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

ZL2VH Newsletter – June 2021

President's Report

Okay, Winter is now upon us and we have had the club AGM. As expected no changes to club subs or committee. Minutes, reports and financials will be uploaded to the club website in due time.

NZART had the AGM in Napier over Queen's Birthday weekend and you should be able to see a report out soon on the Infoline or NZART website.

We are awaiting approval from RSM to switch on our 10m beacon 28.229 shortly.

We have sold our Icom 2820 V/UHF DStar radios and are replacing them with Icom ID5100 DStar rigs, these are a lot easier to use and programme than the 2820s.

The UHCC is conducting its review of the District plan as well as other local councils. Individuals should be considering to put in submissions as well as the club. The more submissions they get, the better the odds are of amateurs getting a better outcome.

The newsletter will now be 3 monthly as decided at the AGM. Eric has been struggling to find material and members' contributions are a rare commodity. Club emails will be sent out if there is a need or desire to inform.

Mike ZL2NSA
Br63 President.

Branch 63 Repeater Update

Climie KiwiSDR Proposal

We are proposing to put a kiwisdr receiver at Clime for use by Club members. Some work needs to be done on the feasibility, site h.f. noise, wi-fi link capacity etc. before a decision is made to proceed.

10m Beacon Project update

A form 10 has been submitted for the 28.229Mhz beacon and we are awaiting feedback

Branch 63 Repeater Report

Status Updates:

3cm Beacon On Air with reduced power. Will investigate.

1292 23cm On Air

DSTAR 5425,860 On Air

730 On Air

Recently, on a couple of occasions a carrier has been left running on the input to Climie for hours at a time causing the repeater to timeout and be

unable. Can members please take a listen on the input if you hear this again, it will help the club pin down the source.

395 6M On Air

From Neil ZL1NZ

Time to warm up your straight key

As the winter solstice approaches, that means it's time once again for Straight Key Night - Winter Edition.

One of the nice things about the winter edition, is that it's an hour earlier than the summer event, so you get better propagation - and you don't have to stay up late!

Straight Key Night is a casual CW contest, running for just one hour (8-9pm) on Sunday 13 June.

Here are some tips for newcomers:

You need to send and receive the full SKN exchange, which includes things like "type of key" and "power level".

To keep things interesting, we follow the "QSY Rule" - it's easy once you get used to it.

Please see the full details, including special log sheets and summary sheets, at maritimeradio.org/skn.

If you have questions, please contact ZL1NZ at skn@maritimeradio.org.

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New Zealand Straight Key Night

Address radiograms to ZL1NZ Auckland
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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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