



# Ragchew



“The Voice of Branch 68”  
August 2020

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

[www.ncarcinc.weebly.com](http://www.ncarcinc.weebly.com)



*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 August Geoff ZL3AL*

**August 13** – A demonstration of LOTW and Computer logging software by Don ZL3DMC

## Mid Winter Dinner

We are again holding our mid-winter dinner On 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 12.00pm at the Gardens Restaurant, please email Don [scanner379@gmail.com](mailto:scanner379@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance. Br 68 club members will receive a \$10 subsidy on their meals.

## 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

## 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



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

Payment by instalments can be arranged with the Treasurer.

## General Meeting

The North Canterbury Amateur Radio Club

Held in the Clubrooms Woodend – 9 July 2020 at 7.30pm

### PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: ZL3MOM Mary, ZL3GA Geoff, ZL3SED Richard, ZL3AMC Andy, ZL4WX Brian and Sam ZL4WY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held on 11 June 2020 as circulated to members were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. (ZL3HAM/ZL3COL)

ZL3VI Baden, moved that an amendment be added to the minutes to explain the reason that there were no general meetings in April and May due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

### MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward: - Nil

Outward: - Nil

### ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

One account for payment to the Woodend Lions for rental - \$150.00 was approved.

(ZL3HI/ZL3GM)

### REPORTS:

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

Nil

AREC News:

Nil

Member News:

Nil

Repeaters:

No change

Council:

– Don reported that the NZART AGM will be held in Wellington. There will be no conference this year.

NZART are planning to appeal the decision from RSM regarding the current ATV application

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- Tony ZL3HAM reminded members about the up coming Westfest event to be held in Murchison on 19/20 September 2020.
- Rick ZL3RIK mentioned that Branch 05 was not hold a midwinter function this year and was asking if their members could join us. Don ZL3DMC, mentioned that we would be sorting a date at our next committee meeting and we would be happy to invite Branch 05 members along.
- Don ZL3DMC congratulated Alf ZL3ALF on gaining his amateur licence in the last Hamcram.
- Samantha Chapman from Scott Base Redevelopment was our guest speaker. We all enjoyed a very informative talk on all of the proposed development that will be undertaken over the next few years at the NZ Antarctic base.

Check out this site: <http://www.scottbaseredevelopment.govt.nz>

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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
Vice President	Tony Buckland	ZL3HAM	03 312 5352
Secretary	Grant Daniel	ZL2GD	027 439 4234
Treasurer	Denise Hider	ZL3HI	03 313 4907
AREC S/Leader	Don MacDonald	ZL3DMC/ZK9EG	03 327 7415
Ragchew Editor	Don MacDonald	ZL3DMC	03 327 7415
Committee	Geoff Gillman	ZL3QR	03 313 7137
	Tony Buckland	ZL3HAM	03 312 5352
	Grant Daniel	ZL2GD	027 439 4234
	John Van Dijk	ZL3MR	0274879057
	Geoff Gooch	ZL3AL	03 920 2800
	Simon Hill	ZL3SI	021 210 1786
	Mark Carshalton	ZL3BA	027 9602741
Webmaster	Don MacDonald	ZL3DMC/ZK9EG	03 327 7415

### Repeater Trustees

6975	Geoff Gillman	ZL3QR	03 313 7137
	Brian Holland	ZL4WX	03 312 3344
675	Geoff Gillman	ZL3QR	03 313 7137
	Richard Smart	ZL4FZ	03 385 8355
ZL3RR	Geoff Gillman	ZL3QR	03 313 7137

### 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
							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