



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 |
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| Alan Dale | ZL1ABL | P | Paul Sole | ZL1VPS | P |
| Andrew Cranna-Powell | ZL1ACP | P | Richard Paul | ZL1DP | P |
| Cecil Tunnicliffe | ZL2BCB | A | 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 | A |
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Silent Keys

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Visitors

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Confirmation/Actions from Previous Minutes

March meeting Minutes / News Letter received and accepted as distributed.
Moved – ZL1DP, Seconded – ZL3AXL.

Correspondence In

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

Correspondence Out

- Various eMails by Secretary have been sent out, mainly newsletters from other branches.
- Results for the NZART-Remits have been submitted to Debbie (NZART) by Andrew.

Financial Report

Finances to 13/5/2017

Cheque Account

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| Opening Balance | \$2939.55 |
| Subs | 0.00 |
| Donations | 0.00 |
| Cheque | 0.00 |
| Closing Balance | <u>\$2939.55</u> |

Fast Saver Account

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| Opening Balance | \$3105.47 |
| Interest | \$0.26 |
| Closing Balance | <u>\$3105.73</u> |

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| <u>Total Balance</u> | <u>\$6045.28</u> |
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Members

New Members:

n/a

Members' List:

n/a

Stan – ZL1SQV, got the flu since a fortnight and needs to look well after himself so he didn't want to take the 3hours drive to the meeting. We all wish you a fast and well recovery!

AREC - Report and Activities

Nil

Repeater – Trustee's Report and Activities

- Repeater is working well all the time and didn't show any weakness during Thursdays' 730-Net.

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.

Ross found out that NZART provided 5 frequencies that can be used for special purpose licences. The only condition to fulfil is to assure that there is no interferences with other clubs and users. The frequencies that can be used for special purpose are (MHz):

146.675

146.725

146.825

146.875

146.925

Ross will give it a go and be trying to tune the Diplexer as a next step. He needs to know **WHERE is our spare repeater?!** (could it be in the running repeater's shed?)

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.

We all agreed that this might be a good idea. The challenge however, is that we need someone who will take the role to look after and maintain it.

It would be a function similar to that of our Webmaster (Ron's office) and requires the skills and motivation for keeping our Facebook entries alive and updated.

If we got a FacebookMaster like this - that would be real big help and advance for our Club!

**So if anyone is interested in that honourable job then please come forward!
Your contribution would be a real big improvement for our Club.**

NZART Remits

The results of our voting have been sent to NZART by Andrew our Secretary.

New HAMs in the Region:

No news yet about the 4 new HAMs that are new in our region.

Ken and Andrew both were not available for contacting them due to time and availability. This might be taken up again as soon as time allowing for it.

QRZ – ZL1ROD Entry:

ZL1UMK (Mark Howie) will be contacted about why his name is coming up as owner of the QRZ entry for ZL1ROD.

We would like to taking it over from him.

Mike (ZL1MRC) should be our "QRZ-Master" – looking after and maintaining our ZL1ROD callsign on the QRZ webpage.

Update: Ross took it on board and has sorted it out with Mark Howie. See below the latest of how it looks now...more to come at the next meeting... (thank you Ross!)

The screenshot shows the QRZ.COM website interface. At the top, the QRZ.COM logo is displayed. Below it is a navigation bar with a search box, a 'Database' link, and a 'News' link. The main content area features the call sign 'ZL1ROD' in large orange letters, followed by a New Zealand flag and the text 'New Zealand'. Below this, it reads 'RODNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (CLUB CALLSIGN)', 'WELLSFORD, NORTH AUCKLAND', and 'New Zealand'. An email address 'Branch71@nzart.org.nz' is listed. A status bar indicates 'Page managed by ZL1DRB' and 'Lookups: 574' with a 'Label' button. A navigation menu includes 'Biography', 'Detail', 'Logbook', and 'Log a NEW co'. The main text states 'The club's web page is at ZL1ROD.org'. At the bottom, it shows '8100651 Last modified: 2017-05-17 08:02:34, 81 bytes'.

Member's Contributions

Richard – ZL1DP:

- Is enjoying his new iCom7300. Commenting that this rig has a spectrum scope as well. Sounds like easy DX hunting!

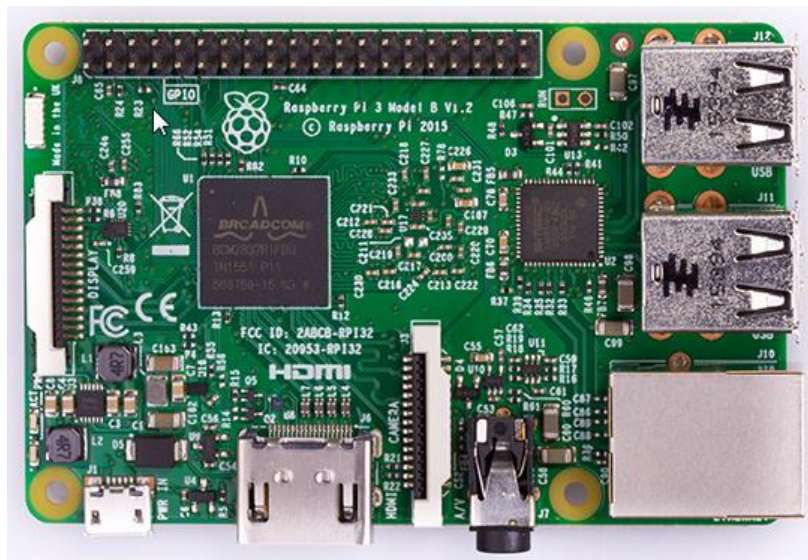


Ross – ZL1DRB:

- Brought his RaspberryPi 3 along for a demonstration. The Pi was configured and loaded with software so it could act as a frequency sweep generator, covering for up to 230MHz.

When it was in operation we could clearly hear the sweep with a handheld eventhough the Pi had no aerial connected. The output just came out of one of its digital pins.

The Pi he used was a Pi-3, Bv1.2 (2015) running on Raspberry Linux 4.9.24-v7.



Sandy – ZL1ZL3AXL:

- Sandy had about 4 handhelds with him and we could provide him with plenty of new QSO's on VHF. **ZL3AXL** is now a well-known call sign amongst us already 😊.

Gavin – ZL1GAM:

Is looking for a brand new 70cm yagi (up to 16 elements!). Also looking for a 2m antenna but they MUST be of good quality.

After being advised, Gavin might contact Ken asking for his experience about ordering from the U.S. (like MFJ).



Andrew – ZL1ACP:

- The members' list from Paul S. shows 15 people but has a discrepancy with what is listed on the NZART list. He will follow up this and find the mistake.
- Gave around the NZART annual Circular. NZART is encouraging all Members to join NZART and offers now ½ price (49.50 special) for all new members joining.

In the name of all, the Club would like to 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 ~11:57

NEXT MEETING:

10:00 Saturday 10th June 2017
Meeting Room, Wellsford Library

Education/Entertainment Section

- Alan showed us a brief video about a huge Russian OTHR (over the horizon radar also called "Russian Woodpecker"). Impressive dimensions and installations used in the cold war time for spotting ballistic missiles from long distances. Here is a link for more information about: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duga_radar

