

## The NZVRS 2023 AGM Competition Billman Trophy

The NZVRS would like to hold an open competition for a member built or restored vintage radio related item.

Each entry is to be of a member's own work or a joint effort with another member.

Members are welcome to enter up to two entries each.

The competition is open and in no way limited in design – entries may be as simple or complex as desired.

Size is limited only by transport, delivery and access to the venue.

A written summary, supporting pictures and circuit sketch of the entry would be appreciated. More detail may be subsequently requested for a bulletin item.

Entries should be anonymous and presented to the Secretary before 11am on the day of the AGM. Electronic copies are to be received at [nzvrs@pl.net](mailto:nzvrs@pl.net) at least two days before the AGM to allow for printing.

For out-of-town entries, a document with supporting photos is an entirely acceptable entry.

**The overall winner will be determined by vote at the AGM** after an assessment team presents a summary of salient features for each entry ie it will be determined by show of hands rather than points based judging.

The following criteria may be used as a guide in determining the allocation of any additional awards, but these points are entirely at the judges' prerogative;

<b>Design</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overall design (technique fit for purpose)</li> <li>○ Demonstration of any innovation.</li> <li>○ Elegance in design techniques</li> <li>○ Degree of simplicity (complexity is not always an advantage)</li> <li>○ Adaptation of technology</li> </ul>
<b>Construction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Construction techniques employed</li> <li>○ General look and eye appeal (eg simplicity and elegance)</li> <li>○ Execution skills and aesthetics</li> <li>○ Interesting componentry and materials</li> <li>○ Degree of difficulty</li> </ul>
<b>Performance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Device performance (eg sensitivity but also including any relevant factors such as power efficiency, durability and stability).</li> <li>○ Ease and simplicity of operation</li> <li>○ Be safe in working practice</li> </ul>
<b>Additional items ie special category</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inventiveness</li> <li>○ Novelty value</li> <li>○ Originality</li> <li>○ Breadboard construction</li> <li>○ Merits of supporting documentation</li> <li>○ Vintage look</li> <li>○ Attractiveness</li> <li>○ Exceptional features</li> <li>○ Additional credit for using the Club's VR100 / 6U7 valves</li> <li>○ Judge's choice</li> </ul>

### PLEASE NOTE:

1. Closing time for the competition is at 11 am on the day of the AGM at the venue. 2 days prior for electronic files.
2. The supporting instructions, sketch of controls, any circuit and descriptive text will be used only to determine the judging criteria. The 'print quality' of the instructions will not be judged however their merit (clarity, simplicity etc) may be appreciated.
3. Any "testing" of the item will be entirely at the discretion of the judges and limited to their range of available instruments.
4. Any submitter's identification will be coded, obscured or otherwise deleted from the entry item and supporting documentation.
5. Members are welcome to submit up to two entries each.
6. The **voted** overall winner will be awarded a free NZVRS subscription for the following year and get presented with the annual Billman Trophy to hold until the next AGM.
7. Any award of merit or recognition in any category is totally optional and at the sole discretion of the judges.
8. The judges' and voted decisions on the day are final and binding, no correspondence or justifications will be entertained.
9. A summary of the entries will be included in the end of year bulletin.

Thank you for your interest and good luck to all participants.