

# **Kordia National System Award 2012**

## **Historic Places – Category II**

### **Award Completion Report**

#### **Summary:**

The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Branch 12 NZART from 1 January 2012 to 6 February 2012 presented the **Kordia National System Award 2012 - Historic Places Cat II**, based upon the original idea by Wellington VHF Group, and in association with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust. This was a FUN award to demonstrate the coverage and use of the National System, to promote our history and category 2 historic places.

During the Award participants visited 952 Category II (2010 - 662 Category 1) Historical sites, 24% of the registered category II (2010 - 70% of the registered category 1) historic places. 123 (2010 – 181) unique call signs were listed in the 18 (2010 – 26) logs received by the custodians and the logs accumulate to over 5000 (2010 – 7400) points (see Award Structure for how points awarded). 5 (2010 – 6) participant's log demonstrated that they had worked all branches in New Zealand. The highest individual log accumulated 851 (2010 – 686) points, with the 1579 (2010 – 1033) points logged against one individual's call sign. Details are in the appendices.

Thank you to those operators that put historical places on the air but did not wish to participate in the award. These operators made a significant difference to the award and we are grateful for your participation. Of particular note is the contribution of ZL1DK, the accumulative logs reference this call sign 1,579.

Thanks to Wellington VHF Group for lending us the idea for the award again, and the National System trustees for the access to the system.

We are grateful to the assistance of the Historical Place Trust, particularly Rebecca O'Brien (Registrar), for their support and understanding as we pressured their website. The category II Historical Places added an interesting dimension to the award.

#### **Background:**

Wellington VHF Group award was presented every two years so would not be available in 2012. The Hamilton Branch presented a similar award for the 2010 year following the very successful model of the Wellington VHF Group. The award was associated with the Historical Places Trust, points awarded for contacts to/from Category 1 Historical Places.

## **Award Structure:**

The Custodians for the award were Phil King ZL1PK and Gavin Petrie ZL1GWP.

Points were awarded for:

1. Contact any Amateur in each NZART Branch area (excluding Branches in recess) via the National System. Only Branches on the provided list are valid.  
1 point
2. Contact ZL1UX, official station of Branch 12 via the National System.  
3 bonus points
3. Contact any Amateur, via the National System, operating at a Category 2 Historic Place (as listed in the Historic Places Trust Register).  
1 point
4. Contact any Amateur, via the National System, while you are operating from a Category 2 Historic Place (as listed in the Historic Places Trust Register).  
1 point

Award risks were assessed and mitigation plans put in place to avoid any negative affect on the award.

## **Our Experience:**

The Category II Historic Places dimension built on our experience of working Category 1 Historical Places in 2010. This encouraged people to develop an understanding of the history in our community.

The spread of sites and accessibility allowed operators all over the country to participate. However the outcome was very different to 2010. There are significantly more Category II sites 4739 (4002 with addresses) vs. the 953 Category I sites. The sites are not as prominent as the Category I sites, so it is harder for casual travelling operators to participate in the award. Preparation is necessary to find sites.

The participation from South Island operators was lower than in the past award. In part this can be attributed to people reacting to the Christchurch earthquake affect on historic sites. However some Christchurch sites were successfully visited during the award.

One of the highlights is the number of contacts/acquaintances that are renewed through this annual award.

A number of road trips developed over the period of the award. This provided access to Historical Places that would not otherwise have been visited. Considering the distance travelled during the award we are pleased that everyone returned safely home and the government treasury did not get any funding from our operators, which we are aware of.

A number of sites were difficult to find due to issues concerning addresses for example,

- No street numbers: Site 4190: Arnold House Hamilton Road (S.H.1), CAMBRIDGE
- Incorrect address: appears it may have been caused by renumbering of street Site 4277 Courthouse 93 Tirau St, PUTARURU - Should be 73 Tirau St
- Unidentifiable location: 4934 Power Pylon Stanley Road, GORDON - no number, town not associated with road to find site
- Corners that do not cross: Site 5297: Frankton Junction New Zealand Railways Institute Corner, Weka St and Pukeko St, Frankton, HAMILTON
- Address that appear to be suburbs of a city, the addresses appear to mix Region/Province: Site 3479 New Zealand Shipping Company Manager's House (Former) 102 Waima Road, Waima, GISBORNE

Some operators took part on the spur of the moment and erroneously referenced their home branch not the branch they were physically located at the time.

### Statistics:

During the award 5075 (2010 -7444) points were accumulated by all the operators.

This highest individual log was presented by ZL1RGM 851 points (70 Branches, 778 Historical Sites and 3 for contact with ZL1UX) (2010 - ZL1DK 686 points (70 Branches, 613 Historical Sites and 3 for contact with ZL1UX)).

The following operators worked all branches:

- ZL1GWP
- ZL2UK
- ZL1RAC
- ZL2LH
- ZL1RGM

Three most worked Branch areas were Branch 12, Branch 60, and Branch 27, all with 14 contacts.

The following 14 sites are the most contacted Historical Place with 9 contacts.

760	Tea House	TE AROHA
761	Cadman Bath House (Former)	TE AROHA
763	No 7 Bath House	TE AROHA
878	Waipuku Stream Railway Overbridge	TARIKI
2697	Gazebo over No 15 Spring	TE AROHA
2698	No 2 Bath House	TE AROHA
2711	The Elms (dwelling) Kitchen & Dairy	TAURANGA
2712	House & Adjoining Shop [Relocated]	TAURANGA
4223	Cranswick	MATAMATA
4224	Bank of New Zealand Building	MATAMATA
4259	House	NGARUAWAHIA
4324	Hall	HOROTIU
4459	Delta Tavern	NGARUAWAHIA
7125	Waikanae Post Office	WAIKANAE

The following table outlines the number of sites worked by region:

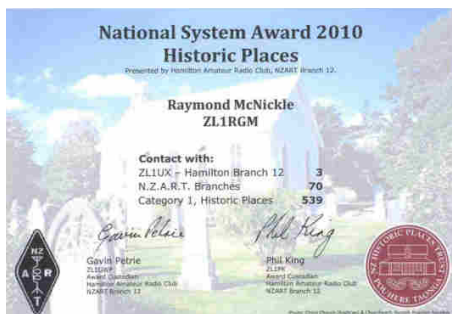
NZHPT Regions	Total (with Address)	Worked	%
Auckland Region	335	202	60%
Bay of Plenty Region	60	45	75%
Canterbury Region	653	27	4%
Chatham Islands Region	5	0	0%
Gisborne Region	140	37	26%
Hawkes Bay Region	275	22	8%
Manawatu-Wanganui Region	334	109	33%
Marlborough Region	87	2	2%
Nelson Region	135	0	0%
Northland Region	220	10	5%
Otago Region	516	8	2%
Southland Region	88	4	5%
Taranaki Region	152	56	37%
Tasman Region	115	2	2%
Waikato Region	340	252	74%
Wellington Region	473	181	38%
West Coast Region	74	14	19%
	4,002	971	24%

Highest accumulated points log against a call sign was 1,579 points for ZL1DK followed by ZL1RGM at 1.032 points (2010 - 1,033 points for ZL1RGM. Further details are in the appendices.

First point claimed for the award was logged at: 00:02 Site 941: Taupo Courthouse (Former)

### Certificate:

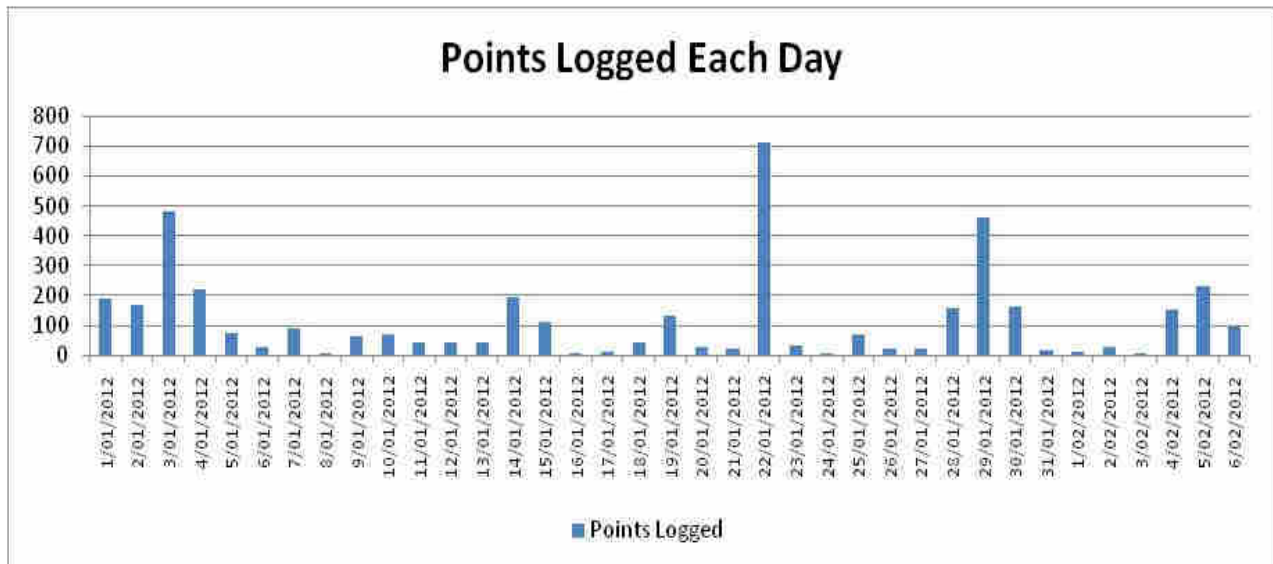
With this award the certificate was offered in two formats, electronic (PDF) and hardcopy, and based on the 2010 format using the Frankton Junction New Zealand Railways Institute (site 5297) as the background.



Example of certificate.

## Assessment and Recommendations:

The period of the award at 5 weeks closing at Waitangi day appeared to be an appropriate period of time. The level of activity dropped off quickly after a couple of weeks. The following is representative of the time that points are logged.



The spread of the sites was helpful to the award, making it easier for many operators across the country to participate. On reflection the defined accessible list of sites meant that the challenge was defined and provided a good reference point for preparing logs and accuracy of the contact.

There appears to be support for the award to be done annually. The burden for an annual award on any one branch is too much so the ball needs to be passed to keep the process going and energy up.

It is questionable as to whether the drop off of operator log is a reflection of award fatigue.

The predefined log formats were not used by everyone; this may become a requirement in the future to make the assessment of the logs easier. The logs failed to collect whether the operator was receiving from a historical site or transmitting from a historical site, inclusion of the information needs to be considered for next time.

Having presented the award twice it maybe timely to seek feedback from the participants as to whether they value the award as an annual event, and any other suggestions for improvement. Feedback could sort by phone conversation.

## Thanks and Acknowledgements:

Thank you to those operators that put historical places on the air but did not wish to participate in the award. These operators made a significant difference to the award and we are grateful for your participation.

Many thanks to Wellington VHF Group for lending us the idea for the award.

The National System clearly performed well during the award and handled the pressure that the award would place on any system. Thanks to the trustees for the access to the system and keeping it going and accessible

We are grateful to the assistance of the Historical Place Trust, particularly Rebecca O'Brien (Registrar), for their support and understanding as we pressured their website, and visited the many wonderful places that they administer.

Most importantly we want to thank those operators that took the time to participate in the award. We hope that you enjoyed the experience and learnt something about our history.

To our families too, we say thank you for allowing us to participate and supporting our hobby. A number of family members acted diligently as scribes, doing a fantastic job. Thank you all.

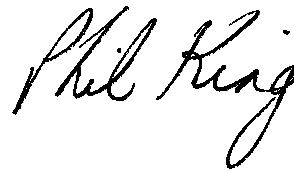
**Conclusion:**

The custodians consider the award to be a very successful project. Achieving the objectives of having FUN, demonstrating the coverage and use of the National System, promoting our history and category II Historic places. Beyond this we have heard positive conversation about HAM radio in the community.

We wish Wellington VHF Group good luck with next year's award.



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## Appendix A: Award Statistics:

### Historical Places:

#### Summary of Sites Visited by Region:

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#### Top Sites Worked:

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4324	Hall	Waikato Region	9	ZL1GWP, ZL1KM
4459	Delta Tavern	Waikato Region	9	ZL1GWP, ZL1KM
7125	Waikanae Post Office	Wellington Region	9	ZL1DK

#### Branches

**Top Branch Areas Worked:**

Branch	Branch Name	Points
12	Hamilton Amateur Radio Club (Inc)	14
27	New Plymouth Amateur Radio Club (Inc)	14
60	Taupo Amateur Radio Club	14

**Operators****Top Five Operators for Accumulated Points in the logs:**

Call Sign	Name	Points
ZL1DK	David	1,579
ZL1RGM	Raymond	1,032
ZL1GWP	Gavin	352
ZL1LL	Lynette	167
ZL2UK	Christine	138

**Top Individual Points:**

	Branches	Sites	ZL1UX	Total
ZL1RGM	70	778	3	851
ZL2LH	70	739	3	812
ZL1GWP	70	700	3	773
ZL1LL	69	678	3	750
ZL2UK	70	592	3	665
ZL2FC	63	290	3	356