



# Ragchew

"The Voice of Branch 68"

June 2021



The North Canterbury Amateur Radio  
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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 June- Denise ZL3HI*

**June 10** – General Meeting followed by a NZART Conference report by Don ZL3DMC

## 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 – 13 May 2021 at 1930hrs.

### Present:

Don ZL3DMC (Chair) and 17 members and visitors as per the attendance book.

### Apologies:

Were received and sustained from Bev ZL3OV, Colin ZL3COL, Denise ZL3HI, and Brian ZL4WX

### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Held on 8 April 2021 as circulated to members were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. (ZL3HAM/ZL3LIZ)

### Matter Arising: Nil

### Correspondence:

Inward – Circular letter from NZART HQ

Outward - nil

### Accounts for Payment: Nil

### Council Report:

Don ZL3DMC mentioned the news about 60m. Applications for the sub license needed to sent to Debbie at NZART HQ.

The Digital TV Ch 25 is no longer available. NZART are looking at alternatives.

2 club members will be attending Conference in Napier this year – Don ZL3DMC and Geoff ZL3GA.

The only Remit for Conference this year was read out to those present and put to the vote with a show of hands – the Remit was passed.

### Reports:

Member News: Nil

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

Geoff's ZL3QR report was tabled at the meeting. – (the Secretary thinks that he has lost the e-mail which normally follows for these minutes)

AREC Report: Nil

Repeater report:

Nil – both OK

General Business:

- Tony ZL3HAM dropped off a handful of QST magazines – free to a good home.

Then we were entertained with two videos which Tony had brought along all about the world's largest radio dish antenna in South America.

The presenter was a ham radio operator, and the video showed a group of American hams on a tour of the facilities. A pity it is now no longer.

- Geoff ZL3GA mention that some history was made recently with a ZL3DRN making the first Satellite Summit to Summit contact in ZL.

Meeting declared closed at 1955hrs.

## 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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	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
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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
-				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
				27	24	22	26	23	28	25	-

## Branch 68 Marketplace

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

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