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Presidents Report

Hi everyone...

Looks like summer has come and gone... so I guess you are all thinking what summer? Anyway the seasons are on the turn, so time to start getting ready for the longer, colder nights to come! Field Day has come and gone, and Peter ZL2HM has provided a report and a few photos from me as well. It was a good weekend, although the rain on the Saturday night wasn't too welcome. Conditions (radio propagation wise) I thought were the best in recent years. Perhaps the most satisfying was that all of our club equipment worked first time, and without any issues.

I have been travelling down to Christchurch every month for the last four-five months to deal with family issues, but it's amazing that a year had gone by since the February 23rd earthquake in which some 186 people lost their lives. Christchurch is now in full demolition mode, with vacant sites everywhere. I think over a thousand buildings have been demolished with at least another four hundred odd to go – all very sad. However I did manage to get some photos of the cathedral before it too is deconstructed to ground level (see later in the newsletter).

On that note just a reminder - Are you ensuring that your radio equipment especially battery power is charged and ready to operate?

The AGM for the club will on Friday 27 April 2012, starting at 8.00 pm.

The usual AGM agenda will cover off most items, including a discussion on the NZART Remits. If you are on the committee please remember to start preparing your reports for presentation at the AGM.

Dates to mark on the calendar

D-Star 101 - Training Session	Saturday 14 April	
Starting at 10.00 am and finishing not later than 12.00		– BBQ lunch
Club AGM	Friday 27 April 2012	– 8.00 pm
NZART Conference 2012 - Nelson	1-4 June 2012	– see Break-In
International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend	18-19 August 2012	– contact Tom ZL2HGR

Well that's the news from me...

73's and good DX....
Mark ZL2UFI

Jock White Field Day Feb 25 and 26 2012

ZL2VH participated in the Field Day again this year. Unfortunately our plan to combine with the Upper Hutt Summer carnival did not eventuate so we returned to our usual haunt at Kaitoke. The usual chores of checking the caravan and getting its WOF were attended to in the weeks before.

We left the Clubrooms just before midday and were operational about an hour later. Thanks Tom for reminding me to fit the stays before we tried to stand the mast! We managed 265 contacts which was a good result considering the number of hours we operated.

Thanks Tom ZL2HGR, Mark ZL2UFI, Eric ZL2SET, Simon ZL2BRG, David ZL2DBP, Malcom ZL2UDF and me ZL2HM. It was good to see David operating HF for his first time.

One very pleasing aspect for me was that all the equipment was at hand and worked first time. A good omen for the time when we may have to operate in earnest.

See you there next year

Peter ZL2HM





AREC Report

We have an event requiring your support on **Sunday 22 April 2012** at Boom Rock area, Makara.

Please advise if available for this date

Going by reports on the last event out Makara way, the views should be great.

Other news is there was some communications on AREC training a few weeks ago, but gone quiet at present.

Malcolm ZL2UDF
Upper Hutt Section Leader

**The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters, Upper Hutt Branch 63, Inc
Official Notice of Annual General Meeting 2011**

**This AGM will be held on Friday 27 April 2012, starting at 8.00 pm
At the Branch 63 Clubrooms, Park Street, Upper Hutt**

Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes.
3. Matters Arising from Minutes.
4. Correspondence Inwards and Outwards.
5. Presidents Report.
6. Treasurers Report.
7. Subscriptions.
8. AREC Report.
9. Repeater Trustees Report.
10. Other Written Reports (QSL Manager)
11. Notices of Motion
12. Remits of NZART AGM (select delegates)
13. General Business
14. Elections of Officers

Current Committee Position Holders 2011-2012

President	Mark Gooding ZL2UF1
Immediate Past President	<no longer recorded>
Vice president	Mark Wolstenholme ZL2WOL
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Committee	All members

Christchurch Cathedral – Saturday 17 March 2012



Colombo Street/High Street
looking south from Cathedral Square towards the Port Hills



Cashel Street Mall from Colombo Street looking east
Debris still there from February 2011 Earthquake

