# BREAKOUT

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Hastings Br 13 Club Calls ZL2AS ZL2QS

Napier Br 25 Club Calls ZL2GT ZL2G

> IRLP Node 6793 147,250

Branch's 13/25 Net 9.00 AM Sunday Morning 670 Repeater

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Errol ZL2IT the Branch 25 Homebrew winner

http://www.zl2gt.nz/ http://groups.yahoo.com/group/zl2as/

**Emergency Call-in Frequencies: 3615khz and 670 repeater** 



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### THE LAST MESSAGE FROM THE BOSS FOR THE YEAR

Hello one and all, this will be my last message for this year and to think that it was only a short time ago that we were starting a new year, where has the year gone?

Well I guess we have all been busy with work and other things and here we are coming to the end of another one.

Summer is almost here and I don't need to remind you all to stay safe in the sun. It is already quite strong and it won't take too long to get that dose of sun burn. It was interesting to see on the TV the other night that sun screens are not up to standards that are written on them.

Cover up folks as it is not nice having skin cancers removed from your hand like I did a year or so ago.

Well it has been an ongoing thing with D-star and DMR radio but I think as for the club re Branch 13 DMR radio is the best way to go. If you use D-star that is up to you, the club does not need to put a D-star repeater in place as if you run D-star you can do that at your own home, I see that DMR is going to be the way to go and will replace the National system which I see as solving a lot of the current problems with interference.

So with that said start saving up to buy your DMR radios. Ask those that know a wee bit before you jump in and order one as there are some good and some bad. It boils down to your own use and just what you wish to do with the radio, is it for the base, in the car or where ever you might want to have the radio. They do FM analog as well as digital.

Well you all take care stay safe and I hope to see some of you at the AGM/Club meeting on Wednesday night and some where ever you might be whether it be there or on air I say MERRY XMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR from my shack to your shack.

Cheers, Blue ZL3TT President Branch 13/HBARC, Hastings



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Club Web Site: http://www.zl2gt.nz/

Club Nights: First Wednesday each month (except January) 7.30pm at the Club Rooms:

123 Latham Street Napier

# **Napier Amateur Radio Club**

Seasons Greetings to all, This year has really moved along at a frighteneing pace.

Our AGM is past and a few changes have been made. Welcome to Martin Akhurst ZL2MD to the committee, the other stalwarts on the committee remain to carry on their good work. My sincere thanks to all executive and committee for their inputs last year. The Pan Pac trophy for Home Brewers was also competed for on the November meeting and the successful contender was Errol ZL2IT, with his class E 475 Khz wspr transmitter, photos elswhere in this edition of Break Out

The committee has met and is working on a program of speakers for our monthly meetings in the coming year, We will also be hosting the NZART Conference and AGM in 2021.I would like to thank all the varied and interesting presenters that have made their time and expertise available to us this past year.

If you have a special (Not necessarily Amateur Radio) skill or interest then perhaps you could come forward to give a talk to the club at one of the meetings. Decembers meeting will be a general celebration of the year and festive season, I suggest we all bring a libation of choice to help the celebration along. Please also bring your unchanged subscription (\$25.00) for our Treasurer Peter.

As you read this, all ordered power meter kits have been delivered, I have on hand one only "Dummy load only with N connector" that is unclaimed, and will proceed to assemble some more power meter kits with N or UHF connectors for sale on trade me and / or Break in, this is your opportunity to secure one of these at the Branch 25/13 discount before they are committed to others.

That's about it for this month, I hope my tenure continues to be as inclusive as it can be, so any suggestions and thoughts about the future and growth of the NARC will always be welcome.

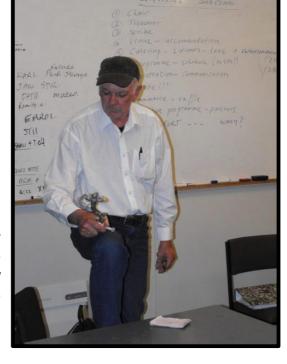
We do not meet in January, so Happy New Year to you all.

73 de ZL2MQ Dave

# **Branch 25/NARC, Napier Homebrew Competition**



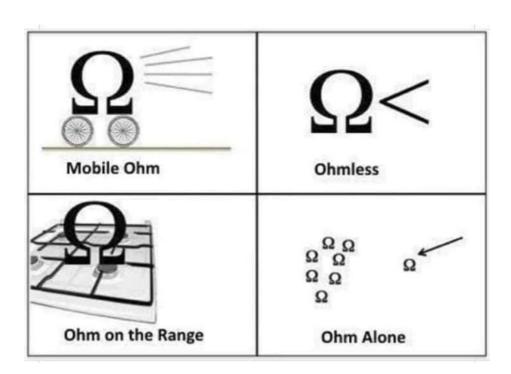
Errol ZL2IT (the Competition winner) presenting his 430khz transmitting equipment



Revel ZL2SS presenting his "power generator" to illuminate LED's



# **Ohms Lawless?**



# **RECENT Gisborne Amateur Radio Club BBQ**

(16 November 2019)



While it was a small affair, those attending had a great time on a great day. Attached are a montage of pix taken on the day. Please notice some of the items in the back ground of the pix that form part of the GARC Club Rooms/Museum. David ZL2DW



## **Notices**

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO**

- Alice ZL2EM, DUX 2019 and awards
- Xenia ZL4YL, awards and scholarships

Both from Havelock North High School.

Both off to Auckland University in 2020.

I guess Ham Radio will take a back seat for a few years.

Study hard and well and best wishes to you both.

ZL2AS, Branch 13/HBARC, Hastings

### Br 13/HBARC, Hastings

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, this will follow the General Meeting at Pakowhai Hall on Wednesday 27 November at 7-30pm.

Following the GM and AGM the Branch 13 Homebrew Competition will be held. Remember if you can't get your entry through the door then photographs are acceptable.

Feel free to bring along any food goodies that you may wish to donate to the cuppa afterwards.

### **CHB Meal and Meeting**

This was held at Waipawa on the date of our October meeting. It was well attended and and those that attended had a great time.... and were regaled by several stories by some those attending.

For those who turned up at the Pakowhai Hall expecting a meeting ....please read your Break Out, it was advertised in the September edition (but sadly was missing from the October edition).

### **ANNUAL BUS TRIP**

Is there any interest in doing the annual "Summer Wine Bus Trip"? It is scheduled for the 14 December. Travel to Napier via the #12 bus departing Hastings at 10am (by the Library), self entertain until we have Lunch at the Napier RSA then take the return trip back to Hastings. Please advise ZL2DW if you want to go because at this stage there are no takers therefore it may not happen.

### **OFFERS WANTED**

Branch 13 has been given to on sell an oscilloscope, Hitachi V-152B, 15mhz, it has two bugs which should be easily fixed.

https://www.google.com/search?sxsrf=ACYBGNTaldV3MbDtx5ftY2b1MxTITU5J2Q%3A1574480Please make your offer to David ZL2DW

### **For Sale**

9.2 meter 8 section portable fibreglass mast with rigging. \$400-00 ONO MFJ 918 1.5kW Current Balun \$50-00 ONO Contact Mike ZL2VM rlb.mbb@xtra.co.nz

#### Free

I have an old rotary clothesline pole to give away. Dimensions Length 3m 36 Width 4.4 cm (ish) Phone Denise 02102633330 Collect Havelock Nth