

October 2026



ZL1REG Radio Nets

Here is a list of Radio nets that the Club runs weekly.

I have also added nets that are located near us for your information.

VHF Net Sundays 7.30 pm on the ZL1REG Repeater 147.125Mhz No tone

6 Mtr SSB Net Thursdays 1900hrs 51.500 Mhz We are using USB. NC ZL1SE

2 Mtr SSB net Thursdays 7.30pm 144.220 USB NC ZL2TKH

HF Net Thursdays 8 pm 3615 Khz LSB NC ZL1PO

Sunday Night 1900. 432.220 USB

NON-Branch related nearby nets:

Every day except Sunday 9am on 147.125 Local 2 Mtr net. Net Controller ZL2BAT
Brian (2) We call this the "Welfare" net

Every Sunday 9am Waitomo Net on 147.375 Net Controller ZL1HZ Mick -ZL1IZ

Sunday 0830 ZL1VK Papakura Radio Club net 146.625

Feel free to contact me if you think other nets of interest could be added here.

Next meeting Saturday 10th October 1300 at the Glenview Club rooms.

Topics

Editor's Note:

What has everyone been up to over the last month. Any good DX on the HF bands. Please feel free to send me a report of what you have been working for the next magazine. I know when I was a Shortwave Listener, we used to send in trails of who we were listening to and even QSL's received.

I've been busy with the apps I reviewed last month QSO One, which is now live on the Google play store. This has been upgraded even more and is continually in development with more new networks in the pipeline.

This article is also now in the next Break in which is due out any day or you can download it earlier from the NZART Website.

**Club Website now Live Radio Electronics Group (REG) - ZL1REG |
Amateur Radio Club Hamilton, New Zealand**

Ham Radio Vlogs-Use full AmateurRadio.com • Ham Radio Blog

**Ham Radio Resources: The Top Blogs and Websites (hamradioprepper.com)
My Amateur Radio Story & My Advice for New Hams (youtube.com)**

KM1NDY – A Secret Little Adventure Ham Radio Blog

(2) Radio Electronic Group (Inc) | Facebook this is our own Club Facebook Page

The Best Ham Radio Cartoons PART TWO (youtube.com)

Ham Humour | NewHams.info

<https://www.voacap.com/hf/> Propagation predictions and long/short path calculations

<https://www.arnewsline.org/> Amateur Radio Newsline this is what is broadcast on the NZART national broadcast BTW.

Hamradio Blogs best: <https://hamradioplanet.com/top-10-ham-radio-blogs-and-websites-to-follow/>

<https://hamweekly.com/>

<https://daily.hamweekly.com/> Amateur Radio Daily

[SWS - Global HF - Ionospheric Map The Australian Bureau of meteorology. Australian Space Weather Forecasting Centre](#)

<https://www.dx-world.net/category/dx-news/> DX World.net. Up and coming HF Dxpeditions

<https://www.solarham.com/> Solar Ham

RSM Silent Key Call Sign List

If you are entering the hobby or want to change your existing call sign for a new one check the RSM listing of vacant call signs.

[Silent keys | Radio Spectrum Management New Zealand](#)

[Sites WaiPlenty Network](#) [Pics and details of the Waikato VHS Group](#)

Informal Meet up

Every 2 weeks there is an informal catch-up of Hams at the Workingmen's club on a Tuesday at 1730 hrs. Oct 6th & 20th meet-ups are good to catch up have a chat, drink and a feed. Add it to your calendar.

REG Equipment Library : For some time now REG have had an equipment library, made up of items generously donated by our members and others outside the club. This is made up of a handheld UHF/VHF FM dual-bander, dual band FM mobile, various power supplies and a range of test equipment. We have a book as the central equipment register, where members can book out equipment items for up to 3 months at a time.

Our club 'Equipment Librarian' is Kevin ZL2TKH (021-441999) who can answer any questions, and book out equipment.

Club UHF Repeater: Is now operational. Rx 433.875, Tx 438.875 No tone.

NZART Contest Calendar | New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters

October 2026

3rd and 4th Microwave Contest

3rd and 4th Oceania DX Contest: Phone

10th and 11th Oceania DX Contest: CW

Google Gmail HF Net Calendar

If you want a link to the Gmail HF net calendar then please get in touch with myself. It has all the known HF nets throughout ZL. This list is monitored to ensure accuracy. You have the ability to turn it off/on, which is a bonus. The link below should work as well

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=myzl1cjh%40gmail.com&ctz=Pacific%2FAuckland>

New Zealand and Australia Amateur Radio Magazine download:

There are many issues to download now. They are a good read. I have a small article in issue 3 on the Google HF net Calendar. Have a look around the website as well where they sell antennas, radios, and accessories. [New Zealand and Australian Amateur New Zealand Radio Magazine – The Ham Shack](#)

DX Calendar Link:

<https://hamradio.shaneburrell.com/dxpeditions> DX expedition calendar

New Club DMR Net:

These are happening every Sunday night at 2000 on BM TG 5301. We started off with a hiss and a roar but attendance has been getting smaller for some reason. I certainly need to advertise far and wide to get any major participation.





Hamcram Report:

Hamcram is coming soon on 17-18th October, as at print we have 3 attendees. 13 Folk showed interest initially. There is still time for more folk to respond.

Net report:

Welfare net every day on 147.127 Mhz has a good attendance. 9am

Thursday nights 1900 hrs net 51.500 Mhz USB we have been getting 3-4 on average.

1930 144.220 Mhz USB another 5 or so. People check in.

2000 hrs 3616 Khz LSB on average around 12 log in. Looking at moving to 40 mtrs in next few weeks.

Sunday 1900 hrs 432.220 Mhz USB on average 4 check ins.

1930 Hrs 147.125 Mhz FM around the 7 check ins.

2000 hrs DMR BM TG 5301 around the 4-5 mark. Notice a drop however over past few weeks.

Some Jokes.

Why did the ham radio operator bring a ladder to the shack?

Because he wanted to reach the higher bands!

I apologise for this one -I know it's a bit "corny"

AREC HAPPENINGS

Six Waikato AREC members attended the General Operator Assessment and Development in Auckland in September. While we are all proficient radio operators, this course encompassed the broader aspects of professional operation for deployments such as for SAR or CD.

We all had to bring our radio gear and a 12 hour Go Bag. Various bags were emptied and contents discussed. Of course, lots of food, First Aid kit, spare clothes, note pad with pencil, torches, and basic tool kit were among the essentials. While we are often sent to sites where we may not need any of this, there is always the possibility of this not being the case or also deploying repeaters in dark and wet!

Day 2 was more radio exercises, testing situations; perhaps no table and chair, and no nice laptop to record messages, but instead a quiet corner and pen & paper sitting on the floor, experiencing multiple teams not! Multiple personalities more like it, but deliberately calling for attention and handling. Next exercise, degree of difficulty stepped up to test us. 13 of us together, small, confined area outside, 2 channels only to share. Many messages including numbers, medical, NZ place names all competing for airtime. What can i say...distractions, and net discipline required! A really good weekend, from radio exercises to phone app quiz, The Chase on steroids which brought out a teensy bit of competitiveness in us 😊. Never a dull moment as our patient trainer listened to non-stop humour and laughing (not on air), no doubt fuelled by chocolate and coffee, but out of it, huge learnings by sharing, and building those team bonds. Definitely a development course to do.

Fabulous Waikato team of Daniel, Rob, Trish, Pieter and Thomas, Dave and great being with our cross the border Auckland team.

Earlier in September, Trish attended Waikato District Council's Emergency Management Community Response Group Training Day. This was a chance to introduce AREC to those unfamiliar with us, and to build and strengthen relationships. It covered aspects of EM's role in an event and the CIMS team, to tabletop exercises of welfare hub set up.

A Waikato team meeting this last Saturday and very exciting to see the energy and enthusiasm as we become equipment enabled, team roles being established and local exercises being planned.

John also on a weekend over Whitianga way, spent a day with a local SAR team training on radio operations. Always refreshing to do, and seeing the equipment different groups have. Thanks John, and he did get some r&r time also on his weekend away.

A fabulous active Waikato team.

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Waikato VHF Group: <https://www.zl1is.info/>

Was founded on 16 June 1963 by 10 amateurs, to serve the VHF needs of amateur radio operators in the region. The Group has progressed from that time to the present with virtually the same objectives in mind. The Group has a very comprehensive network of both VHF and UHF repeaters located at several strategic sites that cover a major portion of the North Island of New Zealand.

The objectives of the Group are: Amongst others;

1. To support the aims and objectives of the NZART
2. To foster local interest in Amateur Radio, particularly at VHF and higher frequencies
3. To establish and operate amateur transmitting and repeater stations

The Waikato VHF Group maintains numerous repeaters around the Waikato and Bay of Plenty region. Our major repeater system is the WaiPlenty Network, with repeaters located on the Kaimai Range between Matamata and Tauranga, another at Te Uku between Hamilton and Raglan, another on Maungakawa northeast of Huntly, and the fourth is Waihi North 8km north-east of Waihi. IRLP is available on the Network - Node 6549. A diagram of the Network is on the Home page of this site.

We also have National System equipment located on Chinaman's Hill on Hamilton's southern boundary towards Te Awamutu, and two on the Kaimai range east of Matamata.

Id encourage our members to join up this club and help support the network

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Friday 3:30pm - 7:30pm

Saturday 1:00pm - 7:30pm

Sunday 11:00am - 7:30pm

Peacockes Restaurant Hours