

February 2026



ZL1REG Radio Nets

Here is a list of Radio nets that the Club runs weekly.
I have also added nets that are located near us for your information.

VHF Net Sundays 7.30pm on the ZL1REG Repeater 147.125Mhz No tone

6 Mtr SSB Net Thursdays 1900hrs 53.000 Mhz We are using USB. NC ZL1SE

2 Mtr SSB net Thursdays 7.30pm 144.220 USB NC ZL2CJ

HF Net Thursdays 8 pm 7133Khz LSB NC ZL1PO

Sunday Night 1900. 432.220 USB

NON Branch related nets

Every day except Sunday 9am on 147.125 Local 2 Mtr net. Net Controller ZL2BAT
Brian (2) We call this the "Welfare" net

Every Sunday 9am Waitomo Net on 147.375 Net Controller ZL1HZ Mick -ZL1IZ

Sunday 0830 ZL1VK Papakura Radio Club net 146.625

Feel free to contact me if you think other nets of interest could be added here.

Feb Club meeting Saturday 14 February 1300 at the Glenview Club rooms.
Topic-

Editors Note:

Ok Folk ill be away on a Cruise between 22nd Feb to 17th March. Then 25th-30th March will be away in Christchurch my home town to see family and other radio acquaintances.

The cruise starts off after we land in San Fransisco. We fly to Ft Lauderdale where we board our Princess Cruise ship. (Island Princess) Ft Lauderdale, Florida, goes to Aruba, Panama Canal, Panama City, Costa Rica, Puerto Chiapas Mexico, Huatulco Mexico, Puerto Vallarta , Mexico, San Pedro Los Angeles. 16 day Cruise. Ill definitely be getting a geocache at each of the new countries we visit. So far 29 countries. So hope to add another 4 countries with this trip. Ill hopefully keep in touch locally via a remote station on the local repeaters while im away like Ive done before.

I do hope there is a good turnout for the Jock White Club at the end of February. Looks forward to hearing some stories and some photos for the March edition that Thomas will be completing on my behalf.

AGM will be held at our March monthly meeting. I know that we we need a new President as Chris ZL2TCH has indicated that he is not standing again. So please put your names forward for committee.

A new column in the newsletter is a feedback from the latest Club executive meeting. This is to provide transparency which will hopefully be useful for members.

Chris Hattan ZL2CJ

Club Website under Construction:

Please check out our new Club website which is still under construction by Thomas ZL4ST. He would be grateful for any feedback. Click on the link below.

[Radio Electronics Group \(REG\) - ZL1REG | Amateur Radio Club Hamilton, New Zealand](#)

Ham Radio Vlogs-Use full [AmateurRadio.com](#) • Ham Radio Blog

[Ham Radio Resources: The Top Blogs and Websites \(hamradioprepper.com\)](#)
[My Amateur Radio Story & My Advice for New Hams \(youtube.com\)](#)

[KM1NDY – A Secret Little Adventure Ham Radio Blog](#)

[\(2\) Radio Electronic Group \(Inc\) | Facebook](#) this is our own Club Facebook Page

[The Best Ham Radio Cartoons PART TWO \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Ham Humor | NewHams.info](#)

<https://www.voacap.com/hf/> Propagation predictions and long/short path calculations

<https://www.arnewslines.org/> Amateur Radio Newslines this is what is broadcast on the NZART national broadcast BTW.

Hamradio Blogs best: <https://hamradioplanet.com/top-10-ham-radio-blogs-and-websites-to-follow/>

<https://hamweekly.com/>

[SWS - Global HF - Ionospheric Map](#) [The Australian Bureau of meteorology. Australian Space Weather Forecasting Centre](#)

[DXNews.com DX Calendar December 2025](#) This site changes monthly and lists the DX stations and their details

RSM Silent Key Call Sign List

If you are entering the hobby or want to change your existing call sign for a new one check the RSM listing of vacant call signs.

[Silent keys | Radio Spectrum Management New Zealand](#)

Br 12 Testing a new Repeater: The club is conducting VHF repeater coverage testing , with a VHF repeater located at the clubrooms , The antenna is located on the roof apex of the clubrooms ,(Seddon Rd)

The Frequency is 146.725 MHz with the usual -600 split , we are interested to see what the range of the repeater is , any coverage comments please back to the club email address [**branch.12@nzart.org.nz**](mailto:branch.12@nzart.org.nz)

Informal Meet up

Every 2 weeks there is an informal catch-up of Hams at the Workingmen's club on a Tuesday at 1730 hrs. February 10/24th meet-ups are good to catch up have a chat, drink and a feed. Add it to your calendar.

REG Equipment Library : For some time now REG have had an equipment library, made up of items generously donated by our members and others outside the club. This is made up of a handheld UHF/VHF FM dual-bander, dual band FM mobile, various power supplies and a range of test equipment. We have a book as the central equipment register, where members can book out equipment items for up to 3 months at a time.

We don't have any HF rigs at present, so if you have one gathering dust, and would like to donate them, that would be fantastic. Our club 'Equipment Librarian' is Kevin ZL2TKH (021-441999) who can answer any questions, and book out equipment.

Club UHF Repeater: Is now operational. Rx 433.875, Tx 438.875 No tone.

Net Controllers required.

The Club needs Radio Operators that can operate on 40 and 80 Mtrs on our Club nets. 7133Khz and 3615 Khz
This is every Thursday at 2000hrs.

We need several to make up a roster as back up to run our Club nets. Its certainly a good way to learn radio protocols.
Instruction and assistance would be given to prospective candidates.
Feel free to contact:
ZL1PO and ZL2CJ if you have any questions as to what the role requires.

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●14th and 15th **DX (VHF) Weekend Contest**

●Sat 28th Feb and Sun 1st March **NZART Jock White Memorial Field Day**

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Please check the NZART Contest Calendar for details.

<https://nzart.org.nz/activities/contests/>

Google Gmail HF Net Calendar

If you want a link to the Gmail HF net calendar then please contact myself. It has all the known HF nets throughout ZL. This list is monitored to ensure accuracy. You have the ability to turn it off/on which is a bonus. The link below should work as well
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=myzl1cjh%40gmail.com&ctz=Pacific%2FAuckland>

New Zealand and Australia Amateur Radio Magazine download:

There are many issues to download now. They are a good read. I have a small article in issue 3 on the Google HF net Calendar. Have a look around the website as well where they sell antennas, radios, and accessories. [New Zealand and Australian Amateur New Zealand Radio Magazine – The Ham Shack](#)

YL Net Sunday nights 146.625 MHz 1900 hrs

Reminder for our new “Young Ladies” who have recently joined our Club.

Another net for the YLs is now on the National System. Monday 1900 hrs. Hamilton repeater for this is 439.975 -ve split 5 mhz.
YL HF net Thursday 2000 hrs also on 3685khz.

NZART Centenary Info

[NZART Centenary 2026 | New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters](#)

Christchurch News Marley Hill Refit after Fires 2 years ago.

Interesting story from Br 05 Website about the refit of the antenna system on Marley Hill up in the Port Hills just above Christchurch. This involved the repeater 147.050 and national System. Interesting details here and Pictures of the work.

[Marley Hill Repeater Site Rebuild Jan 2026 – Christchurch Amateur Radio Club](#)

North Shore Club sale Day:

GEAR UP FOR THE NORTH SHORE RADIO CLUB SURPLUS SALE! 📻 ⚡

Looking to score a bargain on quality radio gear or clear out some of your own surplus? The

North Shore Radio Club

is hosting a massive sale on radios and surplus equipment!

Whether you're after a new transceiver, vintage parts, or just some tech inspiration, this is the place to be. We'll have a huge variety of gear available and plenty of fellow hobbyists to chat with.

📍 Where: 400 East Coast Road, Sunnynook, Auckland

📅 When: Saturday, March 14th

🕒 Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

🛒 Sellers:

Got too much gear taking up space? Turn that surplus into cash!

Tables: Only \$20.

Bookings: Email zl1rpc@nsrc.nz to reserve your spot.

🍔 Food & Drink:

Don't worry about lunch—we'll have food available on-site to keep you fuelled while you browse the bargains.

Come along and support your local radio community! Whether you're a licensed ham, a maker, or just curious about electronics, there's something for everyone.

For more details, visit the club's website at nsrc.nz or check out their contact page.

Tag a friend who needs to expand their shack!

Te Puke Radio Club sale Day

March 7th

[NZART Branch 53 Te Puke Web: Te Puke ARC News Article Online](#)

Latest Executive meeting Highlights 7/1/26

Breakin Adverts- hamcram, Ref sale day
Jock white field day Budget, Antenna systems, management
Meeting Technical sessions-subjects
Possible Packet node
Reg Junk sale-management off, GVC space booked, Food
Security and Camera-Cameron onto it
Constitution-needs to be uploaded to SOC
Club UHF repeater
AREC Business
Next exec meeting for 9/2/26

Club member Profile: Chris Herd ZL2TCH

Born in the UK, spent 9 years in Africa then moved to NZ via the UK.

My father taught me electronics, soldering etc. I my built my first two radios at about aged 10 one being a crystal set using a toilet roll cardboard tube and the second on was single valve TRF set.

After secondary school I did my first degree at Auckland University getting a BE (elec). My project was HF antennas for Yachts.

My first 5 years was working the the coin machine business fixing logic boards to component level. I cut my teeth on Z80 micros. 74xx series logic chips, 716 eproms, etc. The challenge was there were no circuit diagrams so you had to use chip data sheets and a high power oscilloscope to trace faults.

From 1985 I started in the telecommunications world based in Hamilton, this was the basis for the rest of my working life.

I had was able to work on all sorts of systems and learn things from a lot of very clever people.

This covered cable both copper and optical fibre, microwave systems including satellite systems, traditional dial phone systems. All the different flavours of mobile phone systems AMPS, DAMPS CDMA and GSM. This period is where I completed an MBA in Technology Management just to add the the chaos.

To add the the fun of working on constantly evolving telco systems, I ended up being based in lots of places around the world, India, Australia, Malaysia, Fiji and the US.

I retired in 2022, which now permits me to get back to building electronics projects, mostly HF stuff with an emphasis on digital communications.

Club fees are Overdue due 31st December 2025

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Hours of Operation

Monday	3:30pm - 7:30pm
Tuesday	3:30pm - 7:30pm
Wednesday	3:30pm - Late
Thursday	3:30pm - Late
Friday	3:30pm - Late
Saturday	1:00pm - Late
Sunday	11:00am - 7:30pm

Peacockes Restaurant Hours

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Sunday Brunch

11:00am - 2:00pm