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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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Transmitting, Associate and "Friends of WARO" \$15 payable 1st June, deduct a \$5 rebate if paid before 31st August. For each sponsored DX member an additional \$5

Cheques payable to Treasurer at above address.

President's Annual Report 2005-2006

I am pleased to present my second annual report to the New Zealand Women Amateur Radio Operators for the year ended 31 May 2006.



Get togethers have been held in the upper North Island at Paengaroa, Cambridge and Hamilton Market days. A summer get together was also held at the home of Joline ZL1UJB and Morris ZL1ANF in January. I was privileged to attend some of these events. There may have been get togethers in other parts of New Zealand that I am unaware of. A highlight of the year for me was attending the ALARAMEET in Mildura Victoria in a group of 9YLs and 5 Oms from New Zealand. This was a memorable occasion and the hospitality and friendliness of the VKs will remain with me for a very long time. Many of the VK YLs at the ALARAMEET are sponsored members of WARO.

Nets and Contests. The weekly WARO 80 metre net has continued with a decreasing number of check-ins over the summer months. Many thanks to the net controllers who are there each Monday night and may have only one or two replies to their call for stations to check in. The Thelma Souper Memorial contest generates two nights of fun for the participants. It is a pity that the YLs are outnumbered by the Oms in the contest and it would be great to see more of our members spare a little of their precious time for this contest.

I wish to thank all Executive for their support and help to me personally. The Executive has met regularly on air and all members have contributed freely to the discussions and decisions made. It has been a quiet year with few items of new business to be attended to by Executive. After the last AGM we were left without a Secretary and my special thanks to Maxine ZL1FW who offered her services as Acting Secretary and has done an excellent job.

Treasurer Margaret ZL1MB has managed the accounts in an efficient manner and my thanks to her for introducing initiatives to encourage prompt payment of subscriptions.

Many non-WARO members read the WARO page in Break-in and Biny ZL2AZY presents us to the world in an interesting and informative manner. The Bulletin under editor Bev ZL1OS maintains a very high standard of content and with the introduction of the receiving by e-mail option progresses to a new level. Bev not only edits the Bulletin but also maintains the WARO web site, and is Contest Manager.

Silent Keys. Sadly, we have lost some long serving members this year. Vicki Shaw ZL1OC was a foundation member of WARO and held various positions on the Executive over the years. She was also Awards and Contests manager from 1977 to 1993. Gael Pye ZL2SZ, and Rae Braddock ZL4NI, each with over 40years of WARO membership. Two sponsored DX members Jerrie K6INK and Ruth LA6ZI also became silent key, both with many years membership of WARO. I also want to mention Jumbo ZL1HV, a long time supporter of WARO, who actively encouraged women in Amateur Radio over many years.

Finally thanks to all WARO members for your support and I look forward to your continued support for our organisation in the year to come.

Rosemary ZL1RO

40 year Continuous Membership Certificate **Clarrie Hoban ZL1BDZ – by Biny ZL2AZY**

Clarrie Hoban ZL1BDZ is to be the recipient of a special Certificate which marks her 40 years of continuous membership. Clarrie joined WARO in 1966 and was one of a cluster of 3 Te Awamutu YLs who obtained their full licences at that period. Joan Cummins ZL1AJL joined them at a later period.

The very first ZL1 - YL get-together was held in Te Awamutu and that particular meeting has left a lasting memory for many YLs who had the fortune to attend. In the History of New Zealand Women Amateur Radio Operators it is recorded that these YLs 'have always been staunch supporters of amateur radio in their area. Both Clarrie and Norma ZL1ANP operated maritime mobile, and have on a number of occasions joined in the International Car Rallies providing much needed safety communication for the cars.

Clarrie was appointed President of WARO from 1971-72. It is also recorded that she won the Thelma Souper Memorial Contest in 1984. Many YLs will have met Clarrie at Conferences, on mobile, at her QTH both at Waikeria and at Welcome Bay. YLs from overseas were among many of the extended welcomes. Poppy Bradshaw ZL6YF, Elizabeth VE7YL, Heather VK2HD who was guest of honour at one of the NZART Conferences and who Clarrie has sponsored into WARO .

Although Clarrie and OM Richie ZL1AHW left Waikeria for Welcome Bay in 1990, ham radio operation has not diminished. Many a contact is made on 2m and many a Car Rally has been given mobile coverage. The Targa Rallies whilst being very effectively covered by the Hobans have been done in relative comfort these days - with their motorhome providing all the necessary, including sleeping accommodation!

WARO Congratulates Clarrie and appreciates her long time support

30 year Continuous Membership Certificate **Marcia Rast K6DLL – by Celia ZL1ALK**



Marcia K6DLL

Marcia K6DLL has been a well known YL voice on the 14.222 and various North American YL nets for more years than I care to remember. She has been a regular on the 14.222 net, in spite of the late hour, up until last year when she had to move house as her OM Ted's health deteriorated and he went into full-time care. Sadly Ted passed away in March 2006, aged 88. WARO extends our sympathy and best wishes to Marcia as she begins a new phase in her life.

Marcia was sponsored into WARO in 1975 until 2005 by Lesley, ZL1BOR and is currently sponsored by Zelda, ZL3AAB a long time friend - Marcia and Zelda have had regular skeds for many years as well as personal visits in New Zealand and California. Marcia has always enjoyed operating DX and she remembers working ZLs in the 1950s when she was on air from Japan as KA2MR.

Ted and Marcia kept in touch with radio friends all over the world and when Ted retired,

they enjoyed travelling, to Europe, and to New Zealand with lengthy visits in 1979 and 1997 when they visited as many WARO members as possible. Some of us have been lucky enough to enjoy their hospitality in California, and were happy to reciprocate here. They also took many trips around the USA, Alaska and Canada in their trailer

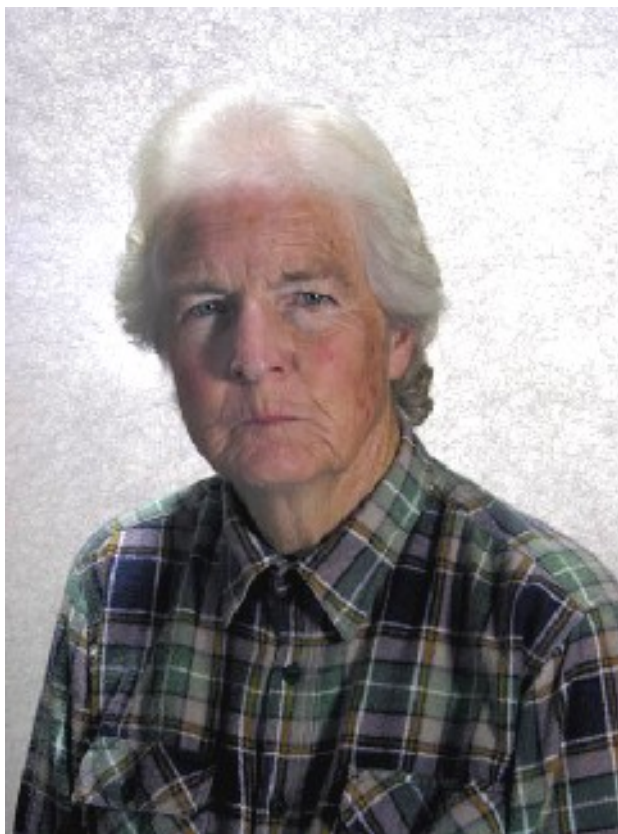
Marcia has been a member and supporter of YLRL, the American YL amateurs group, for many years, attending Conventions and YL meetings. As Ted was Emergency Co-ordinator for California with a network of radio operators providing communication in times of need, amateur radio has been a very important part of their lives.

WARO is fortunate to have such a loyal member who is also a good friend to many of us.

30 Year Continuous Membership Certificate Diana Watson ZL1TMS – By Diana ZL1TMS

Radio Amateur hobby.

Thoughts of becoming a Radio Amateur happened early on in our marriage forty odd years ago. My friend's husband was fully licensed and if you can't beat them, join them, which she did. We moved away from Merseyside and Carl (husband) suggested this would be a good way to keep in touch with my friend. We found baby sitters and went to night school in Cannock, in the Midlands. Like my friend, I had done advanced physics but it didn't make the course any easier, Carl passed no problem, I did not. The year was 1966. We moved back to Merseyside, the kids older and trains and buses readily available I traveled to night school at the Tech. And after a hard slog managed to get sufficient marks to pass, June 1968.



Diana Watson ZL1TMS

We then immigrated to New Zealand, we would need to pass Morse, if I wanted to talk to my friend via the radio. It took us some years to get around to practicing. I managed to be able to receive at a reasonable speed, while Carl had no problem sending. We did not go for a test, as we did not think that a combined one would be given to us! Shortly after coming to a farm near Edgumbe in 1975, two nice men, Jack Armstrong ZL1AZX and another member visited from the Kawerau Radio Club, and we became members. When we moved to Thornton we transferred to the Whakatane Club and were members for some years. Not quite sure when I met Vicki Shaw ZL1OC, but she and others persuaded me to join WARO and yes I would need Morse to work on the various bands!

Other hobbies?

I started stamp collecting when I was about ten years old. There are many stamps and one can collect more than one has time to sort, it has become a joke that I will do it in my old age (I'm

there!) I joined the Whakatane Philatelic Society a few years ago and have actually done some things with just a very few of my stamps, still collecting though!.

Back to England, Carl decided that we needed a guard dog, for our fair sized property, an Alsatian. She was friendly by day, great with the kids, but after dark no-one crossed the property, be it hedgehog, fox and one time barking madly, I saw two youths speedily climbing over the high fence, Ali hot on their heels. It fell to me to do the bed time comfort walk, rain, hail, sleet or snow, but on a clear night I would gaze at the stars. But in New Zealand I was amazed at how many more stars were in the constellations. Carl reckoned my interest warranted a telescope and even built a small observatory to house it. So I joined the Whakatane Astronomical Society and this has lead to many years of variable star observing and both lunar and minor planet occultation work.

Soon after coming to NZ we bred from Ali, intending to keep one pup, but somehow we were landed with two, so to keep three large alsations (german shepherds) under control I went to dog obedience, first in Kawerau, later in Whakatane. I had fun with obedience and one dog passed CDX (companion dog excellent) and with that dog we had some good times tracking in trials work. Later agility came into fashion and one dog competed in Tux Wonder Dog programme and my latest dog has never had a placing in agility events but we have a nice stack of clear round certificates.

How can anyone be bored in life? Hopefully I'll get around to doing some amateur radio again.

30 year Continuous Membership Certificate Heather Pike VK2HD – by Celia ZL1ALK

My first contact with Heather VK2HD was in 1963 when she called into the WARO 80m net for the first time. What a thrill for us ZLs to hear a VK YL ! The Australian YLs did not have a formal group at that time and Heather was an enthusiastic operator, particularly pleased to contact other YLs.

Heather was a keen DX operator, achieving many contacts with YLs in difficult-to-work Countries, as well as being a regular on VK / ZL and DX nets for many years. She was a foundation member of ALARA, the Australian YL group and became a member of WARO in 1976 sponsored by ZL1BDZ.

In 1979, Heather visited NZ and attended the WARO AGM in Upper Hutt where she brought greetings from ALARA and met many of the ZL YLs she had worked on air. In recent years, Heather's health has been poor and her radio activities curtailed. She lives in up-country NSW and we miss her tales of galahs and other birds making a mess of antennas. We are happy that Heather has been able to remain a member for 30years thanks to Sponsorship arrangements.

Congratulations to all of the above members for their long standing membership of WARO from the whole membership, your support over the many years is really appreciated.

NZWARO AGM SUNDAY 4TH JUNE 2006



*Back .Maureen ZL4AN, Denise ZL3HI, Bev ZL3OS, Lynnette ZL1LL, Maxine ZL1FW, Sharron ZL3AE, AnnZL3TNT
Seated. Sue ZL3AHT, Margaret ZL3UD, Ngaire ZL4TUD, Rosemary ZL1RO*

MINUTES for the NEW ZEALAND WOMEN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 8.30am on Sunday 4 June 2006 at Riccarton Park Racecourse, Christchurch.

WELCOME:

President Rosemary Boshier ZL1RO welcomed members and visitors.

PRESENT:

Members Rosemary ZL1RO, Maxine ZL1FW, Sue ZL3AHT, Ann ZL3TNT, Sharron ZL3AE, Bev ZL3OV, Lynnette ZL1LL, Maureen ZL4AN, Denie ZL3HI, Ngaire ZL4TUD and Margaret ZL3UD. Visitors NZART President Bruce ZL2WP, Merv ZL3AHU and Leo ZL2AJB.

APOLOGIES: Laureen ZL1BTP, Joline ZL1UJB, Biny ZL2AZY, Margaret ZL1MB, Bev ZL1OS, Celia ZL1ALK, Jenny ZL2RT, Alma ZL1WA, Jacky ZL1TZW, Alison ZL1TXQ, Rhondalin ZL1RBH, Cathy ZL2ADK, Durlene ZL1ULK, Val ZL3GW, Anne ZL3VR and Bev ZL3TTW. Moved ZL4AN, Seconded ZL3AE.

SILENT KEYS: A minutes silence was observed in memory of Gael Pye ZL2SZ, Vicky Shaw ZL1OC, Rae Braddock ZL4NI, Jerrie K6INK, Ruth Tollefsen LA6ZH and Jumbo ZL1HV. The president also asked those present to remember WARO members who had lost close family members.

NZART PRESIDENT Bruce Douglas ZL2WP was welcomed by ZL1RO to the meeting. Bruce spoke encouraging women to stand for council and offered his support to WARO.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:

The minutes of the Annual General meeting held on 5th June 2005 were taken as read and adopted. Moved ZL3TNT, Seconded ZL1LL.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: ZL1RO advised regarding the e-mailing of the bulletin. Some overseas members had chosen to receive their bulletin by e-mail. Anyone wishing to arrange to receive their bulletin by e-mail should contact the bulletin editor Bev ZL1OS.

REPORTS:

The **Presidents Report** was presented and Moved by Rosemary ZL1RO. Seconded ZL4AN. ZL3AE offered a vote of thanks to the President ZL1RO.

The **Treasurers Report** was read and Moved by ZL1RO on behalf of ZL1MB. Seconded ZL4AN.

Discussion arising from Treasurers Report: ZL3UD asked if subs would remain the same with 5c coins being deleted. ZL1RO replied costs would remain the same as bulk postage was purchased.

ZL3AE queried why money was not being invested in a finance house. ZL1RO replied that ZL1MB would make a recommendation to the executive who would then make the decision. ZL3AE asked if any young female getting her licence can be offered a 1 year subscription to WARO with a flyer/brochure welcome-to-WARO pack. ZL1RO replied WARO would need info from the branches with details of women passing their licence, and asked WARO members to take it back to their branches and to target any branches that did not have WARO members. **NZART President ZL2WP** advised NZART may be able to help. He would mention this at the NZART Council meeting on Monday with the possibility of an introduction membership letter. ZL3UD offered to make up a pack to show us.

The **Break In Editor and Librarian Reports** were both read and Moved by ZL1LL and received with thanks. Seconded ZL3AHT.

The **Awards Managers Report** was presented and Moved by Lynette ZL1LL. Seconded ZL3UD.

The **Official Broadcast Report** was presented and Moved by Rosemary ZL1RO. Seconded ZL3UD.

The **Contest Managers Report** was read and Moved by ZL1FW on behalf of the Contest Manager, ZL1OS. Contest results were as in the report. Seconded ZL3UD.

PRESENTATIONS: **Thelma Souper Memorial Contest** - ZL1RO congratulated ZL2AJB Leo for getting 3rd OM and also presented the certificate for Allison ZL2KID (for 2nd equal YL) to Leo to take back to the club. ZL2WP presented ZL1RO with her certificate for 2nd equal YL.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE:

The following written nominations had been received by the Secretary for the Executive positions:-

President – Rosemary Boshier ZL1RO,

Vice President – Lynette McDonald ZL1LL,

Secretary – Maxine Rowe ZL1FW,

Treasurer – Margaret Bretherton ZL1MB,

Committee Members – Sue Holland ZL3AHT and Bev Gilman ZL3OV.

There being no more nominations than vacancies for any of the positions the above nominees were deemed elected.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:

Awards Manager - Lynette McDonald ZL1LL **Contest Manager** – Bev Osborne ZL1OS
Sponsorship Secretary – Celia Reed ZL1ALK **Librarian** – Joline Beale ZL1UJB
Break-In Columnist – Biny Owen ZL2AZY **Bulletin Editor** – Bev Osborne ZL1OS
Official Broadcast Co-ordinator – Rosemary Boshier ZL1RO

ZL1RO advised all the current appointed officers as above had said they were willing to continue in their current positions. **ZL3AE** Moved “that we remain with the status quo”. Seconded **ZL1FW**.

NET CONTROLLERS: **ZL1RO** said Val **ZL3GW** had advised she no longer wished to do the South Island net control on Monday nights, and asked for volunteers from the South Island to take over this.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2006/2007: It was recommended that subscriptions remain unchanged. Moved **ZL3AE**, Seconded **ZL3AHT**.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A letter was read by the Secretary from Cathy **ZL2ADK** thanking **WARO** for the Life Membership received at the last AGM in New Plymouth.

ZL3AHT asked re life members badges. **ZL1RO** advised this had been discussed in the past but was not wanted by life members themselves.

Librarian - **ZL1RO** advised that the records/scrapbooks held by the Librarian go way back. Sometimes people are wanting to borrow the material. The records should be treated differently to library material as if records are borrowed they can get lost or damaged.

ZL3UD asked if Joline would photocopy any material that may be required by members. **ZL1RO** advised she would but there may be a charge incurred. Joline had advised she was also happy for people to arrange to view any of the material at her home.

ZL1UJB had asked that the following motion be put at the AGM - “The title of the office of Librarian is changed to Librarian-Archivist”. Seconded **ZL3AHT**.

ZL1RO advised that the Constitution would need to be changed and asked that members have a look at the constitution to see if anything else needs change. **ZL3AHT** asked if a copy of the Constitution could be put in the next bulletin with a request to members to get back to the executive if they noted anything needed to be reviewed.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

ZL1RO on the recommendation of **ZL1MB** and the executive committee asked for discussion re a gift of say petrol vouchers to Murray Thompson **ZL1SY** for auditing the **WARO** books.

ZL3AE expressed concern it would start a precedent. The next Treasurer might have a different Auditor. It is a voluntary job. **ZL1RO** advised that **ZL1SY** had spent a lot of his time auditing the books and we wanted to be able to ask him again next year. **ZL3AE** said when she was treasurer she had given the last auditor a bottle of wine – not via **WARO**. **ZL3AHT** advised that was fair enough. **ZL4AN** thought a bottle of wine. **ZL3AHT** suggested we leave it to the treasurer. **ZL3AN** asked re the value, and **ZL3AE** advised to use common sense.

ZL3AHT suggested to recommend to the executive that a small gift would be an appropriate token of thanks and there was general agreement on this.

The meeting closed at 9.45am.

There followed a demonstration on air of Eco Link by Ann **ZL3TNT**, and the sale and purchase of **WARO** supplies.

TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT – 2006

It is with pleasure I present my first report as Treasurer of NZ WARO to this meeting in Christchurch. My apologies also for not attending this Annual General Meeting.

Current Financial membership is 75 ZL members, 1 Associate, 3 Friends of WARO and 87 sponsored DX members. The bulk of subscriptions were paid within 3 months. There is always the stragglers who need a gentle reminder. There is also 6 unpaid members who have not notified anyone of their circumstances.

Stock on hand - we currently have a large stock of various WARO badges -116 "A" @ \$6-00 each, 38 "B" @ \$6-00 each, 13 "C" @ \$4-00 each, 5 bars @ \$1-00 each, 7 Lapel Pins @ \$2-50 each, 26 Charms @ \$2-50 each and 9 Scarves @ \$17-00 each, in all totalling \$1216-50.

I suggest we look at ways to encourage the reduction of these badges and maybe reduce the price and encourage all WARO members and WARO friends etc. to have a badge or Lapel Pins with their call sign engraved. Suggestions would be welcome from members to reduce this stock. I leave it open for discussion. I have been taking some stock to various Amateur functions I have attended and have sold \$183-00 worth this financial year.

Our investment with Mascot Finance is returning a good interest rate and keeps growing as is evident in the Balance Sheet. This comes up for renewal in November of this year and I recommend we put it on a shorter term basis instead of 2 years. I will look at the best value interest rate nearer the time of renewal.

I also recommend WARO invest \$500-00 with the ANZ bank from their Current Account on a short term deposit turnover. The Auditor recommended we do this as we do not spend a lot of money.

With the deletion of the 5 cent coin in October, our postage and other costs may be increased.

I will be available by email if there are any queries and hope to answer them to the best of my knowledge.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Treasurer for the past year and I extend my thanks to Celia ZL1ALK and Bev ZL1OS for their help. Also the rest of the Executive and members for keeping me informed promptly of any changes.

I am available to be your Treasurer for the next financial year if elected on the Executive at the Annual General Meeting.

Margaret Bretherton ZL1MB Treasurer

New Zealand Women Amateur Radio Operators

Stock on Hand as at 30th April 2006

<u>Stock on Hand</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
A Badges	116 6.00	696.00
B Badges	38 6.00	228.00
C Badges	17 4.00	68.00
Bars	5 1.00	5.00
Lapel Pins	7 2.50	17.50
Charms	26 2.50	65.00
Scarves	9 17.00	53.00
WARO History	1 20.00	<u>20.00</u>
<u>Total Stock Value:</u>		<u>1252.50</u>

Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ended 30th April 2006.

ANZ Opening Balance	761.07	761.07		
<u>Receipts</u>			<u>Payments</u>	
<i>Subscriptions</i>			<i>Bulletin</i>	
Current	715.00		Printing	816.76
Advance	65.00		Postage	353.20
DX Sponsorship	410.00		Envelopes	<u>29.99</u>
Friends of WARO	25.00			1199.95
Rose Bowl Investment	<u>1215.00</u>			
Donations	17.00		Stationary	41.45
Sale of Badges	60.00		Secretary Expenses	1.50
Bars	3.00		Postages	15.95
Lapel Pins	10.00		ZL6YL Licence	--
Charms	25.00		AGM Venue	--
Scarves	85.00		Engraving – Club	55.00
WARO History	<u>183.00</u>		Rosebowl	<u>24.30</u> 138.20
<i>Interest</i>				
ANZ Account	10.07			
Rosebowl	4.65		<u>ANZ Closing Balance</u>	914.29
Mascot Finance	<u>372.34</u> <u>387.06</u>			
	2563.13			<u>2252.44</u>
		Operating Profit for Year		<u>310.69</u>
	<u>\$2563.13</u>			<u>\$2563.13</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2006

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
Accumulated Funds	6735.75	ANZ Account	914.29
plus Operating Profit	310.69	Rose Bowl Account	<u>302.86</u> 1217.15
plus Subscriptions in advance	65.00	Mascot Finance Ltd	4641.79
		Stock on Hand	1252.50
	<u>\$7111.44</u>		<u>\$7111.44</u>

I certify to the best of my knowledge, and from the documents supplied, that these accounts are true and correct.

Signed By.....M. G. Thompson 8th May, 2006

Librarian Annual Report - Joline Beale ZL1UJB

Very little material has been received by the Library over the last 12 months save for some photographs from previous events in the not so distant past. The main problem with receiving photographs out of time sequence is that to put them in the right place in the album would mean taking all the later photographs out of every page and redoing the pages. Somewhat daunted by this prospect I have not done this but after considerable thought I have decided that the best idea would be to start a small album for photographs received out of time sequence. This album to have a detailed contents list for cross referencing purposes with photographs added in the order in which they arrive.

It is probable that one of the reasons for very little material having been received is that most people now have digital cameras and no-one has “real” photographs to send off to be affixed into the albums. How do we deal with this matter? Do we ask for people to have “real” photographs printed out for us, especially the photographs that go into the Bulletin, so that we can keep the albums going or do we go with the flow and ask for copies to be put onto CDs for us? I do not have the skills to do this and would need to rely on others putting a CD together.

The third issue is the matter of the appropriate name for the role that we presently call “Librarian”. The appropriate name for the collection that we presently call the Library would devolve from this. There are very few items in the collection that can be genuinely considered as library items available for borrowing. The major part of the collection is valuable historical material, in other words, WARO archival material. Because I consider that the words “Library” and “Librarian” are misleading, there is a motion to be dealt with at the 2006 AGM that adds the term “Archivist” to that of “Librarian”. If this motion is passed it would mean that the collection would be subsequently described as Library and Archives, or Library Archives or whatever term including both meanings that the Executive decided would be most appropriate.

This concludes my report.

Break-In Editor's Report For 2005/6 – Biny Owen ZL2AZY

I am pleased to report that all copy for Break-In has been accepted and that I have been able to fulfill my commitment to WARO.

We along with other subsidiary Clubs are allocated space in Break-In. copy varies in length. Photos are always encouraged. A high standard has to be met. I would like to believe that both OM's and YLs gain some pleasure in reading the WARO Page.

Reminder!

- Subscriptions are now due please pay before 31st August
- Copy for Break-In to Biny by 2nd of January, March, May, July, September, November.
- Closing date for September Bulletin 21st August.

WARO Contest Managers Report 2006 – Bev ZL1OS

The Thelma Souper Memorial Contest held on 1st and 2nd April was enjoyed by all who found the time to spend a couple of hours both nights to give out points. Feedback from those who participated was that they all had a great time and they find the two hours each night plenty long enough. It is quite disappointing to find that so very few who have taken part in the contest put their Log sheets in. This year we only had Log sheets from 10 YL excluding ZL1OS and ZL6YL and only 7 OM Log sheets .

I have had a thought that maybe the scoring system has put some people off from sending their logs in. However this should not be a deterrent, as I am always willing to add the scores up for those who do not understand the system. I think it is necessary to keep the scoring system we have, as it does make the whole contest more interesting and harder to pick who is going to be the winners. We had 14 eligible WARO members including ZL6YL twice this year unfortunately one of our VK WARO members was unable to work enough stations to be a multiplier

Now to the important part of this report, the place getters are as follows:

Lee White ZL2LE 1st YL 7631 points

Allison Clarke – Chandler ZL2KID 2nd Equal YL 6012 points

Rosemary Boshier ZL1RO 2nd Equal YL 6012 points

Alma Wills ZL1WA 3rd YL 5004 points

Pat Pavey VK3OZ 1st VK YL 412 points.

Brian Burgess ZL1NI 1st OM 5880 points

Chris Meagher VK2LCD 2nd OM 4992 points

Leo Hodge ZL2AJB 3rd OM 4706 points



Lee ZL2LE holding Thelma Souper Memorial Cup in her Ham Shack

Log Sheets were received from the following YLs:

Lee ZL2LE 7631 points, Allison ZL2KID 6012 points, Rosemary ZL1RO 6012 points, Alma ZL1WA 5004 points, Sue ZL3AHT 4675 points, Celia ZL1ALK 4452 points, Lynnette ZL1LL 1488 points, Biny ZL2AZY 1130 points, Pat ZL3OZ 412 points, check log from Dot VK2DB.

Log Sheets were received from the following OMs:

Brian ZL1NI 5880 points, Chris VK2LCD 4992 points,

Leo ZL2AJB 4706 points Pete ZL2AUB 4380 points, John ZL1ALZ 3484 points, Bernard ZL1WT 3157 points and check log from John ZL1BYZ 900 points.

Thank you all for making the Thelma Souper Memorial Contest a lot of fun. Lets see if we can encourage more YLs and OM's to make this contest even bigger and better next year.

A Special Thank you to all who took the extra effort to help those with weaker signals especially those who went down and helped one of our VK members with Morse Code contacts.

33 and 73 Bev ZL1OS WARO
Contest Manager.



*Brian Burgess ZL1NI 1st OM being presented with
Trophy by Bev ZL1OS*

Report of My Activity in Strasbourg, Council of Europe. By Evelyne F5RPB

On march 10 and 11, I was invited by the council of Europe to activate the radio club with the special call TP1CE, within the framework of the International Day of the YL.

We were 3 YL's ,DJ0FR Anne Marie, DJ0MCL Olga from Germany, and myself. The radio club was on the top of the building, we had 2 stations Kenwood TS 850, Anne Marie and Olga were in SSB on 40 and 80 meters, I was on 20 meters with CW.

The conditions were bad and on Sunday morning was a contest! but we enjoyed to be on the air.

Over 600 QSO's came in the log, the QSL manager is F5LGF.



The team of 3 YL's on the air

Many thanks to the team of the radioclub of the council of Europe: F5LGF and F6FQK for her hospitality.

Powder Puff Contest 2006 - Jacqueline ZL1JAQ

Date Sunday 6th August 2006
Time Four half hour periods from 2pm to 4 pm
Frequencies All contacts to be on SIMPLEX frequencies in the 2 metre band.
Suggested frequencies are:
146.475, 146.525, 146.575

Contacts YLs to contact YLs and Oms
OMs to contact YLs only

Contacts to consist of exchange of :
Call sign, name and signal report.

There will be a MYSTERY STATION operating which shall count for BONUS points. The station's identity will be revealed when the logs are checked on the BOMBAY repeater (146.900) On the YL net at 7.pm on the night of the contest.

Scoring OMs: All contacts worth 3 points
YLs: All YL contacts worth 3 points
All OM contacts worth 5 points

Plus: Mystery station worth 10 points for a contact during each period.

WINNER of the Powder Puff Contest shall be the YL operator with the highest score as declared on the YL net on the evening of the contest.

CERTIFICATE to the OM with the highest score

PRIZE GIVING: There will be a get together for the presentation of the trophy and certificates on Sunday 20th August at the Goodenough QTH 754 East Coast Road Albany from 2 pm.. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea. All welcome.

Visit to OZ. - by Biny ZL2AZY

I indicated in the last issue of Break-In that I had hoped to meet up with June VK4SJ when over there journeying through the Sunshine Coast in May. But it was not to be.



Biny ZL2AZY, Robyn ZL3WX and Gwen VK3DYL

Communication between my mobile phone and June's broke down! So the OM and I ended up on a detour to see the GlassHouse Mountains instead.

A visit to Melbourne the following month proved more successful. We gave plenty of warning. Mervyn and I were over there for a wedding and it was great to have the opportunity to again meet Gwen VK3DYL and VK3WX Robyn.

Last time I saw Gwen was in Auckland when she and Elizabeth VE7YL were on their DXpedition quest, and Robyn when

she came to New Zealand for the YL International Meet in 2000

Adventure Racing – Coro Style – Allison ZL1TXQ

For some years, Jim and I, along with our son Ian ZL1TQZ and other amateurs have been providing radio communications for Coromandel Adventure Racing. March this year was a particularly busy month. The first of three events for the month was the ‘Moehau Man’ multisports event on 4th March. Jim and I took our campervan up the winding and sometimes gravel roads to our site at Waikawau Farm Park near the beach about two hours north-east of Thames. We soon had our aerials up and the radios installed under the awning of the campervan. We needed to be outside so that we could read the numbers of the competitors as they zoomed in on their bikes, changed their gear then sprinted down to the beach and into their canoes and headed towards the next control group at Kennedy Bay. We worked in closely with our Marshalls as it can be bedlam when competitors arrived in groups. Support crews were coming and going and spectators were milling around. Sometimes we had spectators helping us get the numbers and times.

We had radio comms with Kennedy Bay and to Coromandel Base via a repeater on top of the range. All competitors were accounted for and their times transmitted to Base. We also had comms with Whitianga Coastguard who were escorting the canoeists for safety reasons.

Friday 10th March saw us travelling North again – this time to the DoC camping ground at Stoney Bay near the tip of the Coromandel Peninsula. This time, we were helping Hamilton with comms for the Kona Colville Connection cycle race to be held on Saturday 11th. We soon had the camper set up next to the road, and HF and VHF aerials erected. This time, we are there for safety only. No numbers or times are transmitted. On Friday night, much to my surprise I was able to keep my sched with Jolene and Rosemary on the 6625 repeater – right through the Coromandel range and over to the Klondyke repeater on the west coast! The first of 900 contestants passed our point at 11.30 Saturday morning and they kept coming for quite some time. Tail-end-charlie arrived and let us go at 2.30pm. We were in touch with the station at Fletchers Bay and with Base at Colville.

Friday 31st March saw us in our trusty camper again heading for Papamoa near Tauranga to set up Base for the “Escape from Coromandel” 24 and 12 hour multi-sport event dreamed up by the Coromandel Adventure Racing pundits. Near the summit of the Kaimais, we stopped off to erect a cross-band repeater. We stayed in a camping ground that night and next morning we set up base in a rented house. We erected an HF aerial and two dual band VHF aerials.

The radios were arranged on the dining-room table. Ian and Janice arrived and we were equipped with a lap-top computer to account for all teams in the event. This was a big multi-sport event. Canoeing, biking, running from Mt Maunganui, across the harbour to Tauranga, up the Wairoa river, over the Kaimais, down the Waihou river to TeAroha, back over the ranges to the East Coast, then back across the Harbour to Mt Maunganui. Radio operators manned each transition point and transmitted numbers and times for each team. We also monitored the marine frequency for the harbour crossings patrolled by the Tauranga Coastguard. A total of 20 operators were involved from Thames, Auckland, Hamilton, Whakatane, Tauranga and TeAroha. At Base, we worked in pairs all day Saturday, all night Saturday and Sunday morning until noon. Then we came home for a sleep.

Alternative Programme NZART Convention Christchurch June 2006 - Rosemary ZL1RO

After the Convention opening Ceremony, those on the alternative programme set off by bus for a day out and about Christchurch. At the Lavendale Gallery we had morning tea in the gardens of a beautiful old homestead displaying beautiful Asian antiques and artworks. Visits to two wineries followed and there was an opportunity to sample locally produced wines, fruits, cheeses and sweets in very pleasant settings. The countryside that we passed through was very green and lush and the mountains had just a dusting of snow on top to make a lovely picture. The organisers were determined that we were not going to be idle for long and soon after eating lunch at The Old Vicarage we headed back to Christchurch to visit to a Christmas Shop filled with many types of decorations and animated Christmas characters. A number of grandchildren are going to see something special on Grandma's Christmas tree this year as a result of that visit.



Sharron ZL3AE, Lynnette ZL1LL, Rosemary ZL1RO and Maxine ZL1FW enjoy a lunchtime chat.

After a short stop at the Cathedral coffee shop for more refreshments we walked across the square to see the Southern Encounter Aquarium and Kiwi House. There were large tanks displaying live freshwater and salt-water fishes. The two Kiwi were foraging for food in their enclosure. Sunday started off with a visit to the Riccarton Markets at the Racecourse and the huge number of stalls selling anything one could imagine attracted a large crowd of shoppers. At 9.30 am there were classes offered in bead jewellery making and flax weaving. I noted some lovely flowers woven from flax being carried by their makers as we boarded the bus taking us to the Arts Precinct for the afternoon. There was free time to visit the Museum, the Art Gallery, Botanical Gardens and the Arts Centre where there was a market in progress. More little packages were observed being taken onto the bus after that stop over.

Later in the afternoon we were taken to the historic Riccarton House for Devonshire Tea and a tour of the historic 1850s home and property. From the knowledgeable guide we learned some of the interesting history of the Deans family who were the first settlers in the area. The oldest building on the Canterbury Plains built in 1843 was the Dean families first home and still stands in the grounds of the Riccarton House and bush today.

On the Saturday and Sunday evenings there was time to catch up with old and new friends. Jim ZL2BHF had our heads spinning with his quiz, which had us trying to remember voices from the "olden days". Although WARO did not enter a team in the Branch Challenge, several of our members supported other teams in their efforts. The weekend went so quickly and thanks to the organisers of the Alternative Programme a good time was had by all.

Last night! 27th April 2006 - by Joline ZL1UJB

It was quite a night - thunder and lightning all night long with heavy rain, - some people reckon they didn't sleep all night, we slept and then woke and slept and woke all night, woken up by the thunder and lightning and then staying awake for a while listening to the heavy rain bucketing down - the whole place was saturated already from lighter rain for about three days - and this morning when we went for our usual pre-breakfast 5 km walk the water was simply pouring off the mountain in great leaping waterfalls. It was very dramatic looking.



NZ Pukeko

We walked across the old railway bridge across the river as we do at least twice a week on Friday and Sunday mornings, it being Friday morning this morning. As we walk across we always look to see how much wild life we can spot below, rabbits, pukekos, ducks etc - the wetlands have been building up with black and white swans, all kinds of ducks, geese and etcs because the shooting season begins tomorrow week and somehow the birds seem to know that our wetlands are an official bird sanctuary.

The rabbit holes we usually watch were of course under at least a metre or two or three of water - we've often wondered what happens when the burrows are flooded like this. This morning we learned something of what happens - there were parts of higher land not yet cut off by water but almost completely surrounded.

The rabbits couldn't of course see where the way out to safety was - they were leaping into and around a wild thicket of brambles and old branches that had been dragged out of the river after the last heavy rains and just left lying in a messy heap. Another group of rabbits on the other side of the bridge were trying to find their way to safety along a narrow ridge of land that was vanishing fast. Can rabbits swim we wondered. There's dog paddle, maybe there's bunny paddle. I looked up Google and got this answer -

Yes, as in most animals, they are born with that ability. Most swimming by rabbits is done only to escape. How far is not easy to answer. That depends on how big of a threat it is. Do you get the idea? If their den is flooded, it might be only several feet. They do not "Go swimming for the fun of it"

There was a huge log jam of small logs up against the bridge supports in the middle of the river - that is going to have to be cleared out and dumped on the bank. There were pukekos everywhere feeding happily in the shallow water and the ducks were having a mighty time swimming where there was no water yesterday. The path to the wetlands was completely under water so we didn't venture there.

Congratulations

Best Wishes to Zelda **ZL3AAB** on her marriage from all her friends in WARO we wish you many happy years together and hope to see more of you now that you live in Auckland.

Extreme Weather During June in the South Island



Pages road Timaru where Sharron lives

Sharron ZL3AE sent the following photos of her street and home on 12th June 2006 when the South Island was blanketed by the heaviest snowfall for 48 years. Many residents of the South Island were without power and telephones for around three weeks. Roads were impassable and schools were closed.

The Ski fields were able to open earlier than usual for a bumper Ski season.

The news on TV had photos of lakes completely frozen over. Many families were enjoying ice skating on them.

There were curling competitions being held on the frozen lakes for the first time in many years. The Civil defence were kept really busy helping out people who were isolated without power, phone and transport because of the roads being closed.



Sharron ZL3AE home covered in snow

Irlp – Bev ZL1OS

We now have a new IRLP node on our local repeater node number 6394. A new comer to this branch of Amateur Radio I have found it an extremely good way of making noise free contacts to YLs in many other countries (especially now that propagation on the HF bands is very poor).

I was really pleased to contact Elizabeth VE7YL also some YLs in North America that I had not contacted previously. It has been great to hear some of the new foundation station licence's from the UK, even a class of children in an Amateur Radio class at a Cornwall school.

A full list of IRLP nodes can be found at <http://www.irlp.net> Ann ZL3TNT gave a demonstration of Echolink at the WARO AGM and has in the past written articles on IRLP. These new digital modes are a new and exciting facet of Amateur Radio. I am sure that Ann will be pleased to help with further information on both Echolink and IRLP.

Wonderful Trip to Japan - Tuulikki OH7XX

Greetings from sunny Finland. Temperature has been during this weekend about plus 20 degrees Celsius, we do not have any snow but the lake is still frozen.

At Easter Friday we returned back home from Japan. We spent there two weeks. We landed



Osaka Castle

to Osaka, Kansai Airport. From Osaka we visited in Hiroshima, Mio kindly guided us during that day. Toshiko JP3DPU who lives in Kyoto and her colleague-friend Takako who lives in Osaka (both have visited our home) they had arranged us so much to see and experience in Osaka, Nara and Kyoto. We visited Osaka castle and Takako's home and there they dressed us in kimono and Toshiko had kimono, too. Just before leaving Osaka we visited JLRS 3 area YLs meeting. That was very lovely.

In Nara, our guide (Toshiko and Takako were with us) was Akiko JH3SVS. We visited many wonderful places and Todai-Ji temple was one of them. I visited there also during Osaka YL-Meeting. On the next day Akiko and her husband and their charming granddaughter took me and Pekka to the railway station and so we travelled to Kyoto..

In Kyoto we had lovely time with Toshiko and Takako. We visited The Golden Pavillion, and Heian Shrine and Toshiko also had asked her calligraphy teacher to teach us a little calligraphy. What a wonderful surprise that was. On next day we went to see Miyako Odori geisha-dance-performance and also Nozomi and Ken were with us. After that we visited home of Taeko JE3HII and met also her daughter Eiko. Then we all had a lovely dinner in a restaurant near Taeko's home. They had invited many friends to come there and we really had wonderful time.

In Tokyo Hiromi JJ1CAS guided us during two days, how kind of her, because I know very well that she is very busy in these days. After Tokyo we returned back Osaka and met Toshiko and Takako, they were kindly waiting for us at the railway station and guided us to another big station, our hotel was opposite of it. On the last day Mio asked us to visit very special place. Mio and her husband Jiro took us to lunch and also Jeanie WA6UVF was with us. Then we visited a place to see very beautiful, many kind and many colours cherry trees with blossoms. That area is private and open only 7 days/year. The first of those days was our last day in Osaka.

Oh, what a wonderful "once in a lifetime" - trip we really had!

"This article was supplied by Biny ZL2AZY".....Ed

ALARA Birthday Net

Join the ALARA YLs on the ALARA Birthday net on 22nd July 2006 on 3.588 Mhz at 1000 UTC. Happy Birthday ALARA.

Cambridge Amateur Radio Market Day

The Cambridge Amateur Radio Club Market Day was held on Saturday 20th May 2006. This is always an ideal place for the WARO members to enjoy a coffee and chat catching up on each others news, whilst their OMs look for that special piece of nostalgia (bargain) to take home.

There were nine WARO members present, Biny just managed to make it as we were taking a photo of the YLs present having just arrived back from Australia late the evening before.



*Back Row Left to right - Alison ZL1TXQ, Bev ZL1OS, Maxine ZL1FW, Margaret ZL1MB, Rosemary ZL1RO
Seated – Jenny ZL1RT, Celia ZL1ALK, Joline ZL1UJB and Biny ZL2AZY*

Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Market Day

The Hamilton Amateur Radio Market Day is being held on 26th August this year and it is hoped that the WARO members will be able to meet and enjoy morning tea together. An e-mail will be sent out closer to the time to inform members of arrangements.

Condolences

Our thoughts are with the following WARO members on their recent loss of family members:

Marcia K6DLL on her husband Ted W6SMU, Ted became a Silent Key on March 6th. We sure do miss the contacts we had with Marcia on 14.222.

Shirley VK5JSH on the passing of her Mother in May.

Pat Pavey VK3OZ on her husband Peter VK3VB who became a Silent Key on 1st July.

May it help to know that we are thinking of you all in your time of sorrow.

AUSTRALIAN LADIES' AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION INC.

26TH A.L.A.R.A. CONTEST - 26th - 27th August 2006

ELIGIBILITY: All licensed operators throughout the world are invited to participate. Also open to SWLs.

OBJECT: Participation: YL works everyone, OMs & Clubs work YLs only.
One contest (combined phone and CW) run over 30 hours.

STARTS: Saturday 26th August 2006 at 0600 hours UTC

ENDS: Sunday 27th August 2006 at 1159 hours UTC

SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES: Bands to be used are 3.5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz only.
The following are suggested frequencies for easier location of contacts:

28.380 to 28.410

21.170 to 21.200 and 21.380 to 21.410

14.250 to 14.280

7.070 to 7.100

3.560 to 3.590

SCORING: Phone: 5 points for ALARA member contacted
4 points for YL non-member contacted
3 points for OM or Club station contacted
CW: All contacts made on CW count for double points
OM, SWL, & 5 points for ALARA member logged
CLUB: 4 points for YL non-member logged

LOGS: Single log entry. Logs must show date/time UTC, band, mode, callsign worked, report & serial no. sent, report & serial no. received, name of operator of station worked, whether it is a Club station, and points claimed.

Logs must be received by the Contest Manager by: **30th September, 2006.**

CONTEST MANAGER: Mrs. Marilyn Syme VK3DMS

99 Magnolia Ave.

MILDURA. 3500

VIC. AUSTRALIA

OR: alaracontest@wia.org.au

Further information on this contest can be found on the Alara Website

<http://www.alara.org.au/index> then to 26th Alara Contest.

Comments from WARO Bulletin Editor - This is a very good contest when conditions are good and a great opportunity to work YLs from other countries including Canada. The Canadian YLs are always on the lookout for the ZL and VK YLs during this contest. There is a really nice certificate for the 1st placed DX YL. I have a few of these hanging on my Ham shack wall.... time for some other DX WARO members to win it.....Bev ZL1OS

NZ 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 AWARD

General

Contacts may be any mode, any band or mixed, with applicants contacts all from the same QTH (except as in VHF Section), but contacts via repeaters, in WARO Nets or contests are not eligible. No QSLs required. Send full log details certified by one other licensed radio amateur to Awards Custodian:-Lynnette McDonald 25 John Street Pukekohe 1800 New Zealand with sufficient postage for return of award.

HF Section

ZL and VK stations work 10 WARO members resident in New Zealand, DX stations work 5. Endorsement seals available to ZL and VK stations for each additional 10 contacts DX stations 5. Contacts with DX members of WARO qualify for endorsements but applications must contain at least three ZL contacts.

VHF Section

Stations work 10 WARO members on VHF or UHF. (Repeaters allowed) Endorsement seals for each additional 5.

SWL Section

ZL and VK stations list 20 contacts heard with WARO members, DX list 10. Send full log details with call-signs of both stations. Endorsements for each additional ten (five for DX stations).

February 2004

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 1st 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. Paikia | 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 | |

February, 2004

Lynnette would really love to have more applicants for these lovely Awards. Full list of WARO Awards can be found on the WARO Website.....Ed