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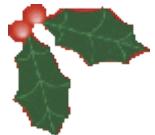
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ZL2VH Newsletter – December 2019



President's Report

Mike will be distributing his own report this month. (Ed.).

Branch 63 Repeater Update

Status Updates

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| 3cm | Beacon | On Air |
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| 1292 | 23cm | On Air |
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| DSTAR | 5425 | On Air |
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| 860 | On Air |
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In the coming weeks the 860 Dstar repeater will be disconnected from the ZL2VH gateway in preparation to be converted to a slave IRCDDB repeater

730

Three weeks after installation unfortunately a fault developed in the 4 dipole stack and 730 was taken off air.

At the end of November John ZL2TWS and Mike ZL2NZA installed a temporary single dipole, and thus 730 is back on air.

On the 29th November a meeting was held to discuss the 730 and general vhf antenna situation at Climie, and a decision was made to purchase 2x 2 dipole antenna arrays. One for 730 and the other as a spare or replacement for the 5425 array should they prove to be faulty following tests.

Gavin the Treasurer is preparing a application for funding from the Upper Hutt Cossie Club to assist with the purchase. Should the application fail, the club does have sufficient funds.

395 6M

The repeater was replaced with the spare but is still relatively deaf. Tests have shown that both receivers have roughly -120dbm sensitivity which is acceptable, so the reason for the poor on-air receive performance is external and is being investigated.

Finally, a Christmas ditty for you at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ailFghtEKsc>

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

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.

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