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President's Report

Hi everyone... well winter has bit for the first time this year, as you will no doubt be aware. Rain and strong winds caused havoc as well, so hopefully you all made it through OK.

Since the last newsletter the new 730 antenna is up and working, and from many reports very well. In fact some reports seem to think that 730 has returned to its performance of old, with coverage as good as was from years ago.

I wish to thank the following, for their support and efforts on the day: ZL2ACT, ZL2ABC, ZL2HF, ZL2UP, ZL2TWS, ZL2BRG, ZL2TKY and ZL2UFI.

Hers a picture of the work done at Climie with the new Skymast Antenna and all the additional new mounting equipment.

Some other jobs are still outstanding but will be dealt to as time and weather permits. If

you can assist just advise of your availability and we'll see how that fits in with the work.

I attended NZART Conference over Queens Birthday Weekend, and thanks to those of you who also attended the conference. It was great to see you supporting Branch 42 as they did for us in 2011. It was sad to see the two Central Region councilors resign before the conference started, but this has left open an opportunity for others to take over the roles and put forward their thoughts and skills to NZART Council. I wish anyone considering this well. Its not a hard job, but you must be prepared to work hard, and make an effort to do things and not just sit there and be a yes man, or have hidden agendas and not be a team player.

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

Mark ZL2UFI
President

Repeater Report

As a result of the recent storms as of the 25th June main power is still off at our Climie repeater site. 730, 5425 and 860 are operational but running in low power mode to conserve standby battery capacity. Please keep overs short. Meridian Energy cannot give a eta at this stage for repair. Climie Dstar Internet connectivity, 1292, 6m and the 10m beacon are off air. A site visit is planned to earth the

730 pole and remove the faulty 6m repeater.

3cm, 10m Beacons, 23m, 860, 5425 D-star Repeaters Off air pending power restoration.

730 2m FM Repeater Running in low power mode, pending power restoration.

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Upcoming Events

International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend
17th-18th August 2013
(Contact Tom ZL2HGR)

Special Meeting

Friday 5th July, 7:30pm
Clubrooms, Council Depot

6m FM Repeater

Off Air. The repeater receiver developed a intermittent fault rendering it extremely deaf. A Site visit is planned to remove the repeater and fix.

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