



**MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING**  
**at EOC, 13th July 2023 at 19.30hrs**

**Present:** John Errington (Chair), Don Laing (Secretary), Greg Barton (Treasurer), Gerard Van Antwerpen, Bill Cousins, Helen & Ron Harris, David Rothwell, Nick Batt, Wayne Parker, Grant Simpson.

**Apologies:** Ken Menzies, Ian Conway, Linc Teale

**Visitors:** Maricel Rothwell

**Health & Safety:** No issues raised

**Previous Minutes:** As published in Interface agreed by those present as a true and correct record - *carried*

**Matters Arising:** None

**Correspondence:** (since Committee Meeting 22/06/23)

**Inward**

22/06/22	NZART	Examiner application for Gerard held until July Council meeting
24/06/23	CARC	Week 26 activities
02/07/23	CARC	'Hamlarks' magazine
07/07/23	NZART	Callbook 2024 digital version
08/07/23	NZART	Draft constitution
10/07/23	Registrar of Incorporated Societies	Law changes review - 2nd edition

**Outward**

26/06/23	P. Rennie	Replacement tuner dimensions
01/07/23	CARC	Cancellation of CARC weekly activities notifications

Distribution of above correspondence as applicable

**Matters Arising:**

Constitution Review - D, Laing advised that re-registration not required until 2026 and suggested waiting until NZART issue the model constitution for Branches

**Finance & Membership:**

Membership	56 paid, 1 unpaid
Accounts	(available upon request)
Income	Interest
Payments	Field Day toilet hire

- Order Number from Treasurer now required for all Branch 22 expenses so they can be tracked and future payments accounted for.

- Purchase of remote tuner held awaiting advice from S. Watchman & P. Rennie

**Events:**

31 July	Chris Grant memorial service
12 August	Mid-Winter lunch
19/20/21	August Lighthouse weekend

**Repeaters & Systems:**

Acknowledgment to Grant Simpson for the dedicated work he has carried out to date over many decades.

**Kaikoura** - David Rothwell has collected repeater & associated equipment. To collect aerial from Grant.

**Brayshaw Park** - Nick & Gerard now have and just have to sort out antenna rotator control.

- Park internet fault at Wood Workers Guild still outstanding.

**Picton** - Intermittent operation. David Rothwell to investigate.

**Alternative repeater site** - Await advice from Graeme McKay & Paul Rennie.

**Speaker Schedule**

Tonight John E - Antenna software (Antennas Part 3)

August Don L - "Cars to Carrington"

September - Constructors Award

**SAR / AREC** - Paul Rennie

Meeting held with EOC & SAR. Favourable attitude to AREC and to await EOC negotiations with Marlborough District Council.

Advised that meeting to be held with AREC Regional Manager, Lindsay Ross, 31 July 2023

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Call Book Format - this will now be a digital format download. Due to RSM requirements detailed call-sign address will be excluded.

VK Tasman low-band contest this weekend

David Rothwell advised that he will be away during August & September

**Meeting closed:** 20:10

**Next Committee meeting:** 27th July 2023 by Zoom, 7:30pm

**Next General meeting:** 10th August 2023 at EOC, 7:30pm

**Presentation:** John Errington provided an informative & interesting presentation on antenna modelling

**MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**via Zoom 27th July 2023 at 19:30 Hours**

**Present:** John Errington (Chair), Don Laing, Greg Barton, Graeme McKay, Gerard van Antwerpen, Paul Rennie, David Rothwell

**Apologies:** Stuart Watchman, Nick Batt

**Health & Safety:** No issues identified

**Confirmation of last Committee meeting minutes:** Confirmed as correct *Moved JE, Seconded GvA, Passed: All*

**Matters Arising:** None

**Correspondence:** (since GM MOM 13/07/23)

**Inward:**

20/07/23	David Rothwell	Picton repeater report & E-log
24/07/23	CARC	Hamlarks magazine
25/07/23	David Rothwell	Kaikoura repeater update
26/07/23	NZ Post	PO Box agreement revised conditions (Terminated Box mail removal & returned to Sender)

**Outward:**

17/07/23	Paul Rennie	AREC meeting 31 July with AREC Regional Manager
24/07/23	Paul Rennie	AREC Regional Manager itinerary
24/07/23	Paul Rennie	AREC meeting 1st August

**Matters Arising:** None

**Finance: (In Committee)**

Treasurer presented his report

*Motion: The Accounts be accepted and the payments approved. Moved: GB / Seconded: JE / Passed: All*

Membership 57 (paid)

- Income: Interest

- Payments: Nil

**Events:**

Chris Grant's Memorial service 31 July

International Lighthouse weekend 19~20 August

Monthly Lunch

Suggestion of 10-Pin bowling social event - to refer to General Meeting for interest.

Suggestion of Club visit to Weld repeater site to show club members typical repeater setup.

Suggestion of Club field day setup at public site to demonstrate to members.

**Repeaters & Systems:**

- **Kaikoura** - To emulate Ward repeater signal to enable testing of repeater prior to site installation. **DR**  
Proposed that a completely independent separate site cabinet & system be considered however site ownership unknown.  
During HF Net ZL4HK joined and, as he lived there, offered to be Kaikoura caretaker.  
Nothing will happen until mid-September when DR returns. **DR**
- **Picton** - Temporary batteries fitted and now operational. Original batteries 15+ years old. **DR**  
Replacement batteries to be investigated and recommendation made. **DR**
- **Brayshaw Park** - Was made operational however locking up and discovered that PC CPU was below minimum recommended specs and running at 100%. Nick B is away and Grant S has collected to rectify. Suggested that a new PC purchased that can handle updated Windows & Program software. **GvA**  
Internet link fault to Woodworkers Guild investigated and seems to be mast head unit fault.  
To recover redundant units from Kart Club and replace. **DL**
- **Repeater Logs** - Suggested that Repeater logs be kept on MARC website to enable viewing prior to a site visit. Maybe use a duplicate book at each site and when written up duplicate page given to webmaster to update log accordingly **DT/GvA**

Proposed Repeater Site - to investigate possible other sites from topo map review

**GMcK/PR**

**Speaker Schedule:**

August	Don L - Cars to Carrington video
September	Constructors Award
October	Paul R – Marlborough Lines DMR system construction
November	Graeme McK - Astronomy

**AREC: PR**

- Visit by Lindsey Ross, AREC Regional Manager with meeting arranged for MARC committee 31st July and AREC members 1st August.
- EOC Replacement Tuner – PR confirmed that will just fit into existing pole cabinet.  
Await Stuart W advice to progress.
- Charger Repair - One ex-Police charger defective. Repair estimate \$120. To obtain order and proceed.

*(Minutes continued next page)*

Laptop / Starlink - PR to discuss with EOC management and advise.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Branch 22 Second Examiner - Was to be approved at NZART Council July meeting. To follow up

DL

Meeting Closed: 20:50

Next Committee Meeting: 24th August 2023 (via Zoom)



**INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND**



**Lighthouse Weekend  
19 - 20 August**

This event is taking place on the weekend of 19/20th August at, for us, Cape Campbell lighthouse.

It is NOT a contest as such, but the aim is to work as many other lighthouse-based stations around the world as possible. Hence it is quite laid-back and casual.

The station has to be operated from the actual lighthouse being activated, therefore we stay overnight in the old lighthouse keepers quarters, which were upgraded some years ago for the film "Light Over the Ocean", and is very comfortable and warm.

When I say "we", there is a hard-core of seasoned members who have taken up the opportunity over several years now, but anyone is invited to join the party, keeping in mind that participants share the cost of the hire of the lighthouse premises (usually around \$50 each, depending on numbers). We travel by car, leaving Blenheim around 0800 on Saturday and will stay both Saturday and Sunday nights this year.

If you have not been to Cape Campbell before, this is an ideal

opportunity to see a part of the country otherwise only accessible via the foreshore at Marfell's Beach at low tide, unless you have farmer's permission (and a key) to use the road access. The access road is good this year!

The weather has usually been very kind to us. Only once can I remember arriving and putting up antennas in the teeth of a southerly gale and rain. If it sounds of interest to you, or you want more information regarding what to take (food, bedding etc) call Ian Conway on 027 661 3634 or email him [tine.ian@farmside.co.nz](mailto:tine.ian@farmside.co.nz).

**THE DAILY TOON by Mark Lynch**



# MID WINTER DINNER (lunch)

**ARMADILLO'S RESTAURANT  
Springlands Tavern**

**12th August**

**Start - 11.30am**

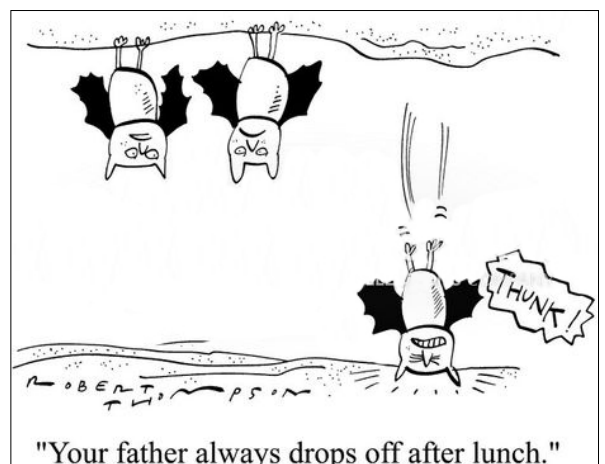
**Meal Orders - 12 midday**

**RSVP - Caryl [grant@simtronics.co.nz](mailto:grant@simtronics.co.nz)**

Thanks to those who have already responded.

So far we have 16 confirmed, including one from Branch 26, and 4 apologies.

If you have yet to respond, and plan to attend, please let me know **BY AUG 10th AT THE LATEST**. This is so we can give an accurate number to the restaurant.



*The club has radios available, as well as an antenna analyser, for members to borrow when required. Contact a committee member for more details if you would like to avail yourself of any of these. [marcbranch22@gmail.com](mailto:marcbranch22@gmail.com)*