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Newsletter of The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters, Upper Hutt Branch 63, Inc.

President's Report

Hi everyone... now as we approach the end of the year I hope you are all looking forward to it, I know I am, as I have had a difficult year especially around the uncertain outcome of our tenure at the Clubrooms, and power issues at Mt Climie over the winter period. My work restructure hasn't been too helpful as well, so I think 2013 is a year to forget! So lets hope that the coming summer will be a good one?

This summer we again have some maintenance tasks to look at, mostly at the clubrooms as opposed to Mt Climie. At Mt Climie we'll have the new 5425 Dipoles into install, a new radio cabinet and painting of the two huts on site. These are minor tasks and should be completed as weather and time allows. At the clubrooms, we have to replace the dual band vertical at the front of the clubrooms with a new tri-band vertical so we have access to 6 Metres. The new antenna has been ordered, and should be here soon.

Both the long wire and the tri-band beam also need looking at, as I believe they haven't had any maintenance for some years (I believe the rotator is not turning). So I'll arrange a date later in the year to look at some of these tasks – probably a Saturday when the weather is more consistent, and a BBQ for those can help out on the day.

There will be an AREC exercise soon to test out a number of things, so watch your inboxes for the date. This will be confirmed after I have some discussions with Gavin and Oliver.

Congratulations to Brain ZL2CHV and Bernard ZL4BB on passing their exams, and getting their call signs.

And also to Malcolm ZL2UDF for becoming one of the new ZL2 Councillors on the Executive of NZART.

Well that's about it from me... good DV and 73's.

Mark ZL2UFI

Repeater Report

The replacment 5425 Antenna system from Skymast has arrived. A working bee is being planned to install.

3cm & 10m Beacons

3cm beacon TX module arrived. Ordered VK4GHZ thunderbolt display module. Construction continues.

1292 23cm Repeater

On Air

860 D-Star Repeater

On Air

5425 D-Star Repeater

Off air pending new antenna installation.

730 2m FM Repeater

730 is experiencing some noise issues. Probably a dodgy connector. A site visit is planned to investigate.

6m FM Repeater

Work is ongoing on a new antenna design.

Simon ZL2BRG
Repeater Trustee

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Upcoming Events

VHF Field Day

7th -8th December - Contact
John ZL2TWS

2014 NZART Conference

31st May / 1st June
Marlborough Branch 22 is pleased to announce that the 2014 NZART AGM and conference will be held in Blenheim.

The venue is:
St Marys School
3 Stephenson St
Blenheim

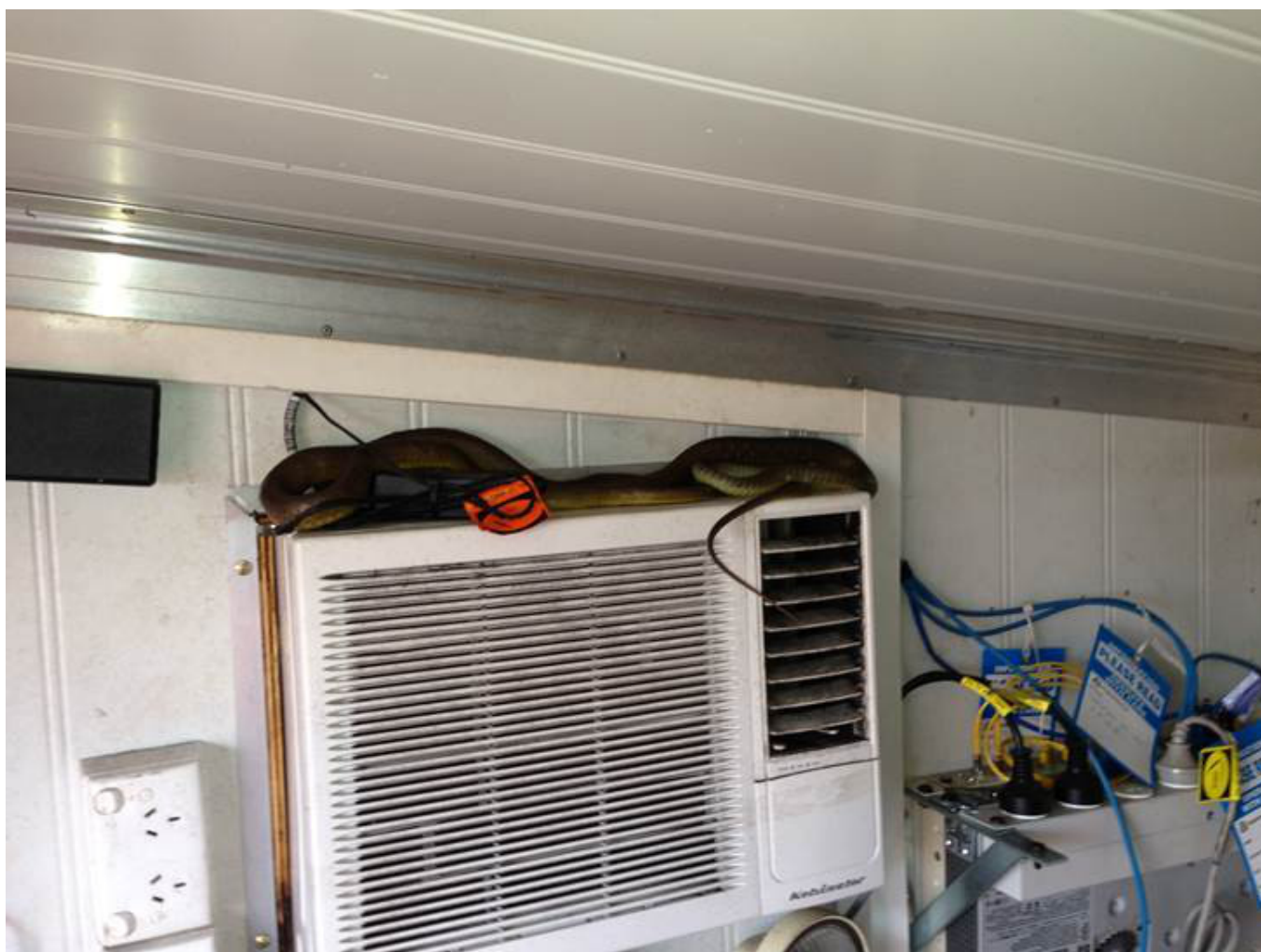
The organising team will keep you posted via Infoline, the Official Broadcast and Break-In.

Take care when you next enter your repeater hut...

Sent to me by Sharon at ICOM NZ. Australian repeater hut. Look closely at the first photo. If you see nothing strange take a closer look in the second photo. Sharon did not say the location but they are Aust / NZ power outlets in use.

73 John ZL2TWS





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