



ZL2VH Newsletter – December 2020

President's Report

Well, its time for the last QST of the year, the next will be Feb 2021.

The Car race on the Wainui Coast road was an absolute wash-out this year, so we have a large gap with our income this year. Many thanks to the usual suspects that made the effort to support the club. However, when the organiser asks for 7 marshals and the caravan that is what they require, not 6 and the van.

On a lighter note, thanks to Gavin we had access to the Baring Head regional park so we were able to setup the STSP repeater in a most useful site that provides coverage over the entire course. It was a challenge selecting the location and setting it up and was even worse the morning when we recovered our equipment.

Next year (if we are asked again) we should have little trouble gaining access to the site.

(Map follows....)



Last meeting this year will be on the 18th of Dec at a restaurant in Upper Hutt PYO, maybe BYO venue to be decided. (See below. – Ed.)

First meeting next year will be on the 15th at 7.30.

Sunday 20 Dec 2020:	Official Broadcast
Friday 01 Jan 2021:	NZART Portable Activity Day
Saturday 27 Feb 2021:	Jock White Field Day Contest
Sunday 28 Feb 2021:	Jock White Field Day Contest

73, Good DX

Mike ZL2NSA

Branch 63 Repeater Update

Nothing to report this month.

Branch 63 End of Year Dinner: Ammu Indian Restaurant Friday 18th December

Repeating last years successful Br63 end of year get together, we will be meeting to have a curry at 7:30 pm.

Ammu South Indian.

2 High Street (Next to Longhorn, across the road from Burger King).

We need numbers so please drop me a email if you (partners welcome too !) would like to go. See you there.
(Thanks to Ben for organising – Simon).

73's

Simon ZL2BRG

From Gavin ZL2ACT

I have just received word that “Wave”, the book-keeping service that I use to maintain the Branch books, is shifting its focus more to its Canada and US customers. From 1st December 2020, it no longer accepts new clients from outside of North America.

From 31st March 2021 it will no longer process credit card payments for clients outside of North America. It says that it will continue to support its non-North American clients, but this could change. It is encouraging its “foreign” clients to switch to Zoho, a subscription based service.

Even though I don't need to, I have decided to switch to “Pandle”, a free UK based book-keeping service. They process credit cards in a similar fashion to Wave, although in our case, the transaction fees will be a few cents more. Branch members will notice that invoices will have a

different appearance to them. For me, there is a bit of learning to be done, but I do see other benefits to the change

All the best for Christmas and the New Year

Gavin ZL2ACT

Branch 63 Treasurer

From Malcolm ZL2UDF

(An open letter to all Ham Radio operators:)

Ham Radio Needs To Embrace The Hacker Community Now More Than Ever - KJ7NZL

<https://www.kj7nzt.net/blog/ham-radio-needs-to-embrace-the-hacker-community-now-more-than-ever/>

“the type of individual who wants to comprehend how a given technology works”

“Start Promoting Software Defined Radio”

73 John ZL2XJ

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.

Season's Greetings to All (– Ed.)

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