

May 2025



### **ZL1REG Radio Nets**

Here is a list of Radio nets that the Club runs on a weekly basis.  
I have also added nets that are located near us for your information.

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

2 Mtr SSB net Thursdays 7.15pm 144.220 SSB

HF Net Thursdays 8 pm 7.133 Mhz LSB. 3.615 Mhz coming soon. TBA

### **NON Branch related 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 Club meeting Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1300 at the Glenview Club rooms**  
**Note its a different date due to the 10<sup>th</sup> our normal monthly meeting clashing with our club sale day.**

### **Editors Note:**

The May edition of the newsletter will be sent out a couple of weeks early. Mainly to the fact that Ill be overseas on a cruise. We fly into Hawaii on the 4<sup>th</sup> May, where we stay a few days before our cruise starts. Will explore the big Island, Pearl Harbour museum. Our Cruise is to Vancouver where we stay a few more days then get a rental car and head up to the Rockies. Will be taking minimal radio equipment with me. You should be able to view my travels on APRS.fi if you are interested. Ill keep contact with the local repeaters via Brians Remote (ZL1HN) whilst we are away. Which Im very grateful for the access of. Will be back in NZ on the 30<sup>th</sup> May. The sale day is rapidly approaching. Entries are starting to come in. Good discussion last meeting about options.

Plans are well under way for the club to have some working HF antennas.

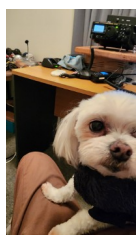
Sorry to see the recent passing of Trevor Service ZL4GJ a foundation member of our Club. Some stories and pics below.

Our club nets have been well attended of late. We are looking for members to go into a roster to help run the 40 mtr net on the Thursday night. If John ZL1PO and I are both tied up then we will be stuck.

I still try to get around the various branch nets and check in. Good to see whats going on in other club nets.

Dont forget about the Google HF net calendar which gives you all the info on when the various HF nets are on and details throughout NZ. Email me if you are interested.

### **Chris Hattan Editor ZL1CJH**



Id like to thank the folk that do send me articles for the newsletter.

### **Trevor SERVICE Obituary:**

After a second short courageous fight, making it to his 85th year, passed away on Saturday, April 26, 2025, to be with his beloved wife Valerie and son Brent (both deceased).

Loved daughters and sons-in-law Jillian and Ray, Wendy and Wayne and son Murray. A proud loving grandad of 14 and great-grandad of 33. A private family Cremation has been held.

Messages to 5 Bremridge Place, Melville, Hamilton 3206.

## **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 Humor | 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/>

### **Informal Meet up**

Every 2 weeks there is an informal catch up of Hams at the Workingmens club on a Tuesday at 1730 hrs. May meet ups are 6th/20th Good to catch up have a chat, drink and a feed. Add it to your calendar.

**QSL Bureau:** Incoming cards are received and sorted by Peter ZL1AAM and xyl Brenda.

Cards can be uplifted by :

1. Supplying a stamped addressed envelope or mailing package if large numbers are expected. Preferred stamps are KIWI stamps.

Postage charges and size and weight limits are available from Post shops or on the NZPO website.

2. Via your local Club-as above. Cards for all members on a list supplied by the relevant club are posted in bulk for distribution by the club.

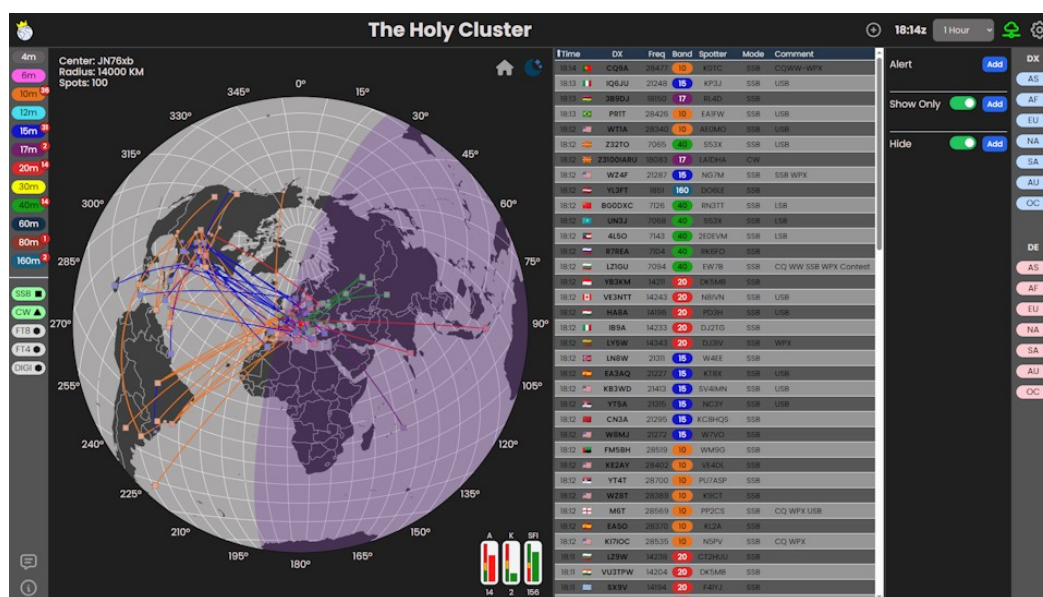
If you not wish to receive cards we would appreciate advice to this effect. Unclaimed cards will be held for 6 months before being disposed off.

**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.

This can be for newbies, once they have their callsign, to help them try some gear and then decide what they would like to purchase. We don't have any HF rigs at present, so if you have one gathering dust, and would like to donate them, that would be fantastic. 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.**



**Holy Cluster interactive map from IARC**

**To the members of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters [NZART],**

**We would love to see your radio club members use the "Holy Cluster".**  
<https://holycluster.iarc.org/>

**It is an innovative cluster design that emphasizes visualization.**

**Side by side with the classic spots table, we have created a map that let the user feel the bands conditions in a glance.**

- 🌐 **It is very easy to locate DXpeditions**
- 🌐 **The bands are color coded so it is very clear which band is open and in which direction (Very useful during contests)**
- 🌐 **The filter is flexible and smart:**

**One can filter by mode, band, and continent. A more sophisticated filter allows you to filter by prefix, suffix, or country, and also by spotter or DX.**

- 🌐 **It lets you set 'Alerts' so you never miss a rare DXCC**
- It also includes:**

🌑 **Dark Mode:** You can switch to dark mode in the settings menu for a more comfortable experience in low-light environments.

📄 **Sortable Spots Table:** You can sort the spots table simply by clicking any of the columns name for better organization.

📌 **Submit a New Spot:** We've added an option to submit new spots directly through the app.

📶 **Propagation Data:** You can view propagation data to better predict band conditions.

📍 **Map Center Indicator:** Shows a dot in the center of the map.

In the very near future we will add:

⚙️ **CAT Control:**

We are currently working on an advanced module that will enable radio control via CAT. This is a complex task, but we believe it will be well worth the wait!

This project is an open source. It is free and will always be free.

It is being developed by radio amateurs as a contribution to our community.

We hope your community finds this useful!

73,

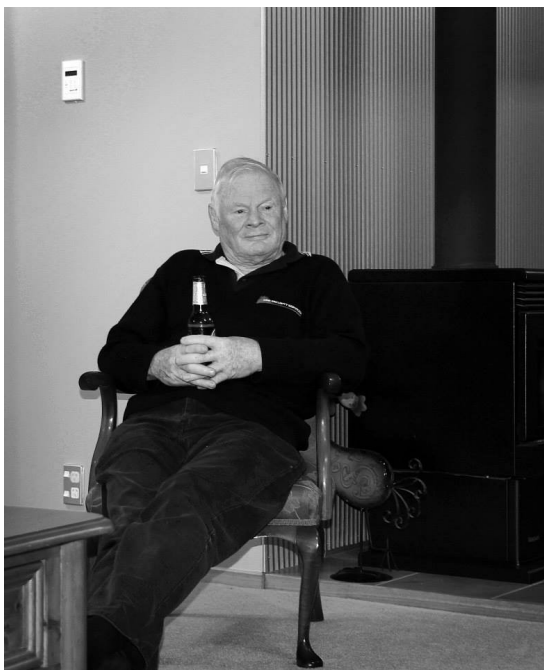
Gil, 4Z1KD

The "Holy Cluster" DEV Team

<https://holycluster.iarc.org/>

The above was taken from the Infoline #498 NZART email.

Sorry to report but we learnt today of the passing (yesterday morning 26-4-25 )of our Club member Trevor Service ZL4GJ. He was a foundation member of REG. In his younger years he was a short-wave listener and member of the NZDXRL



NZDXRL 1958 Trevor 2<sup>nd</sup> from right





Merv Branks Life member NZDXRL and Trevor Service 1958

## From Sutton Burtenshaw ZL4QJ

This is sad news indeed. Trevor and I go back to the fifties when we both were members of the Southland Branch of the New Zealand Radio DX League in our hometown Invercargill. Trevor was very active with monitoring signals on both the Medium Wave and Shortwave bands with African signals being the most sought after. Noise on the bands, even in those days, provided a struggle with our listening hobby from the city. Trevor and one or two others decided to look for possible quiet locations. Awarua Bay very near the future Tiwai Smelter site was found to be suitable and a bit of a shelter was erected in the bracken. We were always looking for new members and Trevor decided some publicity at the site just might interest a few souls so DNTV2 in Dunedin was contacted. Down came a cameraman and one other but they were more interested in the teletype and other sounds on the radio than nothing of overseas broadcasts and news was recorded! Trevor to say the least was not a happy chappie at all. As time progressed Trevor became more interested with Ham Radio and became licensed. However he was not entirely lost to the League and he became the 'go to fix it man' for maintenance of Arthur Cushen's long wire aerials that spanned a city block in all directions.

RIP Trevor ZL4GJ.

REG should remember the work Trevor did for the newly formed group, as Secretary and Treasurer, and in negotiating with Glenview Club for the use of the Pigeon loft and subsequent building of the clubrooms.

Trevor was the architect of the first "Things to be done" spreadsheet and organizer of the first of the Sales Days at Glenview.

Trevor turned out for many of the events where REG provided coms, never afraid of facing the elements when required to man a safety point.

Trevor was one of the REG party to travel to Great Barrier Island to assist with the setup of the community radio station and is still remembered on the island for his bag pipe playing on entry to one of the gatherings.

Trevor's presence will be missed.

Vern ZL2TKG

This wee snippet was penned by Peter Grenfell following the 1958 Long Beach convention:

"Arthur Cushen gave a number of short-wave tips and spoke on shortwave generally.

Greetings were received from Derek Howie, in camp, and Bill McLaren. The inter-branch trophies, the Columbus Cup, the Albert Stanton Cup, and the Hope MacGregor Memorial Cup, were on view and competition winners were presented with their awards. Items were given by the MT's Alcoholic Skiffle group (Brian Bellett, Trevor Service, Robin Shaw and Norm Austin), piano solos by Sutton Burtenshaw, and guitar and mouth-organ duet and songs by Norm Austin, the Scotch hillbilly."

Vy 73 Paul ZL4TT

I was interviewed on 13/4/25 on 89Free FM. Here is the link to listen in. <https://accessmedia.nz/player?EID=31bb0ac9-48a1-488e-b70f-8e595035cde7&audioOnlyMode=true>

I talked about my nursing career, CPNZ, Amateur Radio, AREC, and cruising.

#### TAKE THEM OFF THE ROAD

IT'S about time the authorities did something about older drivers on our roads.

For far too long older drivers have caused havoc as they hog the left lane, stick to the speed limits, even the roadworks limits, and stop at stop signs, causing great inconvenience and often prevent others from doing whatever they like.

Another major concern is that by avoiding fines and demerit points, they are not doing their bit for the revenue of the state, and therefore placing a further burden on younger drivers. Until older drivers can prove that they are proficient at weaving in and out of the traffic, driving while texting, tail gaiting, using drugs or doing burnouts they must be banned from holding a licence.

**J French, Hervey Bay**

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**WHEN** Saturday 10th May 2025  
Vendor entry: 8:30AM  
Public entry: 10:00AM

**COST**

Entry fee	Table fee
Public Lucky	Prebooked: \$20
Ticket entry: \$2	On the day: \$25

Vendor registration contact:  
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## Hours of Operation

Monday	330pm - 730pm
Tuesday	330pm - 730pm
Wednesday	330pm - Late
Thursday	330pm - Late
Friday	330pm - Late
Saturday	100pm - Late
Sunday	11:00am - 7:30pm

## Peacockes Restaurant Hours

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Sunday Brunch

11:00am - 2:00pm