



# Ragchew



“The Voice of Branch 68”  
September 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 August John ZL3MR*

**September 10** – A demonstration and talk on all things digital by Blair ZL3TOY

## 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**

A team went up to Mt Noble to attempt to repair the faulty controller, they were unsuccessful on the day, so the controller has been brought back and when it is repaired it will be again installed at Mt Noble. Thanks to Tim ZL3TIM and Matt ZL3 for undertaking this work



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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 – 13 August 2020 at 7.30pm

#### PRESENT:

Don ZL3DMC (Chair) and 15 members and visitors as per attendance book.

APOLOGIES: ZL3OV Bev, ZL3GM Owen, ZL3ALF Alf and ZL3COL Colin.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held on 9 July 2020 as circulated to members were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. (ZL3HAM/ZL3VI)

#### MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward: - Nil

Outward: - Nil

#### ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Nil

#### REPORTS:

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

Mon. 20/7/20 - Fire in a paddock, Quarry Rd, Loburn. Two Forestry units assistance call, but first arrival (Rangiora) found fire out and stood down other units while en route.

Sat. 1/8/20 - Major turnout to Birch Hill Rd., Okuku, where a fire in willow slash had got into a stand of trees. Three Forestry units plus units from Rangiora, Oxford, Waikuku Beach and Swannanoa were required to bring this fire under control.

Geoff ZL3QR

Dep. S/L.

AREC News:

Nil

Member News:

ZL2MAC Mac had a short stay in hospital recently and is now recuperating in Blenheim with his daughter.

Repeaters:

Mt Noble: - A comprehensive report was received from Brian ZL4WX on the current situation. He has been in contact with Tim and they are formulating a plan to make a site visit to determine work required to bring the repeater back on-line.

Mt Grey: - No word from Branch 05 on the digital upgrade to hand.

Council:

– Don reported that the NZART AGM is still planned to be held in Wellington subject to any changes in the latest Covid situation in Auckland. Don advised that he would be attending if it was still on.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- Don reminded members about the forthcoming Club Mid Winter Luncheon
- Rick ZL3RIK mentioned that Branch 05 was conducting a Pairs Contest to help train new hams in the art of contesting and invited Branch 68 members to participate by hosting a newbie. The first contest is planned for 31 August – contact Rick for more details.
- Don ZL3DMC read the NZART Remit and after a brief discussion and the checking of eligible voters present – the Remit was passed unanimously.
- Geoff ZL3QR moved that Don ZL3DMC be elected as the Club's representative at the NZART AGM – seconded ZL3VI
- Geoff ZL3GA gave a very interesting talk on modern logging programs used by amateurs. LOTW (Logbook of the World by ARRL) and DX Labs suite of programs.
- Don ZL3DMC presented Geoff ZL3QR with a birthday cake to celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 18 August which we all sampled after the meeting.

## For Sale

Two Aluminium Poles

4.9 metres 50 mm outside, 45 mm inside fitted with two galvanised mounting clamps.

5.0 metres 45 mm outside, 39 mm inside. (snug fit inside 50 mm pole)

\$50.00

Diamond HF Multi-Band Wire Dipole (Trap Dipole) Antennae.

Model W-810 80m/40m/20m/15m/10m. Five Band Trapped Dipole.

Full Operating and Tuning instructions

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Colin ZL3COL

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### Repeater Trustees

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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
								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