

# FISTS CLUB IN VK/ZL

## (FISTS Down Under Inc.)

Join the club devoted exclusively to CW operators and CW operating. We have three straight forward goals.

**Further the use of CW**

**Engender friendships among members**

**Encourage newcomers to use CW**

Already over 5,200 members strong, FISTS is growing in Europe, North America and other parts of the world, including New Zealand and Australia. Brought together by a common love of Morse, FISTS members actively participate in a wide variety of amateur radio activities including nets, ragchewing, earning awards, QRP, contesting and of course “Elmering.” All activities include both slow and higher speeds and emphasise courteous operating practices.

Our members are young, old, both OM's and YLs, -they live all over the world including every State in the USA, hold every licence class, (while in fact some are prospective licences and SWLs) and all enjoy CW communications and widely varying proficiency levels.

FISTS is not tied to any commercial interests and has no paid employees. VK and ZL members receive the UK produced newsletter **Key Note** and a local supplement **Fists Down Under Inc.** All our activities and programmes are funded entirely by modest annual fees of NZ\$10.00 or AUS\$10.00

Spouses and dependants (under 18 years) of existing members can join at no cost.

Requirements for the FISTS Club are very simple. You simply have to like Morse Code! You do not need to be a member of any other organisation and there is no minimum Morse proficiency requirement. You don't even have to be a licensed amateur.

*FISTS in New Zealand and Australia*

*-Please join us now*

### FISTS AWARDS

*Century award is for 100 FISTS contact points  
Platinum Award is for 100 Century Award contacts*

*250 Century award is for 250 Century Award holder contacts 500 Century Award is for 500 Century Award holder contacts Silver Award is for 250 FISTS contact points Gold Award is for 500 FISTS contact points*

*Diamond Award is for 1000 FISTS contact points Worked FISTS all US States -for exchange between FISTS members in QRP as well as QRO categories. FISTS Down Under Awards*

### CONTESTS

*FISTS promotes contests for members and others*

### FISTS

*Supporting the use of*

**MORSE CODE**

*Why not join us now*

## First Beginnings...

FISTS was founded in 1987 by Geo Long-den G3ZQS of Darwen, Lancs England, after recognising a need for a club in which veteran operators would help newcomers and less-experienced operators learn and improve CW proficiency. During the first year, membership reached 300, most of whom were in Great Britain and Europe.

The North American chapter was formed in 1990 to assist 11 members in the USA receive the newsletter and as a banking convenience. Nancy Kott WZ8C of Hadley, Michigan was named US representative.

The NZ Chapter was formed in 1998 to provide a similar service to Australasian members, with Ralph Sutton ZL2AOH as the VK/ZL representative.

World wide, FISTS members now number over 5200 members. You are invited to join them.

## FISTS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Call: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I DO NOT WISH to have my name published in the membership list (Tick) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment of NZ\$10 or AUS\$10 can be made as follows;

### New Zealand members

TBA

### Australian members

"FISTS Down Under Inc." at the Bendigo Bank,

BSB 633 000

Account 163 604 986

(don't forget to include your callsign)

Or, in Australia, cheques can be made payable to

"FISTS Down Under Inc." and sent to Chris Chapman

330 Fullers Road, FOSTER VIC 3960

Email: vk3qb@hotmail.com

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- Any queries should be addressed to [gazmag1@gmail.com](mailto:gazmag1@gmail.com)

You are cordially invited to take this opportunity to learn about the FISTS Club, one of amateur radios' fastest growing growing organizations. It's a unique club founded and maintained on solid principles, using radio's fastest and yet most reliable communications mode CW!

