

Papakura Radio Club
November 2026
Newsletter

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I intend to produce a newsletter each month, and it is planned to be sent out prior to each monthly meeting. If you have any items you would like to see in the newsletter, please send to me at iana@kcbbs.gen.nz

Ian Ashley ZL1AOX, Secretary.

Next Meeting November 4th, 2026, at 19:30.

The general meeting will be followed by the Annual General Meeting.

Notice of Papakura Radio Club (Inc.) Annual General

Wednesday 4th November 2026 at 20:00, (Following the general meeting at 19:30)

At the Clubrooms, Wellington Park

Business:
To receive reports
Financial statement
Election of Officers

Election of accounts reviewers
Appointments
Donations
Any other business.
We hope to see as many members present as possible for this, please.

Nominations for officers and the Committee are now open.

Please contact the Secretary zl1vk.club@gmail.com to obtain a nomination form or for information on nominations. Note that all nominations must be supported by a financial member in accordance with the club constitution.

Papakura Radio Club (Inc.) AGM Agenda

Annual General Meeting 4th November 2024 at 20:00 at The Clubrooms, 1R Great South Road, Papakura

Agenda

Visitors
Apologies: ZL1AKM, ZL1OJ,
Minutes of the 2025 AGM as printed in November newsletter
Matters arising
President's Report
Reports from Hall custodian
Newsletter editor
Awards
Exam administrator
AREC
Other?
Treasurer's report
Approval of Accounts
Subs for next year
Appoint Account Reviewers
Election of Officers
President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Committee (4)
Hall custodian

Newsletter editor
Exam administrator
Theory testers
Callsign trustee
Net controllers
Maintenance Manager
Key Custodian
QSL Manager

General Business:

1. Donation to repeater funds.

Bank account change:

Dave ZL1MR requests any money paid to the Club be directed to the ASB account as listed.

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Reports for the AGM

Presidents Report 2026

End of another year, started off with the resignation of Gavin ZL1NUX as President and the club. As Deputy I was put into the chair and later up-graded to President with Tristan ZL3TI elected as Deputy.
First, I would like to thank Ian ZL1AOX for the great work as Secretary, Dave ZL1MR for keeping the finances straight and the committee for all their work they did over the year.

NZART 100 year Conference – This was put on by the branches of Auckland, this turned out to be put together by a few, Chairman Brenton from Hibiscus Coast branch, Ian ZL1AOX Secertary, David ZL1DK seminars and a couple of others from Northshore branch, of about six months work and planning which made a great conference.

Thought was given shortly after of what can we do as a committee to keep members interested in a number of projects. These were easy projects such as how to make a 2 Metre J pole antenna from 300 ohm ribbon cable, to how to make and tune a dipole antenna, how to measure losses in coax cable and so on. These were well attended expressly by the newer members.
The membership remains around the 40+ with a few new members added during the year. Most of the meeting night talks came from club members.
Two club displays were put together, first was the Papakura Community Day at the Papakura Central Park, the second was at the Radio Clubrooms, both of these had a reasonable turn out from public albeit most from local radio clubs.

The club has joined the CRN (Community Reliance Network) where a number of our members have been attending their meeting throughout the year, Helen ZL1HOW has been doing a great job in this area.

Field Day was not a great success this year with the usual operators resigning during the start of the year. This needs to be looked at to see if we continue with this activity or not.
Hopefully we will come up with more projects and would welcome any suggestions as what these could be.
I will stand for one more year but will hand over the Presidents role to someone else at the 2027 AGM.

AREC Report.

AREC has slowed down a lot over the last two years with the loss of the Rally of Whangarei (due to the event now a National event not an International event) and the local rallies in the Maramarua Forest. Also, LSAR do not have the numbers of searches these days that they use to due to the lack of public being allow into the forests (due to Kauri die back), and the Police SAR squad being beefed up to three teams which have dealt with most of the callouts.
Helen ZL1HOW and Trish ZL1TTS (now with Hamilton) have done an excellent job of training the local groups in radio handling and message handling.

Richard Gamble
ZL1BNQ ZK1ESA

2026 Examination Administration Report:

This financial year, we have three new hams who sat and passed the radio exam. Dev Kumar in March, Lauren in June and Brian Collins in September 2026. Congratulations to all the following candidates: -

Dev Kumar	ZL1DE
Lauren Byron-Brodie	ZL1LBB
Brian Collins	ZL1BRI

Please listen out and give them a call.
Welcome to the Airwaves and to the Papakura Radio Club.
Well done and enjoy the hobby.

If you know of anyone interested and wanting to become a radio ham, please let me or any of the committee know and we can do the rest.

Our contact details are always on the back of the Papakura Radio Club's newsletter.

73 de Rob ZL1RJS

Annual General Meeting 5th November 2025 at 20:06

Minutes

24 Members and partners present: ZL1NUX, ZL1GIT, ZL1DK, ZL1AOX, ZL1RJS, ZL1AUG, ZL1MR, ZL4MDE, ZL1BQE, ZL1BNQ, ZL1NZB, ZL1OJ & Aurora, ZL1BFZ, ZL1KIM, ZL1TTM, ZL1TOF, ZL1IRC, ZL3TI, ZL1FBT, ZL1RFF, ZL1DM, David Boyd & ZL1AKM via TEAMS.

Apologies: ZL1JET, ZL1TEY ZL1HOW ZL1RIC.
ZL1NUX/ZL1AOX carried.
Minutes of the 2025 AGM as read by President Gavin ZL1NUX.
ZL1NUX/ZL1BQE carried.
Matters arising: Nil.
President's Report by President Gavin ZL1NUX as printed in the November newsletter page 09 was reviewed and revised.
Newsletter Editor Report: Gavin requested more articles from Members.
Hall custodian: Ian ZL1AOX report is on page 06 of the Newsletter.
Awards: ZL1AOX reported that no awards had been applied for this year.
Exam administrator: Rob ZL1RJS reported as printed page 08.
AREC Report: Richard ZL1BNQ as reported on page 08. Richard commented that the number of car rallies has dropped to zero. HQ can monitor cars remotely now.
Moved and seconded that the above reports be approved: ZL1NUX/ZL1AKM, carried.
Treasurer's report: The Audited Annual Accounts as presented on page 07 by Dave ZL1MR. He reported a small trading profit of $894.00.
Approval of Accounts: Kelvin ZL1AKM moved that Annual Accounts as presented be approved, seconded by ZL1RJS. Rob pointed out an error in the spreadsheet which was verified by ZL1MR. Moved by ZL1NUX seconded by ZL1TOF that revised accounts be reviewed by account reviewers again. Carried.
Subs for 2024/2025 year: Some discussion on raising subs. $30 for full members and $45 for Family. Moved ZL1AKM/ZL1NUX carried.
Full Membership $30.00, Family $45.00
Appoint Accounts Reviewers: Moved ZL1AOX, seconded ZL1RJS; that the three Honorary Accounts Reviewers will be Ann-Maree Denby ZL1GIT, Mike Enderby ZL4MDE & David Karrasch ZL1DK be approved, carried.
Election of Officers

President	ZL1NUX	}As no new nominations received
Vice President	ZL1BNQ	}All Officers remain for 2025/26
Treasurer	ZL1MR	}
Secretary	ZL1AOX	}

Moved by ZL1NUX, seconded by ZL1AOX that committee as nominated be approved, carried.

Committee (Min of 4)	ZL1KIM	}
	ZL1RJS	}

	ZL4MDE	}
	ZL1IRC	}
	ZL1RIC	}
	ZL1DK	}
	ZL3TI	} Moved ZL1AOX, seconded ZL1RJS Carried
Hall Key controller	ZL1AOX	}
Hall Custodian (bookings)	ZL1AOX	}
Newsletter editor	ZL1NUX	
Exam administrator	ZL1RJS	}
Theory testers	ZL1BNQ	}
and	ZL1AOX	}
Assistants	ZL1NUX	} All the above approved by the meeting.
Callsign trustee (ZL1VK)	ZL1BNQ	}
Net controllers	VHF: ZL1NUX + roster of Members, HF: ZL1BNQ	} All approved
Maintenance Manager	Appointed by Committee	
QSL Manager	Appointed by Committee. (QSL Bureau request list of current members).	

General Business:

1. **Donation to repeater funds:**
   Discussion on the amount donated raised by the Treasurer Dave ZL1MR that it should be related to the number of financial members of the Club for the financial year.
   The number paid up in 2025 was 31 and that $10 per Member be donated to the Auckland VHF group. Moved ZL1NUX, seconded by ZL1BNQ
   "that $310 be allocated to the Auckland VHF Group for Repeater maintenance."
   Carried unanimously.

Meeting closed at 21:05 and was followed by supper.

Papakura Radio Club Inc. – Treasurers Report 2026

For this past financial year 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026, the club has made a net income of $2091-43. This is 2.4x the net Income from the 2025 year largely due to a steady new hall hirer.

The $1200 CDEM Grant income was for the 2025 paid late year. No grant has been received for the 2026 year as Auckland AREC is in a renegotiation phase with Auckland Council about the grant structure system.

We have funds in Term Deposit and as normal we have Resident Withholding Tax (RWT) deducted whenever interest is credited. This means that we have

automatically paid the bulk of any tax bill that may fall due in the event we exceed our $1000 deductible threshold.

Most years I expect our tax due will be less than the RWT deducted so we should be getting a small tax refund. This year after adjustments, it appears we will once again get a refund.

Interest rates are steadily declining so our income from that source will reduce slightly for the next year or two.

We have been banking with both ASB and Westpac and have decided to shift to just using ASB. That means that any payments now need to go to **ASB 12-3031-0108608-00 – PAPAKURA RADIO CLUB INCORPORATED**, not Westpac. So, if PRC is set up as a payee in your bank account system, please change the account to the ASB account.

Our subscriptions have remained low over the past years. We did increase subs last year to $30 for an individual and $40 for family membership. As inflation is driving down the purchasing power of the dollar, we may need to consider a small increase, maybe 2027, or 2028?

So current members, and those who have not paid for a while, please renew your subscriptions in November by Direct payment to the club's ASB bank account so we can maintain a vibrant club able to keep your interest in radio alive and that our clubrooms serve as a social gathering place.

Apart from our CAPEX on a new ICOM IC-7300 Mk2, our biggest expense continues to be power. In 2005 our total power was $664, in 2025 it was $2596, and now in 2026 it was $2977. The smaller increase this year is likely due to additional hall hiring.

Insurance slowly creeps up but only by small increments. Depreciation costs are primarily accounted for by the air conditioning equipment. The small audio-visual purchases of less than $1000 are written off in the year of purchase so also contribute.

R&M has primarily involved security improvements (CCTV + keys).

We have now altered our donations policy for the VHF Group to reflect the number of members. We need to remain mindful of how much we contribute to other clubs and NZART.

Due to loss of my previous computer, I created a semi-automated version of the accounts system using the MS Excel spreadsheet software. The spreadsheet has been tweaked and fine-tuned, but there are still a couple of small bugs.

Thanks to the reviewers for ensuring I remain under semi-control. I am happy to continue as treasurer for another year.

David Wilkins – ZL1MR

Awards Report:

No applications for awards were received this year.

Hall Custodian: Ian ZL1AOX.

Hall Cleaning duties were carried out by John Feenstra & David ZL1DK. Thanks to all others for helping out. We thank the Healing Hands and our other users for maintaining the hall in a clean condition.

Our main user is the Healing Hands Spiritualist Church who uses the Hall every Sunday and on some Friday evenings and Saturdays

The Papakura Floral Art Group and the Papakura Garden Club are our other two regular users on the second and third Tuesday of each month.

The Papakura Branch of the National Party have signed up for regular meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each month for 2026 and 2027. Times 1530 to 1700

The New Zealand Chinese Support and Caring Group have continued to use the Hall every Thursday morning since March this year; from 10.15 to 12.30.

The Papakura Community Resilience Network group have also held some meetings.

The Coastguard made use of the hall for their Crossing the Bar forum again this year with over 40 attending.

AREC have held some of their 3 monthly meetings at Papakura on Thursday evenings.

The installation of three air conditioners was a major improvement to the Clubrooms in 2019-20 are still working well.

The Club's Audio Visual & sound system has been improved during the year thanks to Ian ZL1IRC, Tristan ZL3TI, Rob ZL1RJS and David ZL1DK.

Ian Ashley, ZL1AOX, Secretary, Papakura Radio Club Inc.

31st October 2026.

Open Day Report: Saturday 17th October 2026, 10 to 4

The indoor display was set-up on Friday 16th and the Clubrooms were open on Saturday from 8 am and the outdoor displays were all set-up prior to the 10 am start time.

A steady stream of visitors came through the displays including Local Board members and local politicians. Thanks to our visitors from Hamilton John ZL1PO, Brian ZL1HN and his son Brendan ZL1CC with other visitors from over the bridge.

Special thanks to Andy ZL1COP for bringing the North Shore Branch 29 AREC van to show off its' capabilities.

The Papakura Community Crimewatch Patrol had a display along with the van from Auckland Emergency Management organised by Ricky ZL1RIC. Scouts from Manurewa were also in attendance but no JOTA contacts.

Inside the Clubrooms there were displays from Ian ZL1DM with older radios and how to repair them, Rob ZL1RJS with his very popular Morse display, Ian ZL1AOX with old radios and different VHF antennas and KiwiSAT, Richard ZL1BNQ with Winlink on HF and VHF/UHF plus repeaters used by AREC, Dave ZL1MR with digital modes, John ZL1OJ with Club projects such as the Tait VFO kit.

Thanks to David ZL1DK for the central display for the Club and all the large posters displayed around on the walls of the Clubrooms and the idea of running an Open Day to advertise the Papakura Radio Club facilities.

Here are some photos to record the event and who supported the Club displays.



Display of the National System with thanks to AKL VHF Group for the photo.



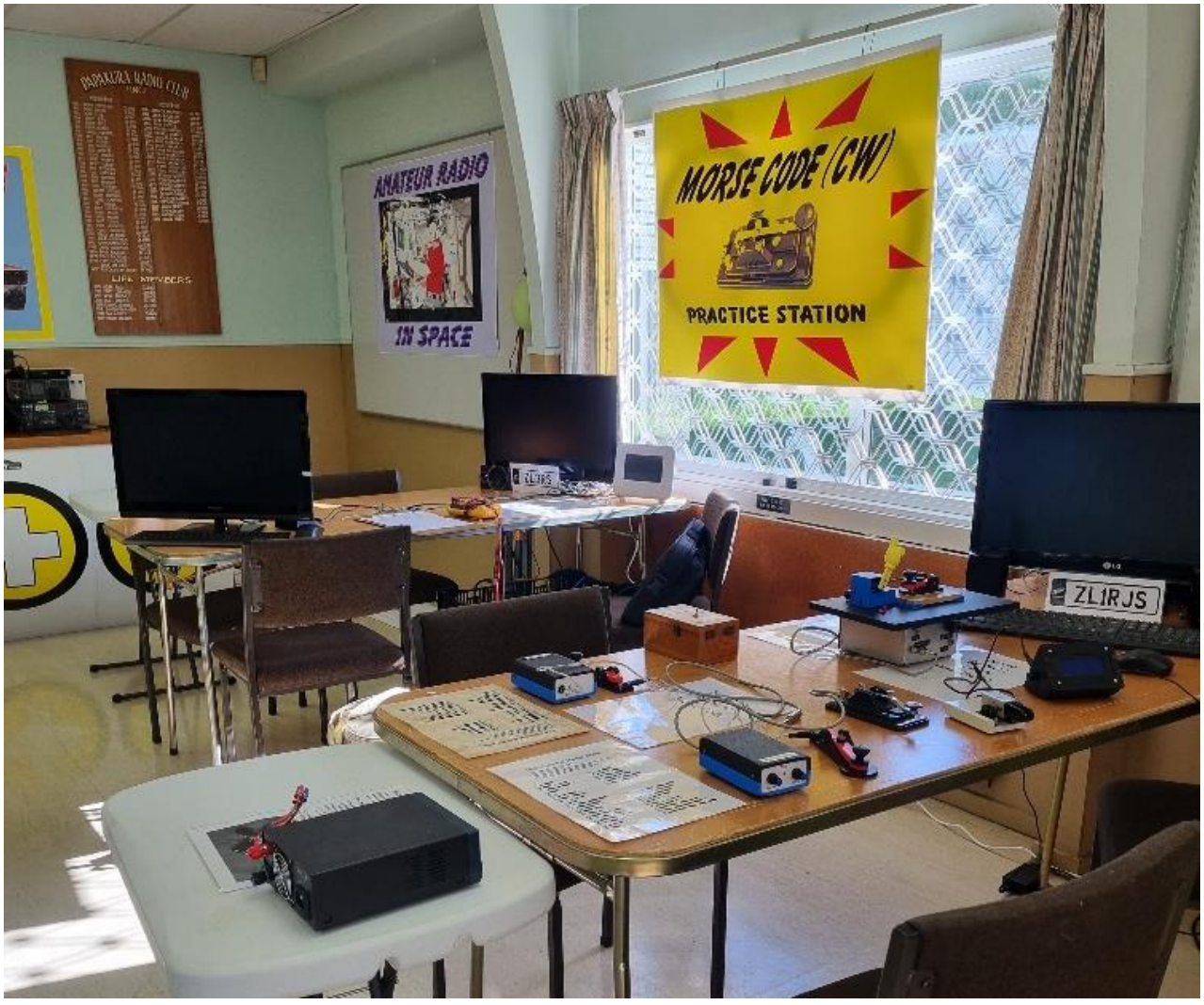
Winlink display with TV showing a continuous promo of Ham Radio



Dave ZL1DL with Ian ZL1DM at his display near the entrance.



Rob ZL1RJS with his display above and below.





Brian ZL1BRI with Ian ZL1AOX and Rob ZL1RJS display in foreground.



Radios from the past plus 2 more modern ones (IC-7160 & IC-705)



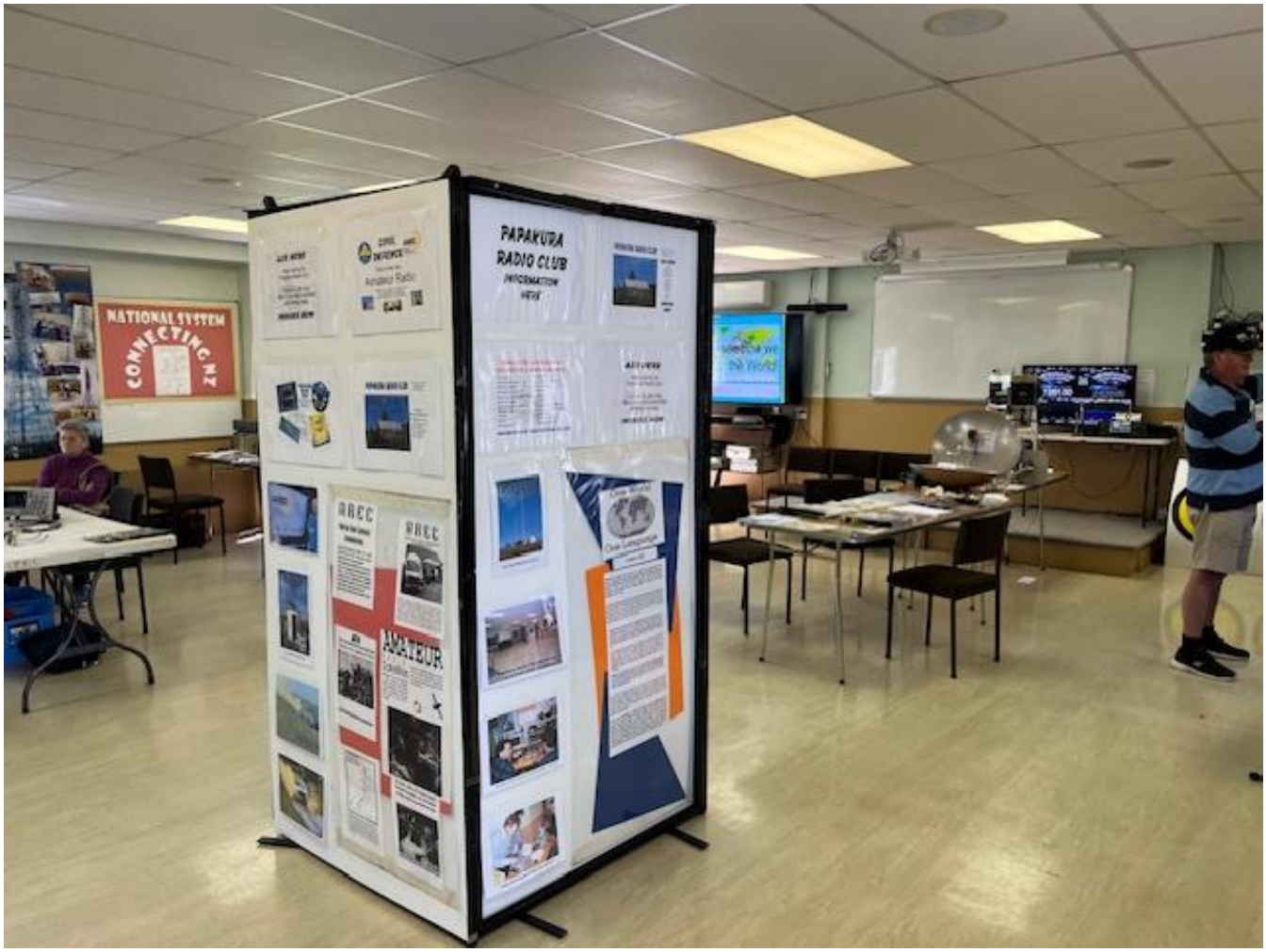
KiwiSAT in foreground and Ian ZL1DM Icom IC-7610 behind.



Ryan ZL1RFF with Dave ZL1MR & Richard ZL1BNQ with Scout group



Rob ZL1RJS with his various Morse keys and sender,



Club Display by David ZL1DK



Dave ZL1MR explaining to John ZL1OJ some finer points of electronics.



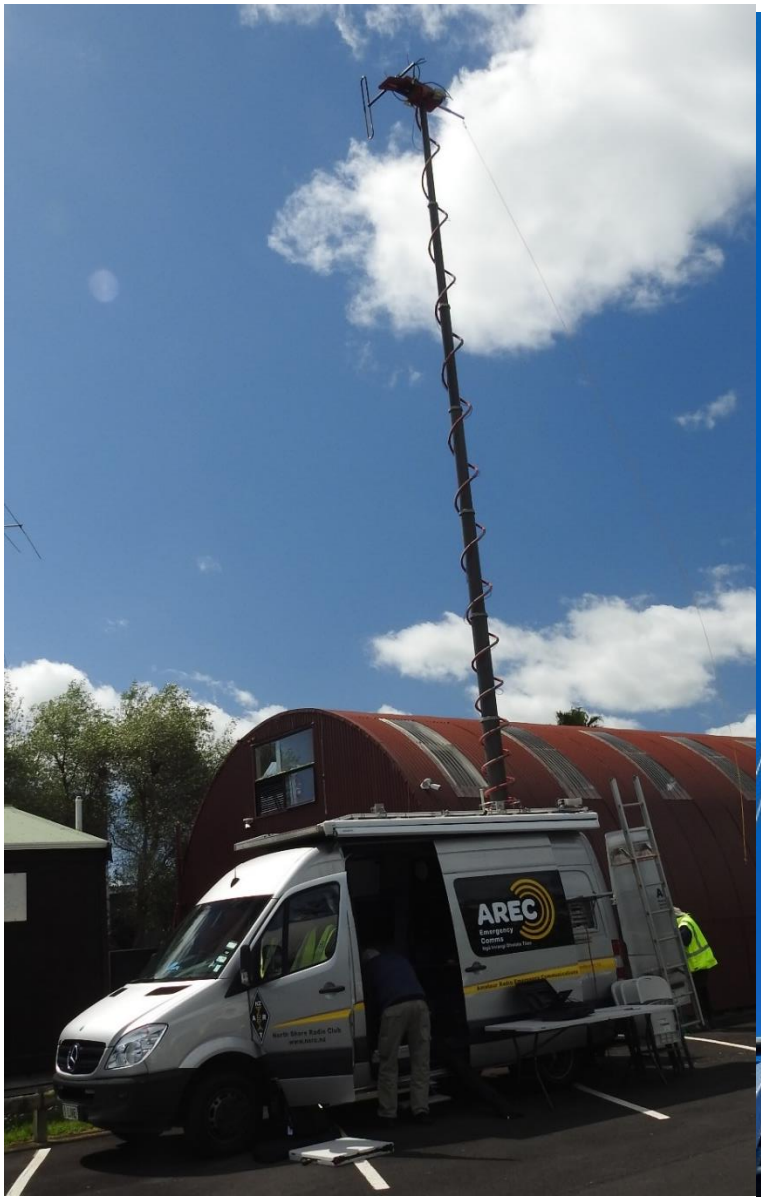
Busy period at the Open Day



Papakura Community Crimewatch Patrol display with their trailer to the left for sausage sizzles. They were ready to provide the sizzle but another group had volunteered their sizzle which turned into a fizzer. (DNTU).



Auckland Emergency Management display from Ricky ZL1RIC





AREC van with antenna pole at full height.

Contest Corral

Check for updates and a downloadable PDF version online at **www.arrl.org/contest-calendar**. Check **https://contests.arrl.org** for recent results. Refer to the contest websites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information

Musick Point Newsletter link

Please find the latest MUSEletter at-

https://museletters.zlham.net.nz/m_2026.html

New Zealand & Australian Amateur Radio Magazine

https://us.list-manage.com/q3JEvLF3jc1?e=effe0514bb&c2id=2db5bf7fc7fbb67813cc7318b36a19dd

Use the above link to this newsletter.

Branch 29 North Shore Radio Club.

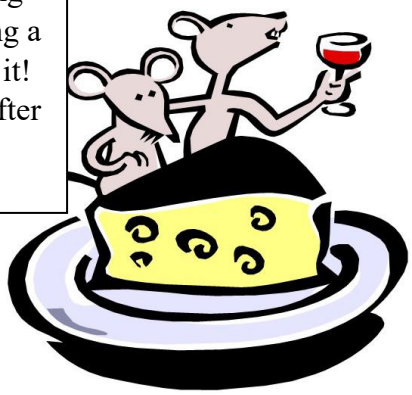
The latest 29-er has been uploaded.

A copy can be found here.

ZL1RJS Website

Rob ZL1RJS/ZL3RS has created a website at https://zl1rjs.co.nz/ which has information on projects run and supported by the Papakura Radio Club Inc. He also has links to manuals for various radios and other interesting items.

Just a reminder that our General Meeting supper is provided by Members bringing a plate, preferably with some goodies on it! We don't need a banquet just a snack after the meeting.



ZL1VK Kitsets available now…for immediate delivery.

- Anderson Power Pole Distribution, PC Board only… $5.00
- 2 Radio into 1 Headphone set switching radios, incl. PTT, PC Board only… $9.00
- Radio Interface for digital modes incl. Winlink, FT4, FT8 etc. Complete kit… $69
- Tait Radio TM8100 Series VFO unit… 100 Memories, Complete kit… $125
- Tait Radio VFO Escutcheon… clips over the VFO Unit… $15

The kits above are all designed by Keith Dix, ZL1BQE for the Papakura Radio Club.

The Diplexer is a kit designed by Rob, ZL1RJS for the Papakura Radio Club.

- Diplexer… UHF/VHF unit and metal Die-cast box, supplied, complete kit… $35

The following kit is still being finalised and will be available soon…

Voice Keyer… Record 4 messages, push button to play selection through TX radio, complete kit. TBA

Collect from the Papakura Radio Club most Wednesdays 7.30pm to 8.30pm or email zl1dk@nzart.org.nz for postage costs etc…

Branch 65 NZART Club Directory
Wellington Park, 1 Great South Road.
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	ZL1RJS	Rob Stokes	021 307 005
	ZL1RIC	Ricky Hodge	027 533 8155
	ZL1KIM	Kimi Nooroa	021 024 66004

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Newsletter. Contact: Ian Ashley iana@kcbbs.gen.nz
Our newsletter is published monthly and normally distributed just before the club meeting.
Please forward articles etc to the editor Wednesday 1 week before the general meeting.
Please notify any change of address including E-Mail Address to the secretary.

Meetings

General Meetings are held at the Clubrooms on the 1st Wednesday of each month, starting at 7.30 pm. Look at your calendar and mark these nights. The speaker follows the General Meeting.
Activity Nights are held on the 2nd Wednesday starting at 7.30 pm.
Committee Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm unless advised.
Project Evenings are on the 4th Wednesday of each month.
AREC Meetings are on the 5th Wednesday night, also starting at 7.30 pm
AGM: Held in November
Subscription: Full membership and newsletter $30.00 Family Membership and newsletter $45.00
Bank Account number: **ASB 12-3031-0108608-00 - PAPAKURA RADIO CLUB INCORPORATED**
Working Bees: As required.
Branch 65 21 Award: For contacts with ZL1VK (5 Points) and 8 Papakura Radio Club Members (2 Points each). Total 21 Points. Cost $5-00. Certified list and $5-00 to Secretary, Papakura Radio Club. Address above.
ZL1VK Club Nets
VHF: 146.625 MHz Sunday at 8.00 am. Controller ZL1RJS and any others available.
If the repeater is not available, listen 146.475 MHz FM simplex.
HF: 7.120 MHz LSB, Sunday at 9.00 am. Controller Rob ZL3RS this Sunday with link inoperative.
NOT LINKED AT PRESENT (Linked to 146.675 & 438.775 FM Tone 141.3Hz)