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### President's Report

As you are all aware, on Friday 17 November 2007, a meeting was held at the club-rooms to discuss the fee's issue that had now come to pass. After much discuss the following was decided:

*"That we give up the paper based repeaters, namely the 10M, 6M and 23CM including the Digipeater; and we pay all the remaining beacons and repeaters that we as a club have operational equipment for."*

And further is was decided:

*"It would be acceptable to the club if NZART decides to return licenses back to branches, that we would accept this."*

It was decided to wait out the current round of negotiations to see how they progressed; as we didn't want to "miss out" on any benefits should a solution come forward.

The first trip to Mt Climie has been completed, but further trips have been delayed mainly by the weather, as you are no doubt are aware. Watch your emails for further information - we planning the next trip on the weekend of 9/10 December 2006 - this will be the trench digging trip. If time and weather permits perhaps doing the feed lines for 730 and 860.

The third meeting for the Wellington Radio Expo 07 was held recently at Branch 42 (Titahi Bay) Clubrooms - not much additional information to report at this stage. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2007. Just a reminder that I have volunteered Branch 63 to do the talk-in station, and front car parking job. Branch 18 will do the tickets, and door security.

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**Club HF Net 3.630 MHz every Tuesday at 2100 NZDT**

## President's Report (cont.)

Big Coast 2007 planning is complete with Morrie ZL2ADP running the show.

The celebration of the clubs 60th Anniversary - 3 December 2006 - 5.30 pm - the dinner will be held at, China City Restaurant, Main Street, Upper Hutt.

Price is \$18.50 per head - BYO is available with a \$1.00 corkage fee. See you all there.

This is the last newsletter for 2006 (where did it all go?), and the next newsletter will be the first of 2007, in February 2007.

Well that's if from the top... 73's and good DX'ing...

Mark ZL2UFI

President

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## Treasurer's Report

At the Branch meeting held on 17 November it was decided that to save NZART and ultimately the Branch some costs, we would rationalise our repeater and beacon line up and relinquish those transmitters which were not actually operational (see this month's President's Report).

This means that costs were reduced from the initial \$540? to \$360. Branch 63 will forward the money on to NZART, which is at present paying the fees.

As a consequence of this decision, members had an impromptu "whip around" and \$150 was raised to assist with this payment.

As Treasurer, I was extremely grateful to receive this money on behalf of the Branch, and of course, will be grateful to receive any more money that other members may wish to contribute.

73 Gavin ZL2ACT

Treasurer

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## From the email reflectors

For those of you concerned that the NZART email reflectors were just an avenue for expressing discontent, here is something that was posted about an upcoming event.

### 2007's 4rd ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK (A.A.W.)

Worldwide Antarctic Program (WAP)'s Staff, from <http://www.ddxc.net/wap> announce the launching of 4rd Antarctic Activity Week, which will be held from 00:00 GMT Febr. 19th through 24:00 GMT of Febr. 25th 2007.

Purpose of this A.A.W. is to improve Worldwide interest around Antarctic Continent and its related matters, to understand and share what the Nations and Organizations are doing to protect this still non contaminated corner of the world, to share a message of peace WW.

Antarctic Activity Week, is celebrating every years on last week of February, in concomitance with the 22nd of February, when the Argentines rejoice the Argentine's Antarctica Day (DIA DE LA ANTARTIDA ARGENTINA see [www.marambio.aq](http://www.marambio.aq) ).

This invitation is addressed to all Radio Amateurs (OMs & SWLs) around the world, to the Clubs and Organizations as well as other important groups and individual operators WW who would like to join and share with us, this initiative.

OMs and SWLs, have to work as many Special Prefixes, as well as many Antarctic stations as possible. Nobody will have to give progressive numbers, nothing at all, just working an log as many Special Event stations as possible, as a DX stile.

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### **From the email reflectors (cont.)**

Club stations of the Antarctic Institutes, as well as Antarctic Organizations (such as LU2CN Servicio Auxiliar de la Armada who care the Antarctic matters in Argentina, or any eventual other of such stations, are welcome to join WAP Antarctic Activity Week.

The brand New WAP A.S.E.A. (Antarctic Special Event Award) recently launched by ARI CASSINO: (<http://digilander.libero.it/aricassino>) and sponsored by ARI C.R. LAZIO, is available by working at least 5 of the 75 Special Event Stations listed on the WAP Directory. Rules are released by the Award manager of the ARI Section as well as any other indication useful to apply for it.

All WAP Special Event callsigns, will be insert into the 2007's New Edition of WAP Directory and qualifying for the WAP.

(thanks Tom)

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### **VHF Convention**

Christchurch have dropped the baton on holding the VHF Convention in Christchurch in 2007 and Wellington VHF Group have picked it up to ensure that Convention takes place. I don't think this will have a detrimental influence on Expo as it happens after that event - it may even be beneficial. The Wellington area is certainly "pulling above its weight" in 2007!

Mark, ZL2UFI

(See page 4 for the advertising blurb for this Convention—Ed)

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### **Amateur Radio for the Little Ones**

As many of you will be aware, the National System comes alive once a year with the sound of young voices. The following note was put into the recent CommCentre newsletter, and is reproduced here for the benefit of those with young family members who may not have seen the note.

**"A Note From Santa:** " Again this year, I intend putting a radio on my sleigh, so I can use your fantastic UHF National System to talk to the ZL young folk (and the not so young) as I head to NZ, my first port of call on a busy night delivering presents. Each year, I really enjoy the chance to talk to the children, grandchildren and friends of Amateur Radio Operators in NZ who make their equipment available on this very special night. **On Christmas Eve, Dec 24th, @ 1930 NZDST,** please have your young ones around your radio on the National System, listening for my "Ho, Ho, Ho." I can ask the young folk how best I can find them, where they are leaving my drink, food for the reindeer and, of course, where I am to leave their presents !"

Don't forget - TALK to SANTA - National System 1930Hrs Christmas Eve. Put a note by your rig now, and do make the effort to ensure the young folk don't miss this special opportunity to chat with Santa via your Amateur Radio Station."

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### **Newsletter over the Christmas Period**

As Mark notes in his President's Report, this is the final newsletter for 2006. The next newsletter will be produced in February. Please feel free to drop me an email with any news or events that happen over this period and we will endeavor to include them in the newsletter. All the best for a happy and safe Christmas and New Year period.

Sean, ZL2SC  
Editor

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# "VHF CONVENTION 2007"

Incorporating Repeaters Beacons & National System Trustees Forum

**The Members and Committee of Wellington VHF Group invite you to attend the VHF Convention to be held in Wellington during Easter 2007. "It'll be a good one!"**

*Please make a note in your diaries now!*

Dates: Easter weekend 06-07-08-09 April 2007

Venue: Tawa Service Centre, Cambridge Street, Tawa, Wellington.  
(Please note the change of venue from Christchurch)

**Programme: An exciting mix of speakers and events is planned including; technical presentations; VHF Forum; the "Wallace" mobile rally; ATV, Satellites, AREC & other special interest groups; Repeaters Beacons & National System Trustees forum.**

**Doug Ingham ZL2TAR has again volunteered to organise the technical programme. Prospective speakers and contributors please advise Doug of their proposed topic and provide an outline of their talk as soon as possible. Please contact him direct via e-mail: [zl2tar@nzart.org.nz](mailto:zl2tar@nzart.org.nz) or via our PO Box.**

Friday pm Registration and informal get-together at the venue.  
Saturday Keynote speaker, technical programme, VHF Forum.  
Saturday night Convention Dinner and social.  
Sunday Technical programme, mobile rally, Trustees forum, special interest groups.  
Monday am Technical visits, departure.

**Charge: Our target is to minimise costs this year, and make the event more affordable, and the committee are already working on this aspect.**

**Registration forms will be published in the January/February 2007 issue of Break-In, in Wellington VHF's Q-Bit journal and Auckland VHF's Spectrum newsletter, and are also available directly from the Secretary.**

**Further information is available from Dick Greenbank ZL2TGQ, via e-mail: [zl2tgq@nzart.org.nz](mailto:zl2tgq@nzart.org.nz), or home telephone 04 970 3985.**

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