



# Ragchew

“The Voice of Branch 68”  
September 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 August – Don ZL3DMC on Zoom***

**September 9 – Zoom** General Meeting Due to restrictive issues around Level 2 Delta the committee has decide to have this month's meeting on zoom. Please use the following codes:

Topic: Br 68

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81093152678?pwd=Snc1dDFQcWxMT1lySlRiWHM3amxmdz09>

Meeting ID: 810 9315 2678

Passcode: 045549

By clicking on the link, Zoom will load on your computer if you don't already have it installed and open the meeting, no further input is required.

I suggest you try it out before the meeting on Thursday if you are unfamiliar with Zoom.

If you have a slow internet connection, I suggest you turn your video off.

## 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.

August update. All sections of the repeater are now working.

### 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. It is hoped to install the new solar panels on the next visit and to also look at reinstating the link to the West Coast.





# EastFest 2021

**Unfortunately, Eastfest has been cancelled for this year**

## General Meeting

The North Canterbury Amateur Radio Club

Held in the Clubrooms – 12 August 2021 at 1930hrs.

### Present:

Geoff ZL3QR (Acting Chair) and 24 members and visitors as per the attendance book.

### Apologies:

Were received and sustained from Don ZL3DMC, Tony ZL3HAM, Liz ZL3LIZ and Brian ZL4WX

### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Held on 8 July 2021 as circulated to members were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. (ZL3QR/ZL3VI)

Matter Arising: Good turnout to the Mid-Winter Luncheon – 27 attendees, 15 members.

### Correspondence:

Inward - Break-In Magazine and an application for membership from Mark ZL3AB

Outward – To NZART for AREC Insurance Subsidy request.

Accounts for Payment: Denise ZL3HI \$150 - members luncheon subsidy, NZART \$99.00 – Annual subs and Denise ZL3HI – new plug for tearoom \$5.33 (ZL3HI/ZL3MR)

Council Report: Nil

Member News: Nil

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

Fri. 16/7/21. Assistance call, one Forestry unit to an unknown type of fire near Ashley, but were stood down while en-route.

Wed. 4/8/21. Assistance call, one Forestry unit to fire in a block of pine trees near Ashley. Turned out to only be a minor rubbish fire which the land owner buried with the help of a digger

Geoff ZL3QR  
Dep. S/L

AREC Report: Nil

Repeater report:

- Both repeaters going well. Nothing new to report.

General Business:

- Geoff ZL3GA congratulated Grant ZL2GD on coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the recent Sangster Shield competition and Don ZL3DMC for winning the Transistor Trophy awarded to first time entrants. Grant, Geoff (ZL3GA) and Don's combined scores were sufficient for Branch 68 to win the Team event picking up the Tony Fletcher Trophy for the first time and only the second time a South Island team has won the trophy since the inception of the competition – Well done guys!
- Ian ZL3TAO mentioned that the next Br05 Hamcram would be taking place on 20/21 November. For students under 25yo there is no charge. Ian left an ad on our notice board and has sent a copy to Don ZL3DMC for our newsletter.
- Our Guest Speaker for the evening was Geoff Clark ZL3GA who gave us a very interesting talk on the recent adventures of the Radio Runner extraordinaire – ZL4RA Chris and his Epic SOTA activity on the Peninsular a few weeks ago. He successfully completed 12 Summits in one day which must be some kind of record ? Geoff described how the local CHCH SOTA members got together to plan the event for Chris who is based in Queenstown. This was followed up with an excellent video of the days action recorded by Ian ZL3GIG

## 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

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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
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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

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

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