1TFQ, but after a 15 wpm. Morse test came up with the call of ZL1ALE. Not to be upstaged by her parents, daughter Carol studied and passed her exams to become firstly ZL1TNR and then ZL1AJL.

Early operating was from our home QTH in Penrose, with firstly an FT101 and then a Swan 350, coupled to a 2 element 15m. beam and a multi band dipole. In 1968 they moved to Red Hill, Papakura which was to prove a top DX location. DXCC was in their blood by now, rivalry was fierce, but with a TS830, an SB200 linear and a TH6DXX beam the going was relatively easy. Both achieved Honour Roll status, currently Dave has 354 countries confirmed, Aola has 351 confirmed. Amongst other activities they have taken part in are:- Tri Island DXpedition to Western Samoa, Tonga & Niue Islands. (Aola was the first YL operator to put Niue on the air). They were regular operators on the Pandora's Box DX Net, Pacific DX Net, 222 YL Net, YL ISSB VK/ZL Systems, Seanet, to name a few. Aola served as the NZ link of the ZL1AA/K operation when Dave went to the Kermadec Islands.

Since Dave retired in 1984, they have traveled widely to United Kingdom, Europe, United States, Pacific Islands, Australia, Hong Kong, China, Japan, catching up with the wonderful “on air” friends they have made over the years. It has also been their pleasure to host many of the overseas amateurs that have visited our country from time to time.

In this Diamond Wedding Anniversary year Aola & Dave thank all those fine folk who over the years have made their way into our lives.

73..88..33 Dave ZL1AMN and Aola ZL1ALE

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## **Golden Wedding Anniversaries:**



Alison Norma James married James Percival Rowe at Christ Church Anglican church in Coromandel on 2nd February, 1957.

Our President Rosemary and OM Ralph will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 22nd May 2007. They were married in the Registry Office in Wellington on May 22 1957.



Our congratulations go to Dave and Aola, Alison and Jim, and Rosemary and Ralph on their long commitment to each other.

We hope that they enjoy many more happy years together.....Ed.

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## Wedding of Carol ZL2VQ and Wayne ZL2VN's son Stephen ZL2PI By Carol ZL2VQ.

Our youngest son Stephen ZL2PI (ex ZL2VSG) married the lovely Bethany Hawker in Sydney on 4 November 2006. The wedding was held on board a Sydney Harbour scenic cruiser as (unfortunately) the sun set behind the clouds! However there was nothing evident to dampened the occasion, unless it came from a bottle or can.



*Bethany and Stephen ZL2PI*



*Wayne ZL2VN, Carol ZL2VQ, Muriel May YL of Niel VK3KNM,  
Sherry KA5VOP and Matt KA5NGO.*

We were extremely honoured to have some of our very close Amateur Radio and WARO friends as guests. Since then, Bethany has been sponsored into ALARA by Muriel, and Stephen & Bethany have made 'noises' about setting up an Amateur Radio station at home once they get a bit more settled in an area outside the Sydney rat-race. That may not be to far away!

### YL Nets !

WARO Net: 3.695+/- Mondays 8pm ZL time.

YL 222 DX NET: Mondays 14.222 Call in from 0530 UTC.

European YL-DX NET: Thursdays 14.243± 1700 UTC.

VE/VK/ZL NET: Fridays 14.148 0500 UTC.

Remember our Net Controllers would love to hear some new voices on these nets. Even if you can spare 10 minutes of your time to check in, it would be great to hear you. Many of our members are trying to make enough YL contacts for the CLARA Award, so let us help them achieve their goals to make contact with 40 YLs during 2007..... Ed.

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**Get-Together at Pirongia Saturday 27th January 2007**  
**by Joline ZL1UJB**



*Back Row: Alma ZL1WA, Bev ZL1OS, Biny ZL2AZY, Alison ZL1TXQ, Aola ZL1ALE and Mxine ZL1FW  
Middle Row: Jenny ZL2RT, Celia ZL1ALK, Laureen ZL1BTP and Norma ZL1ANP  
Front Row: Jacky ZL1TZW, Joline ZL1UJB and Rosemary ZL1RO.*

Morris ZL1ANF and I have attended WARO get-togethers at the QTH of Mervyn ZL2AVY and Biny ZL2AZY in Pirongia at the end of January a number of times now. There has often been more than a hint of rain on these occasions. But the weather on Saturday 27 January was by far the finest and sunniest of any of our previous trips to Pirongia.

This time as we approached Pirongia village, the sprawling mountain was looking its very best in the summer sunshine. So much so that we stopped the car three times on the way so we could get out and each take a photograph of it. Alas I hadn't dressed for such an event. I had dressed for a hot day of doing nothing more strenuous than a slow amble around our hosts' house and garden. I had not expected to be scrambling about in long grass and brambles on a roadside so as to get a good shot, and was afraid that I would end up wrecking the light flimsy skirt that I was wearing. Unfortunately what I had paid for that skirt could not be described as light or flimsy.

I am not a good photographer and have had a digital camera for only a brief time. I haven't even got my head around the fact that I can look at a digital photo as soon as I have taken it, so I haven't yet learned to take advantage of this most useful facility. Mervyn and Biny are delightful hosts and I very much wanted to take a photograph of them that illustrated this. But how do you take a photograph that does this? Do you pose them in front of the house looking welcoming or what do you do? In the end I decided that the heart of the house was its kitchen, and that the best illustration of our hosts would be of them together in their hospitable kitchen. So I waited until they were



*Biny ZL2AZY and Mervyn ZL2AVY in their kitchen.*

both in the kitchen together and asked them to let me take a photo of them there. Forgetting yet again that I could look at it straight away, I hoped that the photo would say what I wanted it to say. When I finally downloaded that photo, which I had already decided that for me would be the defining photograph of the day, I felt pleased with the result. I do think it expresses what I wanted it to express and I hope that you think so too.

One of the delightful aspects of a WARO Get-together is that the OM's are always there too. It is the only women's group gathering I know where the presence of the menfolk



*Back row: Lew Tubby, John ZLBYZ, Tom ZL1WW, Jim ZL1AVR, Graeme ZL1ALG, Morriss ZL1ANF, Mervyn ZL2AVY*

*Front Row: Geoff ZL1AKY, Ralph ZL4AG, Dave ZL1AMN and Noel ZL3GR.*

is such a vital and much valued component of the gathering. It is also the only group I belong to that has a president, secretary, treasurer, a constitution and all that kind of official stuff, and yet usually meets for no other reason than to enjoy one another's company. President Rosemary ZL1RO remarked particularly on the easy camaradie among the OM's who were with us at Pirongia. Thank you Mervyn and Biny for making a very happy day possible.

No WARO Get-together is complete without photos of past events to pore over and exclaim about. As I wandered around with my camera I was delighted to get a shot of Alma ZL1WA flanked by Jacky ZL1TZW and John ZL1BYZ sitting outside around a table in the shade with several books of photographs of past WARO events in front of them. It is my WARO Get-together photo where I was taking a photo of people with WARO Get-together photos. A silly conceit no doubt but one that pleased me.



*Jacky ZL1TZW with her Mother Alma ZL1WA and husband John ZL1BYZ*



For me personally, no WARO Get-together, when Alison ZL1TXQ is present, is complete without my being able to admire Alison's latest quilted production. I was not disappointed. When I asked her if she had brought something with her Alison produced her quillo. She had previously described it to me on air and I was thrilled to actually see it.

The quillo was made for use in their campervan. It is a quilt that has a hidden pouch at one corner. The quilt when not in use can be packed away into the pouch which then becomes a cushion or pillow. Hence the name quillo.

This particular quillo is pieced together from materials that are printed with colourful Australian and New Zealand scenes and creatures. It looks splendid. My photograph definitely does not do justice to it.

Of course on the way home Morris and I just had to take a photo of one another in turn under the Hams Road sign.

So ended for ZL1ANF and me a most delightful day.



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## **NZ WARO Achievement Award**



This Award takes the form of the MYRTLE EARLAND MEMORIAL ROSEBOWL which shall be retained by the winner for the succeeding year, together with a suitably engraved shield to be kept by the winner. The winner, if any, to be announced by the NZ WARO president at the NZ WARO Annual General Meeting. Unsuccessful nominees may receive a certificate of achievement if appropriate.

**CRITERIA** - The nominee is to be a member of NZ WARO who has made a significant contribution in any aspect of Amateur Radio, e.g. Personal Achievement as a NZ WARO member, Services to NZ WARO, Services to NZART at either Branch or national level, Community Service including Civil Defence and Search and Rescue, DX participation, Contest, etc. The Trophy may not necessarily be awarded every year, and when not awarded shall be kept either in the NZ WARO cabinet at NZART Headquarters or at the home of the Award Custodian.

### **NOMINATION FORMAT-**

Nominations to include a summary of the nominee's activities, which need not be restricted to the immediate preceding year, and are to be received by the Award Custodian Lynnette McDonald ZL1LL 25 John Street Pukekohe on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March each year for consideration by the Executive. Unsuccessful nominations may be re-submitted in the following years, however, previous winners are not eligible for further nomination for the same or similar achievements.

Nominations for the NZ WARO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD may be sent by a member at any time if she considers a particular YL meets the criteria as set out above. Previous winners of this prestigious Award are:

Vicki Shaw ZL1OC, Gael Pye ZL2SZ, Pearl Neilson ZL2QY, Cathy Purdie ZL2ADK, Dawn Young ZL2AGX, Celia Reed ZL1ALK, Carol Gaudin ZL2VQ, Biny Owen ZL2AZY, Jeanne Gilchrist ZL4JG and Bev Osborne ZL1OS and Jill O'Donnell ZL2DBO

### **Thoughts!**

"One of the advantages of being disorganised is that one is constantly making exciting discoveries."

"Think about this - "If you limit your actions in life to things that nobody can possibly find fault with, you will not achieve much".

"Life is a series of moments. To live each one is to succeed."

"Never regret growing old, it is a privilege denied to many".

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## **International YL Meet 2006 in Mumbai India**

### **From Eva DL8ZBE**

Now we are home again after many nice, exciting, and sometimes adventurous and surprising experiences during our time in India. We flew directly to Mumbai without any stopover. A gentle wind with nearly 30 degrees centigrade embraced us there at the airport at night.

At the 5 star Hotel Intercontinental The Grand, all delegates of the International YL MEET 2006, 26th to 29th October in Mumbai, India, were warmly welcomed by Sarla VU2SWS, and her staff. There were 54 participants from all over the world, including 41 Yls. Some Indian Hams and the chief of the Indian Amateur Society were sometimes present also.

During our stay in Mumbai several events took place. We enjoyed the welcome party and dinner followed by an Indian classical dance program. We attended the half day conference and the get together with traditional dresses, then sightseeing by bus through the huge town of more than 12 million inhabitants. On one day we departed on a one hour boat cruise to the Elephanta Cave Island tour. These caves house rock cut temples dating back to the 5th century. They are dedicated to Shiva Mahadeva and rich in sculpture.

Between the official programs there was also time for shopping or relaxing, or working at the club station in a hotel room with the special call AT6MYL. It was not easy for



most of the YLs to get connections to their home country at the right time and under useful conditions. The travel by rail from Mumbai to Jaipur over 1265 kilometers of distance was quite an experience. The journey took one night and a half day. There were couchette coaches with compartments for six persons, but no partition to the corridor. Fritz and I were in a compartment together with an Indian family with two children.

After that we longed for a shower when we reached the hotel in Jaipur!

The town Jaipur in the north of India is called The Pink City, because of the pink coloured walls of the old part of the town which had been structured at a drawing-board. Jaipur, the town of the Maharajas with 2 million inhabitants is also the capital town of Rajasthan, one of the provinces of India. There was heavy traffic on the roads with different kinds of vehicles, both with motors and without and everybody was sounding their horns all the time.

In Jaipur town we visited the Hava Mahal, literal meaning, Palace Of Winds, an

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important landmark of the Pink City. It is an interesting building with a special facade. This honeycombed building was originally built to facilitate the women of the royal family to watch the everyday life and processions of the city.

The highlight near Jaipur was the sightseeing of Amber Fort. All of us had an Elephant Ride ascending uphill. Two persons at a time on the back of an elephant directed by a rider. There were more than two hundred animals on a rather narrow alley, one after the other, transporting lots of visitors. A fantastic event. We travelled 260 kilometers by coach to the next point of interest: Fatepur Sicri, an old Mohammedan town of different temples, each for a special purpose or religious ceremonies. This town belongs, as some other famous monuments we visited, to the World Culture Heritage. On the road suddenly the coach stopped. We supposed an accident, but the real reason was that an overhead powerline of 20,000 volts was broken down and was lying on the road. That took us more than an hour of waiting. So it had become too late to visit the Taj Mahal near Agra that day. Instead of that we fell into our beds earlier than the days before.

Very early next morning, in the dark and before breakfast, we departed to the Taj Mahal. This famous Monument was built in the 17th century by a Moghul Emperor in memory of his beloved wife. He loved his wife so much that after her death he decided to immortalize their love in the form of Taj Mahal, built of marble and semi precious stone. We reached that area at dawn and witnessed the following sunrise, an unforgettable memory. A photo was taken of our group in the well laid out garden.

Then our last destination in the north of India was New Delhi, the Capital. There was not much time left, but on a sightseeing tour by bus in the evening we had a glance of the huge town in the Government district. We visited the India Gate; a majestic structure set in a beautiful area of New Delhi. It is called All India War Memorial in memory of many Indian soldiers who died in different wars.

The second very old monument near New Delhi is Qutub Minar. This tower is identified with Delhi as the Leaning tower in Pisa in Italy or the Eiffel Tower in Paris. It is an excellent example of early Islamic architecture in India. The area around has important monuments which together constitute the Qutub complex. By airplane we reached our last destination, Goa, a former Portuguese colony, now belonging to India since 1961, at the west coast of India and south of Mumbai. Wherever you are in the region you will find Portuguese buildings, churches, and modern beach resorts which have a European touch.

The capital town of Goa is Panaji, 9 kilometers far from Old Goa. On a sightseeing tour by bus we visited the well known Basilika Bom Jesus, built 1605 by the Jesuits, with the tomb of St Francis Xavier, Goa's holiest relic. Another point of view was the Shri Mangesh Temple, a very impressive Hindu temple. Our stay there was at Goa's longest beach south of Panaji. The beaches are beautiful but the climate is hot and humid, about 35 degrees centigrade. Hotels and small resorts are scattered along the

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coast, clustering around former fishing villages. Sun, sand and sea - with these impressions we left Goa by plane to Mumbai to catch the flight back home with sweet memories of our Indian Tour.

We thank Sarla VU2SWS very much for her invitation and the organisation, so we could enjoy such a wonderful meeting and learn to know some very interesting parts of India.

### **International YL Meet South Africa 2008**

Sawubona\*, A big warm South African welcome to you!

The 2008 International YL Meet will be taking place in South Africa and will be organised by Vee ZS6ZEN and Janet ZS5JAN. We invite you to join us on our special SA Yahoo Group so that you can be part of the developments as and when they happen.

The YL Meet and Convention will take place over a few days and will be an exciting and unforgettable experience of the diverse and vibrant cultures of our Rainbow Nation. Thereafter you are invited to join us on various tours through our beautiful country.

And some of the things you will experience .....

You will go on an bush safari to view our wild animals in their natural environment and will discover why the African Bush is such a special experience. You will experience first-hand some of the different lifestyles of our people, enjoy their traditional meals as well as their dancing and crafts. You will be delighted with our endless coastline of waves against sand and rocks; plus you will have the opportunity to have some fun in the sun.

You will be awed by our endless green rolling hills where there are sudden sheer drops into deep valleys which often rise into majestic mountains. You will visit famous places that make up the rich, exciting and often sad history of our country which will touch your heart and maybe move you to tears. And you will have the opportunity of enjoying different cuisines at our many restaurants; and shop till you drop at our many varied shopping emporiums. It will be a memorable experience of people, places and landscapes. Yes, we would certainly love you to share in this African adventure while you catch up with old friends, make new friends and enjoy our hobby of Amateur Radio.

Because, of course .....a radio station with a special call sign will be set for the duration of the convention and the possibility of radio stations being available on the tours is being investigated. So ....a warm welcome from South Africa. If you and your OM are interested in attending the 2008 International YL Meet and Tour, please acknowledge this mail so that you can join the SA Yahoo Group.

" Any YLs who think they might be interested in going to the Meeting should e-mail

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Janet, ZS5JAN, at [accsol@thenet.co.za](mailto:accsol@thenet.co.za) and ask to be put on the list for receiving future information. In return they will then be advised as to how to join the Yahoo Group. No date set as yet but it is expected to be late September, early October."

73

Janet Musto ZS5JAN

Moderator of the Yahoo Group

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\*"Sawubona", means "Hullo" in Zulu (used here to address one person)

"Sanbonani" means "Hullo" in Zulu to a group of people. For information on South Africa and in particular, travelling in SA, you can check out these two wonderful websites: [www.southafrica.net](http://www.southafrica.net) and [www.southafrica.travel.net](http://www.southafrica.travel.net)

### **CLARA 40th Anniversary Challenge**

Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Association (CLARA) will be 40 years old (young) in 2007! To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of Clara, a challenge to all YLs and OMs: Work 40 YLs (any YLs, not just CLARA members) on amateur radio between January 1st 2007 and December 31st 2007.

Categories: CW or Phone HF, VHF (includes repeaters), Digital (including Echolink, IRLP, RTTY, PSK31, etc.), or Mixed modes if you have used more than one to get your 40 contacts.

Contacts can be made on nets, but net operation should not be disrupted - courtesy should always be of prime concern so that the fine name of Clara is not besmirched. If a net is busy, stations should QSY to make the contact, or make contact after the net has ended. Net Control Stations of Clara or other nets can count check-ins as contacts, provided they get all the information needed.

Logs should include date of contact, name and call sign of the YL operator, and band or mode. Signal reports are not needed.

Cost of the certificate in Canada, including postage is \$5.00. For DX stations the cost is \$5.00 US. Deadline for submission of the logs: March 1st 2008. Talk it up so we can get lots of YLs on the air!

Submit logs to Kathy VE3GYL on paper or electronically - Kathy will set up a special email address for logs.

Kathy Steels VE3GYL

444 Jellicoe Crescent

London, Ontario

N6K 2M5

Canada

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## **Invitation to SYLRA 2007**

Soon you will find more information at [www.sylra.se](http://www.sylra.se). This is the invitation :

Jemtland Radioamateurs (JRA) will host The Scandinavian Young Ladies Radio Amateurs next meeting, SYLRA 2007, in Östersund, Sweden, August 23 to 26. YLs and OMs from Scandinavian countries and countries all over the world are invited to join SYLRA 2007.

The special callsign for the meeting is 8S3SYL. On Friday, August 24, there will be a special activity by YL-operators from SI9AM, with two stations QRV simultaneously.

Östersund, surrounded by villages and wilderness, is situated in the geografic mid Sweden, easy to reach for shopping, nightlife, restaurants and cultural events.

Welcome to SYLRA 2007!

Lie Östborg                      Solveig Nordberg-Jansson  
SM3YNI                              SM6KAT

Biny ZL2AZY along with OM Mervyn intend joining with YLs from all over the world at this SYLRA 2007. We will be looking forward to an interesting article about this from Biny after this meeting.

### **Proposed Schedule for ALARA Meet '08 - From Alara news**

Friday 12 September '08 Evening Furners Hotel – optional

Saturday 13 September '08 Morning Bass & Flinders Motor Inn – Conference Room

Lunch Bass & Flinders Motor Inn

Afternoon Creative Paper, Burnie

Dinner Bass & Flinders Motor Inn

Sunday 14 September '08 Morning Trowunna Wildlife Park

Lunch Mole Creek Hotel

Afternoon View murals at Sheffield

Tasmazia

Late afternoon Bass & Flinders – Conference room

Dinner Mad Hatters Restaurant

Monday 15 September '08 All day Cradle Mountain & surrounding area.

#### **Tasmazia**

A complex of 8 mazes, four of which are traditional hedge mazes ~

\* The Great Maze – the Worlds largest

\* Hampton Court Maze – A repeat design of the original at Hampton Court, U.K.

\* Hexagonal Maze \* Confusion Maze

\* The Balance Maze \* Yellow Brick Road Maze – for toddlers, small children, etc

\* The Cage –not for the faint hearted \* IRISH Maze

Also – The Crackpot Correction Centre; Tasmazia Lavender Farm; Cubby Town;

### **Creative Paper**

Experience the beauty of handmade paper through the captivating, hands-on tour. Authentic papermaking studio and an opportunity to have a go yourself! Based in the traditional “Paper Town” of Burnie, they are Australia’s largest handmade paper studio with a long history of making wonderful, eco-friendly papers from the plants and fibres of Tasmania – including paper made from old denim jeans! Be prepared to meet the “paper people” – the largest collection on display of Ruth Rees and Pam Thorne’s legendary paper sculptures in Tasmania.

### **Trowunna Wildlife Park**

A unique and unforgettable wildlife experience with educational guided tour. Interaction with koalas, wombats and **Tasmanian Devils**. Includes Devil Education and Research Visitors Centre. (Highly recommended by our daughter Natali who attended on a school excursion, as well as my Mum and Dad!)

### **Ulverstone**

Ulverstone is situated in centre of the North West coast of Tasmania, midway between Devonport (to the East) and Burnie (to the East), hence we are in the Central Coast Council area. On the banks of the Leven River with spectacular scenery, clean rivers and streams, beaches, mountains, valleys and waterfalls as well as rich fertile farming land. We have excellent accommodation, caravan parks, good shopping and businesses areas as well as parklands, memorial parks (we were astounded by these when we found them all!), barbecue facilities, etc. Fine furniture from Tasmanian timbers, quality arts and crafts, fruit and vegetables are produced here. Touring the area is easy and includes limestone caves, hop farms, rolling countryside and the Leven Canyon. Nothing is far away, with the Spirit of Tasmania berthing at Devonport – only 20 minutes from Ulverstone; the Devonport Airport is only 30 minutes from Ulverstone. All NZ WARO members planning to go to this Alarameet contact: vk7luv\_susan@yahoo.com.au

### **Condolences!**

Our condolences go to Biny ZL2AZY and Mervyn ZL2AVY on the recent sad loss of their daughter Wendy. Our thoughts are with you both.

### **WARO Executive Committee for 2007 -2008!**

Nomination Forms are enclosed with this Bulletin. It would be really nice to have some new YLs willing to be nominated to the committee. It is very easy. Just one on air committee meeting once a month. A really friendly lot of YLs who will make you feel welcome. If you would like to give it a go just contact one of the Committee members listed in the front of the Bulletin and they will nominate you.. .....Ed.

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## **Te Puke Amateur Radio Market Day - Bev ZL1OS**

The Te Puke Amateur Radio Market Day was held at the Paengaroa hall on Saturday 3rd March. There was a good crowd of OMs and YLs at this event. The YLs had a get together over morning tea, there were nine of us there altogether. Joline ZL1UJB brought along some of the WARO photo albums which are always of interest. Alison ZL1TXQ showed us another one of her quilts which she had almost finished, Alison's quilts always create lots of interest, and Margaret ZL1MB showed us her latest piece of needlework. For sure we have many talented YLs amongst us.



*Back Row: Ngaire ZL1KN, Jenny ZL2RT, Maxine ZL1FW, Bev ZL1OS, Maxine ZL1MGS.  
Front Row: Celia ZL1ALK, Margaret ZL1MB, Joline ZL1UJB and Alison ZL1TXQ.*

### **This and That!**

I have received two very interesting articles one from Rosel DL3KWR travels in India the other one is from Ruth IT9ESZ from her DXpedition to Libya.

I am putting both these articles on the WARO Website so they can be seen there. You can find them under the **news** section at:

<http://www.qsl.net/zl6yl>

Thank you all once again for the great articles and photos.....Ed.

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## **Thelma Souper Memorial Contest 2007**

The Thelma Souper Memorial Contest will be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1st April 2007 from 0800z - 1000z on Saturday and Sunday evenings. All Contacts to be held on 80 meters phone or CW may be used. YLs contact YLs and OM's. **OMs contact YLs and OM's**. One contact with each station permitted in each half hour period. Call "CQ WARO CONTEST" exchange report, serial number (commencing 001) and name. To qualify as a multiplier **WARO MEMBER** stations must have contacts with at least **10** different stations.

A Bonus Station using the WARO callsign ZL6YL will be in operation for random periods and will count as a multiplier one on each night of the contest if worked. Club stations may be operated by multiples of YLs providing that they are WARO members and have licenses applicable to the band being operated. These stations count as one multiplier. All radio regulations must be observed.

### **SCORING:**

To Qualify: Enter date at beginning of each evening. Each log must contain: Time of Contact, callsign of station worked, cipher sent, cypher received and the name of the operator contacted and points claimed for contact.

**Score 5 points for each WARO contact including ZL6YL .**

**Score 3 points for OM contacts, Score 2 points for club stations. Multiply by the number of WARO members including bonus station if worked.**

Logs to have each contact claimed as a multiplier **underlined**. Include a separate summary sheet showing: Your callsign, name and address. The number of contacts. The number of WARO members worked. Your score. Declaration that all radio regulations, have been observed. Logs that do not comply with all the above requirements will be disqualified.

### **LOGS:**

To reach the Contest Manager no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> 2007

Send to: -

Bev Osborne ZL1OS

34 Cobham Drive

Kawerau 3075

New Zealand

No logs will be returned and No Correspondence will be entered into.

### **AWARDS:**

The highest scoring WARO member will be awarded the Thelma Souper Memorial Cup to be held for one year. The highest scoring OM operator will be awarded a trophy to be held for one year. Certificates will be awarded to: The first three WARO members, the first three OM operators, the highest scoring VK/YL operator.

### **Please Note:**

**Contacts made during the contest will count towards the NZ WARO Awards.**

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## **WARO Supplies**

WARO BADGE "A" pin clasp	\$6.00
WARO Badge "B" with bar for callsign	\$6.00
WARO Badge "C" with ring for neck chain	\$6.00
WARO Charm	\$2.50
WARO Lapel Pin	\$2.50
WARO Cream silk Scarf with logo	\$17.00
WARO History Booklet or CD	\$20.00

These items can be obtained from our Treasurer:

Margaret Bretherton ZL1MB  
24 Iles Road  
Rotorua 3201

## **NZWARO CENTURY AWARD**

1. Applications to contain full log details of contacts with 100 NZWARO members ( DX members included) dating from June 1<sup>st</sup> 1987.

DX stations may apply for a special DX Award listing 50 contacts only, with endorsements for further 10s until 100 contacts are achieved.

2. Contacts may be any mode, any band, and each member claimed must be a financial member of NZWARO at the time of the contact and may be counted once only.

3. Contacts made on repeaters and in nets will qualify, and WARO Contest contacts after June 1<sup>st</sup> 1990 will be accepted.

4. No QSLs required. Send list of log details to Award Custodian, Lynnette McDonald ZL1LL, 25 John Street, Pukekohe 1800, New Zealand with sufficient postage for return of award.

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## **NZWARO MOUNTAIN BUTTERCUP AWARD**

1. For contacts with licensed NZWARO members, resident, visitors, mobile, etc in the 60 towns named in the official list. WARO members working mobile, portable, etc may claim the relevant town for her own credit. The same WARO member may be contacted in any number of towns.
2. Basic Award is available for a list of 15 contacts, with endorsement seals for each further 10 contacts up to the full 60 required. Applicants submitting a list of the full 60 valid contacts will receive a special award distinctive from that gained for the lesser number of contacts.
3. Contacts may be any mode or any band, but each YL worked must be a financial member of NZWARO at the time of the contact and must be within 25km radius of the town claimed.
4. Endorsement seals can be claimed for each further 10 contacts (after the basic 60) using the same list of towns. The same WARO members can be worked but each must be in a different town to where previously claimed. Please send SAE with applications.
5. Award dates from January 1<sup>st</sup> 1989. An official list of towns require to be worked is listed below or is available from the custodian on receipt of a SAE. No QSLs required.  
Send applications containing full log details including the name of the YL and town where worked, together with \$2.00, to Award Custodian, Lynnette McDonald ZL1LL, 25 John Street, Pukekohe 1800, New Zealand.

### **North Island**

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|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Auckland      | 2. Dannevirke    | 3. Dargaville        |
| 4. Eketahuna     | 5. Featherston   | 6. Gisborne          |
| 7. Hamilton      | 8. Hawera        | 9. Helensville       |
| 10. Kaikohe      | 11. Kaitia       | 12. Masterton        |
| 13. Matamata     | 14. Morrinsville | 15. Napier           |
| 16. New Plymouth | 17. Opotiki      | 18. Orewa            |
| 19. Otaki        | 20. Paihia       | 21. Palmerston North |
| 22. Papakura     | 23. Putaruru     | 24. Rotorua          |
| 25. Taihape      | 26. Taumaranui   | 27. Taupo            |
| 28. Tauranga     | 29. Thames       | 30. Te Awamutu       |
| 31. Te Kuiti     | 32. Turangi      | 33. Upper Hutt       |
| 34. Waihi        | 35. Wairoa       | 36. Wanganui         |
| 37. Wellington   | 38. Wellsford    | 39. Whakatane        |
| 40. Whangarei    |                  |                      |

### **South Island**

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| 41. Alexandra  | 42. Ashburton    | 43. Balclutha |
| 44. Blenheim   | 45. Christchurch | 46. Cromwell  |
| 47. Dunedin    | 48. Gore         | 49. Greymouth |
| 50. Hokitika   | 51. Invercargill | 52. Kaikoura  |
| 53. Motueka    | 54. Nelson       | 55. Oamaru    |
| 56. Queenstown | 57. Reefton      | 58. Timaru    |
| 59. Wanaka     | 60. Westport     |               |

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