

May 2018

INTERFACE

MONTHLY BULLETIN

MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC. P.O. BOX 432 BLENHEIM NZ

Club Calendar

General Meeting; 10 May. EOC, 19.30hrs

Social Group; 17 May. 12.00hrs - The Vines

Committee Meeting; 24 May. 07.30hrs - EOC



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Branch 22 Notices

1. NZART Conference Remits to discuss ... 10 May
2. Sinclair Half Marathon..... 12 May
3. Mountain Bike RideMay?
4. NZART Conference, Mosgiel.....2 - 3 June

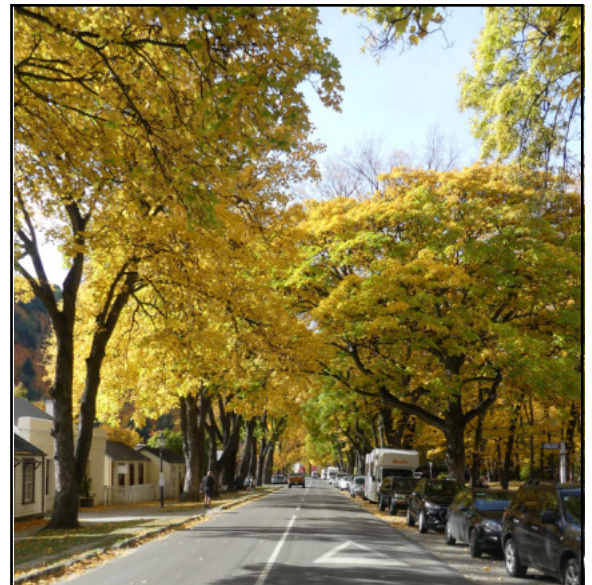
VHF Mondays 1930 hrs
146.950MHz, 145.600MHz,
147.225MHz

Net Controller; Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ

VHF - USB Net Wednesdays 1930
144.150MHz

You have a much shorter newsletter this month as you got 12 pages last month and Grant and I have just got home after a lovely MX-5 tiki tour around the lower South Island. Grant's mobile only rang 3 times! Downers may finally be understanding what "retired" means although two of the calls were call-outs (one at 1am). Since I have nothing 'hammy' for this front bit, here are some photos from our trip...

Doubtful Sound



I am sure you all recognise Arrowtown



Florence & Nugget Point lighthouses, shorter than Cape Campbell



**Marlborough Amateur Radio Club General Meeting EOC
12 April 2018 at 19:35 Hours**

Present: Grant Simpson (Chair), Don Laing (Secretary), Ken Hynds (Treasurer), Chris Grant, Don Jamieson, Ron Harris, Kevin Berg, Helen Harris, David Rothwell, John Errington, Ian Conway, Jack Reddan, Rob Carter, Garath Hayloch

Apologies: Bill Cousins, Paul Rennie,

Correspondence: Inward – MDC email re submission

Outward – None

Finance: Wine Festival invoice paid

Matters Arising:

MDC Submission

MDC email advising that hearing notification to be expected in May under "Utilities" topic. MDC also clarified requirements of "decision sought" and a review of our submission confirms that MARC submission complies.

DL

REPORTS:

Grape Ride: In general worked well with markedly fewer ambulance calls. Communications worked well with internet access to the repeater proved. Alternative site next year for portable repeater maybe required due to deteriorating access track.

Concern expressed about excessive ambulance response times, ambulance finding location and multiple calls on same incident. Communications log confirmed that ambulance on site in about 14 minutes, incident location quickly resolved while ambulance en-route and similarly the multiple calls resolved to confirm that was for same incident and not multiple incidents. A recording of the radio communications was handed to Helen H as coordinator.

Also confirmed that assistance is being provided to Stuart W with his primary coordinator role of this and other events.

Repeaters:

The Ned – Site visit to replace repaired repeater proposed for 21~22 April.

DR

Ward – No response many telephone calls & messages to property owner.

Alternative site may be required

GS

To proceed with the helicopter removal of repeater to utilise Lottery grant before it expires.

Repeater will be refurbished including Kaikoura link

DL/PR

Kaikoura – Shed is locked. Rob C to track down key holder

RC/GS

Ken M still hasn't received control unit from Stuart W

SW

Brayshaw Park – All operational.

SAR / AREC: No report

General Business:

- - Visit to new Picton Coastguard boat. Awaits return of boat skipper
- - Aluminium irrigation pipes still available as masts.
- - Shed available. Still to be collected and floor fitting arranged.
- 'Break-In' article suggested on the Internet linking project to Brayshaw Park & Ned repeater.

PR

PR

Future Events

- - Coast Guard boat visit – maybe April 2018.
- - Constructors Award September (time to get tools out)

Meeting closed 20:25



How's this for a good hat when doing repeater visits at cold altitudes?



MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
26 April 2018 at 19:30 Hours

Present: Ken Menzies (Chair), Don Laing, Ken Hynds, Stuart Watchman (via conference call), Paul Rennie, Don Jamieson, David Rothwell

Apologies: Grant Simpson

Correspondence:

Inward: Marlborough District Council re Environmental Plan submission

Ian Conway re possible Ward repeater relocation at wind turbine property

Outward: Marlborough District Council re Environmental Plan submission

Finance:

Accounts presented by treasurer.

Matters Arising:

MDC Submission

MDC advise submission hearing dates 21 ~ 24 May 2018. To book a date & time when Grant S returns.

Majority items of submission accepted except for allowance of 7m above zone height.

To discuss whether to request reconsideration of this for slim fiberglass collinear type antenna however next GM date (10/05/18) is after submission date (07/05/18). Decide when Grant S returns.

Also to canvas more support submissions (only 3 to date). Suggested that draft support submission form be distributed to members so they could complete and submit to MDC. DL

Repeater Report:

All repeaters are operational

Ned – Planned repeater replacement and hut maintenance on 21~22 April postponed until Grant S returns to hand over new repeater. GS/IC

Kaikoura – Understand that Grant S has obtained access RC/GS

Stuart W to get Control unit to Ken M to enable refurbishment of repeater system SW

Weld Cone – Paul R has been in contact with helicopter owner. Advised that one week notice required and will cost \$1450. Work method discussed and plan to carry out weekend 26~27 May. Preparation may be done during prior week. Paul R to check if additional helicopter cost for weekend working. PR/DR/IC

Ian C advised that he met property owners of possible alternative location near wind turbines and they have no objection. Original turbine haul road still in good condition. Concern expressed as to possible electrical & noise interference.

Hollow Top preferred location so suggestion to discuss with farm manager as to a possible “temporary” installation until owner can be contacted. GS

SAR Report:

National conference is being held in Blenheim 22~24 June 2018.

Comms truck will be parked daily outside and used to facilitate two field trip exercises planned.

Will also be at Dip Flat 04~11 May supporting Christchurch SAR exercise.

General Business:

Chorus Repeater Sites - Suggestion that MARC digipeater at Jamies Knob be relocated to adjacent Marlborough Lines site. SW

Shed - Still to be collected from Ron and fitted with floor. PR

Hi-Viz vests - DL queried issue of these as felt exposed without one while controlling traffic on Grape Ride.

Advised that 12 AREC vests in truck to be issued as required. These are Lime Green colour which now might not be acceptable for traffic control. Paul R to check with Downer on colour required. PR

Discussion as to whether vests could be long-term loaned to members, issued prior to event or members given option to buy. To be tabled at next GM DL

Upcoming Events:

General Meetings – Ken M will give presentation at May meeting 10/05/18 KM

Donald Jamieson will give presentation at June meeting 14/06/18 DJ

Sinclair Half Marathon – 12 May 2018. Only few people required. Portable repeater to be tested before event to avoid last years failure.

SW

Meeting Closed : 20:08

Articles for Interface are always appreciated! Or a book review, or something - anything.