



## ZL2VH Newsletter – September 2019

### President's Report

Spring is here and we need to get a move on with work up the hill. I would like to have the 730 move complete before Christmas and also get the antenna changed over.

The intention is to fit the slimline 730 repeater, filters, batteries into the North Hut. This will free up space in the South Hut for future projects.

For those that haven't visited the clubrooms lately, a major clean out has occurred, we no longer look like Steptoes spare parts storeroom. Next phase will be to empty the garage in a similar fashion....if it hasn't been used in the last 2-3 years, its going to be gone.

Bruce ZL2ABC junk sale at Titahi Bay went down well with not very much coming back to us, thanks to Mark and Simon for their efforts.

We are expecting to be asked to provide support the the Car Club Wainui Coast Rd event on late October – this is our main fundraiser for the year.

New ICOM radio announced:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RW6xiLAoyc>.

This is exclusive HamRadioConcepts footage of the brand new JUST ANNOUNCED Icom IC-705 on display at Tokyo Hamfair 2019.

Imagine combining your IC7300 and IC9700 for a battery powered portable solution for POTA, SOTA, QRP, Field day and more. Large touchscreen, SDR just like it's 7300 and 9700 counterparts, but with a built in antenna tuner, internal battery that can be charged via USB and the rest you can see in this preview video.

The French have been put in their place and it looks like the European 2m allocation is safe... From RSGB:

*Past week has seen CEPT meet in Turkey, where it finalised its positions on a wide range of WRC-19 Agenda Items, including proposals for WRC-23.*

*At 144MHz, after a major effort, the 144 to 146MHz frequency range was successfully withdrawn from the French WRC-23 aeronautical proposal. This hot topic had been the subject of detailed submissions by the IARU, France and Germany. This excellent result for amateur radio occurred in parallel to a number of other proposals being adopted to support aeronautical interests.*

We still meet every Friday at 7.30 and would like to see you there.....

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Mike ZL2NSA

## **Branch 63 Repeater Update**

### **Status Updates**

3cm Beacon                      Off Air

After fixing the issue mentioned in the last report its off air again. Will Investigate in the next week or two.

1292 23cm                      On Air

DSTAR	On Air
860	On Air
730	On Air – Planning is underway to relocate 730 to the North Hutt. But I have not seen the proposal.
395 6M	On Air

### **Editor's Note**

Apologies for the lack of last month's newsletter but nothing was received for inclusion. No input means no output! (Ed.)

### **From Gavin ZL2ACT**

We have a couple of new members to welcome. As well as Fraser Mewburn ZL4VV, we also welcome Ben Gilbert ZL4BDG.

### Financial stuff:

The \$12000 Term Deposit matured on September 2nd, and yielded \$913.25 in interest. The principal, and the interest, plus a top up of \$2086.75 from the Savings Account, making a total of \$15000, was reinvested for two years.

If for any reason we find ourselves short of funds, we can withdraw up to \$3000 dollars after one year, with no penalty.

Regards

Gavin Smith ZL2ACT  
Br 63 Treasurer

### Other stuff:

The Wellington Cross Country Vehicle Club has just made a \$200 donation to the club. You may recall that they made a similar donation last year after one of their members took ill on one of their outings, and they used 730 to summon emergency services.

### **From Malcolm ZL2UDF**

Mike ZL1AXG has raised this with Wellington branch members in the past at events. Below is from the VHF Group newsletter.

### Central Region Councillor Introduction

*Tuesday Night 10 September 2019 at 19:30 at the Branch 42 club rooms.*

There will be a talk-in on the club repeater on 6750 if you are lost. Our address is <http://www.nzart.org.nz/contact/branches/42/>

The issues that have been flagged for discussion are currently:

- New members the problem with getting younger people into the hobby
- Would council consider having live broadcasts of their meetings again as used to happen.
- Not increasing subscriptions in the near future

### **Spectrum Analyser**

Someone may be interested in a very basic, very low cost spectrum analyser. Naturally, it's very basic but could have uses. The details are at the following lengthy URL:

[https://www.banggood.com/Handheld-Spectrum-Analyzer-High-Sensitivity-2\\_4G-Band-OLED-Display-Tester-Meter-p-1513000.html?akmClientCountry=NZ&currency=USD&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=cpc\\_ods&utm\\_content=dawn&utm\\_campaign=rem2-dpt-in-rf-tool-0812-sli&utm\\_ho=18&ad\\_id=23843718022530753&fbclid=IwAR1VwZcpTnLAel-g9QZ5h83AtQhgkrvEDlx4Rbql11NIMxPoQOQE\\_ljK3H0&cur\\_warehouse=CN](https://www.banggood.com/Handheld-Spectrum-Analyzer-High-Sensitivity-2_4G-Band-OLED-Display-Tester-Meter-p-1513000.html?akmClientCountry=NZ&currency=USD&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=cpc_ods&utm_content=dawn&utm_campaign=rem2-dpt-in-rf-tool-0812-sli&utm_ho=18&ad_id=23843718022530753&fbclid=IwAR1VwZcpTnLAel-g9QZ5h83AtQhgkrvEDlx4Rbql11NIMxPoQOQE_ljK3H0&cur_warehouse=CN)

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).

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