



# Ragchew

"The Voice of Branch 68"

April 2021



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 March Geoff ZL3GA*

**April 8**– General Meeting followed by a presentation from Keith ZL4JA on using APRS with hang gliders. This will be an interesting talk.

## 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**

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**

MT Noble's battery capacity has reduced to approx 50% due to problems caused last year due to mice destroying the control board. There is also a possible sensitivity issue under weak incoming signals. This will require all cables and connectors to be checked on the next visit.



## **AREC / RURAL FIRE REPORTS.**

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

Sat. 20/3/21     One Forestry unit, assistance call to a tyre fire at Leithfield Beach.

First response (Amberley)

found only a minor rubbish fire (which did include some old tyres) and stood other responding units down.

Geoff ZL3QR

Dep. S/L.

# Special General Meeting

The North Canterbury Amateur Radio Club

Held in the Clubrooms – 11 March 2021 at 1930hrs.

## Present:

Don ZL3DMC (Chair) and 20 members and visitors as per the attendance book.

## Apologies:

Were received and sustained from Bev ZL3OV, Brian ZL4WX, Tony ZL3HAM, Liz ZL3LIZ and Alf ZL3ALF

## General Business:

A Special General Meeting was called to ratify the appointment of Patron for the Club.

The Committee at it's meeting held on 22 February 2021 moved that we recommend Geoff ZL3QR be appointed Club Patron in recognition of his valuable contribution to the Club over the last 50 years.

Don ZL3DMC called for a motion from the floor.

John ZL3MR moved, seconded by Colin ZL3COL – The motion was carried unanimously.

Don ZL3DMC then presented Geoff with a Certificate and Badge.

Geoff mentioned that the last Club Patron was ZL3OC – 1978-1992

Meeting declared closed at 1943hrs.

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### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Held on 11 February 2020 as circulated to members were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. (ZL3HI/ZL3MR)

### Correspondence:

Inward – Letter from Daniel Ayres ZL1DFA

Outward - nil

### Accounts for Payment:

Nil

### Council Report:

Don ZL3DMC spoke about the upcoming Conference to be held in Napier.

### Reports:

Member News: Nil

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

Surprise - Nil

Geoff ZL3QR

Dep. S/L.

### AREC Report:

Don ZL3DMC spoke of his attendance at a recent SAREX exercise at Spencer Park – helicopter training.

### Repeater report:

Nil – both OK

Don then gave a brief report on our recent Jock White Field Days event – compared to the previous years results we achieved an improved score. Hopefully enough to retain the Trophy for the South Island.

### General Business:

- Geoff ZL3QR mentioned the assistance he received from Brent ZL3TUI recently when the lock on the Clubrooms door had been vandalised.

- Geoff ZL3QR raised the matter of a missing club power supply. It was suggested that it may have been given to Richard to go up to the repeater site at some stage? Don ZL3DMC will follow up.
- Geoff ZL3GA then gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on the gear that he uses on his SOTA trips. A station running about 5w on 40, 30 and 20m CW including aerial and mast weighing in total less than his bottle of water in his pack.

Meeting declared closed at 2035hrs.

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

Payment by instalments can be arranged with the Treasurer

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## Branch 68 Officers

President	Don MacDonald	ZL3DMC	03 327 7415
Vice President	Tony Buckland	ZL3HAM	03 312 5352
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Treasurer	Denise Hider	ZL3HI	03 313 4907
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	Grant Daniel	ZL2GD	027 439 4234
	John Van Dijk	ZL3MR	0274879057
	Geoff Gooch	ZL3AL	03 920 2800
	Simon Hill	ZL3SI	021 210 1786
	Brian Holland	ZL4WX	021 793 871
Webmaster	Don MacDonald	ZL3DMC/ZK9EG	03 327 7415

## Repeater Trustees

6975	Geoff Gillman	ZL3QR	03 313 7137
	Brian Holland	ZL4WX	021 793 871
675	Geoff Gillman	ZL3QR	03 313 7137
	Richard Smart	ZL4FZ	03 385 8355
ZL3RR	Geoff Gillman	ZL3QR	03 313 7137

## CALENDAR for 2021

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

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

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

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

## Branch 68 Marketplace

### **FROM BRANCH 68**

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