



# ZL2VH Newsletter – September 2015

## President's Report

### Lighthouse weekend 15-17<sup>th</sup> August

By the time you read this the lighthouse weekend will be over. Hopefully we will get a report for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter.

### Clubroom Working Bee

Thanks to the following ZL2NSA,ZL2CHV,ZL2HGR,ZL2UFI,ZL2UGL,ZL2ABC for helping out on a wet and cold Saturday Morning to clean up the clubrooms.

### Mesh Network Upper Hutt Node

The Club has been asked to look into the possibility of hosting a mesh network node as part of the Broadband-Hamnet NZ network. To this end James ZI2ET and Mike ZL1AXG have offered to do a presentation at the club rooms one Friday evening. Once a date has been finalized I'll put out a email. For more information on what they are going to talk about take a look at [www.broadband-hamnet.co.nz](http://www.broadband-hamnet.co.nz)

### Newsletter Sub Editor

We are still looking for somebody to take the recently vacated assistant editors role. Its not very onerous – just there just in case Eric is unavailable. If you are interested or could prod somebody who is likely to be, please drop me a email.

### Club President - 2016 On

I have decided to step down as President of Branch 63 at the next AGM. Its been a enjoyable experience but I feel its time for a change.

We are always looking for articles to fill the pages of newsletter. Please forward anything no matter how large or small to the editor - Eric ZL2SET – [ericwilby@gmail.com](mailto:ericwilby@gmail.com).

73's and good DX  
Simon ZL2BRG  
President.

## Branch 63 Repeater Update – August 2015

### Climie Weather Conditions

Mike ZL2NA's photos taken at over the weekend of August 8<sup>th</sup> our repeater site just go to show what conditions can be like at Climie.



### New Project- WebSDR

I'm putting together a multi band internet accessible software defined receiver, or websdr for short. Bands covered will be from hf to shf. The WebSDR uses a Linux PC and a number of the ubiquitous rtl-sdr dongles, plus up/down converters as required. For a list of features see [www.websdr.org](http://www.websdr.org). I'll be basing ours on Southampton University Wireless Society's setup [www.websdr.suws.org.uk](http://www.websdr.suws.org.uk). The websdr will be hosted at the branch 63's clubrooms. If you'd like to help get in contact.

### Status Updates

#### 3cm Beacon

On Air, a few microwavers are planning to do some trips to test coverage over the upcoming months.

### Repeaters

<b>1292</b>	<b>23cm</b>	On Air
<b>860</b>	<b>Dstar</b>	On Air.
<b>5425</b>	<b>DStar</b>	On Air
<b>730</b>	<b>2m FM Repeater</b>	On Air
<b>53.950</b>	<b>6m FM Repeater</b>	On Air

## 04 September

Please remember that Mark ZL2UFI will be giving a presentation of his recent travels on Friday.

Prior to that, Simon ZL2FAE would like the Branch to give some consideration (10 minutes or so) to the following as received from him:

*We have an opportunity to promote AR at no cost (only our time) to a group of 2,000 IT Techs. We may get 10-20 over the line and through the exam.*

*Kiwicon (held in early December) is a potential way of getting younger bright people into AR to ensure a future in this digital age.*

*I have had, pre-official notification, (verbal) that if we want we can have space provided with two tables, power etc to take the opportunity to promote Ham Radio to the IT people attending Kiwicon.*

*It was suggested that if we wanted to get some of them over the line and on air that we could run exams on the Thursday and Friday 12:00 – 1:00 and early Thursday evening. I am happy to lead this but as this would ideally be a BR63 activity it should be up to the club to decide if and who.*

*As these guys are IT types we would ideally push the digital modes and tech at the convention but still want to show the breadth of AR.*

*I would be asking if the club was interested in pursuing this and if so who wants to be involved. Naturally there would need to be someone well connected and organised leading this. I am prepared to take leave and support this. Regards*

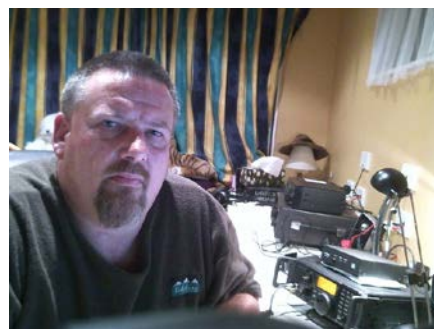
*Simon ZL2FAE*

## Congratulations

I'll let Brian (ZL2CHV) tell his story.....

*Phet and i were married last week at my 50th party, which was really a cover for a wedding. I surprised her with an engagement ring on the night. and then wed on the same night !! Luckily she said yes to both !!*

*Brian*



*Cheer up Brian, it's not that bad!*

I'm sure everyone at Branch 63 will join me in wishing the happy couple all the best for a long, happy and prosperous life together – with lots of DX. (Ed.).

## Can you help?

My friend and ex-colleague in the U.K., Bob G8CQR has taken to renovating vintage radio equipment now that he has retired. He has asked me if I know anyone who could supply the colour codes / value identification for ancient resistors.

If anyone is able to help with providing the colour codes of the two smaller resistors in the following photo, I would be very glad to hear from them. There is no problem with identifying the larger resistor as information is readily available. Thanks, Eric ZL2SET

Any information to [ericwilby@gmail.com](mailto:ericwilby@gmail.com) please.



## Material for Publication

As Simon has said, if you have anything, large or small, that you feel should be in the Newsletter, please forward it to me at [ericwilby@gmail.com](mailto:ericwilby@gmail.com) in good time for publication. I am trying to distribute the Newsletter on the first day of the month, which is the official publication date. Thanks.

Eric ZL2SET.