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Meetings: Club meetings are on the third Tuesday each month in the clubrooms, 19 Stadium Drive, Pukekohe, at 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome.

NEXT MEETING

The Club position on the five remits to NZART Conference at Kings Birthday weekend will be ascertained.

After the remit meeting the remainder of the evening will be led by Ted ZL1BQA. Ted will be showing us some of the computer resources we ought to become familiar with as members. The discussion will look into QRZ, log of the world and others.

NZART CONFERENCE

There is less than a fortnight to conference. This year marks the 100th birthday of NZART and has some special things to remember and to look forward to. Closing date for bookings is 22 May. If you wish to see how the annual general meeting pans out then entry to that section is free of charge – but there will not be catering provided to those just coming to the AGM.

Please do consider attending the NZART 100 year conference on May 30-31. Our organisation needs Aucklanders to attend! You have minimal travel and no accommodation costs compared with our southern attendees, so please get that form filled out On-Line or paper (Back of latest Break-In) and we'll see you there.

Your Association will be underwriting any loss from the Conference, which will depend entirely on the number who attend and pay. We need another 100 attendees to sign up now!

<https://nzart100conference.nzart.org.nz/registration-form/>

Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month (excepting January) at 7.30 pm in the clubrooms.

Subscriptions: Individual \$30, Family \$40, due December

See club secretary for bank account number

Nets: HF Sunday 9 am, 3.700 MHz (Mike ZL1UOM); VHF Sunday 9.30 am, 146.900 MHz (Steve ZL1TZP); DMR on TalkGroup 5301, Wednesday 7.30 pm (Steve ZL1TZP)

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF NZART

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- **Centenary History Book** for All Fully Paid Attendees
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JOIN US FOR THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT!

www.nzart100conference.nzart.org.nz

APRIL MEETING

The screenshot shows the POTAWatch website interface. At the top, there's a search bar and navigation tabs for SPOTS, ACTIVATIONS, and LOGS. Below, the 'Hunter Log' is displayed with a table of recent activations. The table has columns for Date/Time, Station, Operator, Worked, Band, Mode, Location, and Park. The log shows several successful activations, including one by ZL1TZA on 2025-04-20 at 03:39, which was a 20M PHONE (SSB) activation at AU-11189 Hays Inlet Fish Habitat Protection Area.

Date/Time	Station	Operator	Worked	Band	Mode	Location	Park
2025-04-20 03:39	VK4NU	VK4NU	ZL1TZA	20M	PHONE (SSB)	AU-11189 Hays Inlet Fish Habitat Protection Area	
2025-04-20 02:18	VK4OLB	VK4OLB	ZL1TZA	15M	PHONE (SSB)	AU-9249 Queens North State Beach	
2025-04-18 22:25	ZL1HBM	ZL1HBM	ZL1TZA	40M	PHONE (SSB)	NZ-BOP NZ-0306 Robson Forest Reserve	
2025-04-12 05:31	VK4TMI	VK4TMI	ZL1TZA	20M	PHONE (SSB)	AU-1206 Mount Ascher National Park	
2025-04-11 04:52	ZL4AT	ZL4AT	ZL1TZA	40M	PHONE (SSB)	NZ-OTA NZ-0751 Otago Central Rail Trail State Trail	
2025-04-11 00:27	ZL3MR	ZL3MR	ZL1TZA	20M	PHONE (SSB)	NZ-CAN NZ-0147 Kaitake/Tuwharetoa Tairāwhiti Conservation Park	
2025-04-10 22:31	ZL1BQD	ZL1BQD	ZL1TZA	40M	PHONE (SSB)	NZ-HKB NZ-0371 Kaitake Forest Reserve	
2025-04-08 03:24	ZL1BQD	ZL1BQD	ZL1TZA	15M	DATA (FT8)	NZ-BOP NZ-0211 Te Kohu Ecological Area	
2025-04-05 05:29	ZL1LD	ZL1LD	ZL1TZA	40M	PHONE (SSB)	NZ-WTC NZ-0118 Whetanga Forest Conservation Area	
2025-03-30 05:28	ZL1BQD	ZL1BQD	ZL1TZA	10M	DATA (FT8)	NZ-VKQ NZ-0871 Whakapu Bay Scenic Reserve	



Photos top to bottom

- 1 Steve ZL1TZA log on POTAWatch.
- 2 Simon, Francois and Greg.
- 3 Steve with an audience of fifteen.
- 4 Francois with a repaired vintage receiver.
- 5 Mike, Steve, Gary.

MESHCORE

The repeater has been lifted higher to assist those wishing to use it.

FRANKLIN JUNK SALE

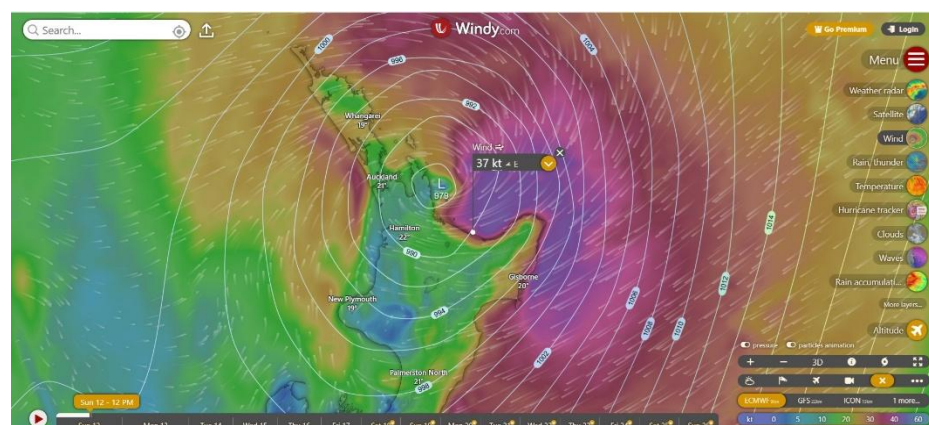
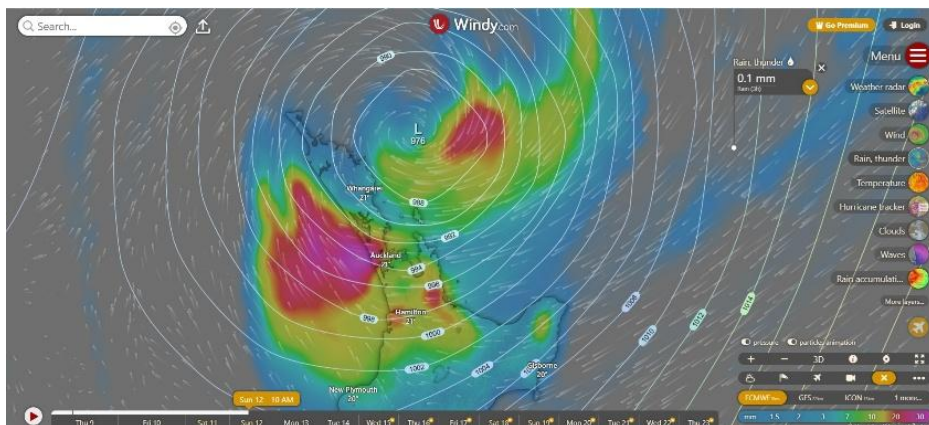
This year the club has a considerable offering of used equipment and junk for sale. This means that the July junk sale is on again. Mark your calendar for Tuesday July 21. The sale starts at 7:30 pm and is in our traditional “conducted sale” format.

You can see some photographs that include early offerings to the sale on the side tables during the April meeting.

CYCLONE VAIANU

Readers may recall the forecast weather map at right. This was published three days ahead of the prediction.

Below is the map of the situation on 12 April, (but 12 hours later than the prediction above it). For those who criticise the accuracy of forecasts surely this lends weight to this writer’s opinion that we are getting good forecasts. When you look at a weather map I always consider it the reader’s responsibility to make an interpretation, based on his surrounding topography.



Jock White Field Day result

2026 Jock White Field Day

Montgomery Cup - Northern Region

CALL		80 metres					40 metres					Tot Mult	Total Score	Pwr Out	BRANCH
		QSOs			Branches		QSOs			Branches					
		Ph	CW	DX	Ph	CW	Ph	CW	DX	Ph	CW				
1	ZL1XH	357	198		29	15	445	145		31	14	89	366769	100	77 Te Aroha
2	ZL1AM	279	133		29	15	369	172		31	14	89	308741	100	28 Whangarei
3	ZL100AA	295			29		507			32		61	146766	100	02 Auckland
4	ZL1WI	236	21		29	10	373			31		70	135240	100	90 Waiheke Island
5	ZL1RT	178			28		137			30		58	54810	100	83 Raglan
6	ZL1KW						235	78		31	14	45	49275	100	67 Kawerau

Hastings Trophy - Phone Only

1	ZL1REG	332			29		456			32			61	144204	100	89 Radio Electronics grp
2	ZL1SA	370			28		361			31			59	129387	100	10 Franklin
3	ZL2KO	298			29		399			31			60	125460	100	20 Manawatu
4	ZL1VK	290			29		403			30			59	122661	100	65 Papakura

The results have been published on the internet. As Ian ZL1PZ would have said “We did not disgrace ourselves.” There is space here to also include the stations who contested both modes from the northern region.