



Ragchew

"The Voice of Branch 68"

July 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 July- Geoff ZL3AL

July 8 – General Meeting followed by a presentation by Kelvin ZL3KB.

Kelvin will present his results from ground wave predictions and trials using WWII man pack radios (Stop press – new data to be presented!)

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.

July 2021 update, the digital portion of the repeater is not working , it is waiting for a tech visit to reset the repeater. The analogue portion is unaffected.

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.



Radio equipment for sale

All as new, unused, "as is." With manuals.

Yaesu FT-897D transceiver \$2,000

Yaesu MH-59A8J microphone \$175

Yaesu MH-31A8J microphone \$175

Nagoya BA-6200 dual band antenna \$200

Diamond 80-10M trapped dipole kit (20m long) \$150

LGD AT-897 Plus memory autotuner \$350

Diamond GS3000 30 amp power supply \$450

Kenwood TS-830S including desk and hand held mikes \$550

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General Meeting

The North Canterbury Amateur Radio Club

Held in the Clubrooms – 10 June 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, Tony ZL3HAM and Liz ZL3LIZ

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Held on 13 May 2021 as circulated to members were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. (ZL3QR/3ALF)

Matter Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Inward - Break In Magazine

- KiwiSat email to Secretary advising more detailed info to come.

Outward - nil

Accounts for Payment: Nil

Council Report:

Don ZL3DMC gave a detailed report on the recent NZART Conference held in Napier.

- 155 members registered (which is about the normal number of attendees)
- Subs to increase by \$10.00
- Remit was amended slightly – passed
- There was discussion on the make-up of the Council. Options include reducing the number of Councilors to 5 with varying different combinations of representation by district.
- Council discussed the current voting process. It appears that it needs to be simplified. (Only 28% of NZART members voted and there were 70 invalid votes.)
- Don reported that the venue was excellent and there was a good selection of forums.
- Next year's Conference could be in the South Island – TBA

Reports:

Member News:

We have a new member – Welcome Peter ZL3PWM

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

Sat. 22/5/21 Assistance call, one Forestry unit to a scrub fire near Loburn. First arrival (Rangiora) found it to be only a small controlled burn and stood all other responding units down while en route.

Geoff ZL3QR
Dep. S/L

AREC Report: Nil

Repeater report:
Nil – both OK

General Business:

- Owen ZL3GM asked about the WDC's District Plan.
- Baden ZL3VI asked if the Club was going to organize a Mid-Winter luncheon this year ? Don ZL3DMC will advised a date in due course.
- Michael ZL3AX asked if we would consider arranging a talk on 60m. Antennae, power calculations etc.
- Don ZL3DMC gave a most interesting talk on new developments to the NZART Lakes Award and a demonstration of some clever web-based logging which tracks activations and scores (bags)

Meeting declared closed at 20.25hrs.

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

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CALENDAR for 2021

General Meeting - Second Thursday at 1930 (7.30pm)

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

Branch 68 Marketplace

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

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