



Franklin Amateur Radio Club Inc NZART Branch 10

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Committee

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Web page: www.qsl.net/zl1sa/

MEETINGS: The club meets on the third Tuesday each month, in the clubrooms, Stadium Drive Pukekohe, 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome.

The committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month (excepting January) at 7.30 pm in the clubrooms.

Subscriptions \$20.00, family \$30.00.

Nets every Sunday at 9.00 am on 3.700 MHz (controller ZL1UOM) and 9.30 am on the 146.900 MHz repeater (controller ZL1PZ). 2 metre frequencies are 145.775 MHz, then 146.625 MHz, and 146.900 simplex if repeaters off air.

Newsletter: Editor Tom ZL1TO tom.mcdonald@xtra.co.nz

A copy is sent to members and clubs in the Auckland area. Sent free of obligation by e-mail to anyone interested.

James Allen Rally

This two stage rally in the Maramarua Forest had been delayed by a month due to the COVID lockdown in Auckland.

The day was dry, and the road most dusty.

There were no significant incidents among the competitors.

However, when the results being sent in from the end of stage one lapsed, it was realized that something was wrong at that radio station. The operator was taken by ambulance to Middlemore and discharged a couple of days later.

Our thanks to Ian ZL1PZ and his second operator who retrieved the temporarily abandoned car and its radios.

Below: Action at Midpoint One Alpha where Ian ZL1PZ and his second operator were stationed.



Club Notice Board

General meeting, Tuesday 20 April

The meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the clubhouse 19 Stadium Drive, Pukekohe. After normal business we will have a health and safety presentation given by David ZL1MR. This is an occasion when family and loved ones are encouraged to come along too.

Hamilton Market Day, Saturday 15 May

The Radio Electronics Group Market Day will be held at the Glenfield Club, 211 Peacocks Road, Glenfield, Hamilton. 9 am for Vendors and 10 am for Buyers. Tables \$20. Inquiries to ZL1REGSALE@gmail.com or ZL1PO 0212045990

General meeting, Tuesday 18 May

The meeting will include preparation for NZART Conference and will conclude with an illustrated presentation by Ted ZL1BQA on two of his recent projects – a balun and end fed antenna.

From Infoline

Members are encouraged to register for the automatic delivery of the fortnightly Infoline from NZART Headquarters.

The URL is:

https://mcusercontent.com/64f7be5730c7460d77210d538/files/732794bd-3554-4fa2-bed8-c96b6b26a961/NZART_HQ_Infoline_428_v1.pdf

The latest edition, #428 has news on –

Jumbo Awards

Is a club willing to host the 100th Anniversary NZART Conference in 2026?

There are new application forms for NZART membership, and new callsigns (brought on by recent banking law reforms).



Minutes of Franklin Amateur Radio Club (Inc) General Meeting held as a Zoom conference, 16 March 2021.

President Gary ZL1WGL opened the meeting at 1940 hours with a welcome to all. The Americas Cup broadcast earlier this afternoon had been brilliant.

Attendance: ZL1WGL, ZL1TO, ZL1UOM, ZL1PJH, ZL1PZ, ZL1BBZ, ZL1ULK, ZL1MFL, ZL1TZP, ZL1DW, ZL1LL, ZL1GAC, ZL1AMQ

Apology: ZL1BQA. Accepted.

Minutes of the 16 February 2021 meeting.

We had met on the 690 repeater before going to Zoom.

The minutes were approved. ZL1WGL / ZL1PJH

Correspondence:

Inward - Newsletters from Branches 03, 13/25, 29, 65, 80, 86 as described in March QUA.

Positive Ageing Expo. Agreed that we register our intention to attend, as early as possible.

The correspondence report is received. ZL1TO / ZL1UOM

Finance:

BNZ bank statements are being received electronically. Expenditure - Firewatch Counties have not yet presented their cheque. The Treasurer is to check whether their bank handles cheques any more.

Current power bill Contact Energy \$50.62 paid

The finance report was received. ZL1TO / ZL1PJH



Minutes of Franklin Amateur Radio Club (Inc) Committee Meeting held at the clubhouse 19 Stadium Drive, Pukekohe, 6 April 2021.

Vice President Peter ZL1PJH opened the meeting at 1930 hours with a welcome to all.

Attendance: ZL1PJH, ZL1TO, ZL1BQA, ZL1UOM, ZL1ULK, ZL1MFL

Apology: Gary ZL1WGL

Minutes of the 2 March 2021 meeting.

The minutes were approved. ZL1TO / ZL1PJH

Correspondence:

Inward - Newsletters from Branches 29, 65, 80, 86

The correspondence report was received. ZL1TO / ZL1PJH

Finance:

BNZ bank statements are being received electronically.

Expenditure: Power bill \$50.62 has been paid.

Firewatch Counties have still not yet presented their cheque.

Power bill Contact Energy \$45.96 due 6 April was paid using our electronic facility, yesterday.

The finance report was received. ZL1BQA / ZL1MFL

Reports:

AREC: James Allan Rally, Maramarua Sunday 28 March.

ZL1PZ, ZL1BBZ, ZL1ULK, ZL1PJH, ZL1MFL

volunteered. One operator on the first stage was slow to send results – a medical incident. The stage was stopped.

Reports:

AREC: Jock White Field Days 27 February 2021. Our effort was disrupted by Auckland's move to Covid Level 3 at 6 am Sunday. A report appears in March QUA. Further comments were –

Gary ZL1WGL - everything has been returned. The two Garys brought everything, including the grey table back to the clubhouse on Monday.

Mike ZL1UOM and Tom ZL1TO later worked as home stations.

James Allan Rally – The event set for Sunday 28 February was cancelled due to the Covid decision on Saturday night.

The AREC report was received. ZL1TO / ZL1ULK

General Business:

It was noted that Nigel ZL1VEY is now up on 2 metres.

Peter ZL1PJH has recruited a speaker for the next general meeting. David ZL1MR can come as our guest. It is planned that we have a CPR lesson. Peter said his XYL will come and he encourages others to bring their loved one/s. Peter has other irons in the fire for future guest speakers.

Bob ZL1BBZ related a story on how the 690 repeater got nicked many years ago.

Bob ZL1BBZ noted the delay he has in receiving QUA.

Mike ZL1UOM described the repair to the Eddystone receiver. This is a collectable item.

Some members had been asked for AREC ID photos.

The meeting closed at 2050 hrs

Ambulance to Middlemore Hospital.

A question of health and safety at AREC events. We ought to ensure that any volunteers who may have deteriorating health ought not to go out on the exercise.

Jock White Field Days. The logs have been received by Contest Manager.

St Patrick Day parade Queen Street Auckland – ZL1TO and ZL1LL assisted at dispersal, Fort Street.

The AREC report was received. ZL1PJH / ZL1TO

General Business:

April meeting: David ZL1MR can come as our guest. It is planned that we have a CPR lesson. Peter ZL1PJH encourages members to bring their loved one/s. Stroke might also be covered.

Peter ZL1PJH has asked if we would be interested in a talk on computer security? Peter has someone in mind who might come to the June general meeting.

A petrol voucher is to be available to these non-member guest speakers. ZL1BQA / ZL1PJH

May meeting: Preparations for NZART Conference. Ted ZL1BQA will bring over some of the projects he has been working on – together with a movie on each. One is a current balun and another is an end fed half wave antenna.

Junk sale, normally in July. Presently we have insufficient stuff to warrant a club sale. Decision in limbo at present.

Minutes of our meetings should be posted by mail to any member who does not have an email address registered with the club. ZL1PJH / ZL1BQA

The meeting closed at 2100 hrs

NEWSLETTERS FROM OTHER BRANCHES

03. Club calendar. AGM 17 April. Post Office Box closed use street address 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, Auckland 0600. Club nets 146.525 MHz Wednesdays at 8:30 pm and 3.65 MHz Fridays at 8:00 pm. New ham Remy ZL1RMF.

29. New callsigns for 12 recently qualified amateurs. AREC training on radio procedures 8 April. SAR exercise on neighbours day 25-28 February. AREC display at Snells Beach.

65. SWR and what it means on 7 April. Building antennas to work ISS. Flowerpot ground independent antenna for VHF/UHF. Guide to changing clocks. Nano VNA frequency setting tips. A soft body robot that works at 11 km deep in the sea. Radio Electronics Group sale 15 May. Radios and collectables auction 10 April.

66. (April 8) Cover VHF/UHF field day with ZL3RC generator and telescopic mast. Meeting 12 April – vector network analysers. Ideas for a radio road show. The Auckland Emergency Management network and AREC. DX weekend 13-14 February. Disappearing RF (on 1/4/2021).

80. New incorporated societies legislation. CW morse on National System. Jock White Field Days report from ZL1FU. Yaesu MD-1 sought. Minutes of AGM.

86. Cover – the Synchronome master clock. AGM 11 April. Rebuild of Chairman's nine element vertical. Radio equipment sought for restored WWII coastal defence complex at Stoney Batter. Vintage Collier and Beale T98 soon to be on air 7.125 MHz. Seven stage battery charger from AliExpress. Chatham Radio WCC.

NZART Conference, June 5 and 6

The Napier ARC (Branch 25) is organizing and running the 2021 NZART annual Conference and AGM. We have set up a small information website to promote the event at: <https://karl125.wixsite.com/nzartconference>

Please fill in the registration form (two for couples) completing the bottom box with the options chosen. Work out the cost and enter the amount due. We will correlate this with bank statements. I will confirm receipt of registration and payment. Registrations close Friday May 14. Late registrations will be accepted only with the late payment fee. Looking forward to seeing you June 5 and 6, Queen's birthday weekend in Napier.

Regards and 73
Karl Matthys ZL1TJ,
Secretary, Napier ARC, Branch 25 NZART.

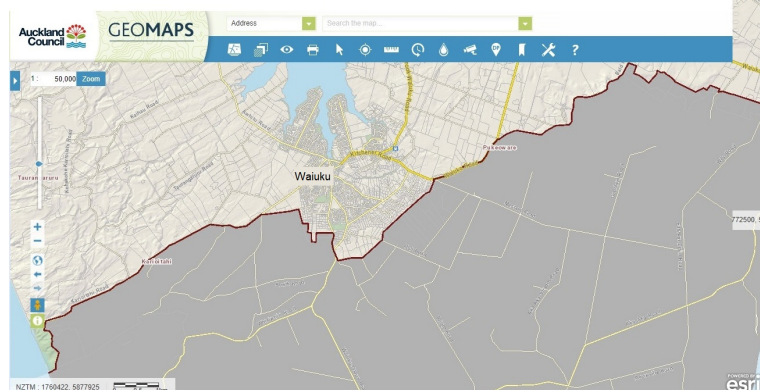
Know your boundaries

A message has been received from AREC to say that the Waikato Search and Rescue is looking for amateurs who would be willing to contribute their communications skill. The Waikato Police District would be the area covered,

While on things Waikato –Douglas ZL1BFS has reported good news on the decisions regarding amateur installations in the Waikato District Plan. As you can see in the map below the boundary does include a number of our members. The message regarding the plan has been sent separately to members of Franklin Amateur Radio Club.

And when it comes to COVID-19 lock downs it has turned out that the boundary of Auckland with Waikato gets extended southward so as not to leave a large chunk of the local Waikato countryside isolated through lack of access to the Tuakau bridge.

Left: Waikato Police District



Above: The map shows detail of the boundary between Auckland City and Waikato Regional Authority. The towns of Waiuku and Pukekohe are in Auckland, but much of the farm land between these and the river is Waikato.