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# The Newsletter of the Hastings and Napier Amateur Radio Clubs

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Stan White (ZL2ST) (left) being presented with his NZART "Jumbo Godfrey Award" (for services to Branch 25 and Amateur Radio) by Branch 25 President David ZL2MO



As presented to Stan White ZL2ST, for services to Amateur Radio over a long period. Well done Stan.

# http://www.zl2gt.nz/

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

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



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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 you all, I think we will all be happy that 2020 is to be behind us, with the chance of a Covid-19 vaccine in the new year.

Branch 25 has held its AGM and there has been little change in the committee or executive.

This is my Annual report to the AGM:

Presidents report 2020

*I have great pleasure in presenting my annual report for 2020 to the annual general meeting.* 

*Covid -19 dominated the year, and still does. With a reduced number of meetings it has been a difficult year.* 

After the Club agreed to the running of the NZART AGM and AREC AGM, the committee set up for that event, has met a number of times and is making progress towards on this project, thanks to this committee for hanging into what will be a long running commitment, also thanks to Peter ZL2LF for joining this committee, please feel free to join in if you feel you can contribute.

One bright moment this year was to attend the AGM of NZART and to discover that our application that Stan White ZL2ST, be awarded the Arthur "Jumbo"Godfrey award for long term service to NZART and amateur radio in general was sucessful, and I have that award to present to Stan tonight.

This year we have gained a few members, however if our club is to prosper we need to encourage the non participating amateurs in the area to rejoin our ranks.

I would like to thank our many and varied presenters who have shared their expertise and enthusiasm at our monthly meetings, please come forward if you have a pet aspect of our hobby that you would like to share, I am sure we can fit you into a night during the year.

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Club Nights: Fourth Wednesday each month at 7.30 pm Pakowhai Hall, Pakowhai Road, Pakowhai

# From the top table

Well here we are at the end of the year almost and the last meeting of the year for branch 13 with our AGM and home brew to follow so I hope some of you have been busy with things you have made no matter how big or small bring it along and show and tell.

What a year it has been but I guess from here on in we can only go upwards and onwards and hope that we can lead the world in keeping covid 19 at a manageable level and keep it that way for as long as it takes to stay safe. As hams we have a hobby that allows us to maintain contact with the rest of the world. We are quite lucky that we can do this.

At the beginning of the month Debby Morgan was in town to check out the venue for next years NZART AGM at East Pier. We had a nice lunch there and a good look around. The view out the windows is fantastic so it will be a great show for those that attend. I wish branch 25 all the best for this. Even though Branch 13 is not involved we are there to support them with any thing they need help with to make it a success.

Well this month has been a very busy one for me. Those that listen to the cornflakes net each morning and our Sunday morning net would have heard me talking about my activities and just what I have been up to. 90% of it has not been about ham radio but to do with house maintenance and getting those jobs done to make a house look good to maintain its value. I have had a new fence put up. It makes a difference to the property that's for sure but I still have a long way to go with things to do. At the moment the roof is getting a good coat of paint on it which does take time to do this house as it is a large house with quite a large roof area to cover.

Well we have had the flooding and then the clean up and I'm quit glad that we were not as bad off as some. Don't get me wrong we had damage but not like some and all you can do is clean up and move on. Sitting on my patio and watching the water coming up to the house and then to have to watch the rubber neckers driving past and make waves so high that the water washed right on in and take out my front garden and to push water under the house was so soul destroying. All I could do was yell at those rubber neckers. Did they hear me? Not on your Nelly. It made no difference to them and I don't remember how many times I rang the police and local council to get the roads closed it fell on deaf ears, but what really gets me is the rubber neckers



Branch 13/HBARC, Hastings, office bearers, David Walker ZL2DW (Secretary), Blue Smith ZL3TT (President), Peter ZL2HM (Treasurer).

**HASTINGS BRANCH 13** 

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*Is there any interest in a Club Project? And have you any idea what that might be? Please bring your ideas forward.* 

Finally, I would like to thank our untiring Secretary Karl, Treasurer Peter and our Committee, for their ongoing efforts during what has been a difficult year. Peter wishes to retire from the Treasurer position, and I thank him especially for filling that role when called upon. We will of course need a new Treasurer. We also need to appoint a new "Building Custodian" and I thank Wally for his years of work, especially the interior decorating and new QSL and photo boards that have kept the club rooms vibrant and Unique.

## Thank you all

Our focus in the New Year will be on the NZART AGM, and especially the Sunday program, which we hope will be at least as well attended as our previous HAMFESTS, with a range of technical and practical workshops.

If you have a hobby horse that you would like to share please get in touch with me or Karl and we can add you to the list of prospective presenters. We are hoping for up to 24 spots so plenty of room for everyone.

Our December Meeting (2nd December 2020 7:30pm) is a Social Meeting to celebrate the Season, so bring a glass of whatever you like and share some Festivity

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 13 - HBARC AGM NOTICE (and Homebrew Competition)

The General Meeting, AGM and Homebrew Competition will be held on Wednesday 25th November, 7-30pm at the Pakowhai Hall.



## A notice from Branch 13

As has been the case for members in other clubs we (Branch 13 Committee) wonder if there is anyone who would like to sponsor an RSM licence fee (\$50 per licence) that Branch 13 pay in December each year? We (Branch 13) are about to pay four licences (for repeaters and beacons etc). If you wish to know more please contact David ZL2DW (0274 502501)



## **A THANK YOU CARD**

During my recent time in Hospital and subsequent convalescing time I received many enquires and best wishes from folk regarding my health. I say thank you to you all for your visits, concern and greetings. 73, David Walker (ZL2DW)

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that lost there cars, don't they know that modern cars don't like water in them and I only have one word for them Idiots oops sorry not allowed to call them that so here we go - 1 Delta 10 Tango's. Ok that's enough ranting for this month see you at the monthly meeting and AGM. If you are club members and live locally please make an effort to come along and have some input to the club as it is your club and we can't run it unless you give input to help out the few who seem to do all the work. You never know you might like it HI HI.

So I wish you all a merry Xmas and a hopefully good new year and with any luck will see you again next year - 2021. Hell that's getting on and I wonder how many of you thought at a young age if you would ever see these dates. I wonder if any of you can remember a program on TV that was called beyond 2000 - well here we are 21 years into it. Some of those things have happened. It makes my brain hurt just thinking about it, so till next year this is your president signing off.

## 73s.

Blue ZL3TT. President Branch 13 HBARC.







SOTA Day at Taraponui (4300 ft asl) HB, 1/11/20, Bill 2UBG watching Ada ZL2ADA and Warren ZL2JML making SOTA contacts

*Gary ZL2GAZ enjoying his own "VHF Field Day" from Taraponui HB on 1/11/20* 





Branch 25 Homebrew entrant Errol ZL2IT talking about his 475khz fixed frequency receiver

Br anch 25 Homebrew entrant David ZL2MQ talking about his HF Loop Aerial







Winner (Errol ZL2IT) receiving the Branch 25 Homebrew Trophy, presented by Branch 25 Treasurer Karl ZL2TJ

Branch 25 Homebrew Entrant Stu ZL2XL talking about his Vintage Radio restoration project