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# INTERFACE

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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

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## Club Calendar

**General Meeting;** 11 Feb. EOC, 19.30hrs

**Social Group;** 21 Jan. 12.00hrs - The Vines

**Committee Meeting;** 28 Jan 07.30hrs - EOC

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

**Net Controller;** Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ

## Branch 22 Notices

- 1.Branch 22 Club BBQ..... 16 Jan.
- 2.Nelson Branch 26 BBQ.....24 Jan.
- 3.Wine & Food Festival..... 13 Feb.

VHF - USB Net Wednesdays 1930  
144.150MHz

I hope you all had a peaceful festive season and enjoyable New Year. There are no December committee meeting Minutes as there was no meeting on Christmas eve. The January newsletter is usually shorter, due to lack of meetings or club stuff over the holiday season, but I have received the November General Minutes so added them to this issue.

I am sure you all noted the two BBQs listed in the last Interface and immediately wrote them on your 2016 calendars! Grant and I are unable to attend either of them, as we will be in Dunedin, but a good time will be had by all attendees if past years are anything to go by. Check out dates and times in the Club Calendar of Events on the back page. I hope someone takes some good photos to send me for the next Interface or it, too, will be short! As usual, take a salad or dessert to share and the club provides meat, sauce and bread. Don't forget something to drink, chairs, plates and cutlery, sun screen and insect repellent. I guess if it is raining, there will be a postponement.

## WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL

**Volunteers are needed to help with the club's annual effort Saturday, 13th February**

This event raises considerable money for the club's funds..and the bonus is that you get free entry to the event! Please e-mail me at [dareandstuart@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dareandstuart@xtra.co.nz) or phone 577 5122.

Shifts are half day, 0900 start or 1330 start. Please let me know your preference or if you are flexible.

Also, if there is anyone in the club that would like to take over organising this let me know. I have done nearly 15 years!

- Stuart, ZL2TW

Subs were due last month. If you have not paid yet, please pay ASAP by internet, mail, or in person at the next meeting, or you will soon find your Interface no longer arriving in your inbox.

**\$20.00 Members or \$25.00 Family**

3 payment options...

**2016 SUBS WERE DUE END 2015**

**Internet;** Kiwi Bank 38 9002 01 14897 00 use name or call sign in reference

**Mail to;** Marlborough Amateur Radio Club Inc. PO Box 432 Blenheim 7240

**In person;** to treasurer on club nights

Have you PAID



## MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

### General Meeting

12 November 2015 at 19.40 Hours

(Please note these are the Minutes delayed from November. Next page as December's General Minutes)

**Present:** 12 members and 1 guest.

**Chair:** Ken Menzies      **Secretary:** R Carter

**Apologies:** Grant Simpson (president), Kaye Hannagan (secretary), Paul Rennie, Gerard Van Antwerpen, Wayne Parker

**Previous Minutes:** Accepted as correct record after car club event date amended.

**Correspondence:** Inward – Aon – dealt with under general business.

**Finance:** Treasurer provided a report.

**Auditor** Ken talked to Michelle about expected costs for review.

**Repeater:** Nil to report.

**SAR:** Nil to report.



**Brayshaw Park:** Delayed work due to weather. Accounts for Brayshaw project discussed. Costs for panels and alloy to come.

#### General Business

- Auditor/Financial reviewer, approved.
- Car Club Events, thank you to those who helped.
- Insurance increase to cover Brayshaw Park project
- Degree of formality required at general meetings (discussion held over till president and secretary could be present)

**Santa parade** - 5 December 2015, 14.45 approx.

**Health & Safety Act changes coming in** – Chris to review and report back.

**Incorporated Societies review** – to be looked at.

**RSM fees proposed increase** – one fee for each transmitter increasing to \$170 per transmitter.

**H Night** – Planning is well underway. ZL6H is approved as a special event call sign. Contest will be 8 December and AM only. This night is to commemorate the return of amateur radio after WWII.

**Meeting closed** 19.50

Item to Action	Who
Pursue clarity of purpose and service agreement with BPMVFM regarding indemnity concerns raised	Stuart
Follow up regarding the internet link to BPMVFM design and implementation.	Grant
Auditor for future financial reviews letter appointing	Ken
Publicity – Grant to follow up.	Grant
The Ned – Organise replacement of tumblers	Stuart
Meeting topic for meetings over next 12 months	???
Repeater at Kaikoura	Grant
Health and Safety changes	Chris
Incorporated Society Review	?

Hedgehogs: Why can't they just share the hedge?





**BRAYSHAW PARK UPDATE FROM BILL, ZL2AYZ**

I secured an operating desk for the hut that will do us meantime and had it delivered to the hut at the Park. I've also fed the antenna and control cables into the hut and re-terminated them to the controller. Once the dc cabling from the solar panels and the controllers/chargers are installed and connected up to the batteries, we would be in a position to operate from the hut at the park and not have to take gear up there to do so. Hopefully we can organise a time to do that in the near future. Security bars have been fitted to the window.



**PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE**

I hope you all had an enjoyable and peaceful festive season and a happy New Year. I did, in between being called out for work most days, and was able to spend time with both our children and grandson.

Work at Brayshaw Park has been progressing steadily. Many thanks to those who have been working hard on this project and well done! Below is a photo of the hut, with its solar panels and aerial.

January 16th is our annual BBQ at Onamalutu. This is a great place to relax and catch up with fellow Hams. Some even stay overnight in their campers. On the front page is a reminder of what to bring and the Event Calendar, below, gives the time.

Sometimes we also have some of the Nelson Branch 26 attend but if you are unable to make this one, perhaps the next weekend would suit you better and you could join Nelson's BBQ and Fox Hunt at Rabbit Island. Their dub is providing hot spuds, sausages, meat patties, bacon, onions, bread, butter and tomato sauce (they are obviously spoilt). Join in any time from 10.30am onwards and lunch will be ready at 12.30pm. They too like members to bring a salad or dessert plus your plates etc. Remember your Fox Hunting gear!

If you plan to join them, please let their secretary Jim [jim.meachen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jim.meachen@xtra.co.nz) know for catering purposes.

They will be set up in the middle of Rabbit Island somewhere. If you cannot find them (the extra aerials on the vehicles are a dead giveaway) please call on the 7025 repeater for further assistance. They are looking forward to seeing you there for a fun day.

Please put your hand up to volunteer at the Wine and Food. It is not a difficult task, mostly sitting enjoying the sunshine, and it is our major fund raiser for the year. You can see some interesting sights, meet nice people and, if you are guarding the right place, sometimes you get offered yummy food!

Make Stuart's job easier by volunteering now before he has to ring and ask! Hopefully one of you will also consider taking over his job of organising the roster and radios etc. as he has been doing it for many years now and would like a rest. It is only once a year so you get it over and done with quickly.

- Grant, ZL2BK



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

See what's coming up in **your** club. Make sure **you** volunteer for something, if able, & mark it on your calendar!

**JANUARY 2016**

- 16 .....Club BBQ, Onamalutu, 11am onwards
- 24 .....Nelson Branch BBQ, Rabbit Island. 10.30 onwards

**FEBRUARY**

- 13 .....Wine and Food Festival

**MARCH**

- 12 .....The Old Ghost Ultra Marathon, Buller (Base only)

**APRIL**

- 2 .....Grape Ride

**MAY**

- 14 .....Saint Clare Half Marathon (Base only)

