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Newsletter of The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters, Upper Hutt Branch 63, Inc.

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## ZL2VH Newsletter – August 2017

### President's Report

August is here and we have had our first major power outage at Mt Climie for this year. 11kV power to all Climie sites was knocked out for approximately 10 days. We (Prez and Repeater trustees) decided to let the batteries run down so we could get an accurate idea of the endurance of the batteries. 730 batteries stayed on the entire time, whilst the D-Star ones switched off after 3-4 days.

Therefore the D-Star batteries will have to be the first to be replaced.

Simon ZL2BRG has completed his testing and repair to the 730 T800 repeater and this will be returned to operation in the near future. At the same time John ZL2TWS has also repaired the 6 metre repeater and this will also return to service in the near future.

Bruce ZL2ABC is hosting a Sunday evening net on 395 at 1900 or 2000 (depending on what suits people best.....remember the more use we make of our available frequencies the more likely we are able to keep them.

I've heard rumours of the "International Lighthouse Weekend" but have not yet received any details.

00.01UTC 19 August to 2400UTC 20 August 2017 (48 hours)

<https://illw.net/>

73

Mike ZL2NSA

## **Repeater Update**

Nothing to report this month.

## **New Licencee and Member**

Many congratulations to Darren Hill (2E0UGO) who has now passed his N.Z. exam and has been issued with the callsigns ZL2SDX and ZL2PWR. He was an underwater welder in the U.K. (diver – look him up on QRZ.COM) and is now an operator with the N.Z. marine radio service. (Hope I got that correct Darren). He is very keen on H.F. and will be a valuable member of Branch 63.

## **Reminders**

Please be aware that we are all supposed to have a photo I.D. on our Amateur Radio certificates. (“Mandatory” was the word mentioned). Debby has sent email reminders in the past, but they seem to have been overlooked by many (including myself !!!). If you let Debby have a passport photo she will print you a new certificate with the photo on it. (Hope it’s better than mine! – Ed.)

## **Hamilton Radio Club**

### **MARKET DAY**

Saturday August 26th, 2017,      Waikato Table Tennis Stadium  
Edgecumbe Street

Vendors from 8.00 am, Buyers from 10.00 am

Table space at \$20 per metre pre-paid,      \$25 per metre on the day

All enquiries to: Market Day, Hamilton Amateur Radio Club,  
PO Box 606, Hamilton

E-mail: [harcmday@nzart.org.nz](mailto:harcmday@nzart.org.nz),    Web: [http://zl1ux.org.nz/market\\_day.html](http://zl1ux.org.nz/market_day.html)

There is a street map on the Hamilton Club web site which will help you find the sale site. ( [zl1ux.org.nz/market\\_day.html](http://zl1ux.org.nz/market_day.html) )

As always there is free entry for buyers and there will be food available at the cafeteria.

More details on the Hamilton Club web site at [zl1ux.org.nz/market\\_day.html](http://zl1ux.org.nz/market_day.html) including a sellers registration form. I have also attached a copy of the registration form to this message. (Attachment at the end of the Newsletter – Ed.)

I hope to see you there.

Phil King ZL1PK      Secretary

**From Malcolm ZL2UDF**

This years Week of Engineering will be held from 31 July 5 August with events in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

There will be a variety of events for all ages including interactive displays, robots and machines, and design and build competitions.

For more information please visit <http://www.weekofengineering.co.nz/>

Dream Big, a documentary about engineering, will also be screened on 5 August at all 3 venues.

**Dream Big**

For information on screenings times, visit the Week of Engineering's website: <http://www.weekofengineering.co.nz/dream-big/> For information on screenings times, visit the Week of Engineering's website:

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## From the RSGB

Latest episode of TX Factor out now

RSGB July 14, 2017

The summer edition of TX Factor is out now and includes a trip to Norwich where Pete, M0PSX spends a day with the Norfolk Amateur Radio Club at their recent annual field day 'Radio Active'.

He also chats to RSGB President Nick Henwood, G3RWF about his Club Initiative.

TX Factor goes digital as Mike, G1IAR gives Bob, G0FGX an introduction to operating on DMR, Yaesu Fusion and D Star.

They also visit a Devon amateur who has set up a Fusion Gateway to find out how he went about it.

The new episode of TX Factor, sponsored by the RSGB and ML&S, is available at [www.txfactor.co.uk](http://www.txfactor.co.uk) and on YouTube and as it is professionally produced in HD looks great on a full-size TV but works equally well on a PC, Mac, tablet or smartphone.

*We are always looking for articles to fill the pages of newsletter. Please forward anything, no matter how large or small, to the editor - Eric ZL2SET – [ericwilby@gmail.com](mailto:ericwilby@gmail.com).*

## Hamilton Amateur Radio Club (Inc.)

## Market Day Registration Form 2017

**Please check or amend and return this form with full payment to:**

# Market Day Registration

**P0 Box 606,**

## Waikato Mail Centre

## Hamilton 3240.

**NAME:**

**Vendor Number:**

**CALLSIGN:**

**COMPANY NAME: PHONE (AFTER HOURS):**

**PHONE (WORK):**

**FAX:**

**POSTAL ADDRESS:**

**PCODE:**

**CITY:**

**EMAIL:**

**PLEASE INDICATE BELOW THE TYPE OF BOOKING YOU WISH  
TO MAKE**

**QUANTITY** metre(s) of table space at \$20.00 per metre.

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING:

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Please list below the names of people who will be attending with you on the day for Vendor Passes.**

**Note that mains power is not available for the tables.**

### **Please tick one — of the boxes**

- o Please keep my details for future Market Days.
- o I don't want my details stored for future Market Days.

## CONDITIONS OF BOOKING

- The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club (Inc.) reserve the right of entry.
- Vendors may not be admitted into the hall until any outstanding moneys are paid in full.
- The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club (Inc.) accepts no responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen items.

- The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club (Inc.) accepts no responsibility for any items offered for sale, trade, promotion or give away.
- Security is the sole responsibility of the vendor at all times.
- The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club (Inc.) accepts no responsibility for any events, actions, injury or damage by vendors. Market Day Personnel or the public.

Please find enclosed my payment of \$

(Please make cheques payable to Hamilton Amateur Radio Club)  
or

Pay by direct debit Westpac a/c No. 03 1555 0064133 01

Please use Vendor Number and/or name as reference No.

**SIGNED:** **DATE:**

**Hamilton Amateur Radio Club (Inc.)**

**PO Box 606,**

**Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240.**

**Market Day 2017 Invitation and Registration**

**Dear Vendor, 24 July 2017**

**Once again our Market Day is fast approaching and we invite you to join us for this year's event.**

**The event will be held at the Waikato Table Tennis Stadium, Edgecumbe Street, Hamilton on Saturday the 26th August.**

**The registration form MUST be filled in by each vendor and signed, there can be no exceptions. If you are booking as a company or club, please supply a contact name on the registration form. Table space is \$20.00 per metre for prepaid bookings.**

**This increases to \$25.00 per metre if you choose to pay on the day.**

**We have a limit of two people per metre of space booked. If more people are likely to attend please contact the organiser.**

**Please note no additional vendor passes will be given out on the day.**

**If you have a large number of vendors attending your table please attach a list of their names and callsigns, if applicable, to your registration form. If you would like us to keep your vendor passes for collection on the day please indicate on the registration form.**

**Boot, trailer sales and other special bookings will again be available please contact the organiser with details to negotiate costs. They will however not be under cover**

**Some wheeled trolleys etc will be available in order to unload your items prior to the sale. Remember it is your responsibility to remove your unsold items. A charge will be made for the disposal of any unsold items left in the hall after the sale.**

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**For further information or any questions / queries please contact the organizers:**

**Robin Holdsworth ZL1IC.Jono Jonnassen**

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