



Ragchew



“The Voice of Branch 68”
December 2020

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

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 October, Geoff ZL3QR

December 10– General Meeting followed by a presentation by MBIE Radio inspector Paul Rewiri. This will be a great talk you will not want to miss.

December 12 – Club BBQ 12.00 at the clubrooms BYO food etc. Come along and tell us what your holiday plans are.

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 November 2020 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Tony ZL3HAM (Chair) and 19 members and visitors as per attendance book.

APOLOGIES: ZL3DMC Don, ZL3OV Bev and ZL3RIK Rick

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held on 8 Oct 2020 as circulated to members were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. (ZL3EP/ZL3QR)

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward: - Nil

Outward: - Nil

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Tony ZL3HAM \$42.97 - Solar connectors for Mt Noble upgrade.

REPORTS:

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

Tues. 13/10/20 - 3 fire call-outs in 1 day!

(1) Assistance call, one Forestry unit to a hedge slash fire near Ashley, deemed to be dangerously close to the hedge the trimmings had come from. First response, Rangiora, told owner to move remaining piles further back before lighting them and stood down other responding units.

(2) Assistance call, one Forestry unit to a paddock fire near Loburn. Forestry unit stood down while en route as fire deemed to be safe.

(3) Short time later, two Forestry units, assistance call, as the paddock fire had got into a fence-line, and they were required for mopping up.

Mon. 19/10/20 - Assistance call for one Forestry unit to a paddock fire near Ashley. However, the Forestry unit was not needed and was stood down before they had left the station.

Geoff ZL3QR

Dep. S/L.

AREC News:

AREC has had their AGM and Steve ZL2UCX is in charge of this region.

Member News:

Mark ZL3BA has moved to Whangarei

Repeaters:

675 (Mt. Grey)

Going well – not much FM activity now.

6975 (Mt. Noble)

Still out of action. Brian ZL4WX will update us soon on progress.

Geoff ZL3QR.

Council:

– Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

- There was no general business.

- In lieu of a guest speaker, Tony ZL3HAM brought along a DX-pedition video which was very interesting.

Repeater Reports



Mount Grey 675 Repeater

On 19th September, the existing FM repeater was replaced by a Yaesu Fusion FM/Digital repeater. For FM operation now, a ctcss subtone of 123.0 is required on both the tx and rx of radios to be able to work it.

Mount Noble 6975 Repeater

Some new solar panels and associated mounting hardware have been delivered to the repeater site in anticipation of a visit by the technical crew. We hope to have the repeater running as soon as possible.



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
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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
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Branch 68 Marketplace

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Club Monograms (cloth) \$9.00 - Club Badges (metal)
 \$6.50 **Enquiries to Denise ZL3HI**, phone (03) 313 4907