

December 2023

# INTERFACE

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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

## CLUB CALENDAR

**General Meeting;**.... 14 Dec, 7.30pm, EOC  
**Social Group;** ..... 21 Dec, Dodson St Beer Garden  
**Committee Meeting;** 25 Jan (TBC), 7.30pm, via Zoom



**HF Net** Tuesdays & Saturdays  
2030 hrs 3876kHz

**VHF - USB Net** Wednesdays  
1930 hrs 144.150MHz

## BRANCH 22 NOTICES

1. Dec meeting, bring a small plate for supper..... 14 Dec
2. Club BBQ Onamalutu ..... 21 Jan
3. Wine & Food Festival..... 10 Feb
4. Jock White Field Day ..... 24/25 Feb

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

**Net Controller;**  
Rob Carter, ZL2IW

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# Merry Christmas

The committee wishes you all a Merry Christmas and hopes you enjoy some time with friends and/or family.



**Anthony Winter**  
**Ken Menzies**

### SUBS ARE NOW DUE!!

\$30.00 Single Member    \$40.00 for Family Membership  
Internet Payment only please.

Kiwi Bank Acc. N<sup>o</sup>: 38 9002 0114897 00

**Please Quote Call Sign and "Subs" as reference**

**Payment before December 30<sup>th</sup> would be appreciated.**

***Don't make us send the boys around!***

If you're unsure if you've paid, ask treasurer Greg [gjbarton@gmail.com](mailto:gjbarton@gmail.com)



**MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING**  
at EOC, 9th November 2023 at 19:30 Hours

**Present:** John Errington (Chair), Don Laing (Secretary), Greg Barton (Treasurer), Bill Cousins, Ron Harris, Paul Rennie, Gary Lodge, Gerard Van Antwerpen, Stuart Watchman, Rob Carter, John Neal, Graeme Dillon

**Apologies:** Grant Simpson, Link Teale, Helen Harris, Ken Menzies, Anthony Winter, Nick Batt, Graham McKay, Ken Hynds, David Rothwell, Wayne Parker.

**Visitors:** None                      **Health & Safety:** No issues raised

**Previous Minutes:** As published in Interface agreed by those present as a true and correct record  
*J. Errington/R. Harris/ Carried*

**Matters Arising:** None

**Correspondence:** (since Committee Meeting 26/10/23)

**Inward**

05/11/23	Branch 62	Inter-Club activities
08/11/23	NZART	2026 Centenary celebration activities
08/11/23	Stuart Watchman	LDG Tuner at EOC

**Outward**

20/10/23	VCC	Use of BBQ trailer for Onamalutu picnic
27/10/23	MARC	Members Volunteers for "Clued-UP Kids" program
28/10/23	Branch 62	Inter-Club activities
29/10/23	Neville Marr	Pony Club building
01/11/23	MARC	Members Volunteers for "Clued-UP Kids" program



Responses & distribution of the Inwards as applicable

*Motion: The Inwards correspondence be accepted and the Outwards endorsed*      *D. Laing/J. Errington/ Carried*

**Matters Arising:** Included in following business

**Finance & Membership:**

Membership	58 paid, 1 unpaid, ZL3LI, ZL4IY will transfer by year end
Accounts	(available upon request)
Income	Subs & Interest
Payments	RSM license fees
	NZART Branch subscription
	Replacement PC for Brayshaw remote system



*Motion: The financial report be accepted and payments approved*

*G. Barton/J. Errington/Carried*

**Events:**

- 6 ~ 10 Nov 2023 - Clued-Up Kids at Brayshaw Park in progress
- 28 Nov 2023 - ZL3LI & ZL4IY farewell lunch, Jolly Roger Pub, Picton
- 21 Jan 2024 - Onamalutu Picnic
- April 2024 - Weld Cone repeater visit

Suggestions for 2024 were a SOTA presentation & winery production facility tour.



**Repeaters & Systems:**

**Kaikoura** - David Rothwell advises that working on his bench

**Picton Battery Replacement** - No advice

**6m Beacon** - Parts have been ordered

**Brayshaw Park** - Replacement PC has been received and software installed. Being setup.

Replacement Internet link POE supply module available to install & hopefully cure 40 & 80m hash

**DR**  
**DR**  
**BC**  
**GvA**

**Speaker Schedule:** December Christmas nibbles

**SAR / AREC** Paul Rennie

EOC HF Tuner – Proposed to replace PR's tuner with portable tuner in truck shed and new LDG tuner become portable tuner enabling PR to recover his tuner.

**SW**

A&P Show – Appreciation expressed by LandSAR and AREC contribution will be decided at their next meeting.

AREC Activities Report – Monthly report now being issued. In Branch 22 interest to report all activities to increase Branch profile.

**General Business:**

"Barry" has inquiring with GvA re next Ham-Cram. Nelson one has been cancelled. Encouraged to follow NZART website Q&A for individual exam.

**Meeting closed:** 20:05

**Next Committee meeting:** 23rd November (NB Tuesday) by Google Meet, 7:30pm (Chair - Stuart Watchman)

**Next General meeting:** 14th December 2023 at EOC, 7:30pm

**Presentation:**

Interesting presentation by Paul Rennie of the mains power supply installation for Marlborough Lines DMR system as well as other personal Club photos.

**MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING**  
via Zoom 23rd November 2023 at 19:30 hours

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

**Apologies:** Nick Batt, John Errington

**Health & Safety:** No issues identified

**Correspondence:** (since GM MOM 09/11/23)

**Inward:**

18/11/23 CARC Auction catalogue 21/11/23

**Outward:**

16/11/23 MARC 2024 annual subscription notice

*Motion: The Inwards correspondence be accepted and the Outwards endorsed.*

*Moved: DL / Seconded: SW / Passed: All*



**Finance: (In Committee)**

Treasurer presented his report

- Membership 58 paid

- Income:

- Payments:

- Upcoming Payments:

Interest & Subscriptions

NZART Annual Branch subscription \$105

Replacement Brayshaw Remote PC \$329

Replacement repeater batteries

Kaikoura repeater installation



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

**Events:**

28 Nov 2023 - Farewell Lunch for ZL3LI & ZL4IY at Jolly Roger, Waikawa Marina

21 Jan 2024 - Onamalutu January Picnic

24~25 Feb 2024 - Field Day



**Repeaters & Systems:**

**6m Beacon;** Advice from Bill Cousins that with Tony Whittaker will build a QRP Lab kit with RF amplifier. More appropriate frequency within official Beacon range to be considered once working. **JE**

**Kaikoura;** Being bench tested and linking OK but issue with speech input so off line until resolved. Suspect duplex filter alignment and gate input adjustment **DR**

**Picton Batteries;** Present replacement batteries working OK **DR**

**Weld Cone;** No progress. Photos to be sent to DR **PR**

**Brayshaw Park;** Working at GvA's home. Some can connect but others can't which seems to be an IP issue. Rotator software installed but can't be checked until installed at Brayshaw. **DL**

Will be on test for another week. **GvA**

**MARC Club Building:** Await advice from LandSAR **JE**

**Speaker Schedule:**

Dec / Jan 2024 Seasonal Holidays

February 24 SOTA briefing & round table discussion

March 24 AGM

April 24 Weld Cone visit

June 24 TBC - Winery Tour



**AREC:**

- EOC Replacement Tuner - To test LDG tuner with SW at EOC

- A & P Show - SAR await funds from A&P to determine MARC contribution **PR**

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

➤ **Wine & Food Festival** (10 Feb 2024) – to contact organisers and follow up **SW**

**Meeting Closed:** 19:49

**Next General Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 7:30pm at EOC

**Next Committee Meeting:** (TBC) 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 7:30pm (via Zoom)





## AREC AT MARLBOROUGH CLUED-UP KIDS WEEK, 6-10 NOVEMBER 2023

Some months ago, Gary Spence from Civil Defence contacted AREC to see if we could supply enough operators for a week, 2.5 hours each morning and afternoon session, to answer telephones in support of Clued-up Kids.

Marlborough Clued-up Kids is a collaborative interactive safety programme that developed from within the Marlborough Child Safety Group and is based on the 'Clued-up Kids' project developed in Scotland in 2001. Children learn by doing. The programme consists of real-life role plays which are arranged in the form of an interactive course organised and delivered by community safety agencies.

Topics include rail, fire, cyber and dog safety, as well as emergency first aid, water safety and mind well-being. The event is designed for children who are becoming more independent and having to cope more on their own.

Council's Civil Defence, Nautical and Coastal, and Road Safety sections had a presence alongside other agencies including KiwiRail, FENZ, Police, Maataa waka (Social Services and Animal Control), Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand, St John and AREC. The Civil Defence Command Vehicle was on site to house the communications systems and was where the AREC volunteers were set up.

The Brayshaw Park Committee and Riverside Railways, Vintage Car Club and Vintage Farm Machinery stage the event, providing the setting for the real-life simulations.

Clued-Up Kids has been held at Brayshaw Park since 2006.

The kids were mostly years 5 and 6 and in one exercise were given a scenario of a worker fallen out of a tree while using a chainsaw. All the kids had to make a "111" call and were asked by the "operator" which service they required and were then switched through.

This is where AREC came in, as we were manning the respective emergency agency telephones and through a scripted set of questions, asked the callers the address of the incident, contact details etc. In the case of the "ambulance" calls, details of the patient's injuries, whether they were conscious and breathing, and their age were requested and given. Callers were then advised to stay with the patient, the ambulance was on its way.

In the case of calls to "fire", the exact location and nature of the fire was obtained, and callers were asked if everyone on site was accounted for before being asked to wait at the assembly point as the brigade were on their way.

Last year more than 600 children went through the programme, and the other half of local primary schools came this year.

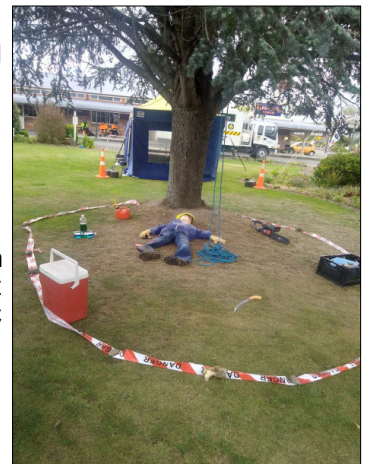
AREC were manning the phones for nine sessions over the week, often with multiple calls coming in simultaneously as classes cycled around the various exercises. In all, our AREC volunteers handled approximately 800 phone calls which proved a very rewarding and successful exercise with a few laughs along the way.



Other AREC members who volunteered and manned the phones were:

Don Laing ZL3DN	Greg Barton ZL2GBX
Paul Rennie ZL2RE	Link Teale ZL2CLT
Bill Cousins ZL2AYZ	Rob Carter ZL2IW
Ron Harris ZL2BDD	Kaye Hannagan ZL2KU

One of the scenarios the kids encountered, an unconscious and bleeding arborist with his equipment (Right). The civil defence communications command vehicle, where the AREC volunteers operated, can be seen in the background.



- Greg Barton

*The following photos were supplied by Rebekah Lowe from nmdhb*





15 members gathered at The Jolly Roger to farewell Gavin & Chris Piercy and John & Pam Neal. Piercy's are moving to Feilding where Gavin will be happy to be 15 - 20 minutes from the Dialysis Clinic in Palmerston North instead of 2.5 hours away from the nearest unit in Nelson. Neals will be in a retirement community in Palmerston North to be nearer to family. Both households are busy sorting, dumping and packing, not necessarily in that order. Hopefully both will contact the local club in their area - Branch 70, Feilding Radio Club for Gavin (who will be living 1.3km from the club's postal address, presumably their secretary) or Branch 20, Manawatu Amateur Radio Soc Inc. for John.

Gavin is a relatively new club member. By that I only mean in relation to John, who first joined the club in 1957 and did a couple of years back then as secretary. Life and work took John elsewhere, both in NZ and overseas, but he ended up back here eventually.

We all enjoyed a delicious lunch and lots of chat and laughter before Bill Cousins gave them a little farewell speech, to which both John and Gavin replied, and people eventually started heading home again.

The social side of a club is just as important as the business and technical side. Have you considered joining the Social Group? They meet at Dodson's Restaurant for lunch every 3rd Thursday of the month (except January). They will be meeting on December 21st next so, if you are interested, or want to join them next year, contact Christine Conway [tine.ian@farmside.co.nz](mailto:tine.ian@farmside.co.nz) and she will add you to her phone or text list then contact you the day before so you to say yay or nay and she can book a table for the correct number of people.



**Q:** What is a Christmas tree's favourite candy?  
**A:** Orna-mints

**Q:** Why is a foot a good Christmas present?  
**A:** Because it is a good stocking filler.

**Q:** What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?  
**A:** It's Christmas Eve!

**Q:** Why are Christmas trees always looking towards the future?  
**A:** Because the present's beneath them

**Q:** What kind of music do elves like?  
**A:** Wrap music

**Q:** How much did Santa's sleigh cost?  
**A:** Nothing. It was on the house.

