

Special Event Callsign ZM100DX

This article is to advise of the upcoming centenary celebration of the first trans global antipodean two way radio contact from New Zealand to the United Kingdom on 18th October 1924 between amateur radio operators 4AA (Frank Bell – Shag Valley Station, South Island, NZ) and 2SZ (Cecil Goyder – Mill Hill School, London).

Branch 30 NZART will be on site at the Shag Valley Station site for approx. 1 week before the 18th October date and a couple of days afterwards, and will be operating as a field station on most HF bands (CW, SSB and FT8) and also on VHF DN690 (All Star access node 61891) and DN665 (IRLP 6507).

Please lookout for the callsign ZL4AA on bands as mentioned above, which will be the callsign used at Shag Valley. (12th until 20th October 2024)

We will be attempting to recreate, as near as possible, the original 1924 QSO on 18th October 2024.

For further information please refer to QRZ.com and search for special event callsign for this celebration : ZM100DX.

This callsign will be available for operators throughout NZ to use by booking your favoured time slots and operating band and mode using the following link to a Google Sheets document.

It is available from late September until 26th December 2024 and we look forward to your support and participation with this.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13HhII8OrNPoi2_-mfMJ9LM-dx3O6sZQNmAIIJSPqngv4/edit?usp=sharing

Thankyou in anticipation for your assistance with this.

73,

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