



# Ragchew

"The Voice of Branch 68"

May 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 May DonZL3DMC*

**May 13** – General Meeting followed by a presentation/video from Tony ZL3HAM featuring the Arecibo Observatory's function and demise.

## 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.



# General Meeting

## The North Canterbury Amateur Radio Club

Held in the Clubrooms – 8 April 2021 at 1930hrs.

### Present:

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

### Apologies:

Were received and sustained from Bev ZL3OV, Owen ZL3GM and Brian ZL4WX

### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Held on 11 March 2021 as circulated to members were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. (ZL3AL/ZL3RIK)

And the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 11 Mar 2021 were confirmed with an addition of a surname. (ZL3GA/ZL3SED)

### Correspondence:

Inward – nil

Outward - nil

### Accounts for Payment:

\$150.00 for 3 mths hall rental to Woodend Lion  
(ZL3HI/ZL3AHY)

### Council Report:

Don ZL3DMC spoke about the upcoming Conference to be held in Napier.  
The results of the recent NZART elections will be published in Break-In

### Reports:

Member News: Nil

Fire report: - 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.

Sun. 28/3/21 - One Forestry unit, assistance call to a supposed paddock fire near Sefton. On arrival found to be a small fire which a contractor was burying. No action required.

Mon. 29/3/21- One Forestry unit, assistance call to a paddock fire near Okuku. First arrival (Rangiora) found a small controlled burn in light scrub had got away and quickly dealt with that. The Forestry unit stood down on arrival.

Tues. 30/3/21- One Forestry unit, assistance call to a hedge fire near Loburn, possibly caused by a power transformer. First arrival (Rangiora) found fire out on arrival and stood down other units en route.

Geoff ZL3QR

Dep. S/L.

AREC Report:

Don ZL3DMC mentioned that some basic training was being planned - TBA

Repeater report:

Nil – both OK

Although we were advised that damage to the batteries at Mt Noble may mean that they may need replacing at some stage.

#### General Business:

- Michael ZL3AX gave a brief talk about the progress that he has made with his Transceiver Project. Circuit boards are now available for sale and more info on the project is available on his website:  
<https://hampiradio.com>
- Our guest speaker was Keith ZL4JA. He gave a most interesting talk on APRS and his experiments using this mode for communicating with Don ZL3SDD in his hang glider.

Meeting declared closed at 1950hrs.

## 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 0105044 00 PLEASE HELP THE CLUB and PAY PROMPTLY**

## Branch 68 Officers

President	Don MacDonald	ZL3DMC	03 327 7415
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## 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
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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	23	28	25	-

## Branch 68 Marketplace

Club Monograms (cloth) \$9.00 - Club Badges (metal) \$6.50

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