

September 2025



ZL1REG Radio Nets

Here is a list of Radio nets that the Club runs on a weekly basis.
I have also added nets that are located near us for your information.

VHF Net Sundays 7.30pm on the ZL1REG Repeater 147.125Mhz No tone

2 Mtr SSB net Thursdays 7.15pm 144.220 SSB

HF Net Thursdays 8 pm 3.615 Mhz

NON Branch related nets

Every day except Sunday 9am on 147.125 Local 2 Mtr net. Net Controller ZL2BAT
Brian (2) We call this the "Welfare net"

Every Sunday 9am Waitomo Net on 147.375 Net Controller ZL1HZ Mick -ZL1IZ
Sunday 0830 ZL1VK Papakura Radio Club net 146.625

Feel free to contact me if you think other nets of interest could be added here.

Next Club meeting Saturday 13th September, 1300 at the Glenview Club rooms.

Topic- new hams in the Club. Information and practical demonstrations. After a Short meeting. !!

Editors Note:

Well Hamcram has been and gone. We had 6 successful candidates. Good to see a few of them on the air already. See details in this newsletter for another hamcram scheduled to be held on the weekend Oct 11-12th. Due to popular demand. Very are very lucky to secure the services of Warren ZL2AJ again at such short notice to help us with running this successful weekend.

Good to see our new Club Dual band VHF/UHF antenna is up and running. Hope to see our HF antenna up and running soon.

There was certainly a good attendance at the recent Br 12 Club sale day at Gordonton Hall last weekend. It was a very good opportunity to “Eyeball” hams Ive spoken with over the “air” since last year. Some product certainly went out the door. Good to see RWB the Icom agents also getting good support by the looks.

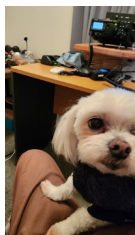
Our welfare net every day except Sunday has been getting some good attendance so if you are free on a Mon-Sat 0900 you can check in 147.125 on our club repeater.

Our Club nets on Thursday night (144.220 USB) average 4-5 a week. HF currently on 3615Kz has been getting 12 or so. Sunday net on 147.125 MHz, roughly 4-5 in attendance. HF net should be moving to 40 mtr soon.

We had a good turnout at our recent brunch at the Glenview Club. Pictures in this newsletter.

Next club meeting will be a short meeting and more time to introduce subjects and practical demonstrations aimed at some of our “newbies” from last hamcram.

Chris Hattan Editor ZL2CJ



Ham Radio Vlogs-Use full AmateurRadio.com • [Ham Radio Blog](#)

**[Ham Radio Resources: The Top Blogs and Websites \(hamradioprep.com\)](#)
[My Amateur Radio Story & My Advice for New Hams \(youtube.com\)](#)**

[KM1NDY – A Secret Little Adventure Ham Radio Blog](#)

[\(2\) Radio Electronic Group \(Inc\) | Facebook](#) this is our own Club Facebook Page

[The Best Ham Radio Cartoons PART TWO \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Ham Humor | NewHams.info](#)

<https://www.voacap.com/hf/> Propagation predictions and long/short path calculations

<https://www.arnewslines.org/> Amateur Radio Newslines this is what is broadcast on the NZART national broadcast BTW.

Hamradio Blogs best: <https://hamradioplanet.com/top-10-ham-radio-blogs-and-websites-to-follow/>

<https://hamweekly.com/>

Informal Meet up

Every 2 weeks there is an informal catch up of Hams at the Workingmens club on a Tuesday at 1730 hrs. September 9th/23rd meet ups are good to catch up have a chat, drink and a feed. Add it to your calendar.

REG Equipment Library : For some time now REG have had an equipment library, made up of items generously donated by our members and others outside the club. This is made up of a handheld UHF/VHF FM dual-bander, dual band FM mobile, various power supplies and a range of test equipment. We have a book as the central equipment register, where members can book out equipment items for up to 3 months at a time.

This can be for newbies, once they have their callsign, to help them try some gear and then decide what they would like to purchase. We don't have any HF rigs at present, so if you have one gathering dust, and would like to donate them, that would be fantastic. Our club 'Equipment Librarian' is Kevin ZL2TKH (021-441999) who can answer any questions, and book out equipment.

Club UHF Repeater: Is now operational. Rx 433.875, Tx 438.875 No tone.

Net Controllers required.

The Club needs Radio Operators that can operate on 40 and 80 Mtrs on our Club nets. 7133Khz and 3615 Khz

This is every Thursday at 2000hrs.

We need several to make up a roster as back up to run our Club nets.

Its certainly a good way to learn radio protocols.

Instruction and assistance would be given to prospective candidates.

Feel free to contact:

ZL1PO and ZL2CJ if you have any questions as to what the role requires.

Jock White Field days Co Ordinator

We need a new person to co-ordinate this event in our Calendar next year. Its a very good exercise to get the club working together in Setting up a Field day station, Running 2 stations, coordinate over the weekend and collate and send in our results to NZART. Instructions will be given to volunteer.

NZART Contest calendar-September

Nil this month

Please check the NZART Contest Calendar for details.

<https://nzart.org.nz/activities/contests/>

Google Gmail HF Net Calendar

If you want a link to the Gmail HF net calendar then please contact myself. It has all the known HF nets throughout ZL. This list is monitored to ensure accuracy. You have the ability to turn it off/on which is a bonus. The link below should work as well

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=myzl1cjh%40gmail.com&ctz=Pacific%2FAuckland>

Waipenty Net Quiz: 14th September

1st time fun event. Broadcast will be on the Waipenty network 146.950, 145.475 and 145.675. 145.575 is currently off air.

1830 check ins for a 1900 start.

10 rounds of 10 questions of different topics.

Email Warren Harris to register warren@zl2aj.com

Members would have already received a copy of the details.

Hamcram outcome

Our New Club members:

ZL1GRT Glendon

ZL1TD Chey

ZL1WAI Gareth

ZL2JC Jeff

ZL2PNR Peter

ZL2SD Shane

ZL1MIA Barry

Good to work already some of these stations. Of course hope to see them remain active.

My new bit of kit. Radtel RT 920 Arrived at my home within 7 days of ordering.

I got it to replace my old Baofeng UV5R.

Its certainly a chunky device well made with a lovely big screen compared to the Baofeng and its a coloured screen.

Dual VFO. Frequencies as in poster plus the beauty of it is that you can monitor HF freq with a separate antenna. Female SMA plug in the middle at the top with a knob that screws on this.

The audio is quite loud and clear.

Easy to programme using the Radtel CPS programme. You have 15 areas/Zones of 64 stations that you can put in.

Power out is claimed to be 10W but we will see !!



New Club Net 6 Mtrs

Plan is to run this at 1900rs just before our USB net on 144.220 Mhz atg 1915hrs

REG 6m Net Makes History :

Around 7.45pm on 4th September 2025 Branch 89 for the first time kicked off a 6m simplex 53.000MHz FM test session.

Kevin ZL2TKH, John ZL1PO, Chris ZL1CJH and Dean ZL1SE with great success, in some cases utilising antennae not necessarily for the 6m band, participated.

We've demonstrated that across Hamilton this band is exceptionally clear. The Auckland repeater on 53.725MHz (-1MHz input) doesn't appear to be operational, yet that's not put us off. Along with our Thursday 8pm 3.615MHz LSB and 7.15pm 144.220 USB club nets, we now have a 7pm 53MHz net.

Come join us each Thursday.

If you don't have a suitable antenna, see Kevin ZL2TKH at our monthly meetings.

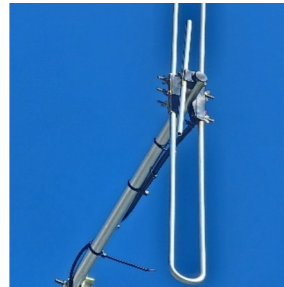
Apparently there is a well-known issue with this repeater its since been highlighted.

Mid-Year Club brunch held last weekend at the Glenview Club

Good attendance and as usual, good food.



Installation of our Dual band antenna



BTW we have a nice new Large TV in our Club rooms which has been installed which will be very good to use for video and slide presentations.

Ham Cram

News in that we are holding another Hamcram on the 11-12th October. There has been some interest shown already so please spread far and wide to your contacts.

New Zealand and Australia Amateur Radio Magazine download:

There are three issues to download now. They are good read. I have a small article in issue 3 on the Google HF net Calendar. Have a look around the website as well where they sell antennas, radios, and accessories.

[New Zealand and Australian Amateur Radio Magazine – The Ham Shack](#)

YL Net Sunday nights 146.625 MHz 1900 hrs:

Reminder for our new “Young Ladies” who have recently joined our Club.

AREC Report:

The AREC QSO fortnightly bulletin has just been sent out. It has a survey attached asking for your thoughts on AREC. It only takes a couple of minutes to do, and your input would be welcome.

I sent an email to our members with an attachment regarding a national communications exercise coming up in November. In this I asked for an indication of who may like to participate and to reply. The attachment from Andy Brill needed to know numbers as there is a bit of preliminary work to do before the exercise commenced. As from the current feedback, 3 replies from 26 emails sent, I have indicated to Andy that ARERC Waikato will not be included in the exercise.

There are 2 current vacancies in our group. Deputy Group Leader and a Training Officer. Chris ZL2CJ, has stepped down from deputy due to his own work load. Chris will remain a valued member of AREC Waikato and I thank him for all he has done for the group.

Each member should have a login to the AREC hub. Under your profile there will be some online competencies to be completed. Namely, all of the Core 1, AREC rules and policies, and Health and Safety, being the main ones to be done. If they are not done, then AREC cannot use or allow you to be part of a SAROP. Should you get hurt and AREC allowed you to be on site, the paperwork would not bare thinking about. We all know it's a butt covering exercise but we have to play within the rules.

My apologies for not being able to attend the meeting personally. As your AREC group leader, feel free to email or phone if you need any help in getting online or logging to you AREC hub.

Cheers

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