



Ragchew



“The Voice of Branch 68”
June 2020

The North Canterbury Amateur Radio
Club Inc. **PO Box 14, Woodend 7641**

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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.

Host for June ZL3HI

June 11th – Michael ZL3AX is going to demonstrate his all band radio the he constructed himself, come along and be amazed

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

General Meeting

The North Canterbury Amateur Radio Club

Held in the Clubrooms Woodend – 12 March 2020 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Don ZL3DMC (Chair) and 19 members and visitors as per attendance book.

APOLOGIES: ZL3COL Colin and ZL3OV Bev

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held on 13 February 2020 as circulated to members were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. (ZL3HAM/ZL3SI)

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward: - Letter from Ashburton Branch regarding the use of their repeater and a reminder to all about using our Callsigns in the correct manner (ie in full)

Outward: - Nil

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Nil

REPORTS:

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

Nil

AREC News:

Nil

Member News: – It was Liz's (ZL3LIZ) Birthday today...she was 21 again this year.

Repeaters: – Both going well.

Council: – Don reported that NZART's new website was up and running.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Don ZL3DMC reported on the Club's Field Day activities – 3 club members , Don, Geoff ZL3AL and John ZL3MR plus a 'ring-in' - Alastair ZL2ARC managed to distinguish themselves with a very good result.

Tony ZL3HAM talked to the Letter received from Branch 01 and there was good discussion on why we need to use our Callsigns correctly – and a wee reminder about language on the air.

Our guest speaker was Simon ZL3SI who gave a very interesting talk on Commercial Broadcast Radio in NZ And an insight into some of his experiences 'On Air' in the UK.

Repeater Reports



Mount Grey 675 Repeater

This repeater is working well. Soon it is to be replaced by a Yaesu Fusion (FM & Digital) repeater which

will mean some changes to operating protocol. Explanation of this will be given closer to the time.

Mount Noble 6975 Repeater

This repeater failed in late March due, it is believed, to a faulty controller. A new controller has been prepared for when we get the chance to get up to the repeater for the next maintenance trip.

The current controller is the original one fitted about 20 years ago so has given rather good service



Annual Subscriptions \$40 Single, \$50 Family

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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
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Committee Meeting - Fourth Thursday at 1930 (7.30pm)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		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