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### Presidents Report

Hi everyone... I have to start off with a small correction to last months report - the NZART Conference is in Nelson this year, 2-4 June 2012.

Well as you read this the Jock White Field Day should have come and gone and hopefully good weather and good DX over that weekend ensured we all had a good time.

As some of you know, there is now another IRLP Link available; the previous UHF Node 6962 that was on 860 has now been re-established on the 1292 Repeater.

So this will take the pressure off the 730 node for those with 1292 equipment. The node is (and link) are on test at present, with the audio, other functions all appear to be working within spec. All reports on usage, comments and the like to Simon ZL2BRG.

At a recent meeting the Mt Climie Weather Station was discussed and the go ahead was given for David ZL2DBP and Oliver ZL2OLY to complete Phase One of their proposal.

This initial phase is to prove the concept of the weather station. Updates will be advised as the project commences.

As the Wellington EXPO is no more, and following on from the success of the deceased estate sale in December last year, is there any interest from the club members to hold an annual boot styled sale? All we would have to do is to advertise the event, charge a nominal fee (perhaps \$5.00 for vendors), and people can sell all their junk for say few hours one Saturday morning from say 9.00 am to 12.30 pm, followed by a BBQ lunch and social time (just a thought).

This can be discussed over the next few months to gauge the interest.

The clubs AGM is not far away, so its time to consider the various positions and jobs available. Please think about taking on a role as a club committee member as many hands make light work.

**The AGM will be on Friday 28 April 2012 - commencing at 8.00 pm.**

Well that's the news from me...

73's and good DX....

Mark ZL2UFI, President

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## Repeater Update

### **3cm Beacon**

The Reverse DDS Beacon Local Oscillator is being sent up for testing.

### **1292 23cm FM**

The Clubs 6962 IRLP node is now operational on the 23cm Repeater.

### **860 DStar 70cm**

The 860 DV Repeater was successfully repaired and reinstalled by John ZL2TWS. And is now fully operational.

### **5425 Dstar 2m**

Nothing to report, continues to run ok.

### **730 2m FM Repeater**

Nothing to report.

### **6M Beacon**

Nothing to report

Simon ZL2BRG  
Repeater Trustee

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## VJK D-Star net Thursdays

Information from John ZL2TWS

I am listening to the Thursday night net on REF003C.

Very good information, Michael VK5ZEA is on with other technical guys and very good stuff discussed.

Please put this in out next newsletter as this might encourage activity and help others to understand D-Star a bit more.

<http://www.dstar.org.au/nets.htm>

22:00 NZ time.

73 John

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## AREC

On the Sunday 12 February 2012 four AREC operators supported the KMMC Trail Ride at Makara. The event was from Takerau Gorge between Johnsonville and Makara.

Two operators, Paul ZL2UGR and John ZL2UX proceeded to the end of Parkvale Road to take up two of the operation points. Eric ZL2SET and Malcolm ZL2UDF proceeded to the start point. Then Eric was taken on a quad bike to his station.

The event went well apart for one rider suffering a dislocated shoulder. I was in a valley at the start point. The views of the region reported by the other operators was great, refer to photos. John ZL2UX reported he could see Stephens Island which is at the top of the South Island.



After trying various frequencies both simplex and repeaters, we used Hawkins Hill Data 146.625. We shared this along with the data on the repeater which required some re-transmissions.

Thanks to Paul ZL2UGR, from NZART Branch 18, supporting us with his 4x4. This being required to reach his station along the ridge.



We received a request for three operators for Sunday 4 March 2012, but due to members other commitments I have declined the opportunity. I received a couple of emails advising of no availability for this Sunday, others advised via telephone. As we have a limited number of members in the pool, therefore I suggest we review our approach to providing AREC support at a branch meeting.

Malcolm ZL2UDF  
Upper Hutt Section Leader

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## Jock White Memorial Field Day 2012



A couple of pictures with one of our younger members (David ZL2DBP) participating in this years field day at Kaitoke helped by Simon ZL2BRG.

Pictures sent in by Eric ZL2SET.  
Hopefully there may be a full report in next months Newsletter.

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