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TRANSMITTERS - BRANCH 63 UPPER HUTT

Branch 63 Clubrooms
Park Street, Upper Hutt



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President's Report

Trips to Mount Climie have dropped off over the last month as we near the end of the maintenance season. As you are aware we normally stop doing maintenance no later than 1 May each year. We then try to pick up the maintenance again later in the year October/November depending on the weather conditions.

However, due to the possibility that the 730 dipoles need reviewing and dismantling a further trip as potentially booked in for 21 May or 26 May 2025. This is during the week. No doubt most people would be unavailable but if you are available John and myself would appreciate any assistance that you can give.

On these trips, it is also intended to replace the 395 6 metre repeater and test out its replacement.

The SDR receiver is currently off the air as is the 3 cm beacon as both require a small amount of maintenance to get back on the air. It is hoped to have both back on the air prior to 1 June 2025. The SDR is an outside job so this will be weather dependent. The 3 cm beacon as an inside job can be completed at any time.

If you haven't already registered for the NZART Conference in Lower Hutt over Kings Birthday Weekend, I suggest you do it soon otherwise you will be charged a higher fee for a late registration. As always, if the conference is local

to Upper Hutt, I cannot recommend enough that you attend if you're a member of NZART to see the organisation and its operation. It is like any AGM where you can ask any question under general business or of any of the office holders table their annual reports at the AGM. On the Sunday there will be the usual forums which many people look forward to each year and no doubt will just be the same.

RWB Communications will no doubt be in attendance as the Icom agents for New Zealand with Conference specials on their equipment. This is normally an ideal opportunity to purchase new equipment. As the deals on offer are normally for one week only at the Conference and not offer any other time.

The clubs AGM went well and thank you for those that attended or put in their apologies. The committee for the 2025-26 year has remained the same.

(see the list in this newsletter or on the club's web site
<https://zl2vh.nz/contacts.html>)

Due to a possible increase in the repeater and beacons fees it was decided at the meeting to keep the current subscription of \$50. Once a new fee(s) is struck and we see how the following six months goes we will then have a steer for the next AGM in 2026 to see if the subscription fee needs to increase to cover this cost off. The approximate cost or increase for Branch 63 is about \$125.00 extra per year above what we pay now, which is currently \$350.00. The term deposit will be rolled over again in late August or early September minus the payment for the two Icom repeaters. It is expected to offer the older Icom repeaters at the NZART Conference with some caveats prior to being released to any Branch wishing to install them. It has also been suggested that the 730 repeater be replaced as its age is now close to 25 years and its output is starting to fall away. Investigation as a replacement is being sought, but until the antennas are sorted no new repeater will be purchased. We have funds from the Term Deposit to meet any new repeater replacement.

See the advertisement at the end of the newsletter for an Electronic Waste Drop Off Day for 4 May 2025 at the Recycling Centre near the clubrooms – probably a day not to visit the clubrooms I would suggest.

Repeater Report

Repeater: Status

Climie KiwiSDR Off Air

10 m Beacon (28.229 MHz) On Air

3 cm Beacon (10368.275 MHz) Off Air

1292 (23 cm) On Air.

D-Star 5425, 860 5425/860 On Air

730 On Air

395 (6 m) On Air

EME Newsletters

Latest EME Newsletters for March and April 2025:

144 MHz EME:

http://www.df2zc.de/downloads/emenl202503_final.pdf

432 and above EME newsletter is due out 1st May and can be viewed here after publication: <https://eme.radio/432-and-above-newsletter>

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ELECTRONIC WASTE DROP OFF DAY



MAY 4th 2025
SUNDAY 9AM - 3PM

UHCC Recycling Centre
18 Park Street, Upper Hutt

Drop off your unwanted electronic products & unwanted tech at this drive-thru event!
Staff will unload everything for your convenience.

IMPORTANT: Dropping off e-waste is allowed only on the event day. You cannot drop off e-waste prior to, or after, the event day at this site.

We are proud to be accepting donations for Variety - The Children's Charity.

