



Hastings Br 13

Club Call

**ZL2AS**

Napier Br 25

Club Call

**ZL2GT**

IRLP

Node

6793

147.250

HB DX

Cluster

ZL2AL-1

144.650

Connect

and type

**"DXC"**

Branch  
Nets

9.00 AM

Sunday

Morning

3615 Hz

147.250

MHz

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## Kaweka Challenge "HQ"

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/zl2as/>



*Join the KIWI DX Group  
Talk to ZL2AL for Details*

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**Club Call:** ZL2AS

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## Hastings Branch 13 - President's Report

Hi all. This is a busy time of year for everyone. For myself work is keeping most of my spare time occupied. However I have managed to work a bit of DX, adding VP6 and CU1 to my log.

Events coming up include the Kaweka Challenge on the 23rd of February, the Horse endurance race on the 7th of March. If you able to assist in the horse endurance race please let me know as I am looking for operators.

It is pleasing to see that many local QSO's are not just occurring on 670 anymore. I hear 8425 repeater being used regularly, and several simplex frequencies getting a good work out. Good on you for using alternate means where possible if rag chewing, freeing up the primary repeaters for others.

It also makes it feel worthwhile keeping the other repeaters on the air.

I recently had a winge on an email reflector about the use of bad language on the air. If you think this winge may be directed at you, and it probably isnt, just quietly read page 2 of your call book. Its easy stuff to forget, but its even easier to remember. (The comments that prompted my winge did not come from a ham in this area).

To the teams gearing up for Jock White field day, I wish you the best of luck. It can be an enjoyable weekend that maybe one day I will be able to take part in.

If anyone has after meeting topics or ideas please come forward. I'm a little out of ideas at the moment and would appreciate some creative input.

I intend to hopefully start new ham classes after easter. If you know of any prospective candidates, get them to get in touch with me, or turn up when I finalise the time and date. I will advertise it in the next magazine.

Thats all for Feb. Next club meeting will be a followon from a committee meeting the night before, and covering the outcome of the incorporation agenda items.

After the meeting we are going to test and demonstrate HF bandwidth with some HF radios and a spectrum analyser.

Warren ZL2AJ

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**Committee Meetings:** *Third Monday of the month 7pm at Club Rooms*

**Club Call:** **ZL2GT**

**Club Nights:** *First Wednesday each month (except January) 7.30pm at the Club Rooms: 123 Latham Street Napier*

## **Branch 25 Napier News...**

The next Napier meeting is at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 5 March at the clubrooms.

At our last meeting we watched some DXpedition DVDs including the latest DXpedition to Raoul Island as ZL8R plus the BS7H Scarborough Reef Dxpediton - the Rocks between China and the Phillipines. These were courtesy of Lee ZL2AL - thanks Lee. We had a visitor at the meeting - a young chap who is looking for filters to install a CB 470 MHz repeater. He enjoyed the DVDs and was given some good information on becoming a ham operator.

Dennis Ashwell ex ZL2BLY an ex member who had not been active for a number of years passed away on January 22.

Recently our 2 metre beacon was re-activated after being off for some time because of a faulty antenna but unfortunately the transmitter packed it in after three days! Repairs to the transmitter and 6 metre beacon antenna which is also faulty will be undertaken as time permits.

Dxpeditons are underway in the Pacific at present with ZK2CC at Niue active, the second recognised group activating relatively new DXCC entity Ducie Island as VP6DX and much wanted TI9KK Cocos Island off Costa Rica - not quite Pacific that one!

STan ZL2ST

# Wellington Radio EXPO And Waikanae Radio Museum Visit, 15 March

Is anyone interested in making the round day trip to visit the up coming "Radio Expo" in the "Hutt valley" (opens at 10am, leave Hastings at 6am) then after lunch travel over the hill to Waikanae to visit the Radio Museum (those that have been before reckon it's great), then come home. If there is sufficient interest we may look at a mini van for the day and share costs and drivers.

Those interested please contact David Walker ZL2DW 8760518 eveninas.

## Information In Relation To VK Radio Operators

Below are some ACMA facts sheets in relation to our hobby here in VK.  
There appears to be some changes coming up in relation to visitors to VK .

Amateur Internet Linking Systems fact sheet

[http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC\\_1725](http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_1725)

Amateur licence information paper

[http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC\\_1255#AIIAX](http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_1255#AIIAX)

Amateur licence overview

[http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC\\_1256](http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_1256)

Examinations

[http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC\\_1257](http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_1257)

Operating procedures

[http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC\\_1301](http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_1301)

Operator's Certificate of Proficiency

[http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC\\_1261](http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_1261)

Visiting Australia

[http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC\\_1311](http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_1311)



# Construction of the biggest SteppIR Yagi Stack in the World

<http://www.1982crew.com/PHP-Nuke/PDF/K9LTN.pdf>

## Big Antenna

[http://www.w9az.com/wb9z-40mtr\\_yagi.html](http://www.w9az.com/wb9z-40mtr_yagi.html)

## A Bunch of Links From ZL2AL

### 10-10 INTERNATIONAL GROUP

<http://www.ten-ten.org>

**40/80/160 vertical option only 10m high!**

**Twisting Bob's Tail**

<http://www.cebik.com/scv/bc40ab.html>

### 60M Website

**A new band for those running out of challenges!**

<http://60meters.info/>

**A Smarter Way to deal with Power Line Noise**

**solve your electrical QRN...**

[http://www.tdworld.com/mag/power\\_smarter\\_approach\\_resolving/index.html](http://www.tdworld.com/mag/power_smarter_approach_resolving/index.html)

### AC Log

**very easy to set up incl direct LOTW**

<http://www.n3fjp.com/>

### AC6V

**The "Be all and end all" of anything radio related.**

<http://ac6v.com>

### ADSL Broadband speed test

**Are you getting what you're paying for??**

<http://www.nzdsl.co.nz/index.php?module=Speedtest>

### Antarctic Bases, Islands and more...

**excellent resource...**

<http://www.70south.com/resources/antarctic-bases>

### Battle Creek Special

**And another...**

<http://www.pi4cc.nl/link/mkII.htm>

### [Battle Creek Special](#)

Excellent 40/80/160 vertical

<http://www.ok1rr.com/view.php?cisloclanku=2005031402>

### [Beacons A Bunch](#)

Comprehensive beacon listing

<http://www.ac6v.com/beacons.htm>

### [CWDecoderXP](#)

Excellent program..

<http://www.hotamateurprograms.com/downloads.htm>

### [Cluster commands](#)

Click on the links for the detail

<http://http://www.ab5k.net/ArcDocs/UserManual/ArcCmdSummary.htm>

### [Coax Calculator](#)

Coax cable specifications

<http://www.ocarc.ca/coax.htm>

### [Coax trap](#)

excellent calculator from VE6YP

<http://www.w8ji.com/traps.htm>

### [Coil/Inductance Calculator](#)

<http://www.crystalradio.net/cal/indcal2.shtml>

### [DX Atlas](#)

Awesome DX tool

<http://www.dxatlas.com/>

### [DX Lab](#)

comprehensive logger

<http://www.dxlabsuite.com/>

### [DX Resources](#)

huge collection of links & info

[http://www.dxer.org/dx\\_resources.html](http://www.dxer.org/dx_resources.html)

### [DX Watch](#)

customisable cluster

<http://www.dxwatch.com/i>

### [DXScape](#)

Often up when DX Summit is down

<http://www.dxscape.com/>

### [Discovering the Magic of HF](#)

<http://www.zl4pw.orcon.net.nz/media/discoverthemagicofhfradio.pdf>

### [EHAM](#)

Popular Amateur website

<http://www.eham.net>

### [EWE antenna](#)

Brilliant, small receive antenna

<http://www.ok1rr.com/view.php?cisloclanku=2004122604>

### [Easy-up for tall verticals](#)

20m plus with engineering sense...

<http://www.n6rk.com/irrigation.html>

### [FISTS Club Down Under](#)

Specialist club in VK/ZL for lovers and users of Morse

<http://www.fistsdownunder.org>

### [FISTS Club East Asia](#)

Club for lovers and users of Morse in Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan and Uzbekistan

<http://feacw.net>

### [FISTS Club UK](#)

Club for lovers and users of Morse in British Isles, Europe and Africa

<http://fists.co.uk>

### [FISTS Club in the Americas](#)

Club for lovers and users of Morse in the Americas

<http://fists.org>

### [Ferrite beads etc](#)

how to check for suitability and more...

<http://k0bg.com/beads.html>

### [G5RV](#)

Wire HF multibander

[http://radio.thulesius.se/div\\_mtrl/g5rv.htm](http://radio.thulesius.se/div_mtrl/g5rv.htm)

### [GoWin, Qsl Manager Search Program](#)

Updated Weekly, includes LOTW and DXCC approved operations

<http://golist.net/>

### [Grid Square Converter](#)

<http://www.amsat.org/amsat/toys/gridconv.html>

### [Ham Abbreviations](#)

Pro-signs, Q code etc

<http://www.hamuniverse.com/qsignals.html>

## The Last Bit

I hope everyone is well since the last mag. I am a bit rushed this time with a lot of things happening with Amateur Radio and life in general – always seem to be extra stuff happening at this time of year including the Kaweka Challenge.

Lee ZL2AL sent me a huge list of links a while ago so I have published some this mag and will probably have enough for the next couple of mags.

Til next time,

John ZL2VAF

# NOTICES

HB Car Club Rally Hawkes Bay  
26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July 2008



**NZART “Wine Country Conference”**  
Hawkes Bay 2009

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