



Ragchew

"The Voice of Branch 68"

December 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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At the last committee meeting it was decided that Due to the vulnerability of many club members the committee, after discussion, moved the following motion: " **From 11.59pm on December 2nd members and visitors attending North Canterbury Amateur Radio Club meetings and events will be required to show their vaccine certificates.**"

CLUB CALENDAR

Meetings start at 1930hrs, unless otherwise stated.

Host for November – John ZL3MR

December 9th – Christmas General meeting – Geoff ZL3GA will talk about the recent ZL3X CQWW CW contest, followed by supper and our famous Christmas cake

General Meeting Minutes

The North Canterbury Amateur Radio Club

Held in the Clubrooms – 11 November 2021 at 1930hrs.

Present:

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

Apologies:

Were received and sustained from Tony ZL3HAM, Liz ZL3LIZ, Brian ZL4WX, Grant ZL2GD and Bev ZL3OV

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Held on 14 October 2021 as circulated to members were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. (ZL3QR/ZL3VI)

Matter Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Nil

Accounts for Payment: Nil

Council Report: Don ZL3DMC mentioned the new Break In editor has been appointed with the other applicant appointed as Deputy editor.

Member News: Nil

Fire report: -

Sun. 31/10/21 Assistance call, two Forestry units to a burn-off out of control at Leithfield Beach. First response (Amberley) unable to operate as 4WD required for access. Fire extinguished with the help of a digger.

Sat. 13/11/21 Assistance call, early hours of the morning, for one Forestry unit as part of a major turn-out to a plantation fire near Ashworths Beach, which also required a crew change at 0800 and an all-day effort to extinguish.

Geoff ZL3QR

Dep. S/L

AREC Report: Nil

Repeater report:

- Both repeaters going well. Don mentioned that he would like to see the West Coast link (Mt Noble to Sewell Peak – UHF) up and running again.

General Business:

Don thanked Owen ZL3GM and his team for putting together the Waimak district plan submission.

Saturday 27 Nov there will be a Parks and Lakes day. More info see Rick ZL3RIK

Meeting declared closed at 1935hrs.

Our guest speaker was Don ZL3DMC who showed a video of ZL4RA's latest SOTA expedition.

Confirmed:

Date:

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 2020, 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

It has been decided to set the solar panel mounting poles in concrete on the first visit then do a return trip to affix the solar panels. This will be done shortly after Christmas



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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