



# Ragchew

“The Voice of Branch 68”

February 2020



The North Canterbury Amateur Radio  
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*Meetings are held at the Woodend Youth Centre, unless  
otherwise advised.*

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## CLUB CALENDAR

**Meetings start at 1930hrs, unless otherwise stated.**

**February 13th** – This will be our AGM, election of Officers and committee.

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>** – JWFD - We will again be at the View Hill Domain, Oxford. We will be setting up from 10am on the Saturday morning with a group staying over on Saturday evening.

I would like to organise a roster of operators for various time slots, so if you would like to operate SSB or CW please let me know and we'll create slots for you.

All members are welcome to come out, whether you're operating or not.

Directions on our website [www.ncarcinc.weebly.com](http://www.ncarcinc.weebly.com)

Or contact Don ZL3DMC 027 551 6683

# Nets and Frequencies

**Canterbury 2M SSB Net** 144.200MHz every Tuesday from 2000hrs (vertical polarisation)

**Canterbury 6M Net** 3850 6M Repeater Thursdays from 2000hrs (vertical polarisation)

**Canterbury Area Net** 5625 Repeater, 2000hrs on Sundays

**National Broadcast** last Sunday of the month at 2000hrs on 3.900MHz, National System, 6975 and 705 Repeaters

## AREC / RURAL FIRE REPORTS.

Forest Rural Fire: (AREC supplied Comms / Logistics to Forestry Fire Teams).

Sat. 7/12/19

One Forestry unit, assistance call to a vegetation burn-off near Loburn. First arrival (Rangiora) noted only a minor fire and stood down other responding units.

Sun. 8/12/19

Three Forestry units, assistance call to a rural fire adjacent to the Ashley Forest near Whiterock. A rekindle of a previous fire by gusty winds overnight destroyed a tractor, tractor shed and a quantity of hay.

Tues. 10/12/19

Two Forestry units, assistance call to a rekindle of Sunday's fire.

Sat. 14/12/19.

Two Forestry units, assistance call to a grass and scrub fire threatening trees in the former Eyrewell Forest area. This required resource called in from a large area including at least one helicopter.

Fri. 27/12/19.

Two Forestry units, assistance call to a ute and a paddock on fire near North Loburn. The Ute was destroyed.

Wed. 1/1/20.

Two Forestry units, assistance call to a tractor on fire in a hay paddock near North Loburn.

Mon. 6/1/20.

One Forestry unit, assistance rescue call to a car-v-pole near North Loburn

First Response (Rangiora) deemed assistance not required and stood down the Forestry unit.

Sat. 11/1/20.

Two separate callouts on a day of hot, gusty N-W winds.

(1) One Forestry unit assistance call to a hedge on fire near Loburn. Found to have

self-extinguished so unit stood down while en route.

(2) Three Forestry units in major call-out to hedge and paddock fires threatening property in Loburn area. Ch-ch Command Unit and a helicopter also included in this call-out. One property owner required treatment by Ambulance.

Wed. 15/1/20.

(1) One Forestry unit, assistance call to smoke in the area of Leithfield. First arrival (Amberley) found a permitted, controlled burn and stood down other responding units.

(2) One Forestry unit, assistance call to investigate a smouldering bonfire, late

evening. Turned out to be minor and all units stood down.

Sat. 18/1/20.

Two Forestry units assisting in trying to locate source of smoke initially in the

Okuku area but there was much confusion because of the low cloud around the hills.

One of our units finally located the smoke in the North Loburn area. Found to be a permitted burn but the owner had forgotten to advise Firecom before lighting up.

Geoff ZL3QR

Dep. S/L.

## Repeater Reports



### Mount Grey 675 Repeater

This repeater is working well.

### Mount Noble 6975 Repeater

This repeater is working well.



# General Meeting

## The North Canterbury Amateur Radio Club

Held in the Clubrooms Woodend – 12 December 2019 at 7.30pm

### PRESENT:

Tony ZL3HAM (Acting Chairman) and 17 members and visitors as per attendance book.

APOLOGIES: ZL3DMC Don and ZL3RCK Ron

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held on 14 November 2019 as circulated to members were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. (ZL3QR/ZL3SI)

### MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward: Nil

### ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Treasurer mentioned that the Club's accounting books would close on 31 Dec 19 – no payments outstanding.

### REPORTS:

AREC/CDEM – Forest Rural Fire: (AREC supplied Comms / Logistics to Forestry Fire Teams).

Sun. 24/11/19 - One Forestry unit, assistance call to a car and trees on fire near Sefton. First arrival (Rangiora) noted fire almost out and stood down other responding units.

Sat. 7/12/19 - One Forestry unit, assistance call to a vegetation burn-off near Loburn. First arrival (Rangiora) noted only a minor fire and stood down other responding units.

Sun. 8/12/19 - Three Forestry units, assistance call to a rural fire adjacent to the Ashley Forest near Whiterock. A rekindle of a previous fire by gusty winds overnight destroyed a tractor, tractor shed and a quantity of hay.

Tues. 10/12/19 - Two Forestry units, assistance call to a rekindle of Sunday's fire.

-Report from Geoff ZL3QR Dep S/L

AREC News: - Nil

Member News: – Nil

Repeaters: – Both going well.

Council – Nil

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- Michael ZL3AX gave a brief update on the progress to date on his Homebrew transceiver.
- Tony ZL3HAM gave a very interesting talk about his recent trip to Germany to attend the Ham Convention at Friedrichshafen.

Check out this year's event at: <http://www.hamradio-freidrichshafen.com>

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**Annual Subscriptions**  
**\$40 Single, \$50 Family**

Payment by instalments can be arranged with the Treasurer.

**Bank details for Internet payment. Please include your Callsign / Name. ANZ Bank: 01 0877 0105044 00 PLEASE HELP THE CLUB and PAY PROMPTLY**

**Branch 68 Officers**

President	Don MacDonald	ZL3DMC	03 327 7415
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**Repeater Trustees**

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	Richard Smart	ZL4FZ	03 385 8355
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### CALENDAR for 2020

#### General Meeting - Second Thursday at 1930 (7.30pm)

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	13	12	9	14	11	9	13	10	8	12	10

#### Committee Meeting - Fourth Thursday at 1930 (7.30pm)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	27	26	23	28	25	23	27	24	22	26	-

### Branch 68 Marketplace

#### FROM BRANCH 68

Club Monograms (cloth) \$9.00 - Club Badges (metal) \$6.50

**Enquiries to Denise ZL3HI, phone (03) 313 4907**