



Franklin Amateur Radio Club Inc NZART Branch 10

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**MEETINGS:** The club meets on the third Tuesday each month, in the clubrooms, Stadium Drive Pukekohe at 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 and 9.30 am on the 146.900 MHz repeater. 2 metre frequencies are 145.775 MHz, then 146.625 MHz, and 146.900 simplex if repeaters off air.

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

## General Meeting 17 April



Above: Ted ZL1BQA points out places of interest when touring the South Island. Ted gave a talk on his 10000 km motorhome tour earlier this year, illustrating various places on his *not to miss* list.

## Bruce Dunsbee ZL1TDH Silent Key

Bruce passed away Thursday 10 May. The service will be in Pukekohe on Tuesday afternoon.

Bruce has been a member and on the committee for many years. He did three terms as President 2011, 2012 and 2014.

His contributions to the club have included being an AREC station at horse endurance events and car rallies. He guided us on matters of electrical and fire safety. When it was decided to change the clubhouse windows for modern aluminium ones it was Bruce who lead the project, and the final paint job was his work alone. Earlier this year, after Bruce had received his disappointing prognosis, he got stuck into the job of replacing outdated fuses and switches on the clubhouse switchboard with circuit breakers. That job was completed promptly and well, as has been Bruce's trademark.

Our sympathy goes to Bruce's wife, Pat.

## Club Notice Board

### General Meeting, Tuesday 15 May

The meeting commences at 7.30 pm. Business will include discussion of remits to NZART Conference 2-4 June at Mosgiel. Bring your Break In.

Discussion afterward will be pot luck!

### AREC Auckland Region meeting, Thursday 17 May

The next meeting will be at Branch 65 Papakura, Wellington Park, 1 Great South Road Papakura starting at 1930 hours.

## Radio Electronics Group Annual equipment sale

The sale will be held at Glenview Club,  
 211 Peacocks Road, Glenview, Hamilton  
 on Saturday 19 May.

Opens 8.30 am (vendors) and 10.00 am (buyers)  
 Entry \$2

Trade display – Refreshments – Plenty of parking  
 – Motor Home Parking

## Auckland VHF Group

Extends a welcome to register for a **roast dinner and movie** at Ryders Theatre on Saturday 30 June. The venue is on Riversdale Road, Avondale.

Expressions of interest to Laurie Mathews ZL1ICU.

Franklin members may also indicate their acceptance to our Secretary. A car pool can operate.



**Minutes** of Franklin Amateur Radio Club (Inc) General Meeting held in the Clubrooms Stadium Drive Pukekohe on 17 April 2018

Chairman Mike ZL1UOM opened the meeting at 1939 hours.

Attendance: ZL1UOM, ZL1TO, ZL1PJH, ZL1PZ, ZL1BQA, ZL1LL, ZL1WGL, ZL1GAC, ZL1ULK

Apology: ZL1BBZ Accepted ZL1WGL / ZL1GAC

Minutes: Having noted correction to 80 m net controller, the minutes of the March meeting in QUA were approved as a true record. ZL1WGL / ZL1TO

#### Correspondence

Inward: Newsletters from Branches as listed in QUA.

Query from Howard Buxton on leases requiring Public Liability Cover. The thread includes the Secretary having sent Howard an electronic copy of our proposed lease. The Secretary said that he would refer our comment to FARC committee. A message from Branch 80 has the guidelines for Council Staff preparing leases. Our reply to Council said that our people are looking at the fine print and will come back to the Council in due course.

From Shiva Dubey Auckland Council saying he is advised water has been paid. Council will be putting in a separate meter for the skatepark.

The inward was received. ZL1UOM / ZL1TO



**Minutes** of Franklin Amateur Radio Club (Inc) Committee Meeting held in the Clubrooms Stadium Drive Pukekohe on 1 May.

Chairman Mike ZL1UOM opened the meeting at 1937 hours.

Attendance: ZL1UOM, ZL1TO, ZL1WGL, ZL1ULK, ZL1BQA.

Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were approved as a true record. ZL1WGL / ZL1TO

#### Correspondence:

Inward: Newsletters as in April QUA, plus Branch 03.

With Auckland Council regarding building materials in our yard.

NZART Headquarters – 2018 April Branch Circular. Linking or beacon equipment? Membership numbers for voting 22 transmitting (includes 2F,10, 1D), Call Book Branch List – to return by 1 July.

Email from Josephine Henderson with points to consider regarding lease.

Outward: Letter to whom it may concern regarding water connection, under club letterhead.

The inward correspondence was received and outward approved. ZL1TO / ZL1WGL

#### Finance:

##### Payments:

Contact Energy paid before due date \$46.26

R&E Electrical \$108.39 for electrical parts. Cheque delivered at committee meeting. Jstone Skateparks may now have paid the October-December reimbursement. The finance report was received. ZL1TO / ZL1BQA

##### Reports

AREC: Nothing to report.

Bombay 690: Noted that this repeater is getting deafer. Many of us need to hit it with high power in order to work the repeater. Perhaps we could help with an antenna or the like.

##### General Business

Yard at rear: Is occupied by Jstone plus Holmes and Brown while they are involved with construction.

Meeting topics: The committee welcomes suggestions on how to fill out the general meetings.

April: Ted ZL1BQA to give an account of his trip to around the South Island. Allocating jobs appraising inward goods for the July sale.

May: Remit night plus a talk by one of our own.

June: Report from NZART Conference plus ?

July: Junk sale.

The meeting closed at 2018 hours, and was followed by the talk by Ted ZL1BQA.

#### Finance:

##### Payments:

Components to upgrade switchboard \$108.39 paid & presented.

Contact Energy to pay before 4 May \$50.91

Watercare to pay before 10 May \$7.40

##### Received:

Wrong Skate Ltd \$113.96 for water.

Payments for power, water approved. ZL1TO / ZL1BQA

The finance report was received. ZL1UOM / ZL1TO

There was a discussion on cheque signatories into the future.

##### Reports

AREC: Nothing to report. None of our section is involved with the Whangarei Rally this coming weekend.

New call: Peter Henderson is active on 2m with the call ZL1PJH.

Bruce Dunsbee: Is in hospital.

##### General Business

Remits: We will need to deal with remits on 15 May.

Ian ZL1PZ has new phone number, Possum Bourne Village.

Lease for discussion: The Secretary is to prepare a response, for circulation among the committee, based on the opinions noted on the paper from Josephine.

Topic at next meeting: Club position on remits to NZART Conference, followed by Gary ZL1WGL on Driving Creek.

The meeting closed at 2126 hours.

# NEWSLETTERS FROM OTHER BRANCHES

03. AGM 28 April. Special event stations commemorating 50 years since maritime disasters – April ZM50GW Wahine (callsign ZMGW), June ZM50LA grain ship MV Maranui (callsign ZMLA), August, ZM50MAUQ fire aboard SS Gothic (callsign MAUQ). Informal meetings 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Yaesu-7000 or equivalent wanted. Club fees \$10, \$30, \$35. Paul Raichur passed Amateur Radio Examination.

29. Four passes in exam. 29-ER by email. For sale Yaesu FT-767 and accessories. Talk on humanitarian disaster response at April meeting. Report on NZ LANDSAR HF Field Day at Hahei, 1 April. Auckland Mobile Command Centre used in oil spill exercise. Jumbo Trophy regained.

66. (May). Shipping container protects the clubhouse from falling macrocarpa. Show and tell 14 May. Working bees on afternoon of meeting days. Talk by Cyril Skilton

## Horse racing at Lake Otamatearoa

It is now two years since the club last used the lake at Whiriwhiri as a base for HF Field Days.

The article below appeared in the May 2018 issue of the newsletter of Franklin Historic Society, and gives an outline of the venue of our operating space when it was a country race track.

The Waiuku Picnic Racing Club held its first annual meeting at Lake Otamatearoa, Whiriwhiri, 15 March 1952. The racecourse around the lake had been formed on farmer Jack Muir's property by local horse racing enthusiasts using

3 formerly a NZ Naval Weaponry Engineer on 9 April. Noel Bicheno silent key.

86. (May) Remit meeting 6 May. AGM was held 8 April.

## What is it?

Clue:

The picture is taken well north, in latitude 55° 55.4' N



borrowed bulldozers. It took several years before railings were built between the course and the lake.

The tents seen in this photograph were later replaced by permanent buildings erected using donated timber.

Equalisator race meetings were held annually at the lake for more than 25 years, with a silver jubilee meeting being held on 7 February 1976. The course remained in occasional use during the 1980s, but it had been abandoned by the time the Waiuku Racing Club amalgamated with the Counties Racing Club in August 1991.

