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### Presidents Report

Hi everyone...

As you will be aware Christchurch has again suffered an Earthquake, and our thoughts go out to these who have lost family, friends or work colleagues.

My family have again survived the earthquake, but it would appear that their business interests have received extensive damage. At the time of writing these have a 40% chance of opening, let alone operating, in the future.

Many stories have emerged. Such as one of my sisters having to walk from the Christchurch CBD to Sumner as her car was located in a damaged car parking building, plus various roads were unusable. She did manage to get a ride some of the way but had to walk most of the way. She had her two young girls in school and was worried about them. They were in fact safe at the school until she arrived. Her husband was in Auckland at the time. He travelled to Blenheim where he hired a car and drove to Christchurch to get home. They have since left for Queenstown, as they still have no water, power or sewerage at their house. It is unknown when they will return to Christchurch.

Field Day has come and gone, and I hope those attending had a good time.

The Big Coast 2010 will be held without our assistance this year, so fingers crossed nothing happens without us being present, and that we may in the future be involved again.

### Dates to mark on the calendar

Wellington EXPO	Easter Saturday	23 April 2011
NZART Conference	Queen's Birthday Weekend	4-6 June 2011

Well that's the news from me... 73's and good DX....

Mark ZL2UFI

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## AREC Report

We do not have any exercises planned for this month or March 2011. As winter approaches we expect to be called on.

We now have confirmation we are not required for the Big Coast 2011. Thomas of Leisure Active (organisers of the event) emailed the following . . . . .

“After discussion with the First Aid provider for this year's event (Wellington Free Ambulance) it has been decided to use a combination of standard RT's and Satellite Phones for emergency communication so we will not be requiring the assistance of the Amateur Radio Club this year. Thanks for your time and follow up over the past couple of months - I apologise that I have been able to confirm this with you sooner.”

- This arrived on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

For those interested in gaining or renewing a First Aid Certificate, New Zealand Red Cross are offering courses in the Wellington area. I believe St. John's is also offering similar courses. These usually qualify for where a First Aid Certificate is required in the work place.

Malcolm ZL2UDF  
Upper Hutt Section Leader.

**Club HF Net 3.715 MHz**  
**Every Tuesday at 0800 UTC**

**Listen for ZL2VH and *join in.***

### A Reminder

Branch 18 has invited you to a Presentation and Talk by Martin Kleintjes on the activities of the **Police e-Crime unit. (All types of electronic crime)**

Because of the high level of interest expressed in this up-coming talk, they have hired the large Hall next door to the clubrooms and invited other local Branches.

#### When?

**Next Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7:30pm.**

#### Location?

**Hutt Valley Tramping Club Hall  
(next to NZART Branch 18 Club room)  
Philip Evans Reserve,  
Service Lane off Birch Street  
Waterloo  
LOWER HUTT**

Transport arrangements will be discussed this coming Friday night, for those attending or needing a ride down to Lower Hutt — Mark ZL2UFI

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# WELLINGTON EXPO-11

The Wellington Region **EXPO-11** is to be held on  
**Easter Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2011**  
in conjunction with the  
**VHF CONVENTION**  
**At the Tawa College Gymnasium, Duncan St,  
Tawa.**

Admission to the EXPO is \$4. Each ticket includes a free drink and entry into the various raffle draws. Listen out for the raffle draws throughout the day by MC **ZL2BHF**.

There will be trade displays, trade sales of new amateur equipment and of course trading tables of used equipment as well as a display of military radio equipment.

**TIMES:** - Opens at 10am (Vendors 7am). Closes at 1pm  
Refreshments - coffee, soft drinks, buns & cakes will be available.

All inquiries for table sales and bookings to:-  
Gavin Cross ZL2TVM Email Address: [zl2hv@nzart.org.nz](mailto:zl2hv@nzart.org.nz)

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## Photos of Wyong 2011





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