



RODNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NZART BRANCH 71

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Monthly Branch Meeting Agenda, Minutes and Newsletter

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AGENDA

- INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES, ROLL CALL
- CONFIRMATION/ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
- CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT
- FINANCIAL REPORT
- NEW MEMBERS
- AREC REPORT
- REPEATER TRUSTEES REPORT
- GENERAL BUSINESS
- CLOSE OF FORMAL SECTION OF MEETING

- EDUCATION/ENTERTAINMENT SEGMENT

Meeting Roll Call

| Name | Callsign | Status | Name | Callsign | Status |
|----------------------|----------|--------|----------------|----------|--------|
| Alan Dale | ZL1ABL | P | Paul Sole | ZL1VPS | A |
| Andrew Cranna-Powell | ZL1ACP | A | Richard Paul | ZL1DP | P |
| Cecil Tunnicliffe | ZL2BCB | P | Rob Leinwand | ZL1RD | A |
| Gavin Douglas | ZL1GAM | P | Ron Crawley | ZL1RON | A |
| John Smart | ZL1BEY | A | Ross Boswell | ZL1DRB | P |
| Ken Robinson | ZL1KEN | A | Rowan Smiley | ZL1UIS | A |
| Mike Conner | ZL1MRC | A | Sandy Johnston | ZL3AXL | P |
| Paul Kaufmann | ZL1PAK | P | Stan Davis | ZL1SQV | P |
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Silent Keys

| Name | Callsign |
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Visitors

| Name | Callsign |
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| Grant Manning | ZL1GSM |
| Roy Sargon | ZL1LK |

Confirmation/Actions from Previous Minutes

March meeting Minutes / News Letter received and accepted as distributed. *Moved – n/a, Seconded – n/a.*

Correspondence In

- News Letters and other electronic correspondence have been forwarded to the members by the Secretary.

Correspondence Out

Various eMails by Secretary have been sent out, mainly newsletters from other branches.

Financial Report

Finances to 8/4/2017

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|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Cheque Account | | | |
| <i>Opening Balance</i> | \$ 2,805.40 | | |
| Subs | | \$220.00 | |
| Donation | | \$ 20.00 | |
| <i>Cheques written</i> | | | |
| Repeater Licence | | | \$ 46.00 |
| Gifts | | | \$ 59.85 |
| Closing Balance | \$ 2,939.55 | | |
| Fast Saver Account | | | |
| <i>Opening Balance</i> | \$ 3,103.10 | | |
| Interest | | \$ 2.37 | |
| Closing Balance | \$ 3,105.47 | | |
| Total Club Balance | \$ 6,045.02 | | |

Members

New Members:

- Welcome to Sandy Johnston who joined our Club in March. Sandy got his new call sign as ZL3AXL and is keen to make his first 50 contacts on VHF. Please give him as much support as possible!

Members' List:

- Not all members have received an updated list. Paul will ask the Secretary to deploy the latest list to all members by email.

Mike Connor:

- We got his apology for not attending the meeting. Mike is still recovering from an operation.

We are all wishing him well and a fast and full recovery!



AREC - Report and Activities

Nil

Cecil donated 2 handheld VHF radios to us. The Icom handheld appears to have been used for AREC and hence will go to Paul S. if he wants it. Paul K. has taken it meanwhile and will give it to Paul S. as soon as possible.

Repeater – Trustee's Report and Activities

- Ken and Mike are both not available to date and will be substituted by Richard.
- Crackling noise and reduced performance have been noticed last night (7.4.2017). We got the suspicion that it could have to do with moisture but else no further explanation at hand. Richard has Ken's repeater keys and will go and investigate.

Diplexer / spare Repeater:

Ross came up with the idea that we should use the spare repeater and Diplexer as a mobile and temporary repeater, e.g. used for AREC.

Because we might need a separate License for it and we also need more information about implications, Ross will communicate with Mike and will gather and summarise facts and possible implications for realising this idea.

General Business

Website

Ron is still looking for comments from club members about what changes to the website they would like to see. Please email Ron or Andrew or Paul with your thoughts.

A reminder to all to visit, and to think about and suggest suitable content for our website. Contact Andrew ZL1ACP or Paul ZL1PAK.

Facebook Representation

The idea came up that we should have an entry and be represented in Facebook because today everyone including clubs and businesses have a Facebook page. This is a good idea and Paul will start talks with Andrew because this also goes into the topic of “*growing our Club*”.

NZART Remits

We have looked at, discussed and voted about the 3 remits from NZART. Our Club will submit the following results to NZART:

- **Remit #1:** **Accepted** (unanimous)
(Constitutional changes to become charitable)
- **Remit #2:** **Accepted** (unanimous)
(Changes to Council Election Procedures)
- **Remit #3:** **Rejected** (5-reject /2-accept)
(Repeater use not counting for WAD&VHF CC Awards)

New HAMs in the Region:

In the current Break-in there are at least 4 new HAM that reside within our region.

Ken and Andrew should start contacting and informing them about our Club!

Member's Contributions

Grant – ZL1GSM:

Grant and Roy were visiting our Club and say that we should do such cross-visits more often because we can meet and learn from each other and exchange experiences.

I (Paul K.) think this is a very nice thing to do and will certainly do more future activities in that direction!

Richard – ZL1DP:

- Noticed in the Dome Valley a stationary silver coloured Peugeot with many antennas on the roof and wondered if someone else has more information about it. (that car was also sighted by Paul K. on the drive back home but no occupant was there at the time).

Sandy – ZL1ZL3AXL:

- Sandy is exploring repeater availability with his Baofeng handheld to find out what he can cover from his QTH at Te Hana.
Sandy needs his 50 initial contacts in order to get onto the HF bands. So please help him getting the contacts.
We were able to talk to him from our mobile stations after the meeting and gave him a few short contacts. We shall repeat this at our next meeting in May so please bring your handhelds or mobiles to the next meeting and contact Sandy on VHF!

Gavin – ZL1GAM:

- Wants to encourage others to participate on the weekly 730 Net (every Thursday at 19:30 on the 730 Repeater).
Sadly there are usually only a few members attending, mainly only Gavin and John (ZL1BDY).

Stan – ZL1SQV:

- Got some good contacts on 20m recently.
- Stan also recommends to check out interesting pictures about photos taken from drones. E.g. google for "Drones over Kilsby tunnel".

Cecil – ZL2BCB:

- Donated 2 handheld VHF radios to the Club members. One Yaesu and one iCom.
- Cecil also informs that he has lost his aerials on the roof due to recent bad weather. Unfortunately he is currently not able to climb the roof himself. Help needed ?! Cecil is however monitoring the bands passively (handheld / random wire).



Alan – ZL1ABL:

- Brought an emergency button device that he hangs around his neck. It was donated to him by the war veterans association. The device can alarm the monitoring centre whenever he pushed the button. The device also automatically activates should he fall over and provides a 2way communication with the emergency monitoring company. If the device goes offline (e.g. is switched off by accident) then the monitors can see that and Alan will get a phone call informing him. The device can be charged wirelessly by putting it onto a charging pad. A very nice and sophisticated device indeed!
Contact Alan if you want more information about.



Paul – ZL1PAK:

- 4 small circuit boards I bought online from Aliexpress. The intention was to show how cheap those components can be acquired by the Internet (mainly Aliexpress and eBay). I only brought the 4 most expensive items to the meeting. Price range from 0.93NZD-to-23.11NZD. Many other components (like MOSFETs, BJTs, Capacitors, etc.) are in the sub-1Dollar-range and arrive at your mailbox within 4-6 weeks (free international shipment from china).

1PCS NE555 pulse frequency, duty cycle adjustable module, square/rectangular wave signal generator, stepping motor driver

★★★★★ 5.0 (200 votes) | 602 orders

Price: **US \$0.64** / piece

Four Channel 4 Route MOSFET Button IRF540 V4.0+ MOSFET Switch Module For Arduino

★★★★★ 5.0 (51 votes) | 109 orders

Price: **US \$4.99** / piece

Industrial grade aging load tester

Intelligent temperature control Double adjustment design

35w usb tester electronic load adjustable constant current aging resistor voltage capacity qualcomm qc2.0/3.0 battery voltmeter

★★★★★ 4.9 (214 votes) | 240 orders

Price: US \$16.90 / piece

Discount Price: **US \$16.06** / piece **5% off** **4 days left**

24Pins ATX Benchtop Power Board Computer Power Supply Breakout Adapter DC power adapter DC power plug

★★★★★ 5.0 (24 votes) | 51 orders

Price: **US \$8.00** / piece

In the name of all, we would like thank members who share their latest acquisitions with us. This makes our meetings more interesting and gives us the opportunities we would else maybe not have.

Formal meeting closed ~11:50

NEXT MEETING:

10:00 Saturday 13st May 2017
Meeting Room, Wellsford Library

Education/Entertainment Section

- No time for DVDs due to longer discussions (NZART Remits).
- Alan has however a good pile of DVDs that we haven't yet watched and they will be ready for selection at the next meeting.