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

President's Report

Hi everyone... the weather has thrown up, so high winds, plenty of rain and apart from the odd good day, it's been a bit tough to get out and enjoy anything of what is perhaps typical start to spring in Wellington. All of this has meant that no maintenance has been planned for Mt Clime as the weather is against us at the moment. 5425 D-STAR is still off the air as the new dipoles have yet to be installed (although they are at the clubrooms), plus the new radio cabinet also needs installing on site.

The 6M Repeater is also off the air as the antenna has failed, I guess due to all the recent high winds and to protect the duplexers from the high SWR the repeater was turned off. A new antenna will be available soon as a replacement. And finally in the repeater round up, 730 has developed a crackle on transmit and receive. An initial look by John ZL2TWS has not revealed the cause of this noise, more investigation is required. All of this is not a good look I suppose but it's the cost of

having one of the best high attitude sites in Wellington. If you are available to assist on the various working bee's then please watch your inboxes.

Is there any interest in a Christmas dinner or meal out before the end of the year. Please advise and I'll organize one.

At a recent meeting I advised that I would not be standing for President at the next AGM. I have been in the role a number of years and I feel that it is time for a change, with a new leader, and new ideas. I will not accept any nomination for this role if no one comes forward at the 2014 AGM. If any one is interested in this role and needs to know anything you can catch me at a Friday night meeting. I also advised that I am happy to do another committee role to help out the branch but I no longer wish to be the leader.

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

Mark ZL2UFI

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Upcoming Events

VHF Field Day
7th - 8th December - Contact
John ZL2TWS

Repeater Report

There are at least 3 working bees required for work at Climie:

- 1) Ascertain problem with 730 antenna stack
- 2) Install 5425 new dipole stack & reinstall 5425 repeater
- 3) Install new 19 inch rack in south hutt.

Aside from this the 6m repeater is still off air pending a replacement antenna.

Beacons

3cm beacon 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

Still occasional noise issues. John ZL2TWS went up to check connectors but nothing was found. Another site visit planned to investigate further.

6m FM Repeater

A meeting is planned to consider the options for the new antenna.

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Repeater Trustee



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