

# HAMLARKS

Christchurch Amateur Radio Club



February 2014

**Branch 05 Club re-occurring events**

**MAIN BRANCH MEETING** First Wednesday of the month 7.30pm, except January. *All visitors welcome*. Currently at 5 Idris Road

**ACTIVITIES and STUDY NIGHT** Every Tuesday 7:30pm currently at 5 Idris Road. *All visitors welcome*.

**COMMITTEE MEETING** 1st Monday after branch meeting 7.30pm  
Currently at 5 Idris Road.

**AREC MEETINGS** Normally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 7.30pm. Currently at 5 Idris Road.

**DEADLINE FOR HAMLARKS COPY** 11 days before the main branch meeting.

**WEEKLY CLUB VHF NET** Every Sunday 8:00 PM on 145.625MHz repeater if available, otherwise 147.050MHz repeater.

**OFFICIAL NZART BROADCAST** Last Sunday of the month 8:00 PM on 147.050MHz repeater.

NEW ZEALAND YOUNG AMATEURS CLUB NET (Branch05)

Meet every Tuesday night at Branch05 clubrooms.

Branch 05 Website [www.chchhamradio.org.nz](http://www.chchhamradio.org.nz)

**Presentation for next branch meeting**

Next meeting is a show & tell.

Members can bring along that project they have been working on over the Christmas break so we can all be enlightened. Please let a committee member know beforehand so we can get an idea who will bring what.

**Presidents report ZL3TAO**

Hope you have all had a great Christmas break. We only had a short time away before returning home to pack up our house for our earthquake repairs – I have managed to sneak in my CSX200 mounted on top of the roof into the repair schedule – should be on the air when we get back into our house in mid March. I think we chose one of the best days of the summer for our club picnic at Orton Bradley last Sunday. The Idris Road clubrooms are proceeding slowly. Rory seems pretty confident as more of our stuff from the container seems to be appearing there. February will certainly be busy for some club members with one of the major AREC events (the Coast to Coast) on 15<sup>th</sup> February and Field Day later in the month – I hear there are vacancies for CW operators – see Brian ZL2BAT if you are available.

73 Ian MacPherson ZL3TAO

Branch President

**Hamlarks editor on the mic - ZL3KB**

2014 - Here we go again, but this time we are making a great start in our super clubrooms. Still lots more work to do, we are not there yet. A promising sign is we have a wire strung up into the tree at the back of the section, so if we can call that an aerial, that makes us a proper radio club.

By the way, to help me reprogram the beacons, can anyone lend me a Atmel AVRISP (STK500 type) programming dongle?

**\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Hamads \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$**

**Wanted** Any Denco coils for transistor radios, these are the brightly coloured coils on B9A plug bases, mostly Blue, Yellow or Red, with a slug adjuster at the top. Call Kelvin ZL3KB 323 8377 [kb.ew@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kb.ew@xtra.co.nz)

Wanted: [Information on an article](#) in Silicon Chip magazine February, March and July 2011. If you have any of these would you please contact John Haynes ZL3TR. Phone 338 4495. Any costs fully compensated.

## Rory's ramblings - ZL3HB

Another year begins with next Xmas on the way. This time thing is a real 'speedy Gonzales'.

A lot to happen this year, particularly in regard to clubrooms.

The new spot at Idris road seems to be a winner so far, as interest seems to be increasing & some new members have come on board.

A lot more central & easy to get at – although those over in the East might not agree!

We have had our own engineering report which looks OK. We need to clarify a few points but seems the building might be over 33% as it stands. We have asked the Council what figure they require it to be brought up to but haven't had an answer as yet. Engineers have designed a steel band to go around the building to bring it up to 67%+ which we will cost before making a decision.

Does anyone know of a draughtsperson with artistic skills we could ask to draw a concept plan for the site so we can go to Council with a proposal?

Next big event is subscriptions. For those not at the AGM it was decided to drop the subs to \$10 senior, \$15 family & junior free.

This as an earthquake bonus as many have been through a lot and we don't currently have large overheads. So please pay ASAP into bank account WITH CALLSIGN and get friends & acquaintances on board as well while it is cheap. Who knows what next year will bring!

If we should stay where we are & don't need to buy land & build clubrooms we should be able to keep a decent amount of \$\$\$ in the bank. Hopefully this will allow us to undertake interesting projects and events in the future. So if you have any ideas as to where we might go with this let the committee have your ideas. Like maybe a 3D printer or PCB etcher/mill. Remote HF site, D- star repeater, upgrade our current repeaters, help other clubs with theirs, social events at clubrooms etc. I can hear Gareth muttering about 'spending money'. We might even try & be sensible about it!!

So come along & enjoy this year with us and give a hand to reconstruct 'our place'

See you there.

Rory ZL3HB

## Field Day 2014 ZL3KB

You are cordially invited to partake in another Branch 05 Field day contest extravaganza. Email Brian Ramage [ramz@ihug.co.nz](mailto:ramz@ihug.co.nz) for further details. CW operators needed!!

Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1500 to 2400 and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 0600 to 1500.

The rules and summary sheets have been tidied and are available on the NZART web site at:

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/contest-rules/rules-jock-white-field-day/>

The greatest fun you will have in a paddock!

# Payment Due. Special for 2014

## Chch Branch 05 Subscription for 2014

Call \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Single Membership

\$10 if paid by 30<sup>th</sup> April

\$20 if paid after 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014

### Family Membership

\$15 if paid by 30<sup>th</sup> April

\$30 if paid after 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Junior Membership if still at school \$ free.

***Our Club Bank Account number is: 030826 0145249 00***

If you pay by internet banking, please make sure that you use your **Call Sign** as the transaction **reference number** so that our treasurer can identify you.

If you are posting your Subscription, please send to:

**Christchurch Amateur Radio Club**

**P.O.Box 1733,**

**Christchurch.**

**Summer Picnic January 19th**

A few of us gathered in Orton Bradley park for a very convivial get together and picnic. Many of us took our wives, I took my army radios. The weather was perfect, and we spend a very relaxed few hours sitting by the babbling brook, and doing a bit of babbling ourselves. We all agree to do it again next year, which will be here sooner than we think.



**Perfect weather**



**Gathered around the sausage sizzle**



**3KB trying to beat the world DX record for a 19 set (125.2m)**

**ZL3VHF back on the air ZL3KB**

In the week after New Year ZL3RX and ZL3KB finally got the beacon



aerials up on top of the physics building at Canterbury University. They are now approx 20m AGL. Thanks also to Rory 3HB and Matt 3PM for helping out with the brackets and cabling supplies. I still need to reprogram the location code in the message. No UHF operations yet. The VHF beacon has been heard in the North Island: *Hi Kelvin. I thought you may be interested in this post on the VKLogger re the ZL3VHF 2m beacon. Harry ZL2ADU is in Opunake. Many thanks for all your ( and Rob's ) time with the beacon. Regards Rod ZI3NW*

<p><b>01:00</b> 20-Jan</p>	<p><b>ZL2ADU</b></p>	<p>&gt; <b>ZL3VHF</b> in <b>RE66IL</b> on 144.2850 BCN 569 &gt; RF60WN @ 460.2km 192°  Works great at new location</p>
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**Minutes of the Branch 05 AGM**

Christchurch Amateur Radio Club **AGM** Dec 4th 2013 at clubrooms, 5 Idris Rd.

**Apologies** ZL3IX, ZL3VP, ZL2UCX, ZL3ACU, ZL3GX, ZL3PX Moved to accept by ZL3HB, seconded ZL3AHL. Carried.

**Visitors** Ross ZL3TFK, Mike ZL3MWD.

**Minutes** of 2012 AGM moved to accept by Rory ZL3HB, seconded Richard ZL4FZ. Carried.

David ZL2IC moved 'that the Dec meeting & AGM be combined', seconded by Keith ZL3AHL. Carried.

**Correspondence** Ragchew, QTC-56, Council email.

**Reports** **AREC** Richard ZL4FZ moved his AREC annual report be accepted as circulated, seconded Andrew ZL3CC. Carried.

**Repeaters** Rob ZL3RX moved 'the trustees report be accepted'. Seconded Richard ZL4FZ. Carried.

**QSL Bureau** 3 lots of cards in yesterday.

**Tuesday night** More visitors turning up & more interest. A new club member & 3 trainees.

**Band report** Rob ZL3NW reports 6m has some good openings  
Andrew ZL3CC reports 10m good in evenings into Europe

David ZL2IC then read his Presidents report and moved it be accepted. Carried.

Richard ZL3UE produced copies of the financial records & moved they be accepted, seconded David ZL2IC. Carried

A link has been produced in Google groups on the club website for financial members only.



Rory ZL3HB moved ' that the committee investigate changing the club constitution with the view of allowing a review or an audit of the club accounts', seconded Rob ZL3RX. Judith Holland spoke on the matter saying it was a good idea as proper auditors are increasingly expensive with insurance issues. Motion was carried.

Will need to call a Special General Meeting for constitution changes. Rory ZL3HB moved 'that the club financial year be changed from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> June to allow more time for books to be prepared & circulated before AGM' seconded David ZL3DO. Carried. This also will be put at an SGM.

It was mentioned that Harvey Norman are offering trade discounts to members of voluntary organisations so those members of AREC with cards could make use of this offer.

The committee recommended to the meeting that Barry ZL3BMW be posthumously awarded 'Amateur of the Year' from the club. Seconded David ZL3DO, Carried with acclamation.

President David ZL2IC then vacated the chair to Ian ZL3TAO for election of officers.

**President** – David ZL2IC nominated by Richard ZL4FZ, seconded Keith ZL3AHL.

Ian ZL3TAO nominated by David ZL3TAO, seconded Richard ZL3UE.

David ZL2IC then withdrew his acceptance. John ZL3OY moved nominations close, seconded David ZL3DO.

Carried. Ian ZL3TAO consequently declared elected President.

**Vice President** – David ZL2IC nominated by Richard ZL4FZ, seconded Rob ZL3RX. John ZL3OY moved nominations close, seconded David ZL3DO, Carried. David ZL2IC declared elected Vice President.

**Secretary** David ZL2IC nominated Rory ZL3HB, seconded Rob ZL3RX. John ZL3OY moved nominations close, seconded Richard ZL3UE. Carried. Rory ZL3HB elected Secretary.

**Treasurer** Rob ZL3RX nominated Richard ZL3UE, seconded David ZL2IC

John ZL3OY moved nominations close, seconded David ZL2IC.  
Carried. Richard ZL3UE elected Treasurer.

**Committee** Rory ZL3HB moved the current committee be returned, seconded Andrew ZL3CC. Carried.

Rory ZL3HB nominated David ZL3DO be voted on to committee, seconded Richard ZL4FZ

Rob ZL3RX nominated Aidan ZL3APB be voted on to committee. Seconded Rory ZL3HB

Rob ZL3RX nominated Kelvin ZL3KB be voted on to committee, seconded David ZL2IC

Ian ZL3TAO moved those nominated as additions be elected, seconded David ZL2IC, Carried.

Rory ZL3HB Moved Kelvin ZL3KB be re-elected as Hamlarks editor, seconded Keith ZL3AHL. Carried.

Rob ZL3RX moved Richard ZL4FZ be confirmed as AREC section leader, seconded Trevor ZL3ADZ. Carried.

Rory ZL3HB moved that the repeater trustees be returned with the addition of Mike ZL3TMB, seconded David ZL2IC. Carried.

Rory ZL3HB moved Judith Holland be confirmed as Auditor/reviewer, seconded Rob ZL3RX. Carried.

David ZL2IC moved Lynne Prattley be confirmed as club accountant, seconded Richard ZL3UE. Carried.

Andrew ZL3CC moved a vote of thanks to David ZL2IC for his work as President over the last few years in difficult times. seconded Rory ZL3HB. Carried with acclamation.

Subscriptions for 2014 were then discussed with Rory ZL3HB suggesting they be free for a year. The meeting decided that was a step too far and David ZL2IC moved that subs for 2014 year be \$10 for member, \$15 for family & Junior free, seconded Richard ZL4FZ. Carried.

Meeting closed at 7.46PM.

A Christmas supper was then served.

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