



New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters

ZL1AA - AUCKLAND BRANCH 02

FEBRUARY

2020



SPECIAL General Meeting
SAT FEB 16 @1330



Positions Available :
President / Vice President

Club Room will be open at 10:30 AM

Special
VOTERS'
MEETING

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

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ZL1AA Information:

Branch 02 Clubroom is located at
400 St Johns Road
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(Off the main road)

Google Earth:
36.869730s, 174.843860e

Clubroom is open every Saturday from
1030 hrs. for members and guests to drop
by for coffee and a chat!

General meetings are held on the third
Saturday of each month at 1330 hrs.
(except Dec / Jan).

Committee meetings are held on the first
Tuesday of each month at 1930 hrs. ALL
paid members are welcome to attend.

Affiliations:
10-10 International
NZART
AMSAT-ZL

Club nets:
Thursday:
145.775 MHz @ 1930 Steve, ZL1FS NCO
HF Net on Hiatus

10-10 Down Under Chapter Net:
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(1030 NZST Saturdays)

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

- ❖ **Subscription Rates:**
Regular \$45 (discounted with a \$5.00 raffle ticket if paid by 31 Mar 2020)
Youth Rate \$20
- ❖ Post to PO Box 18003, Glen Innes, 1743, direct credit may be made into our bank account **12-3047-0076823-00** or pay the Treasurer or Secretary at the clubrooms.
- ❖ A pro rata rate is offered to a new member joining part way through the year.
- ❖ Receipts will be distributed either in person at meetings or via mail/E-mail.
- ❖ The financial year runs from 1 November to 31 October.
- ❖ A Membership Application / Renewal Form is required with all payments to assist with accurate record keeping, available by downloading http://www.qsl.net/zl1aa/br02_mem_form.pdf then hit "SUBMIT" to upload it or Post to P.O. Box 18003, Glen Innes, Auckland 1743.
- ❖ All members' information is kept confidential unless approval is given for it to be released.

Newsletter material submissions are welcomed and appreciated by your editor. You may submit material in a variety of file formats: .TXT .DOC, or just plain old E-mail. Photos are accepted also. Please submit material via E-Mail to: ZL3TE @ dxer.com I will use what I can with the space available at the time of newsletter editing.

From The Chair...

It's time I step aside, to let fresh ideas lead the way into the next decade. Thank You for your support, within the club, and those outside the club.

There will be a Special General Meeting to fill the vacancies of President and Vice President.

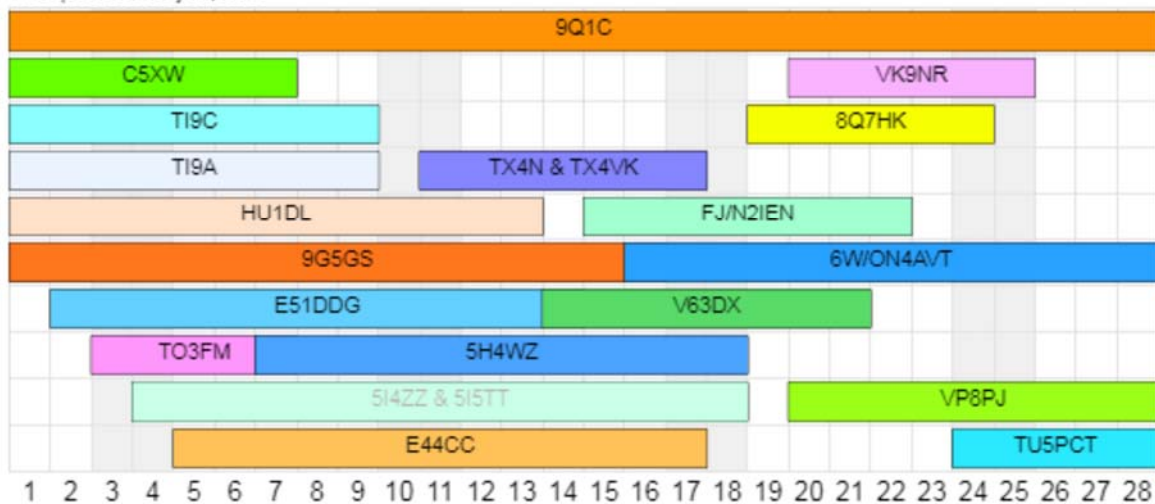
VRY 73,

Wes, ZL3TE



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CC IK8LOV Max Laconca

Looking for something to do on the weekend? Need to fill some more DXCC Challenge slots? work new Countries, work new modes? Why not operate a short while in a contest. There are several to choose from. More Information can be found here:

<http://www.contestcalendar.com/weeklycont.php>

JAN 25 - 31

- CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW: Jan 24 / 26
- Malaysia DX Contest: Jan 25
- REF Contest, CW: Jan 25 / 26
- BARTG RTTY Sprint: Jan 25 / 26
- UBA DX Contest, SSB: Jan 25 / 26
- Winter Field Day: Jan 25 / 26

FEB 1 - 9

- 10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB: Feb 1 / 2
- Mexico RTTY International Contest: Feb 1 / 2
- **CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest: Feb 8 / 9**
- Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW: Feb 8
- SKCC Weekend Sprintathon: Feb 8 / 9
- KCJ Topband Contest: Feb 8 / 9

Every Month: NZART Official Broadcast: 3900 kHz LSB last Sunday of month at 2000hrs and at 2100hrs. (Also broadcast on the National Link and available on the NZART Website).

Notice of Special General Meeting

at Clubroom, 400 St Johns Road, Meadowbank
on SATURDAY 16th February 2020 at 1330 hours

AGENDA:

Minutes of AGM 10th December 2019

Election of Officers:

President;
Vice President.

Amendment to Constitution:

Sections: 2, 3, 4, 14, 22, 24
(as shown on the following pages).

Requires a 3/5th majority of financial Members present or represented by proxy.

AGM AREC Report

2019 has been a good year for Branch 02 AREC with members participating in supporting the Tour de Ranges bicycle race, the Whangarei Rally, LandSAR communications as well as assisting Branch 65 with Maramarua Forest car rallies, Branch 29 with their Scouting Jamboree on the Air weekend and other events.

At a national level, AREC have recognised the need to provide training to members to both up-skill them as well as ensuring a consistent standard of operation is achieved. We expect that over the coming year, Branch 02 AREC members will have the opportunity to participate in training.

Within Auckland, the intention is to create a closer association across AREC groups - this will allow all of us to know what groups are up to and provide opportunities to take part in training and exercises run by our fellow Branches.

Also in Auckland, Auckland Emergency Management (Auckland Council Civil Defence) have recently signed and updated MOU with Auckland AREC for message handling across their region-wide VHF radio network. This requires AREC to provide trained, competent operators to key locations as well as supporting local Community Response Groups with setting up communications systems and plans to allow them to coordinate locally and report into the AEM network.

AEM have also offered training to AREC members on subjects such as first aid and CIMS2 and 4. These will all be free of charge and interested members should register their interest via myself.

Finally, I would like to thank Japie Nel (our previous Branch AREC Group Leader), Jim Smith (Deputy Branch Group Leader) and all of Branch 02's AREC members and supporters for their participation, and good humour across the year.

Soren Low, ZL1SKL
Branch AREC Group Leader

Auckland Branch 02, NZART (Inc.)

Minutes of November General Meeting

.Place / Date / Time: Clubroom, Tuesday, 16th November 2019 at 1330 hours

Attendees: Wes ZL3TE (presiding), Wallace ZL1WAL, Jeff ZL1TOU, Gwynne ZL1AAR, Olivier ZL1XS, Simon ZL1SWW, Ken ZL1TJL, Rod ZL1SR, Ian ZL2ATD, Graham ZL1GH, Keith Robertson ZL1AVO, David ZL1TND and his son, and guest Yves FK4RD, as per the Attendance Book.

Welcome: Yves Novella FK4RD from New Caledonia who is on holiday here.

Apologies: Jim ZL1TGS, Paul ZL1AJY Sustained ZL1WAL / ZL1AAR

Minutes: Previous General Meeting on 19th October 2019 Minutes having been circulated, was approved ZL1WAL / ZL1GH

Finance: Reimbursement \$474.00 (being over \$300) to Gwynne ZL1AAR for expenses to ferry two cars to Waiheke Island to pick up the radio gear given to the Branch by Warren ZL1AIX-SK.

Approved ZL1TOU / ZL1WAL

Reports:

Raffle /Subs: The Branch subsidises early sub payments with a raffle ticket for the ARRL Handbook.

Antennas: It was decided by the Committee not to sell the SteppIR DB36, but rather to mount it on the Nally tower instead. Another trip to Waiheke is planned to pick up the SteppIR and its control gear. The tri-band Yagi will be put back on top of the west pole.

Tenders: The newsletter lists equipment that is available for sale by tender. Tenders will be opened at the Committee meeting on 3rd Dec. Unsuccessful tenders will **not** be notified.

AGM: The newsletter contains formal notice of the AGM to be held here in the clubroom on Tuesday evening 10th December 2019 starting at 1930 hours. Reports will be e-mailed out beforehand. Members are asked to come half an hour earlier to pick up brochures and learn about ICOM radios from Richard Bins and Mindy representing ICOM NZ RWB.

Guidelines: Wallace advised that he has rewritten the document that he presented at the AGM last year, called "By-Laws". Bob ZL1AFU had suggested then that it should avoid repeating rules that are already contained in our Constitution. Accordingly, the motion was withdrawn and tabled for revision.

The Committee is presently proof reading it and making suggestions for more items to be included. It will be circulated to Members before the AGM, so that their further suggestions can be heard. This document consolidates the decisions made by various Committees over the years. It will be useful to new members to guide them about our established practices.

The meeting adjourned at 1355 hours for the presentation.

Speaker: Wes ZL3TE gave an illustrated description of the workings of the Antenna 2 x 8 switching system Based on the Network Protocol "ShackLan". Band data is picked up from both the ICOM 7610 transceiver at HF1 and the ICOM 7300 used as the remote station, to select the appropriate antenna. At present, three antennas are available. It is programmed to show flashing red LEDs to warn that the antenna is already in use. Another advantage is to avoid Members having to connect and disconnect SO239 coax fittings (not practical when using the remote station). Users of the radio at HF1 should remember to reset it to "Auto" before leaving. The Remote station is not available for use when the Clubroom is active on Saturdays.

The switching system donated by Dr Peter Driessen ZL1XA and Wes ZL3TE to encourage more participation by Members.

Wes ZL3TE was thanked by acclamation. The meeting closed at 1445 hours

BBQ: A BBQ had been prepared and served by Gwynne ZL1AAR before the meeting.

Auckland Branch 02, NZART (Inc.)
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
On: Tuesday 10th December 2019 starting at 1935 hours
At: Clubrooms, 400 St Johns Road, Meadowbank

Present: Wes ZL3TE presiding, Jim ZL1TGS, Wallace ZL1WAL, Jeff ZL1TOU, Ken ZL1TJL, Japie ZL1JJN, Olivier ZL1XS, Rod ZL1SR, Soren ZL1SK, Bob ZL1AFU, Graham ZL1GH, new Member Dr Carl Laufer (a quorum of at least seven financial Members) and Steve ZL1FS.
As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Welcome: Richard and Wendy Binns of RWB Communications Ltd.

Apologies: Gwynne ZL1AAR,

Sustained ZL1WAL / ZL1SKL

Silent Keys:

A one minute silence was observed for Tor Toff ZL1BNX-SK and Warren Robinson ZL1AIX-SK

Minutes of Previous AGM on Tuesday, 11th December 2018.

Having been circulated, approved ZL1WAL / ZL1TGS

Reports:

President's Report: Wes read his report

Received ZL3TE / ZL1WAL

Finance Report: Jeff distributed Financial Accounts and read his report. Thanks were expressed for Mrs Christine Watson for having reviewed the accounts.

Received ZL1TOU / ZL1WAL

AREC: Soren read his report and referred to training programs for AREC supporters next year.

Received ZL1GH / ZL1WAL

All reports will be published in the next newsletter.

Elections:

Wes vacated the chair; Jim ZL1TGS took the chair

President: Vacancy
Vice President: Vacancy
Secretary: Wallace Bottomley ZL1WAL

Elected unopposed ZL1TOU/ ZL3TE

Treasurer: Jeff Lowe ZL1TOU

Elected unopposed ZL1WAL / ZL3TE

Committee: (max 5) Japie Nels ZL1JJN
Olivier Wardecki ZL1XS
Rod Stichbury ZL1SR
Ken Lawrence ZL1TKL
Soren Low ZL1SKL

Elected unopposed ZL1WAL / ZL3TE

Elected unopposed ZL1TOU / ZL1WAL

Reviewer of Accounts: Mrs Christine Watson

Appointments:

Trustees of Call-sign: Wes ZL3TE
AREC Section Leader Soren ZL1SKL
Deputy AREC Jim ZL1TGS
Membership Secretary Ken ZL1TKL
Contact person Gwynne ZL1AAR
Technical advisor Simon ZL1SWW
Web Master Andrei ZL1TM
Remote Station Wes ZL3TE
Newsletter Editor Wes ZL3TE
Inventory Jeff ZL1TOU
Librarian Olivier ZL1XS
QSL respondent Olivier ZL1XS
SOTA leader Soren ZL1SKL
ARDF Convenor Wallace ZL1WAL
Net Controller By rotation
Tutor Vacancy
Contests Vacancy
Antennas Branch Members' working bee activity
Maintenance Branch Members' working bee activity

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Special General Meeting

Not having any nominations for President and Vice President, the following was resolved:

Secretary to call a Special General Meeting (giving 14 days clear notice) for 16th February 2020 Agenda:

Election of President

Election of Vice President

Incoming Committee meeting will be held on 4th February 2020 where nominations for these positions will be canvassed and acceptance to be obtained from Nominees. Approved ZL1TGS / ZL1JJN

Annual Subscriptions:

\$45 which includes \$5 raffle ticket. The prize for the raffle is the 2019 edition of the AARL Handbook. The raffle will be drawn at the Committee meeting on 7th April 2020.

\$20 for full time students who are and under age 25 (the same criteria as for NZART). Approved ZLTOU / ZL1WAL

Donations:

- o Musick Point Radio Society \$150.00 for the use of their repeater
- o Auckland VHF Group \$100.00 for the use of their repeater

Other Business:

o Constitution:

Wallace reported that he has prepared amendments that will remove anachronisms in six sections of the constitution. These have already been approved by the Committee but now require approval by 3/5s majority of financial Members at a Special General Meeting itemising the proposed amendments in the notice of this meeting. Next, it requires approval by NZART Council before registration with the Companies Office.

Guidelines / Policies / Procedures

This document has been rewritten (at the suggestion of Bob ZL1AFU at last year's AGM) and circulated to the Committee asking for further input and editing. It is a consolidation of previous Committee's decisions and various references likely to be useful for Committee Members' roles. No confidential information is disclosed.

The Clubroom will not be attended until:

Saturday 25th January 2020 after 1030 hours.

Committee meeting 4th February 2020 at 1930 hours.

The meeting closed at 21:55

Supper was served after the meeting with Committee having brought a plate.



Sadao, JA1PBV will be QRV from [Cuyo Island OC-120](#) as **DU1S** starting January 25th with activity lasting until early February. QRV on 40-6m, CW & FT8. QSL via Home Call.

President's Message ZL1AA AGM 10-Dec-2019

As Read aloud at the 2019 ZL1AA AGM.

Good evening and thank you for coming out this evening. Thank You to Richard and Wendy from RWB Communications.

The past 12 months have been a bit busy for me trying to juggle Work / House / Hobby, and the club.

I would like to thank you, the members for your support through the previous 12 Months. The club has grown, and we have lost some, Tor Toft ZL1BNX, and Warren Robinson ZL1AIX. Both were long standing members of the club. I would like to express my gratitude for their contributions over the years.

This year we managed to Keep ZL1AA active with the remote, which is working well. The club call has also been active on the Digital modes with FT8. The tubular mast at the rear of the building has had the base replaced, thanks to those involved in that project. The next step will entail moving the tri-band YAGI back to the mast, to allow installation of the Antenna donated by the ZL1AIX estate on the lattice tower.

Thank you to those members who helped keep the room clean over the past year. Taking items to sales, members offering donations for some, there have been changes to the station equipment, improvements to the antenna system.

Overall, I feel it has been a good year. It would be good to have more members get involved and volunteer for an office, appointment, or around the Clubroom.

I feel after 4 years in the chair, it's time to step aside to allow new leadership and fresh ideas to move the club forward into the next decade. Having the same leadership year after year, things can go stale, and stagnate. New blood will re-energize the club, and hopefully get more involved in activities.

I would like to thank the membership, and committee for tolerating me the past 4 years. We may not have always seen eye to eye, but all was for the good of the club.

On Closing, I would like to emphasize that this is a Hobby, and we are a club in the hobby. Let's keep the momentum going, let's keep it Fun and exciting.

Thank you, wishing you all a very joyous holiday season.

VRY 73,

Wes Printz, ZL3TE
President ZL1AA - 2016 thru 2019