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President's Report

Today is the first day of Spring – so longer days and more warmer conditions perhaps.

The **PRS Climie Project 5 fundraising campaign** is continuing well with over a \$1000.00 raiser at the recent Movie Night.

Planning is continuing with the antenna(s) to be used with installation looking like November/December 2026 if the weather plays the game.

Club Event:

We are intending to operate from the former Kaitoke Gliding Club over the weekend for the Oceania DX Contest SSB 3-4 October 2026. (see the link)

<https://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/>

Operating times: contest begins on Saturday 7:00 pm (0600 UTC) and continues for 24 hours, concluding on Sunday 7:00 pm (0600 UTC).

The caravan will be on site. For those intending to stay overnight remember you must be self-contained (meaning a vehicle to have a current green self-containment warrant featuring a fixed toilet, fresh and wastewater tanks, and a rubbish bin).

Repeater Report

Repeater: Status

730	On Air
D-Star 5425, 860, 1292	On Air
395 (6 m)	On Air
Climie KiwiSDR	On Air
10 m Beacon (28.229 MHz)	On Air
3 cm Beacon (10368.275 MHz)	On Air

Update: IRLP (Internet Radio Linking Project) Node 6713

The node has had its software updated to the latest version of Debian 12.14 (Bookworm). This brings the node right up to date from the previous 2017 operating system with associated security updates. This will be the last time that the hardware in use can be updated as later versions of Debian will not support 32-bit hardware we are using today.

As the node runs on a Raspberry Pi it uses little processing power and idles away most of the time without too much electrical power required as well. It should provide for a few more years of operation yet.

The clubs web site has been updated with links to the Operating Guide (updated with more information on extra codes to use).

<https://zl2vh.nz/assets/pdf/other/using-the-internet-radio-linking-project-on-730.pdf>

Plus, additional links to the node's status web page and other nodes within New Zealand (see the front or main page, left hand side near the bottom under the **Repeaters** tag).

History:

First operational connection was on Friday 12 December 2003.

The first contact made on IRLP was on the Western Reflector 9250 with Martin KI4CFS at 1735 hrs (local NZ time). Martin was taking a break at work, and he has the honour of working John ZL2TWS and Mark ZL2UFI, as the first contact on the new node. Martin resides in Raleigh, North Carolina, USA. Martin was able to spend some 20 minutes with John and I, commenting on the quality of the audio that the node was producing.

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