



Ragchew

"The Voice of Branch 68"
October 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 September – John ZL3MR

October 14th – General meeting – Richard ZL4FZ will be talking about coax and coax connectors and why crimp connectors are used commercially. There will also be a practical demonstration of crimping.

Under level 2 we can hold a club meeting. Exert below from Ministry of Health.

Private social gatherings at Alert Level 2

At Alert Level 2, you can host or attend a gathering of up to 100 people in any defined indoor or outdoor space.

[Defined spaces](#)

The 100 person limit does not include workers providing services to a gathering.

You do not have to wear a face covering when going to a party or private social gathering, but we encourage you to wear one.

Hosting a social gathering

- Remind your guests to stay home if they are sick.
- Your guests do not need to physically distance.
- Provide hand sanitizer or soap so guests can wash their hands.
- Serve food and drinks individually rather than having shared platters.
- Try to avoid shared utensils. If possible, limit the number of people handling or serving food.

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

September General Meeting

As we failed to gain a quorum on zoom, we had a chat, but no official meeting was held

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

The state of the batteries appears to be the same as the last report. This month voltages have reached a high of 14 V low of 12.2 there has been more Norwest conditions giving the batteries a reasonable boost from the wind generator. There has been snow on the ground, by the reported temperature readings, conditions which reduces the chemical reaction making the batteries a bit more sluggish with temperature low of -6.

Transmission lines and antennas need to be checked (fault under windy conditions), signal strength still looks okay.

No further updates on solar panels.



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
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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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