



## ZL2VH Newsletter – September 2022

### President's Report

Spring is in the process of arriving, and the days are getting longer.

I had intended to get this out earlier but I've been away in Auckland and also I wanted to hear what happened at the NZART AGM this past weekend. Both remits were passed although the one concerning the reduction of NZART councillors down to 5 councillors was debated and amended so there are now 6 councillors (2 for South Island and 4 in the North).

The revised bandplan was accepted with no problems, John ZL2TWS worked hard to construct a future-proof plan which is now in force.

Other snippets heard was that RSM is likely to increase repeater licence fees in the near future, I expect that the club would carry the increase for a period of time before deciding if we can afford our current repeaters or we rationalize our assets. We are currently paying for 5 repeaters and 2 beacons costing \$350 a year. RSM has not indicated what the proposed new fees would be.

As mentioned in the email earlier this week there is a new way to gain access to the compound, this seemed to work alright the first time last Friday. Remember to call on 730 when you are at the gate.

The Mt Climie road is still out of action as the GWRC is waiting for a quote from the contractors before work will start, this means that we will not have vehicle access up there at this time, however volunteers to walk up and reset the Innovative power supply for the D-Star repeaters will be accepted.

Upcoming work up the hill will include; replacing the wifi link and cabling, re-installing the 10GHz beacon and a possible shifting of some of the DStar equipment to try and close up the cabinet so we get a few less rodents getting in there.

Remember club nights are every Friday at 7.30 pm.

73

Mike ZL2NSA

## **Branch 63 Repeater Report**

With spring on the horizon and hopefully better weather, planning is underway for work at Climie over the upcoming summer months. The Winter storms with a close by lightening strike at Climie created a fair amount of work for your repeater trustees, however we can't access the site until the Climie access track has been repaired first

### **Status Updates**

Climie KiwiDR

The Wifi Link to Climie suffered some damage and is working intermittently. Plans are underway to upgrade the Climie side of the link with a new Ubiquiti module along with new cat 6 screened cable.

10m Beacon      On Air

3cm Beacon      The RF head was removed and during testing was found to have been severely damaged by the close strike. Repairs are underway

1292 23cm              On Air

DSTAR 5425,860      Off Air pending PSU / Battery repairs

730                      On Air

395 6M                 On Air.

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