



# RODNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NZART BRANCH 71

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Monthly Branch Meeting Agenda, Minutes and Newsletter

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10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018, 10:00

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## AGENDA

- INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES, ROLL CALL
- CONFIRMATION/ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
- CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT
- FINANCIAL REPORT
- 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 Kaufmann	ZL1PAK	P
Andrew Cranna-Powell	ZL1ACP	A	Paul Sole	ZL1VPS	A
Cecil Tunnicliffe	ZL2BCB	A	Richard Paul	ZL1DP	A
Gary Ball	ZL1FAB	P	Rob Leinwand	ZL1RD	A
Gavin Douglas	ZL1GAM	A	Ron Crawley	ZL1RON	A
John Smart	ZL1BEY	A	Ross Boswell	ZL1DRB	P
Ken Robinson	ZL1KEN	A	Rowan Smiley	ZL1UIS	A
Mark Windram	ZL1UHS		Sandy Johnston	ZL3AXL	
Mike Conner	ZL1MRC	A			

### Silent Keys

Name	Callsign

### Visitors

Name	Callsign

## Confirmation/Actions from Previous Minutes

February Meeting Minutes / Newsletter and AGM minutes have been received and accepted as distributed.

*Moved – ZL1FAB, Seconded –ZL1DRB.*

It was suggested that the newsletters are sent earlier, after the meeting and separate from the meeting reminders. Paul took the blame for not having them written earlier and will try to improve this hence we will receive the newsletters sooner (if possible just right after the meetings).

## Correspondence In

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

## Correspondence Out

- Various emails by the Secretary have been sent out, mainly newsletters from other branches.

## Financial Report

*Finances to 10.3.2018 - by ZL1VPS*

<i><u>n/a</u></i>
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At one of the next meetings we need to decide about how we value our assets and then do the corresponding adjustments with our Treasurer.

## Members

### Membership Fees 2018:

Many members have already paid their 2018 membership fees. All other members please pay your 2018 subscriptions a.s.a.p. to Paul Sole – ZL1VPS.

You can pay in cash or cheque to Paul Sole – ZL1VPS or via online banking.

For online banking please use the following information:

Bank Account Name: Rodney Radio Club  
A/C No. 12-3095-0115508-000  
*Please include your CALLSIGN and NAME.*

## AREC - Report and Activities

Nothing reported

## Repeater – Trustee’s Report and Activities

- The Repeater is working fine and without issues.
- Mike shall consider composing a Repeater health report that can be published on the webpage. Mike and Gary will discuss and find a way of how to publish it on the webpage.

## General Business

### Website

Gary and Ron have talked and exchanged ideas and information about the website and its hosting.

In general Ron is very happy with Gary’s work and Ron gave all the important information to Gary so that he can design and upgrade our website. If we are happy with the webhosting solution that Ron is providing then we can keep it this way, i.e. Ron is covering the costs and efforts for our webhosting.

**This is a very generous donation from Ron – thank you very much!**

**Also many thanks to Gary who did a great job and a lot of extra hours for the website!**

### Information

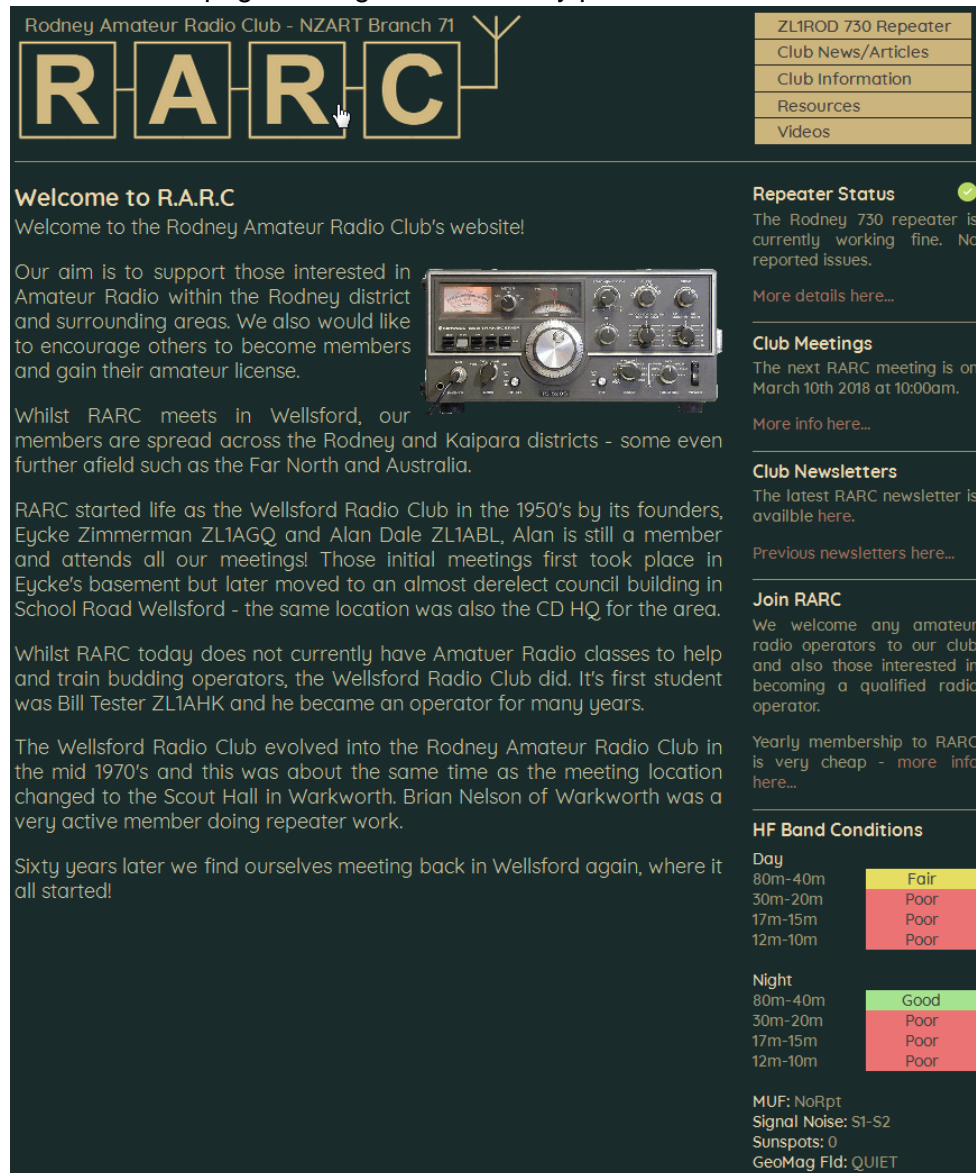
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## Member's Contributions

### Gary Ball – ZL1FAB

Gary presented us the latest version and update of our Website. His presentation was online and in real time (thanks to the Library's free wifi-network). Gary added a new look and new features to the site. We all liked the new look very much and encouraged Gary to go ahead.

The new homepage looks great and is very professional!




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# RARC

**Welcome to R.A.R.C**  
Welcome to the Rodney Amateur Radio Club's website!

Our aim is to support those interested in Amateur Radio within the Rodney district and surrounding areas. We also would like to encourage others to become members and gain their amateur license.



Whilst RARC meets in Wellsford, our members are spread across the Rodney and Kaipara districts - some even further afield such as the Far North and Australia.

RARC started life as the Wellsford Radio Club in the 1950's by its founders, Eycke Zimmerman ZL1AGQ and Alan Dale ZL1ABL, Alan is still a member and attends all our meetings! Those initial meetings first took place in Eycke's basement but later moved to an almost derelict council building in School Road Wellsford - the same location was also the CD HQ for the area.

Whilst RARC today does not currently have Amateur Radio classes to help and train budding operators, the Wellsford Radio Club did. It's first student was Bill Tester ZL1AHK and he became an operator for many years.

The Wellsford Radio Club evolved into the Rodney Amateur Radio Club in the mid 1970's and this was about the same time as the meeting location changed to the Scout Hall in Warkworth. Brian Nelson of Warkworth was a very active member doing repeater work.

Sixty years later we find ourselves meeting back in Wellsford again, where it all started!

**ZL1ROD 730 Repeater**  
Club News/Articles  
Club Information  
Resources  
Videos

**Repeater Status** ✓  
The Rodney 730 repeater is currently working fine. No reported issues.  
[More details here...](#)

**Club Meetings**  
The next RARC meeting is on March 10th 2018 at 10:00am.  
[More info here...](#)

**Club Newsletters**  
The latest RARC newsletter is available here.  
[Previous newsletters here...](#)

**Join RARC**  
We welcome any amateur radio operators to our club and also those interested in becoming a qualified radio operator.  
Yearly membership to RARC is very cheap - [more info here...](#)

**HF Band Conditions**

Band	Condition
<b>Day</b>	
80m-40m	Fair
30m-20m	Poor
17m-15m	Poor
12m-10m	Poor
<b>Night</b>	
80m-40m	Good
30m-20m	Poor
17m-15m	Poor
12m-10m	Poor

MUF: NoRpt  
Signal Noise: S1-S2  
Sunspots: 0  
GeoMag Fld: QUIET

Gary is asking everyone to have a go at the new website and send him feedback and suggests for improving!

### Ross Boswell – ZL1DRB

Ross will be overseas from April till August, spending quality time in Europe.

Paul Kaufmann – ZL1PAK

Reminded the members about the “Shack Tour” and explained how well and amusing it went when he did it with his wife.

Alan Dale – ZL1ABL

Alan gave us more information about the founders of our Club and early dates and events that he can remember.

The information is used by Gary to update our Club’s history on the webpage.

Alan told us how he and Brian Nelson-ZL1AZU were two of the first Club members and who helped Eycke Zimmerman setting up the club over 50 years ago. Alan also explained how initial license classes were run to pass the Amateur License tests. Those classes were attended by approximately 15 people each time. Alan got his Amateur License in 1947.

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

Formal meeting closed ~12:05

**NEXT MEETING:**

**10:00 - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Meeting Room, Wellsford Library**

**Education/Entertainment Section**

Videos shown:

- None

Presentations:

- Our new Website – Presentation and walkthrough by Gary Ball.