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## FRONT COVER

Scan of NZ DX Club magazine June 1936 showing Auckland Branch members on their annual picnic at Pine Island.

Top photo - The organising committee  
Bottom photo. The group who attended.  
Members from the NZ DX Club went on to form the NZ Radio DX League in 1948.



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## CLOSING DATES FOR THE NEXT 3 MONTHS (2009/2010)

<b>December</b>	<b>Wednesday 2nd December</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Wednesday 6th January</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Wednesday 3rd February</b>

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## NEW LEAGUE EMAIL GROUPS

There are 2 new NZ Radio DX League email groups.

One group called dxdialog is discussed on page 20 of this magazine. This group is for general DX discussion of interest to members of the NZ Radio DX League and is free to join. This new group will replace the current Ripple, Greyline etc groups.

The other group called nzrdxl has been set up to discuss the Constitution review changes and other matters concerning the club. You will find details on page 35/36.

You can subscribe via the yahoo groups page or if you have any trouble registering via the webpage you can send an email (which is then actioned by the moderator Paul Ormandy)

Email addresses to subscribe are

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or  
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Please add the date, language in full, and country of transmitter origin of your logging to your report, and keep the reception details short.

**Please ensure the correct station is named in your logging as I have had several cases of incorrect station loggings of late. Please get a clear ID or show as tentative.**

## **kHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details**

3950	1416	TIBET, Xizang Lhasa poor and noisy in vernac – DD 29/9
3975	1412	PAKISTAN, R Islamabad fair in vernac – DD 29/9
4319U	1645	DIEGO GARCIA, AFN good in English with HR Block Commercial – CC 13/10
4460	1345	CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing good in Chinese – DD 29/9
4796.4	0820	BOLIVIA Radio Lipez with regular idents in SS over music 18/10. Poor-fair. Per internet reports, this is new name for Radio Maluku. BCM
4820	1350	TIBET, Xizang Lhasa v noisy in vernac // 4905 – DD 29/9
4865	0524	BRAZIL Radio Alvorada fair in PP through noisy atmospheric 21/10 with EZL vocals. Jingle ID & time check 0547. BCM
4885	0650	BRAZIL. Clube Do Para. (Tent) Fair in Portuguese. – IC 3/10
4915	0700	BRAZIL. R.Dif. de Macapa. (TENT) poor in Portuguese, - IC 22/10
4920	13509	INDIA, AIR Chennai poor and noisy in Hindi – DD 29/9
4930	1600	BOTSWANA, VOA fair with news in English – DD 15/9
4950	1403	INDIA, AIR Srinagar poor and noisy in Hindi – DD 29/9
4955	1036	PERU Radio Cutral Amauta, Huanta fair with folk songs 2/11, time checks, IDs in SS, frequent references to 'Huanta'. BCM
4985	0827	BRAZIL, R Brazil Central fair in Portuguese with male singer, a little scratchy, ID at 0828 – CC 28/10
5020	0707	SOLOMON ISLANDS SIBC Honiara reactivated, noted 8/10 with news of reactivation in EE, mentioning just in time to communicate tsunami warning. Very good strength but modulation rough and some breakdowns noted. BCM
5020	0745	SOLOMON ISLANDS. SIBC. Good in Tok Pisin - IC 15/10
5020	1000	SOLOMON ISL. Solomon BC with news in English and songs, fair to good. -TN 11.10
5070	0740	USA, WWCR fair in English – DD 14/10
5765U	0815	GUAM, AFRTS from Barrigada with AFN news in English, fair. -TN 21.10
5925	1339	CHINA, CNR-5 Zhonghua v good in Chinese – DD 29/9
5940	1530	LITHUANIA. HCJB via Sitkunai. Presume this is the religious one heard here in Russian. Poor. – IC 11/10
5945	1335	CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing good in Chinese – DD 29/9

- 5955 1331 CHINA, CRI v good with news in English – DD 29/9
- 5980 0727 USA Radio Marti excellent in SS with popular Cuban vocals, IDs  
Parallel 6030 heavily jammed at this time 28/10. BCM
- 5980 0730 BRAZIL. Radio Guaruja. Poor in Portuguese. – IC 22/10
- 6020 1309 AUSTRALIA, R Australia good with ABC news in English – DD 29/9
- 6065 1313 CHINA, CRI v good in Chinese – DD 29/9
- 6075 0735 U.K. RDW via Woofferton. Good in German. – IC 22/10
- 6080 2013 AUSTRALIA, R Australia fair in English – DD 4/10
- 6085 1317 TAIWAN, R Taiwan v good in Chinese – DD 29/9
- 6105 1800 GERMANY, Radio Svoboda from Lampertheim with Russian px. Good. -TN 5.10
- 6135 0807 BRAZIL, R Aparecida good in Portuguese with talk and music  
// 5035 weaker – CC 28/10
- 6145 0440 SOUTH AFRICA BBC via Meyerton in PP to Africa, poor-fair in the clear  
28/10. EE lessons noted at 0455 retune. Scheduled weekdays only. BCM
- 6145 1450 TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl fair in Chinese with comment and male singing,  
scratchy with QRM // 9680 the same – CC 12/10
- 6165 0457 CHAD Radio Nationale, Ndjamena fair-good in the clear after Radio  
Netherlands Bonaire closes, until Bonaire returns at 0557. First  
observed 1/11 after period on 4905. Drumbats 0530 followed  
by 'Ici Ndjamena' ID and news in FF. BCM
- 6180 1913 INDIA AIR Bangalore good in EE to Europe 2/11 but mixed Russian from  
1930. Good signals on // 9445, 7550 & 7410. ID 1944 then changed to  
Hindi programming. BCM
- 6185 0721 BRAZIL Radio Nacional da Amazonia very good in PP 28/10 with  
popular vocals, ID as 'Nacional da Amazonia, programa de bon  
dia'. 11780 parallel was fair. BCM
- 6195 1320 SINGAPORE, BBC WS fair with comment in English – DD 29/9
- 6200 1324 TIBET, Xizang Lhasa fair in vernac – DD 29/9
- 7165 0357 ETHIOPIA? Clandestine to Eritrea, Very good opening 9/10 with  
repeated ID annc't mentioning 'democrati' and 'Eritrea' so tentatively  
'Voice of Peace & Democracy of Eritrea' listed Mon/Wed/Fri at this time.  
ID at 0359 gave 2 frequencies but unable to locate parallel on 9560  
or other Ethiopia frequency. BCM
- 7205 1930 IRAN, VOIRI fair in English opening with chimes, ID and anthem, surging  
// 6205 same – CC 19/10
- 7205 1950 TURKEY, VOT poor and very noisy in English – DD 4/10
- 7215 1815 ROMANIA, R Romania Intl fair in English with ID and music, light QRM – CC 25/10
- 7220 0647 MONACO. TWR-Europe. Fair in Polish. – IC 28/10
- 7240 2002 AUSTRALIA, R Australia excellent with news in English – DD 4/10
- 7265 0600 FRANCE. RFI. VG in French. – IC 22/10
- 7275 0605 TUNISIA. RTV Tunisienne. VG in Arabic.// 7335 - IC . 22/10
- 7275 1948 SPAIN, REE good in Spanish with excited comment, ID and address  
1955, ID 2000 then news in Spanish – KAB 10/10
- 7275 2008 SPAIN, REE excellent in Spanish – DD 4/10
- 7280 1915 VIETNAM, V of Vietnam good with news in English – DD 10/10

7295 2005 CHINA, CRI poor with news in English – DD 4/10  
7310 0610 PORTUGAL. RDE (Who is this?? Ed) via Sines. Good in English.- IC 22/10  
7315 1815 CHINA, CRI good in Chinese, ID 1817 then comment – KAB 12/10  
7320 1940 RUSSIA, WYFR good in German after IS, with comment – KAB 10/10  
7330 2120 SRI LANKA. RDW. fair in German.- IC 8/10  
7335 0700 TUNISIA, RTV Tunisienne Sfax with programme in Arabic, fair to good. -TN 23.10  
7340 1801 CHINA, CRI good in Italian – DD 13/10  
7340 1818 GERMANY, presumed R Farda good in Farsi with comment – KAB 12/10  
7375 1820 CYPRUS, BBC WS good in Arabic, ID 1820 then comment and music – KAB12/10  
7385 1248 CHINA, CRI v good in Chinese // 7345 excellent, 7305 v good, 7285 good but noisy – DD 29/9  
7395 2003 PORTUGAL, RNW-Sines, very good in Arabic until close at 2057. 30/10 RFK  
7400 0744 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria good in English with talk about wines, ID 0747 // 5900 weaker – CC 28/10  
7405 0625 USA. Radio Marti. Fair in Spanish.- IC 22/10  
7405 1850 CHINA, CRI fair in English with economic and corporate news, ID 1855 then Chinese language lesson – KAB 27/10  
7410 1844 INDIA, AIR Delhi good with news in English – DD 13/10  
7415 1825 CHINA, CRI fair in Chinese with station announcements and web address, off at 1830 – KAB 12/10  
7455 1850 THAILAND, VOA fair in presumed Farsi with comment, ID 1859 then more comment, 1900 singing – KAB 12/10  
7520 1845 THAILAND, RFE/RL good in presumed Georgian with ethnic music, ID and web address 1848 – KAB 27/10  
7570 1905 THAILAND Radio Thailand very good strength in EE with economic news 2/11, but mixed North Korea in SS. // 12015 only poor signal. BCM  
7575 1301 PHILIPPINES, VOA good with news in English – DD 29/9  
7580 1835 SRI LANKA, R Farda presumed good in Farsi with comment – KAB 27/10  
7600.1 0800 EUROPE FRS Holland opening weak 11/10 with rock music. Next broadcast scheduled for 15/11. Quick email QSL confirms power as 350 watts. BCM

### OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

**All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed**

<b>kHz</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>Country, Station, Programme, &amp; Reception Details</b>
3345	0356	SOUTH AFRICA, Channel Africa, 0356-0410 Sep 16, group tribal vocals to 5+1 time pips at 0400 followed by ID and news in English. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4770	0446	NIGERIA, Radio Nigeria – Kaduna, 0446-0504 Sep 23, vocals with a man announcer barely audible. 0500 ID into news in English at thankful peak. Generally quite poor alternating between under and over the noise floor. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 4828 0418 ZIMBABWE, Radio Zimbabwe, 0418-0438 Sep 17, lively vocal group but as song ended and perhaps voice began, the modulation fell apart. Fair signal with some CODAR QRM prior to the entire transmission falling apart. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4865 0224 BRAZIL, Radio Alvorada – Londrina, 0224-0309 Oct 4, religious program with man talking in Portuguese, soft vocals, more talks. End of program at 0300 followed by a man with ID into new program. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4985 0313 BRAZIL, Radio Brazil Central, 0313-0344 Oct 8, religious group vocals followed by a man preacher in Portuguese. More music around 0327 until another man spoke at length. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5010 0246 MADAGASCAR, Radio Madagasikara, 0246-0314 Sep 25, noted on early with soft vocals until 0259 when man and woman announcers in Malagasy gave ID and announcements. More music followed at 0302. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5975 0503 ENGLAND, Radio Japan via Rampisham, 0503-0530\* Sep 26, English service with a woman announcer providing the news followed by several IDs and two men and a woman hosting a musical features program. Fair. , (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6025 0251 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Radio Amanecer, 0251-0307\* Sep 28, soft inspirational music to 0302 when a man spoke in Spanish, ID, prayer and possible closedown announcement before plug pulled. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6030 0353 ETHIOPIA, Radio Oromia (presumed), 0353-0420 fade out Sep 28, woman with Horn of Africa vocals, flutes and group singing. At 0400 woman announcer in presumed Oromo language talked (news?) with brief music segment at 0411. Poor with buzzing noise. Signal was stronger than last week but much noisier tonight. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6030 0358 ETHIOPIA, Radio Oromia (tentative), 0358-0422 Sep 21, apparent opening with woman announcer in UNID language (presumably local Oromo language if them) followed by news at 0400. A couple of selections of male local vocals at 0411. Very poor but no Marti/jammer made this possible. Another station beginning to build around tune out (Canadian?) as this seemed to fade out. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6110 0321 ETHIOPIA, Radio Fana, 0321-0410 Sep 18, non-stop Horn of Africa music to 0328 Amharic talk and ID by a man announcer. More vocals until feature talk item commenced at 0342. ID and news at 0400. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6297.1 2346 CLANDESTINE (Western Sahara), Radio Nacional de la R.A.S.D., 2346-0002\* Sep 13, non-stop pop music with man announcer giving ID and closedown at 2000 followed by orchestra national anthem. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7165 0356 ERITREA, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, \*0356-0422 Oct 6, IS followed by opening at 0400 by a man announcer in local language, news before music program at 0411. Jammer seemed to find them around the time the music program began. Poor to fair until jammer covered channel. (D'Angelo-PA)

7620 1057 CHINA, China National Radio – 5, 1057-1109 Oct 4, instrumental music until 1100 when man and woman gave ID and announcements in Mandarin. News. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

My thanks to all the contributors for this month.  
Ken Baird

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# BANDWATCH OVER 9MHZ

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Please add the **date, language and country of origin** of your loggings to your report and keep reception details short. To avoid duplication, please check that your loggings have not already been entered during the last three months and **send your loggings early, don't wait until the closing date!**

- | KHZ        | UTC  | Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details  |
|------------|------|---|
| 9345       | 1433 | MADAGASCAR, RNW, YL with ID & Station anncnmts, gd in EE, 12/10, CC   |
| 9385       | 0235 | USA. WYFR. Poor in English. 9/10, IC  |
| 9435       | 1905 | CHINA, CRI, with news and reports, fair in EE, 2/10. DD   |
| 9440       | 0127 | SLOVAKIA, Rad.Slov. Int, OM with ID & IS repeated. Scratchy, f/gd in EE, 8/10, CC   |
| 9445       | 1912 | INDIA, AIR, with press review, gd in EE, 4/10, DD   |
| 9480       | 0142 | RWANDA, DW, Fair in GG, I/S ID 0459, 13/10, KB  |
| 9485       | 1830 | CYPRUS, BBC world serv, with news, world of music, gd in EE, 4/10, DD   |
| 9495       | 0157 | IRAN VOIRI 'The Voice of Justice' fair with EE news 0157 20/10. Ident 0226, news headlines & closedown. Frequency dropped since 25/10, 20/10, BCM   |
| 9510       | 0800 | SLOVAKIA Radio City via IRRS vgd with 'motown-style' oldies pops, idents in Dutch-accented EE. Scheduled 3rd Saturday of the month, and likely retimed to 0900 from November. Quick QSL, 17/10, BCM |
| 9525.91822 |      | INDONESIA Radio Republik Indonesia poor in SS to Europe. Closing anncts 1830 then into GG, 16/10, BCM   |
| 9565       | 0855 | BRAZIL, R.Super Deus è Amor, Poor in PP relg //6060 poor, ID 0901, 18/10, KB  |
| 9570       | 0800 | KOREA S. KBS with news in English. Good, 21/10, TN  |
| 9570       | 0848 | S KOREA, KBS world Rad, Discussion about camping in Korea, gd in EE, 28/10, CC  |
| 9570       | 1500 | PHILIPPINES. RVA. Fair in Russian after English IDs. 26/10, IC  |
| 9580       | 1915 | AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with news in EE, v/gd, 2/10, DD   |
| 9625       | 0900 | JAPAN, NHK Tokyo with English news. Good, 1/11, TN  |
| 9660       | 0259 | MADAGASCAR ?? Vatican R, Poor in EE to Africa, //7360 weak, 11/10, KB   |
| 9660       | 0305 | MADAGASCAR Vatican Radio fair in EE for Africa, // 7360 which was poor but clear. 9660 has RA Brandon in the background and RA was more obvious during Vatican Radio's FF tx at 0430, 3/11 BCM      |
| 9660       | 1915 | ?? Rad.Netherland, fair In EE, 4/10, DD   |
| 9680       | 1014 | INDONESIA, RRI Jakarta, Good in ll phone-in, 19/10, KB  |
| 9710       | 1750 | AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, v/gd in EE, 4/10, DD  |
| 9725       | 1419 | THAILAND, Rad.Thailand, OM with info for visitors to Thailand, gd in EE, 25/10, CC  |
| 9740       | 0931 | SINGAPORE, BBC, with world update, gd in EE, 14/10, DD  |

- 9855 1935 IRAN VOIRI Teheran fair in EE with Quran // 6010 weak, 7320 poor. At 1938 programme summary and "today's headlines from Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran". 2/11, BCM
- 9895 0400 MADAGASCAR, R.V.o.The People, Poor/fair in EE s/on, then vern, 11/10, KB
- 9930 0830 PALAU, T8WH from Medorm with English religious. Fair, 19/10, TN
- 9990 1928 EGYPT, Rad.Cairo, very noisy, fair in Hausa, 2/10, DD
- 10320 0800 HAWAII, AFRTS Pearl Harbor (USB) with AFN news in English. Good, 5/10, TN
- 11610 2001 FRANCE, Rad.Netherl, with Newline, gd in EE, 26/9, DD
- 11620 1950 SPAIN, REE, v/gd in EE, 26/9, DD
- 11650 0701 SLOVAKIA, Rad.Slov.with news in EE to Australia, fair in EE, 16/10, DD
- 11660 1953 FRANCE, Rad.Netherl, gd in EE, close at 2000, 26/9, DD
- 11670 2210 CUBA. Radio Nacional Venezuela. Fair in Spanish via RHC. 8/10, IC
- 11675 1510 CHINA, RCI, YL & OM discussing climate change, ID at 1518, scratchy, 16/10, CC
- 11675 1600 GUAM, AWR from Agat with English religious. Good, 27/10, TN
- 11675 1900 SRI LANKA, VOA, ID in Tigrinya. Fair, 27/10, TN
- 11700 0740 FRANCE, RFI, gd in FF, 16/10, DD
- 11730 0416 INDIA. AIR. Good in Persian. Into Arabic at 0430. 11/10, IC
- 11775 1920 ANGUILLA University Network good with Melissa Scott preaching. At 1958 "You are watching the University Network", 2/11, BCM
- 11780 0220 BRAZIL, R.Nacional da Amazonia, Fair in PP, mx, phone-in, ID 0230, 14/10, KB
- 11835 1404 MADAGASCAR, RNW, Fair in EE nx, ID1410, 21/10, KB
- 11860 1300 UK. Polish Radio via Woofferton. Fair in English. 30/10, IC
- 11880 2010 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, exc.in EE, 26/9, DD
- 11895 1030 N.MARIANAS ISL., RNW via Tinian with English. Fair, 12/10, TN
- 11925 0540 BRAZIL, R.Bandeirantes, Fair in PP, adverts, mx, football, TS (...) every 15 mins, 17/10, KB
- 11970 0400 UZBEKISTAN. CVC Voice Asia via Tashkent. Fair in English, IC.
- 11975 0730 GERMANY. AWR via MB. VG in Arabic. 25/10, IC
- 11990 1830 KUWAIT, Rad Kuwait, Time pips, then OM with ID & news, Gd in EE, 19/10, CC
- 11995 1030 GERMANY. Polish Radio via MB. VG in Polish. 20/10, IC
- 12150 1500 SRI LANKA, VOA Iranawila with VOA News. Fair, 26/10, TN
- 12160 1200 USA. WEWN. Poor in English. N/F 2/10, IC
- 12755 1300 CHINA. CRI. Poor in English. 13/10, IC
- 13690 1300 GERMANY. Polish Radio. via MB. VG in Russian. 21/10, IC
- 13695 1920 FRANCE, RFI, gd in FF, 4/10, DD
- 13820 2023 ENGLAND, BBC, with news hour, fair in EE, 26/9, DD
- 13845 2927 USA, WWCR, fair in EE but noisy, 29/9, DD
- 15215 2215 GUAM. KSDA. VG with English language lessons. 13/10, IC
- 15250 2302 CUBA Radio Nacional de Venezuela via Havana opened abruptly with EE & SS talk Also id's as "RNV". Closed abruptly mid-sentence 2358. On 18/10 reception badly QRMed by strong Christian Voice via Darwin in Indonesian, whilst // 13680 audible under Radio Japan, 15/10 & 18/10, BCM
- 15280 0105 PHILIPPINES. RVA. Fair in Urdu.//17860 better. 26/10, IC
- 15280 2245 N.MARIANAS. RNW via Aginan Point. VG in Indonesian. 19/10, IC
- 15300 1935 FRANCE, RFI, fair in FF, 4/10, DD
- 15400 1940 ASCENSION\ ISL, BBC, Africa Serv, poor in EE, noisy, 4/10, DD

- 15460 0258 PHILIPPINES Vatican Radio opening in EE to South Asia via Radio Veritas Asia relay, vgd, Tamil noted from 0225 tune-in, then Urdu at 0235, 4/10, BCM
- 15525 2235 AUSTRALIA. HCJB. VG in English. 19/10, IC
- 15575 1140 CYPRUS, BBC, fair in EE, 14/10, DD
- 15585 1130 SPAIN, REE, fair in SS, 14/10, DD
- 15770 2230 USA. WYFR. Poor in English. 19/10, IC
- 17605 2230 N.ANTILLES. RNW via Bonaire. Poor in Dutch. 19/10, IC
- 17635 1030 SRI LANKA, DW, gd in GG, but noisy, 14/10, DD
- 17670 1015 CHINA, CRI, v/gd in mandarin, 14/10, DD
- 17680 2215 CHILE. CVC La Voz. Fair in Spanish. 19/10, IC
- 21495 1050 S ARABIA, BSKSA, poor in AA, 14/10, DD
- 21610 1048 SPAIN, REE, poor/fair in SS, 14/10, DD
- 21670 1042 S ARABIA, BSKSA, fair in Indonesian, 14/10, DD

### OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

**All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed**

- | <b>kHz</b> | <b>UTC</b> | <b>Country, Station, Programme, &amp; Reception Details</b>   |
|------------|------------|---|
| 11500      | 1657       | MADAGASCAR, Radio Dabanga, Arabic language talks, news and news features with several remote feeds, jingle IDs at 1714 and 1726. Man with ID and closedown prior to carrier being terminated. Fair. //13730 (Wertachtal, Germany) was poor to fair, 28/9, RDA |
| 11810      | 1931       | ASCENCION ISLANDS, BBC WS, ID followed by The Story of Africa featuring origin of Christianity in Africa. IDs and program previews at 1958 followed by 5+1 time pips at 2000, BBC World Service ID and Newshour. Fair in EE, 13/9, RDA                        |
| 11915      | 2311       | BRAZIL, Radio Gaucha, 2311-2334, man announcer with Portuguese talk, promos, IDs, sports highlights to time pips at 2330. P/fair, 27/9, RDA   |
| 12050      | 1904       | CLANDESTINE (Nigeria), Radio Biafra via Rampisham, program of talks by two men featuring numerous IDs ("This is Radio Biafra, London"), phone calls and text messages from listeners. Fair with deep fades, 19/9, RDA   |
| 17745      | 1544       | PORTUGAL, Sudan Radio Service via Sines, various discussions in Arabic to theme music at 1600, ID and more talks. Poor to fair signal but very deep fades making overall reception poor, 19/9, RDA  |

### Contributors this month

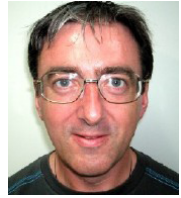
- BCM** Bryan Clark at Mangawhai with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE and E, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas
- CC** Cliff Couch, Paraparaumu, Sangean ATS 803A, 60 m horiz.loop
- DD** Des Davey, Te Kuiti, FRG-7700, National DR-48, 50M and 80M long wires.
- IC** Ian Cattermole, Blenheim, JRC NRD-535, Antenna EWE
- KB** Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin, Eton E5, tabletop loop
- RDA** Richard d'Angelo, Wyomissing, Ten-Tec RX-340, Eton E2, Drake R-8B, Lowe HF 150, Eton E5, Alpha/Delta DX sloper RF systems Mini Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4
- TN** Terry Nielsen, Christchurch. Lowe HF150, Sangean ATS-803A, EWE

# ENGLISH IN TIME ORDER

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Time Order summary of Ken's BandWatch Under 9MHz & Phil's BandWatch Over 9MHz columns. For station transmitter sites please refer to the BandWatch columns. Please remember to include the date and signal strength with all your loggings and send them to the Under/Over 9MHz Bandwatch column editors, thanks.

The Solar Flux is aired daily over WWV/WWVH on 2.5, 5, 10, 15 and 20 MHz Shortwave at 18 & 45 minutes past every hour. For propagation forecasts please refer to Mike's column.

\*\*\*SIGNAL STRENGTHS\*\*\* e = Excellent; g = Good; f = Fair; p = Poor.

73 - Yuri, ZLIGYM <http://www.linradio.com/sources.htm>

## NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0127	9440g	Radio Slovakia Int	SLOVAKIA	8/10	CC
0157-0226	9495f	VOIRI	IRAN	20/10	BCM
0235	9385p	WYFR	USA	9/10	IC
0259	7360p:9660p	Vatican R	VATICAN	11/10	KB
0305	7360p:9660f	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	3/11	BCM
0400	11970f	CVC	UZBEKISTAN?	-	IC
0610	7310g	RDE	PORTUGAL	22/10	IC
0701	11650f	Radio Slovakia	SLOVAKIA	16/10	DD
0707	5020g	SIBC	SOLOMON IS	8/10	BCM
0740	5070f	WWCR	USA	14/10	DD
0744-0747	5900f:7400g	R Bulgaria	BULGARIA	28/10	CC
0800	9510	Radio City	SLOVAKIA?	17/10	BCM
0800	9570g	KBS	SOUTH KOREA	21/10	TN
0800	10320(USB)g	AFRTS	USA	5/10	TN
0815	5765(USB)f	AFRTS	USA	21/10	TN
0830	9930f	T8WH	PALAU	19/10	TN
0848	9570g	KBS World Radio	SOUTH KOREA	28/10	CC
0900	9625g	NHK	JAPAN	1/11	TN
0931	9740g	BBC	UK	14/10	DD
1000	5020g	Solomon Islands BC	SOLOMON ISL	11/10	TN
1030	11895f	RNW	NETHERLANDS	12/10	TN
1140	15575f	BBC	UK	14/10	DD

1200	12160p	WEWN	USA	2/10	IC
1300	11860f	Polish Radio	POLAND	30/10	IC
1300	12755p	CRI	CHINA	3/10	IC
1301	7575g	VOA	USA	29/9	DD
1309	6020g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	29/9	DD
1320	6195f	BBC WS	UK	29/9	DD
1331	5955g	CRI	CHINA	29/9	DD
1404-1410	11835f	RNW	NETHERLANDS	21/10	KB
1419	9725g	Radio Thailand	THAILAND	25/10	CC
1433	9345g	RNW	NETHERLANDS	12/10	CC
1600	4930f	VOA	USA	15/9	DD
1600	11675g	AWR	GUAM	27/10	TN
1645	4319(USB)g	AFN	USA	13/10	CC
1750	9710g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	4/10	DD
1815	7215f	R Romania Int	ROMANIA	25/10	CC
1830	9485g	BBC WS	UK	4/10	DD
1830	11990g	Radio Kuwait	KUWAIT	19/10	CC
1844	7410g	AIR	INDIA	13/10	DD
1850-1855	7405f	CRI	CHINA	27/10	KAB
1905	7570g:12015p	Radio Thailand	THAILAND	2/11	BCM
1905	9435f	CRI	CHINA	2/10	DD
1912	9445g	AIR	INDIA	4/10	DD
1913-1930	6180g:7410g:7550g:9445g	AIR	INDIA	2/11	BCM
1915	7280g	V of Vietnam	VIETNAM	10/10	DD
1915	9580g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	2/10	DD
1915	9660f	Radio Netherland	NETHERLANDS	4/10	DD
1927	13845f	WWCR	USA	29/9	DD
1930	6205f:7205f	VOIRI	IRAN	19/10	CC
1940	15400p	BBC	UK	4/10	DD
1950	7205p	VOT	TURKEY	4/10	DD
1950	11620g	REE	SPAIN	26/9	DD
1953-2000	11660g	Radio Netherlands	NETHERLANDS	26/9	DD
2001	11610g	Radio Netherlands	NETHERLANDS	26/9	DD
2002	7240e	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	4/10	DD
2005	7295p	CRI	CHINA	4/10	DD
2010	11880e	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	26/9	DD
2013	6080f	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	4/10	DD
2023	13820f	BBC	UK	26/9	DD
2230	15770p	WYFR	USA	19/10	IC
2235	15525g	HCJB	ECUADOR	19/10	IC

# SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST FOR DECEMBER 2009



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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index (SFI) range of 69-82. An \* = good reception only above Index of 75. At last, we have achieved the 9th progressive increase of monthly average SFI since the low in July last year which, according to my calculations, confirms that we are now in the new Solar Cycle 24.

## Times-Shortwave Bands:

UTC MHZ	UTC MHZ	UTC MHZ	UTC MHZ	UTC MHZ
Europe	Africa	Russia	Australia	Cent America
18 4-11-15*	18 7-13,15*	18 6-7	18 6-11	18 -
19 6-9, 11*	19 7-15	19 7	19 6-11	19 -
20 6-11	20 9-15	20 -	20 6-11	20 -
21 9	21 9-17	21 7	21 7-17	21 17
22 11	22 -	22 -	22 9-17,21*	22 11-15
23 -	23 -	23 -	23 13-17,21*	23 -
0 9-11	0 -	0 15	0 13-17,21*	0 15
1 11*13*	1 -	1 -	1 13-17,21*	1 -
2 9-13*	2 -	2 9-15	2 13-21	2 -
3 7-9	3 9*-11*	3 7	3 13-21	3 11*13*
4 6-11	4 7-11*	4 6-11	4 11-17	4 6-11
5 6- 9,11*	5 7-11	5 7	5 11-17	5 5-9,11*
6 6-11-21*	6 6-9,11*	6 6-17	6 5-17	6 5-9,11*
7 6-11-21*	7 6-9	7 6,11-17	7 5-17	7 5-11
8 6-17,21*	8 9*	8 6-17	8 5-17	8 5-11
9 7-15-21*	9 -	9 6-17	9 4-13,15*	9 5-9

Middle East	Asia	North Pacific	Nth America	Sth America
18 6-11	18 6-9-15*	18 6- 9,15*	18 11,17	18 -
19 6-9,11*	19 6-7, 9*	19 6-13	19 6-11	19 17*
20 7, 9*	20 7-11	20 9-13	20 9-13	20 -
21 9*	21 11	21 11-13-17*	21 11,13*	21 11
22 9-11	22 15	22 11-17	22 11-17	22 15
23 -	23 9-15	23 11-17	23 15	23 -
0 -	0 15-17	0 11-21	0 -	0 -
1 -	1 11-17	1 13-21	1 13*	1 -
2 -	2 9-21	2 11-21	2 11	2 11
3 9-13	3 11-17,21*	3 15-21	3 11*	3 9
4 7-15,17*	4 9-21	4 9-21	4 7-11	4 -
5 6-17,21*	5 15-17,21*	5 9-21	5 6-9	5 11
6 6-21	6 13-17,21*	6 5-21	6 6-9	6 5-11
7 15-17	7 11-17,21*	7 5-21	7 5-9	7 5-11
8 -	8 7-17,21*	8 5-17,21*	8 5-9	8 5-11
9 17-21	9 4-21	9 5-15-21*	9 3-9,11*	9 5-9,11*

The October Average Solar Flux was 72.5 - up from September's 70.4

# SHORTWAVE REPORT

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## AUSTRALIA:

### RADIO AUSTRALIA

From 26 October 2009 until 28 March 2010, 11980 kHz will carry Radio Australia's service to Burma in English and Burmese. The commencement date of the Burmese-language component will be announced shortly.

11980 kHz operates from 1600-1700 UT from the Cox Peninsula station using a 250 kW sender and an aerial bearing of 314 degrees. Please publicise this notice as you see fit.

Kind regards

Nigel Holmes

Transmission Manager

RADIO AUSTRALIA

### HCJB

HCJB Global Australia Effective: 25 October 2009 - 28 March 2010

English

0000-0030	15525as	(Asia)
0100-0200	15400as	
0200-0300	15400as	
0730-0800	11750as	
0800-0900	11750pa	(Pacific)
0900-0930	11750pa	
1030-1100	15400as	
1100-1200	15400as	
1145-1200	15340as	
1200-1300	15400as	
1300-1400	15340as 15400as	
1400-1430	15400as	
1500-1530	15340as	
2200-2300	15525as	
2345-0000	15400as	

(Alokesh Gupta, India)

## INDIA:

English language changes.

English 1000-1100	Bangalore 13710 (ex 13695), 15235 (ex 15410)
English 1745-1945	Bangalore 7410 (ex Delhi), 6180 (ex 11620)
English 2045-2230	Bangalore 6180 (ex 11620)
English 2245-0045	Bangalore 7305
English 2245-0045	Delhi 6055 (ex 11620) (All India Radio)

## BELGIUM

Radio Vlaanderen confirms end of shortwave

RVI has officially confirmed that it is dropping its shortwave transmissions. The final shortwave broadcast will be on Saturday 24 October. RVI has been broadcasting a limited shortwave service to expats in southern Europe, but replies to a recent listeners' questionnaire showed a declining audience for this service in favour of satellite and Internet, and the costs of using shortwave can no longer be justified.

(Source: RVI website/R Netherlands Media Network Weblog)

## ITALY.

B09/Winter 2009 schedule for IRRS-Shortwave

5990	0530-0630	Mon-Thu	150 kW Europe	English (1)
7290	1800-2100	Fri,Sat,Sun	150 kW Europe,ME,Africa	English (1)
9510	1030-1300	Sun	150 kW Europe,ME,N.Africa	English (2)
9510	0900-1000	Sat	150 kW Europe,ME,N.Africa	English (2)
9835	0300-0600	Daily	150 kW Africa	Engl,Arab(3)
15650	1500-1800	Daily	150 kW Africa	Engl,Arab(3)

(1) To Europe, Middle East and Africa

(2) To Europe, Middle East and North Africa

(3) to Africa

IRRS-Shortwave,

PO BOX 10980, I-20110 Milano, Italy.

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## LITHUANIA:

Effective from early September, Russian programmes of HCJB have been heavily reduced. Now they go out only on Sundays at 1530-1600 via Sitkunai, Lithuania. Initially chosen frequency 9805khz didn't perform well, therefore a decision has been made to replace it with 5940khz since September 20<sup>th</sup>. At 1600-1630 broadcast in Chechen language follows. Station announces itself as SW Radio. The website is only in German so far.

<http://www.sw-radio.com/radio/index.php>

Reception reports are welcome to. SW-Radio e V, Postfach 8025, 32735 Detmold, Germany. (Stephen Schaa, HCJB via DSWCI)

## MADAGASCAR (NON)

Radio Mada Internationale back on shortwave

Radio Mada Internationale, the station that supports the deposed president of Madagascar Marc Ravalomanana, has resumed shortwave broadcasts. Glenn Hauser reports receiving information from WRN that the broadcasts are at 1530-1600 UTC on 15640 (changing to 15670 kHz as from 25 October) from Moldova. Currently the broadcasts are on Saturdays and Sundays only.

The reactivation of shortwave is connected with the GTT (Gasy Tia Tanindrazana) which describes itself as a collective of various associations and individuals from Madagascar, Europe and other countries opposed to the coup in Madagascar, that is striving for respect and legality. Radio Mada Internationale now describes itself as the radio station of the GTT. (RN NEWS)

## POLAND:

Polish Radio secures new shortwave provider

On the latest Multimedia program of Polish Radio's English service, presenter Slawek



Szefs announced that, like Radio Prague, the future of its shortwave broadcasts is in some doubt, but the station has been able to secure a new six-month contract via a new provider [presumably VT Communications] and will broadcast in English as follows during the B09 transmission period commencing on 25 October:

All times UTC in English

1300-1400	11675	via Moosbrunn, Austria (100 kW)
1300-1400	11860	via Woofferton, UK (125 kW)
1800-1900	9650	via Dhabbaya, UAE (250 kW)
1800-1900	6130 DRM	via Woofferton, UK (100 kW)

(R Netherlands Media Network Weblog)

### VATICAN/PHILIPPINES:

CVA via RVA in B09

For the first time Vatican Radio (CVA) is going to use regularly - Radio Veritas Asia (RVA) transmitter in the Philippines to India in B09 schedule period for their second morning transmission at 0200-0320 hrs. Earlier this service was relayed via Russian transmitter and at present it is coming from Santa Maria. This should improve reception in South Asia. This service comprising Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam and in English (repeat of 0040-0200 hrs transmissions) at 0200-0320 hrs can be heard on 15460 kHz in B09 ie. effective 25th October 2009.

RVA via CVA in B09

In Exchange Radio Veritas Asia will use Santa Maria transmitter of Vatican Radio in B09 in Urdu at 1430-1457 hrs on 9585 kHz and Filipino to the ME at 1500-1553 hrs on 11715 kHz w.e.f 25th October 2009. (Alok Dasgupta via <http://dxasia.info/news/>)

### CHINA:

New SW radio station launches in Nanning, China

Tony Harding, a Hong Kong-based journalist covering the 6<sup>th</sup> China-ASEAN Expo, has just sent us this report:

Guangxi People's Radio and China Radio International today launched a new radio service - Beibu Bay Radio - "Voice of Guangxi Beibu Gulf". The station broadcasts on a network of 15 FM frequencies and 2 shortwave transmitters across Southern China from studios in Nanning, Guangxi province. The station will be on the air from 0700-2400 daily (2300-1600 UTC), in Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Thai and English.

There are DX opportunities to hear the station on 5050 kHz and 9820 kHz, and on the Web at [www.bbrmedia.com](http://www.bbrmedia.com). The main English language programme, called The Hot Pot Show (This a Chinese form of eating, not a reference to the Golden Triangle in South East Asia), is from 1600-1800 local time (0800-1000 UTC).

At the opening ceremony, attended by the consuls of Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam, the wish was expressed that the station will be able to give China's angle on events and trade in the area.

The launch of the station coincides with the 6th China-ASEAN Expo being held in the city and is also in preparation for the 1 January 2010 removal of trade tariffs between the 11 countries to form the biggest free trade area in the world. China is attempting to bolster cooperation as well as projecting a more favourable image abroad. (Source: Tony Harding for Media Network)

# UTILITIES

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Well here it is November and time for another page or pages for the magazine. It appears that everyone is busy like me and have had no time for DXing. Roger from Dunedin and Dallas from the West Coast have done some DXing over the past month.

We will get straight into what they have been hearing.

## FREQ UTC DETAILS

- 4417 0740 NEW ZEALAND COASTAL SHORE STN / BLUFF FISHERMANS RADIO YL OPPS  
Mary calling / working several vessels, mainly fishing. Bluff = town at  
lands end of south island NZ. RP
- 4417 0749 Fisherman's Radio "Bluff", Male placing Stores orders (Medical) with Mary DM
- 5643 1952 CHATHAM AIR / AKL Chatham air with SC HKMP distorted coms to AKL RP
- 5643 0720 ANTARTIC OPPS DEEPFREEZE ICE ONE SEVEN / AKL posn reports cont AKL  
adv coms for CH CH = Christchurch Int 129-300 RP
- 6507 0855 VMC AUSTRALIA broadcasting coastal warning for Australia ABD
- 8828 0152 Auckland Volmet "NZZA" with W/F along with Pacific Volmet DM
- 8867 2051 CARGO LUX 731 / BRISBANE posn reports DEEMACK @ 2151 FL 370.+  
estimates . coms Pri 8867 / 13261 SC CGDH. RP
- 8867 0805 N 985 FM / BRISBANE posn reports estimates posn given to contact  
NANDI freqs pri 5643 / 8867. RP
- 8867 0822 BRISBANE / N613 NF Bris adv off maintaining Block 390 FL 410 RP
- 8867 2059 AKL/ SKER OO USAF OPPS DEEPFREEZE, returned leg from ANTARTICA  
AKL advise SKER OO to call CHATHAM AIR 512 called X2 nil reply. RP
- 11104 1515 "Liberty Star" working both Cape Radio (Booster Recovery Director), and  
"Freedom Star" re pending Space Rocket Test, Heard again at 1525. DM
- 11430 1200 "New Star Radio" Chinese Woman with Numbers DM
- 13261 2326 USAF REACH SIX ECHO ONE / BRISBANE 6E1 posn report check  
FL360 + estimates for LORD HOWE ISLAND @ 0002 mention of fuel  
remaining 33.6 coms prim 13261 / 8867 SQ 1144 Brisbane confirms. RP

## CONTRIBUTORS

- RP Rodger Pryde, Dunedin. Sangean ATS 803A and Yaesu 7000 30 metre long-wire.
- DM Dallas McKenzie, West Coast. All with 100ft "E to W" new long wire on the FRG 7700.
- ABD Arthur De Maine, Kakanui Icom R-70 25m EWE

Thank chaps for your continued support for this section.

## Monitoring-Matters E-zine

The website of Monitoring-Matters has announced that the first issue of the E-zine devoted to radio communications should be published on November 1

The online magazine is for those with an interest in utility radio, either as a radio amateur or scanner user, and with an interest in civilian, military or government communications.

The Monitoring-Matters E-zine website is at <http://www.monitoring-matters.com/>

This online Utility magazine published its first issue on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November and the next issue will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. These first two issues are complimentary but after that you will have to pay a yearly subscription of £20 for 12 issues.

Thanks to Ralph Sutton for the info and also thanks to David Ricquish for passing it on to us.

## KUNGENFUSS PUBLICATIONS

Dear friends,

We're now working on our new products

- 2010 Super Frequency List on CD
- 2010 Shortwave Frequency Guide
- 2010 Frequency Database for the Perseus LF-HF Software-Defined Receiver
- Supplement January 2010 to the 2009/2010 Guide to Utility Radio Stations to be published on 10 December 2009.

Full-resolution title page graphics can be found at

[www.klingenfuss.org/r\\_2010.jpg](http://www.klingenfuss.org/r_2010.jpg)

The printed Supplement will be attached free to all copies of the 2009/2010 Guide to Utility Radio Stations sold after 1 January 2010.

Those customers that did acquire the 2009/2010 Guide to Utility Radio Stations before that date may download the pertinent .PDF file free from our website, after 1 January 2010. The continuously updated product Digital Data Decoder Screenshots on CD is highly successful and now covers more than 7,000 (seven thousand!) screenshots from 1997 to today. Feed your PC with this CD and the "slide show" will keep you busy for a few days - or weeks!

We're still in the sunspot minimum and daytime MUF fluctuates between 15 and 18 MHz. Recently, HF propagation conditions have been quite unfavourable for long-distance communication. Anyway, new HF e-mail services, stations, networks and frequencies continue to emerge on a regular basis. HF e-mail booms and service providers continue to expand. No other publisher considers this revolutionary development accordingly.

Thanks to Bryan Clark for passing on this information.



Yes I know that this is not Utility DXing but with the St Helena broadcast nearly upon us at the time of writing, I thought some photos of members DXing the broadcast from years past might be of interest. Photo on the left is of John West listening for the broadcast out in the open at Little Huia. The one on the right is of Jack Searle and myself DXing from the back of Bryan Clark's car at the Scout Camp in Auckland. Both photos 1980s – 1990s. I have no date. Arthur

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## New League On-Line User-Groups:

The League has provided e-mail based user-groups for a number of years now. These were known as Ripple, Greyline, Tropo, Ute and Duplex, each covering a particular aspect of the hobby, i.e. shortwave, mediumwave, FM/VHF?TV, utility and pirates/clandestines respectively.

The number of posts to these groups has declined markedly, so we have now set up one group to cover all topics related to the League.

The new group is called "DX Dialog" and is hosted on the internet via Yahoo Groups.

The contributions (posts) are available to group members in several forms. You can choose from individual e-mails, a daily digest of all e-mails compiled into one or by reading them on-line.

There are many other advantages, i.e. there are sections where files can be deposited (e.g. interesting articles, photos, short audio-clips etc), an area where links to useful web sites can be accessed, the facility to run opinion polls, the facility to maintain databases (e.g. the Continents List and Ladders) etc and a section for photos.

The group is restricted to financial members of the League and you are required to sign up for Yahoo Groups ( a relatively simple and free process!). And once you've signed up it is easy to join any of the thousands of special interest Yahoo Groups that exist.

Please don't be put off if you've previously had a bad experience with web groups... Yahoo groups are well set up, with good anti-spam and e-mail address protection techniques

To join, simply send a blank e-mail to [dxdialog-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:dxdialog-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) or visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxdialog/>

If you have any issues with your membership, please e-mail me, [z14pw@orcon.net.nz](mailto:z14pw@orcon.net.nz)

# FM NEWS & DX

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## Some 250 FM changes planned for 2010

Some 250 frequency changes will take place within NZ in preparation for the issue of new 20 year licences from April 2 2011. These are expected to resolve interference issues and make better use of the spectrum.

Radio New Zealand is affected by about 10% of the changes, with most of the adjustments being minor ones within the 101 range, and most scheduled to take place between April-November 2010.

However, the first change took place on October 22 when RNZ Concert in Akaroa moved from 95.3 to the new frequency of 95.1.

So, if you're interested in collecting FM QSL's then the next few months give you an opportunity to log and verify existing frequencies, before you can start adding to your collection again from April as the 250 or so changes occur.

This is a once in a 20 year DX opportunity, and at the same time, you can build your own record of New Zealand's FM radio dial as it currently is. (David Ricquish, Wellington)

## Radio New Zealand Frequency Change

All of Radio New Zealand's AM and FM licences expire on 2 April 2011 and new 20-year licences will apply from that date.

However, as this is a one-in-20 year chance to fix up any interference or inefficient use of spectrum issues, the Radio Spectrum Management division of MED are requiring some frequencies to change. There will be about 250 frequency changes across the country and about 25 will affect Radio NZ's two FM networks.

Most of the Radio New Zealand National changes are slight adjustments within the 101 part of the band, but some of Radio New Zealand Concert's changes are significant. Most of the changes will take place between April and November next year but the first one is taking place in October 2009.

Frequency Change notification Concert's Akaroa frequency changed from 95.3 to 95.1 during the early hours of Thursday 22 October.

(Radio New Zealand, <http://www.radionz.co.nz/listen/amfm>, via Barry Hartley)

## LPFM Channels to Change

Consultations are now underway and more are planned regarding some major changes to LPFM. It's now planned to shift the lower LPFM band to 87.5-88.3 at the same time as allowing a very long promised power increase to 1 watt.

This allows mainstream FM stations to move into the vacated LPFM channels, probably as part of the 250 or so FM frequency changes scheduled during 2010 ahead of the new 20 year licences from 2011.

The new licences will be expensive, the Rhema Broadcasting Group anticipating costs running into millions of dollars just to keep their existing four radio networks on the air. (David Ricquish, Wellington)

## **New FM station in Hamilton**

A new FM station in Hamilton, "Lobotomy Pants" 105.2 FM known to be on air 1000-0400 daily. (Maybe longer hours now) Broadcasts from the Centre 401 Trust at Tristram House, 306 Tristram Street. (John Durham, Tauranga)

## **FM Station in Rangiora**

88.1 Ashgrove FM ID noted was "Rocking in Rangiora, 88.1 Ashgrove FM" Ashgrove FM 88.1, Ashgrove School, 48 Seddon St, Rangiora (Ron Killick, Christchurch)

## **Waihi Community Radio moves frequency**

Waihi's Community Radio has moved from 90.8 to 106.8 - a move to the LPFM from the mainstream band. 90.8 is clear in Waihi at present. (Gordon Mathieson)

## **Radio Kidnappers now on FM**

The Radio Vault welcomes Hawke's Bay's community access station 'Radio Kidnappers' to the FM airwaves today @ 104.7 FM, after almost 15 years of being on 1431 AM. (The Radio Vault's Facebook page, 9 November 2009)

## **Chatham Islands FM Radio War - Radio Roskat blows Radio Weka off the Dial**

For many years, Radio Weka, broadcasting from a tin shack near Waitangi in the Chatham Islands, has been the 'only' local radio station for these isolated islands far to the east of New Zealand.

Operated by the Chatham Islands Radio & TV Society, Radio Weka broadcast on 92.2 FM and was operated by volunteers. The Society has also been responsible for the local TV station, which broadcast an analog signal with [originally] tapes shipped across from the mainland or relays of TVNZ's TVI via a satellite dish.

In recent months, the Chatham Islands Community Focus Trust obtained funding from the Chatham Islands County Council to begin a new radio station, and Radio Roskat began broadcasts on 95.3 FM in September.

The frequency remains licenced to the NZ Racing Board.

The people behind Radio Roskat asked Radio Weka for help with radio gear, since Radio Weka had gone silent. Their request was rejected.

A local councillor noted that since most islanders now had SKY TV dishes, they no longer needed the local TV transmitter, and, in fact, couldn't pick up the signals anyway and, he added, 'no-one is tuned in to Radio Weka' either.

The SKY TV channel line up includes a number of stereo digital radio channels including Radio New Zealand's National Radio which also has a low power FM relay at Waitangi on 89.7 FM. The relay is managed by the same Society that runs Radio Weka and the TV station.

It looks like new technology has made the efforts of the old Society redundant, and with digital radio and TV coverage now readily available, the old arrangements are being swept away. Even Radio Roskat will be using broadband to receive programs from the mainland, as well as originating its own local community programs.

For some years, 'Radio Roscoe' has also been operating on the main island, with its owner saying he had 'enough wattage to blow Radio Weka' away as he powered country and pop music across the windswept flatlands of Chatham Island.

It seems that Radio Roskat is now doing exactly that, blowing Radio Weka away. However, with Radio Weka still holding on to its radio gear, it may yet emerge out of its current silence to provide competition on the [very] uncrowded local airwaves.

[For many years, Radio Chathams [ZLC] was a little known DX target on shortwave, sitting in its

very own timezone 45 minutes ahead of the rest of New Zealand. Local staff often broadcast news, music and other local programs for entertainment from the transmitters that otherwise kept the islands in touch with the mainland and maintained

24/7 shipping radio watch far off the eastern coast of the New Zealand mainland.

If you have any memories, photos or QSLs related to the shortwave broadcasts from ZLC, the Radio Heritage Foundation wants to hear from you. Write to PO Box 14339, Wellington 6241 New Zealand or email [info@radioheritage.net](mailto:info@radioheritage.net)] (David Ricquish, Wellington)

### **American Samoa Manu'a Islands FM Plan for KKHJ-FM & WVUV-FM**

Isolated from the main island of American Samoa, and out of range of local FM stations in Pago Pago, residents of the Manu'a island group usually rely on the AM service of 2AP in nearby independent Samoa for radio coverage at times of natural emergency, and also for plain old fashioned entertainment.

Now, South Seas Broadcasting has offered to locate low powered FM relay transmitters on each of the islands involved - Tau, Ofu and Olosega - so they can become connected to American Samoa.

Larry Fuss, GM of the broadcasting company which operates KKHJ-FM and WVUV-FM says there's no commercial business on the islands, but he's willing to provide the service if the US\$150,000 involved to set the broadcasts up can be found.

Currently, it's one of the requests contributed to American Samoa's plans for a share of the US Federal Stimulus Package funding. No decisions have yet been made on the proposal, which may also be connected with other plans for broadband and cable services.

The idea was raised several months ago, before the recent earthquakes and tsunami revealed how more isolated the islanders really are, and when KKHJ-FM stayed on the air as the tsunami smashed into the ground floor of their office building in Pago Pago.

KKHJ-FM broadcasts a contemporary hit music format mainly in English, and WVUV-FM 'The People's Station' broadcasts traditional and contemporary Samoan music. Both stations would have relays on each of the three islands thus ending many decades of radio isolation. (David Ricquish, Wellington)

### **Veteran Broadcasters Launch New FM 88.1 Station**

NUKU'ALOFA (/Matangi Tonga/Pacific Media Watch/): Tonga's newest media company, BroadCom-TMN Group has launched a new FM 88.1 radio station and television production unit at Ngele'ia.

BroadCom is owned and operated by Maka Tohi, a former chief engineer for the Tonga Broadcasting Commission and wife Katalina, a former Television Tonga manager who retired from the TBC in May after nearly 30 years service.

FM 88.1, is the fifth FM station in Nuku'alofa and will offer a 24 hour Tongan language service, covering only Tongatapu and 'Eua. News bulletins will be presented both in Tongan and English, while on Sundays, they will be devoted to church programmes.

Katalina Tohi said they hoped to extend their coverage nationwide before December.

The BroadCom's staff is headed by former TBC staff, Siaosi Lavaka as the chief operation manager and news editor; and 'Anolo Manu as chief announcer.

Katalina tohi said that with television they were buying airtime from Kalafi Moala's Taimi Media Network TV2.

"We will not be doing any television news, we will just focus on producing Tongan programmes, which will be slotted in the TV2 programmes when it is available," she said.

"But we are hoping to get a separate television channel that we can use to broadcast educational programmes in the future," she added.

Katalina Tohi confirmed BroadCom signed an agreement with the Taimi Media Network to lease their radio licence for the next five years.

She explained this was because government had to date not made any official response to their licence application, which was lodged in March.

TMN TV2 on the other hand leases airtime from TV Tonga2 to broadcast its news items and other programmes running daily from 5.30pm to 11.30pm.

"We are just thankful for Kalafi's assistance because we are up and running, which is the main thing in relation to performing our role as informants of the public", she said.

The new media company was launched by 'Alisi Taumopeau, Tonga's former Minister of Justice.

(Pacific Press Release – Pacific Media Watch, 15 September 2009, [www.pacmediawatch.aut.ac.nz](http://www.pacmediawatch.aut.ac.nz), via Bryan Clark)

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### Freeview on the up in New Zealand

New Zealand edging closer to digital switch over.

Nearly 300,000 New Zealand households are now receiving digital Freeview television, according to the latest sales figures released by Freeview New Zealand.

The company said in a statement that the New Zealand uptake of Freeview was "well above forecast and at a quicker rate per capita than the majority of countries that have made the switch to digital television".

The latest figures, for the three months ending September 2009, indicated that 291,853 Kiwi households were now receiving Freeview. That included 113,936 users with Freeview HD boxes.

Freeview general manager Sam Irvine said of the growth had been driven by the increasing number of free-to-air channels now available on the service, including the recent inclusion of Prime TV.

He said the strong Freeview uptake, coupled with the high number of people who now had Sky TV subscriptions, meant that 60% of New Zealanders now received digital TV.

Broadcasting minister Jonathan Coleman has said that the government will announce a final date to switch all channels to digital when the digital television uptake reaches 75%, or in 2012, whichever occurs first.

Irvine said the arrival of TiVo next month would further increase the uptake of Freeview and digital TV further. "It has two Freeview tuners in the back so it's got to be good for Freeview."

The recent global recession had resulted in many people on analogue TV deciding to upgrade to digital using a Freeview box rather than Sky because Freeview did not require an ongoing subscription, he said.

According to Sky TV's June 30 subscription figures, Sky has 778,902 subscribers, including 120,000 subscribers using My Sky boxes. (New Zealand PC World, 13 October 2009)

<http://pcworld.co.nz/pcworld/pcw.nsf/feature/A7F2ABF0EA9A31A4CC25764D007E1229>



# MAILBAG

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**Would members kindly assist by sending their contributions early. Mailbag will close on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of each month and late entries will appear in the next issue. As always, your comments are appreciated and important in this column.**

## The League - 46 years ago !

In 1963, while living in Rotorua, I wrote articles on Shortwave listening for the Radio and Electrical Review, a monthly magazine for the electronics industry. Recently, I was amazed to find in the October issue of that year, my article on local listeners' clubs. The two that were mentioned were the New Zealand DX Radio Association and our DX League. It was even more surprising to me that I had written, "The writer subscribes to both as he considers them complementary - each having much individual merit for the regular listener." Because I still have my original member's certificate from the Radio Association, I could remember that, but not the League. After all, 46 years is a real test for the memory. So here is my 1960s-style description of how things were then:

**"THE NEW ZEALAND RADIO DX LEAGUE** was established as such in 1949 and publishes the monthly bulletin "The New Zealand DX Times." This organization appears to be concerned more actively with competitive listening and has gained much publicity from the activities of the well-known DX'er, Arthur Cushen, both Mr. Cushen's articles in New Zealand and Australian publications and Radio New Zealand broadcasts.

The "Times" runs to about twelve pages beginning like "Tune In" with editorial comment and Branch news. Active branches are situated at Auckland, Taranaki, Hutt Valley, Oamaru, Canterbury, Otago and Southland. The Broadcast and Shortwave sections are kept apart, the former being given the colourful name of "Kings of the Kilocycles" and corresponds to the second section of the other magazine. Shortwave is dealt with by Mr. Cushen in his "Shortwave Review" being a page of loggings arranged in order of frequency drawn from his own observations with the assistance of a group of about a dozen other contributors.

"On the Shorter Wavelengths" is a presentation of members' loggings and verifications given under each name, with call signs, frequencies and time heard being given.

Up to two pages each month are usually set aside as "Feature Pages," describing broadcasting installations and other related subjects. Another column which corresponds with the "Shortwave News-sheet" previously referred to is the occasional page called "From our Exchanges" which lists information received from at least six overseas clubs.

Contests are organized and ladder competitions are encouraged, based on a club points schedule, in turn based on the factors of locality and powers of the stations assessed.

The subscription to the League is 12/6 and inquiries should be addressed to P.O. Box 1356, Christchurch.

Both clubs hold annual meetings or conventions and the opportunity is usually taken on these occasions to combine the formal proceedings with some practical DX using the hosts' equipment. Suitable report forms, log books and other stationery are also arranged by the clubs or purchase by members. These greatly facilitate reporting to stations, if this is undertaken."

So that was the way it was. Incidentally, the Radio Association also charged 12/6 per year. But they also charged an additional 5/- for initial registration. I think it was for that flashy certificate. Maybe if the League had done that, I should never have forgotten that I too was a member long ago !

**Günter Jacob, Passau, Germany** leads the way with his September QSLs: "WHRA 11765 after almost 4 years. The most expensive cards are those of World Harvest R. considering all the letters and reminders with IRCs. RHC 11770; HCJB via Chile 9865; RN via Nauen 9895; DW Sines 15620, via Rampisham 5915 / 9845 / 11795, via Woofferton 9480 / 9735 / 15275 21840, Kigali 9430 / 17610, Trincomalee 9685; CRI Kashi 6140; RVA 9720; Voice of Turkey 7180." I'm most impressed with your perseverance Günter - four years is indeed a long time to wait. And I've so often heard WHR pleading for reports! Now we have just received an email with his October QSLs : CVC Darwin 9680 / 11730; RFA Tinian 11680; R. Bulgaria 15700; TWR via Nauen 6105; Voice of Greece 9420; VOR Samara 9735; DW via Rampisham 6115 / 9465, via Woofferton 9545, via Trincomalee 9565; CRI via Kashi 11940, via Urumqi 7265; IBB Thailand Transmitting Station 7575. That makes it an outstanding collection for this time. Thanks Günter.

**Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA** says "This seemed to be my month for North American pirate station QSLs as three of my four reported QSLs this month are from such stations. First up is the non-pirate station, Cheetah Radio via Julich 11730, verified an electronic report with an electronic reply from Bryne Edwards, Director of Media Operations, Cheetah Radio in Carson City, Nevada in 4 hours telling me to expect a QSL card by postal mail in a few weeks. Next come the pirate stations. The first from this category is the Voice of Kaos with an electronic report to voiceofkaos@gmail.com being The first from this category is the Voice of Kaos 6925usb with an electronic report

to voiceofkaos@gmail.com being verified with a full data electronic attachment featuring agent under a lamp post. Next is KUSA 6925usb who verified an electronic report to kusanorthamerica@gmail.com with a date/frequency electronic reply from Less Whitehouse indicating my report was the first from Pennsylvania. Finally, WEAK Radio 6925 responded to an electronic report to the station at <weakradio@gmail.com> in 1 day with a full data "As weak as a weak signal can be and still be a signal" electronic attachment indicating QSL #296. The operator thanks me for a "detailed and accurate report." He stated, "I've been involved in some form of radio DX'ing since the late 70's but only had a very modest small size transistor radio for shortwave reception. In 1987 I bought a Kenwood R-600 and the first evening logged my first 2 pirate stations. Now I mainly use a Drake R8 with various antennas... dipole, random wire, or any configuration that works. WEAK Radio began operating in December of 2008 after a few UNID tests and a few "Radio Clandestine" relays in November." Although a small quantity month, some of the replies were quite interesting." Thanks for a fascinating group of reports and QSLs, Rich. Do any of these pirates give an indication of the power that they are using or would this perhaps give their location away? But WEAK Radio seems to be a milliwatt job!

**Ian Cattermole, Blenheim** sent us his SW veries received during October: RDW: Sines 9545; WYFR: 11670 3975 11850 9565 15255 7430; Polish Radio: Issoudun 9790, Germany 11750 11995 13690; Radio Farda: 9635; VOA: 9770; R. Free South Cameroons: 11840 12130; V. Of Liberty Eritrea: 9485; V. Of Oromo Liberation: 7590; V. Of Ethiopian Nat. Front: 7590; Gospel For Asia: 15390; WEWN: 12160; BBC Seychelles: 9410; Radio Habana: 6120; RNW: Horby 9895, Dhabbaya 9480, Issoudun 11660, Skelton 5955; Radio Tirana: 9345; NHK: 11750. A most impressive collection with some real gems, Ian.

**Ron Killick, Christchurch** reports his QSLs for October: RCI Sackville 15235kHz (Maple Leaf mailbag card); DWR-Trincomalee 11975kHz (20years since the wall fell); RNW-Saipan 15280kHz (Windmill on River Gaasp); RNW-Moosbrunn 6015kHz (RNW building); Denge Mesopotamya via TDP designer cards for 11530khz via Kishinev (2006) and other 11530kHz Grigoriopol (2004). That was a long wait for those last two Ron! But he says, "I can handle the delay OK!" Thanks for your contribution and enjoy those designer cards. And when the weather is fine, for your own good health, you must go out and do the many outside things that you obviously enjoy.

**Terry Nielson, Oxford, Nth.Canterbury NZ** wrote : "First of all I'd like to thank Paul Ormandy in Oamaru for his professional help making me able to put up 2 EWE aerials. Without his help and that the EWE's working A1, some of these QSL's would not have arrived in my letterbox: From Australia HCJB Kununurra 11750 card in 10 days. ABC VL8A Alice Springs 4835 card, letter and stickers from local NT-radio stations in 18 days. NHK R. Japan 6120 via Sackville Canada with card 25 days. CRI Beijing 6060/11635 and CRI Kunming 15210 with cards, magazine and paperclips in 18-26 days. From Germany comes Bible Voice Canada via Wertachtal 5945 with card in 23 days and an email-

veri from TWR/Nauen 6105in 16 days. A nice surprise from AFRTS via Pearl Harbor on 10320 USB with their full data QSL-card in 10 days. Also another nice one from Radio Nikkei Tokyo 3925 with a 55 years anniversary card in 25 days. Thanks to my Japanese neighbour I was able to send a report with details from their programme in Japanese. Also R. Japan, Yamata 9625 with 3 cards in 33-126 days. Voice of Russia 9665 via Moldova with card in 17 days. An email veri from TWR Monaco 7430 in 31 days. Neth. Antilles DW via Bonaire 5905 with card in 15 days. From Philippines VOA Tinang 15145 with a card in 21 days from the IBB Station Manager for a direct report. From Portugal DW Sines 7430 with card, schedule, pennant and books in 15 days. And the last so far, WYFR via Taiwan 9465 with card, stickers and more books in 28 days. So, I'm quite happy with the result so far, and another 30+ interesting reports are out there, mostly thanks to Paul." He sends cheers from the Garden City. You must indeed be very pleased with the results so far, Terry. Thanks for your splendid detailed report.

**Tony King, Greytown** says he bought a Tecsun PL380 DSP set this month. He ordered the model PL310 which is all the rage in the States. The lovely lady however sent the newer 380 - well ahead of the US, and only speculated about just a month ago. It's his first set where he can select a bandwidth of 6 4 3 2 1 kHz - and a tight lock-in each one is - on any band LW through to SW. So he can move out of the X band and now sit alongside NZers with the 1 and 2 kHz setting and consequently has heard so many newbies. He paid all up \$NZ88 and had the set within 6days. Sounds like extraordinary good value Tony and thanks for telling us about it.

**Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland)** reports a busy month with the League AGM and other commitments, but still found time to send out reports to, and receive prompt QSL responses from, Free Radio Service Holland 7600kHz 300 watts and Radio City via IRRS 9510.

## SHORTWAVE QSL OF THE MONTH

**Bryan Clark** with Free Radio Service Holland 7600 300 watts.



# BROADCAST NEWS

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## NEW ZEALAND

The following updates from David Ricquish:

The following new Rhema Broadcasting Group (RBG) stations will be on the air in the very near future:

540	Christchurch	The Word/Bible Radio 2.5kw,
612	Nelson	Southern Star 2.5kw,
1368	Whangarei	Southern Star 2.5kw
1377	Dunedin	The Word/Bible Radio 2.5kw.

## **Updated existing RBG AM transmitter powers:**

540	New Plymouth	NZ's Rhema 2.5kw
576	Hamilton	The Word/Bible Radio 2.5kw
657	Tauranga -	Southern Star 10/5kw
801	Nelson	NZ's Rhema 1.6kw
1026	Invercargill	Word/Bible Radio 2.5kw
1314	Invercargill	Southern Star 10/5kw
1404	Invercargill	NZ's Rhema 5kw.

## **Radio New Zealand - updated existing AM transmitter powers:**

657	Tauranga	10/5kw
1314	Invercargill	10/5kW

## **Heritage AM in New Zealand**

**1368 Tauranga - 1XT Village Radio** operates during week days at reduced power of 200w to avoid interference to telephone services in the village complex, and 900w on weekends when offices located there are closed. The two operating transmitters are on the 1st floor of the studio building, in a glassed off partition from the office and studio. There is also a back up 3rd transmitter. The antenna is a short 'long wire' running between two very short poles at the back of the building. As a result, this is always a good DX catch even in NZ.

**1413 Christchurch - 3XP Radio Ferrymead** is now 1kW up from 300w and operates extended hours to include automated music only programs. It now operates continuously from 3pm Friday-midnight Monday local time and dates. Live programs are 8am-6pm Saturday and Sunday only. Radio Ferrymead often runs extended hours of live programmes on holiday weekends, Easter, Christmas/New Year and for local music events. Frequent voice ID's are inserted in the automated music programs along with the 'Nostalgia Nostalgia' music jingle.

**ALASKA** Yesterday, I received a QSL from a long sought DX target. KBRW-680 Barrow sent a friendly e-mail reply to e-mail report + audio file in less than a day. V/s Mike Lane, GM said he tried DXing when he first arrived in Barrow 30+ years ago, but the only station he could regularly hear was WLW (in addition to unid Asians). (Bruce Portzer,

Coastal Roundtable)

**ARGENTINA** 1660 R Esperanza – new station – Address: Volta, e/Vesalio y Dubalia, Barrio Esperanza, (B1763) Virrey del Pino. (MA Cornachioni via via Arctic via IRCA)

### **COSTA RICA**

570 TILR R Libertad, San José, ex R La Manuda  
1500 TIASF R 1500, ex R Cima  
1600 TICC R Cima, ex R Buenísima (ARC via IRCA)

**NETHERLANDS ANTILLES** The ministry of TWR (Trans World Radio) across the Caribbean and South America is to continue unaffected during essential repair of their transmission towers on the island of Bonaire. Due to the harsh, salty environment of the island, parts of the transmission towers had rusted extensively and had to be replaced. The cost of replacing the towers would be over 600,000 Euros, so the team on Bonaire was keen to replace the individual braces, at tenth of that cost, before the situation worsened. The transmission towers help the station broadcast across a vast area covering Brazil, Venezuela, Guyana and Cuba [on 800 kHz AM]. ([www.inspiremagazine.org.uk](http://www.inspiremagazine.org.uk) via Media Network (22/9-2009) via [mediumwave.info](http://mediumwave.info))

**POLAND** The website of the Polish Radio External Service confirms that it no longer uses the long wave frequency 198 kHz as of midnight UTC on 30 July. (Andy Sennitt, RN Media Network 5.8.2009 via MWC e-mail news)

**RUSSIA** Last winter I heard no fewer than five relay stations re-broadcasting the Voice of Russia, World Service, most of them in English. On a tip from someone in your column, I sent e-mail reports to 1323 and 1548 kHz at [letters@ruvr.ru](mailto:letters@ruvr.ru). It was suggested by Voice of Russia that I send future reports to [world@ruvr.ru](mailto:world@ruvr.ru) and I did. Within no more than nine days, I received e-mails stating that each of my reports had been received and were correct. Each time, a QSL card was promised and for each report a full data QSL arrived promptly by mail. Stations confirmed were: 1323 Machenbrunn, Germany; 1548 Kishinev, Moldova; 1215 Bolshakovo, Kaliningrad; 1431 Dresden, Germany; 1575 Magdeburg, Germany. [Jerry Osborne-NL via NRC]

**SWITZERLAND** SRG, Switzerland's public broadcaster, will close down also its last remaining medium wave outlet on 765 as of 2011. Abandoning medium wave is part of a program of cost-saving measures, approved by SRG's administrative council on 22 June. ([DXing.info](http://DXing.info) via IRCA)

**UNITED KINGDOM** All the UK's national radio stations and many local services will stop broadcasting on analogue by the end of 2015, according to ambitious switch-off targets unveiled by the government today. The Digital Britain report, published today, said announced a "Digital Radio Upgrade" that would see services on national and local digital audio broadcasting (DAB) multiplexes stop broadcasting on analogue. Vacated FM spectrum will be filled by a new tier of ultra-local radio consisting of small local commercial and community stations. Radio stations currently broadcasting on medium wave will upgrade to DAB. More on <http://www.guardian.co.uk/technology/2009/jun/16/digital-britain-analogue-radio-switchoff>. (The [Guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk) (16/6-2009) via [DXing.info](http://DXing.info) via IRCA)

**VENEZUELA** The following radio stations are reported to be closed down by the government: 600 YVQB R.Sucre, 730 YVOO R.Frontera, 970 Mundial, 1130 YVPY R.Amazonas, 1140 R.Porlamar, 1170 YVQV R.Acarigua, 1230 YVNT R.Barlovento, 1270 YVTR R.Tucupita, 1300 YVNS R.Amistad, 1330 YVTU R.Regional, 1520 YVIC R.Bonita, and 1550 YVMW R.Metropolitana. [Associated Press, Yahoo News, via Henrik Klemetz, ARC via NRC]

#### **SOME RECENTLY NOTED OFF-FREQUENCY STATIONS:**

870,014	Tentatively WQBS San Juan PR 2009-09-09
909,989	YVRQ RQ 910 2009-09-05
920,031	Tentatively Radio Mundial Managua 2009-09-09
950,042	YVKG Radio Popular Caracas 2009-09-05
950,204	Armonias Boyacenses Tunja 2009-09-05
1070,012	HJCG Radio Santa Fé 2009-09-05
1309,677	HJAK La Voz de la Patria 2009-09-05
1350,016	HCVP2 Teleradio 1350 AM Guayaquil 2009-09-05
1370,016	HJKX Radio Mundial Bogota 2009-09-05
1430,061	HJKU Emisoras Kennedy Bogota 2009-09-05
1450,026	HJNL La Carinosa Manizales 2009-09-05
1450,994	AM Gold Bermuda 2009-09-05
1699,987	Radio Eternidad Santo Domingo 2009-09-10

via Gert Nilsson (MW Offsets Yahoo Group)

#### **NORTH AMERICAN NEWS (from NRC DX News October 2009)**

- 860 KPAM Troutdale OR, their CP for U2 50/15kw is on. KPAM added one tower to their array of three in order to triple their nighttime power. The new night pattern sends the bulk of the signal in a balloon-shaped lobe to the southwest, with small lobes to the southeast and north.
- 1370 CFOK Westlock AB applies to move to 97.9 MHz FM.
- 1410 CFUN Vancouver BC is now on the air from its new transmitter site in Delta. The old site will be kept operational until December to allow the station to remain on the air while engineers tune co-located CKST-1040, which is currently operating at half power from the new site. The old CKST towers, immediately to the north of the new ones, were cut down on 19 October. CHUM Radio engineers expect to have CKST fully operational at its new location by the end of October. Both stations will be U4 50/50kw from 7 new state-of-the-art tower site.
- 1610 CJWI Montréal QC CP granted for a frequency change to 1410 (the old CFMB-1280 frequency) with U3 10/10kw has been approved by the CRTC. CJWI stated it is suffering interference from CHHA-1610 Toronto.
- 1670 KNRO Redding CA, per Redding Record-Searchlight and Premiere Radio nx release, station switched from a relay of KPIG-FM 107.5 back to sports on 21 September, after an absence of 18 months, using FSR (instead of previously-used ESPN) 24 hrs a day on weekdays. (Dale Park HI)

**MORE NORTH AMERICAN NEWS**  
**from IRCA's "DX Monitor"**

- 1010 CFRB Toronto ON now uses slogan "News Talk 1010". Drops use of callsign.  
1060 KRGA Arroyo Grande CA is new on air.  
1140 KGEM Boise ID format changed from oldies to EWTN Catholic religious teaching.  
1410 WLWV Mobile AL has changed callsign to WNGL, format now religious teaching.  
1660 WGIT Canovanas PR is reported to be silent. Has applied for 10kw/0.5kw ND.

**BROADCAST TRAIL**

**TK** = Tony King, Greytown (Wairarapa) – trying out his new Tecsun PL380 DSP receiver, which boasts selectable bandwidths of 6, 4, 3, 2 and 1 kHz, allowing Tony to extend his DX listening from the X band into the standard broadcast band and listen alongside NZers with the 1 and 2 kHz setting.

**BCM**= Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) - AOR7030+ with 15m EWE antennas NE, E, SE

- 580 USA KMJ Fresno CA C2C strong 0808 2/11 TK  
690 HAWAII KHNR Honolulu HI Ads: compatibility in marriage ad, Car Insurance and ID "KHNR Honolulu 690" strong 0803 2/11 TK  
1040 HAWAII KLHT Honolulu w/ "Hawaii's Pure Light, Kay-Light" 0630 4/11, then evangelist. Over 2 other stations. BCM  
1098 MARSHALL ISLANDS V7AB Majuro w/ island music 0955 over 3ZB, fanfare 0958 and possible news in dialect. Frequent refs to Palau & Marshalls 2/11. BCM  
1140 CUBA?? Unid heard with Radio Rebelde's distinctive chimes at 0758 11/10 in a glorious mix of Canadian, US & Mexican stations. BCM  
1190 USA KEX Portland OR strong with Coast to Coast 0827 2/11 TK  
1210 HAWAII KZOO Honolulu with "Its now 9 oclock, you're listening to Kay-Zoo" 0701. Earlier, a lengthy advertorial on Life Insurance was heard on 9/11. BCM  
1400 USA UNID country music format station 1014 past 1025 2/11. BCM  
1470 MEXICO XEAI Mexico DF with talk format, ident as "Radio Formula, Cadena Nacional" 0626 30/10. BCM  
1530 USA? KGBT Harlingen TX likely the SS format mixed Coast (Hawkes Bay) & US talker 0626 9/11. BCM  
1640 USA Radio Disney poking through dominant KDIA 0715 30/10. Unfortunately no clues whether it was KDZR Oregon or WKSH Wisconsin. BCM  
1660 USA KXOL Brigham City UT w/Mexican SS format, "La Favorita" ident 0618 9/11, dominant. BCM





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## ADCOM NEWS

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### 2009 AGM REPORT

The League's 61<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting in Auckland on Sunday 25 October 2009 opened with President **BRYAN CLARK** welcoming members present. A minute's silence was held in memory of those members who had passed away in the past year – Life Member **DON REED**, former National Secretary **EVAN MURRAY**, and **COLIN CAMPBELL**.

In Matters Arising from the 60<sup>th</sup> AGM, the venue of annual meetings was discussed. Bryan explained that between 1949 and 1990, all AGMs had been held in the South Island. Since the Administration of the DX League had moved to Auckland in 1991, most annual meetings had been held there. The League's current constitutional model requires a minimum of 5 voting members for a quorum and has generally meant the AGM was held where most Adcom members are domiciled. Bryan expected the broadening of voting eligibility in the proposed new constitution would make it easier to consider other locations, but desirably needed a hosting branch. In his Patron's report **DR FRANK GLEN** spoke of his busy year in the role, representing the League at NZART events and a DX gathering in Australia. He reported a favourable response from Otago University regarding academic study

into history of radio listening. Frank, together with our Australian member Associate Professor **MARTIN HADLOW**, plans to visit Otago University in the coming months to further this project. He has begun collating details of relevant archival material held by members, as well as at the Hocken Library.

In his President's Report, Bryan thanked those who keep the club operational, in particular Chief Editor **MARK NICHOLLS** and his 'NZ DX Times' sub-editor team, Secretary/Treasurer **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD** and other members of the Administration Committee, and not least, the members who contribute to the magazine and support the club in other ways. He spoke of the various difficulties facing DX hobbyists today and the need for the League to 'adapt or die'. His view was that the Internet is key to the League's ongoing survival, and he announced that **MARK NICHOLLS** would be taking on the additional Webmaster role, whilst **PAUL ORMANDY** would be setting up and moderating a new Internet-based user group on Yahoo, for League members. "By these measures we can better ensure members get timely information and promote ourselves worldwide", he said.

Adcom initiatives over the past year, both successful and unsuccessful, were reported. Commenting on the constitutional remits to be considered by the meeting, Bryan concluded his report by saying "whatever the outcome, it is unlikely to change the fact that we continue to rely on a very small number of people who give freely of their time and talents to ensure that all of us gain benefit from club membership. I ask you to give them whatever support and encouragement you can in the year ahead".

Presenting the Treasurer's Report, **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD** noted that income was substantially reduced because of the complimentary membership year marking the club's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Major expenses were the magazine, which had increased printing costs and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner costs. Total funds at the bank on 31 August 2009 totalled \$18,416, compared with \$26,012 a year previously. Membership stands at 181, a net increase of 5 members. Bryan thanked Phil for all his hard work.

In the Chief Editor's Report, **MARK NICHOLLS** thanked his sub-editorial team for the time and effort they put into the magazine, and individual members for their contributions during the year. Since the magazines were being mailed in prepaid envelopes, we don't appear to have had any problems with NZ Post. Commenting on taking up the Webmaster role, Mark said that "while I can see the printed magazine being around for many years, the instant availability of information through the Internet such as the League website, is something I hope to develop, along with maintaining the current printed magazine."

Competition Results were announced by Competitions Secretary **ARTHUR DE MAINE**, as follows: Best Logging of the Year Broadcast – **BRYAN CLARK** with V7AB Marshall Islands 1098kHz; Best Shortwave Logging Under 9mHz – **BRYAN CLARK** with Tajikistan 4765kHz; Best Shortwave Logging Over 9mHz – **IAN CATTERMOLLE & BRYAN CLARK** with Abkhazia 9495; Best Broadcast QSL Of the Year – **SUTTON BURTENSHAW** with KENI Alaska 650kHz 50kw; Best Shortwave QSL of the Year – **BRYAN CLARK** with Spider Radio Athens Greece 6925kHz 80 watts; Best FM QSL – **DENE LYNNEBERG** with 2NBC Sydney 90.1mHz, 200 watts; Merv Branks Memorial Trophy – **SUTTON BURTENSHAW** with 9 QSLs; Founders Award to Bryan Clark for his continued input to a number of sections of the DX Times and for his valuable all-round input into the League.

Branch reports were received from North Otago, Canterbury, Wellington and

Auckland. Auckland Branch will have a stand at NZART's 2010 Annual Conference in Auckland - **BARRY WILLIAMS** and **GRANT MANNING** undertook to investigate participation in the grab-bag supplied to participants. Members were relieved to hear that recent scrub fires had not affected the Tiwai DX Listening House.

Officers elected for the 2009/10 year were President – **BRYAN CLARK**, Vice-President – **DAVID NORRIE**, Secretary – **MIKE BUTLER**, Treasurer – **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD**, Chief Editor – **MARK NICHOLLS**, Competitions Secretary – **ARTHUR DE MAINE**, Auditor – **BRIAN BEYNON** BCA. No nominations were received for Publicity Coordinator – Adcom will investigate co-opting a member to this role.

Previously submitted remits and notices of motion were then debated. The remit from **PAUL ORMANDY** for a working group to consider future options for the League was passed unanimously. **DAVID RICQUISH** withdrew his 5 notices of motion concerning the Constitution, in favour of supporting the related proposal from Adcom for a complete revision. Proposed changes were overviewed, together with initial feedback received from members of the Constitutional Review Group. As a result of the ensuing discussion, the Adcom remit was passed, with changes to draft clauses 3.3 and 6.2. The resulting draft is published elsewhere in this magazine, for member feedback.

It was agreed that subscriptions for 2010 remain at the levels currently published in the DX Times.

Under General Business, **MIKE BUTLER** reported on shortwave propagation conditions during the past year. He acknowledged member contributions to the Bandwatch columns that form the basis of his research. **BRYAN CLARK** reiterated the work being undertaken by **FRANK GLEN** to document what material relating to the early days of radio listening and broadcasting was in private hands, and he hoped members would be able to contribute to this. **BRYAN MARSH** displayed items from the collection of the late **DOUGLAS DOULL**.

#### **MEMBERS – WE NEED YOUR HELP:**

From items in the above report, members are asked to particularly note the following:

- **Revision of League's Constitution** – elsewhere in this magazine, you'll find a redraft of the League's Constitution. As noted with the draft, we need to hear from you – your comments and questions. The deadline for member feedback is 28 February.
- **Academic History of Radio Listening in NZ** – as noted above, members **FRANK GLEN** and **MARTIN HADLOW** will be visiting Otago University in January to discuss the opportunity for research to be formally conducted on the early days of the DX hobby. The Hocken Library at Otago University is the primary archival record for the League, but with the help of **RAY CRAWFORD**, Frank has begun building up a record of all relevant material held outside of the Hocken, especially in the private collections of members. As part of this exercise, Frank has met with Keith, son of pioneer NZ DXer **ALBERT STANTON** and viewed Albert's QSL Collection covering the period 1931 to the early 1950s. If you have any material pertaining to the DX radio listening hobby in NZ that might be of historical interest, please drop me a note at [bryan@radiodx.com](mailto:bryan@radiodx.com) or by post to the League's Post Office Box.
- **DX Dialog Yahoo Group** – Thanks to **PAUL ORMANDY** for offering to set up and moderate this new Internet newsgroup for members to share DX and related information. Access to the group is limited to financial members of the

League. If you want to know what's up on the local DX scene, you need this timely means of communication. If you already subscribe to a Yahoo! Group, just go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxdialog/> and click on 'Join this Group' and add dxdialog to your Groups. If you haven't participated in a discussion group before, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com> for starters.

- **NZRDXL Discussion Group** - We are also grateful to Paul for agreeing to chair a working group that will look at the future direction and shape of the League. The group will consider promotional activity, membership avenues, further evolution to a web-based entity and consider how the League may continue to exist well into the future. The working group needs the input of League members with an interest in prolonging our club as an entity and a catalyst for those interested in radio listening. Paul has set up a second Yahoo Group for this purpose – it will also provide a forum for online exchanges on the draft constitution. If you haven't participated in a discussion group before, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com> for starters. if you already subscribe to a Yahoo! Group, just go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nzrdxl/> and click on 'Join this Group' and add nzrdxl to your Groups.

**ADCOM APPOINTMENTS** Adcom are pleased to confirm the appointment of **PAUL ORMANDY** to the vacant role of Publicity Coordinator, and **MARK NICHOLLS** is to take over the Webmaster role from **CHRIS MACKERELL**. Our grateful thanks to these volunteers and indeed all who contribute to the DX League and the NZ DX Times.



**GROUP AT LEAGUE'S 2009 AGM**

*Seated: Barry Jones, Phil van de Paverd, Bill Rawlinson, Bryan Marsh.*

*Standing: Mike Butler, David Crozier, Grant Manning, Barry Williams, Malcolm Holmes.)*

NEW ZEALAND RADIO DX LEAGUE INCORPORATED  
**DRAFT REVISED CONSTITUTION**  
 October 2009

	<b>Proposed New Constitution – Oct09</b>	<b>Current Constitution – Sep94</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>NAME AND OFFICE</b>	<b>NAME AND OFFICE</b>
1.1	The name shall be <b>NEW ZEALAND RADIO DX LEAGUE (INCORPORATED)</b>	<i>The name shall be <b>NEW ZEALAND RADIO DX LEAGUE (INCORPORATED)</b></i>
1.2	The registered office of the League shall be located in Auckland or other place as determined at a General Meeting. Any change in address shall be notified to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies and members in a manner to be decided by the General Meeting.	<i>The registered office of the League shall be located in Auckland - any change in address shall be done with the approval of the Annual General Meeting and notified to the registrar and members in a manner to be decided by the Annual General Meeting.</i>
<b>2.</b>	<b>OBJECTS</b>	<b>OBJECTS</b>
2.1	To promote the hobby of DX radio listening, that is the monitoring of distant radio signals.	<i>To promote interest in all aspects of the DX radio listening hobby.</i>
2.2	To support and enrich membership by providing regular information on all aspects of DX radio listening through publications and other media.	<i>To provide help and inform members on the hobby by way of a monthly magazine and any other publication that the Administration Committee may decide to publish.</i>
2.3	To establish constructive relationships with like organisations in New Zealand and overseas.	
2.4	To encourage local group DX activities.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>
3.1	Membership is open to any person who is interested in the DX radio listening hobby covering any part of the radio frequency spectrum.	<i>Membership is open to any person who is interested in the DX radio listening hobby covering any part of the radio frequency spectrum.</i>
3.2	Application for membership is to be made in writing to the National Secretary, or through the links provided on the League's Internet Website.	<i>Application for membership must be made in writing to the National Secretary.</i>
3.3	The Administration committee may by majority vote, decline any application or renewal for membership, or expel any member where it is regarded that the	<i>The Administration committee may by majority vote, decline any application for membership, any renewal of subscription, or expel any member who brings the hobby</i>

3.4	<p>reputation of the League and the hobby is compromised. Members who are declined membership or expelled will be notified in writing of the decision.</p> <p>Any member who is expelled by the Administration Committee may appeal in writing stating the reason for the appeal. The Administration Committee shall appoint a special committee of three, none of whom shall be from the Administration Committee, to review the appeal. Their decision shall be final.</p>	<p><i>or League into disrepute or acts contrary to the wishes of Annual General Meeting or the Administration Committee.</i></p> <p><i>Any member who is expelled by the Administration Committee may appeal in writing stating the reason for the appeal, the Administration Committee shall appoint a special committee of three, none of whom shall be from the Administration Committee, to review the appeal. Their decision shall be final.</i></p> <p><i>Members may resign from the League by advising the National Secretary in writing.</i></p> <p><i>Membership will lapse if subscription has not been paid after one month of the due date</i></p>
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<b>4.</b>	<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</b>
4.1	Life membership may be conferred on a member of the League to honour their services to the League. Nominations must be in writing and supported by two members, and the decision will be that of the Administration Committee.	<p><i>The Annual General Meeting, on the recommendation of the Administration Committee may confer life membership on a member of the League to honour their services to the NZ Radio DX League.</i></p>
4.2	Any life member may attend the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting and shall be entitled to vote on any business of the League and exercise all the rights of a financial member.	<p><i>Any life member may attend the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting and shall be entitled to vote on any business of the League.</i></p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>
5.1	Subscriptions shall be fixed at such rates as shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for that purpose.	<p><i>Subscriptions shall be fixed at such rates as shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for that purpose.</i></p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>GENERAL MEETINGS</b>	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>
6.1	General Meetings shall determine the League's policy.	<p><i>The Annual General Meeting shall determine the League's policy.</i></p>
6.2	The Annual General Meeting shall	<p><i>The Annual General Meeting shall</i></p>

	<p>be held annually. A Special General Meeting may be held at any other time, called by the Administration Committee, or by requests received by the National Secretary signed by at least 15 financial members. General Meetings will be held at a time and place as the Administration Committee may decide.</p>	<p><i>be held annually at a time and place as the Administration Committee may decide.</i></p>
6.3	<p>Notice of a General Meeting will be given to members in the monthly magazine with a minimum of twelve weeks notice. Remits are to be in the hands of the National Secretary no later than eight weeks before the date set. The National Secretary will publish remits in the monthly magazine, and at least three weeks before a General Meeting.</p>	<p><i>Notice of the Annual General Meeting will be given to members in the monthly magazine with a minimum of twelve weeks notice. Remits are to be in the hands of the National Secretary eight weeks before the date set. The National Secretary will circulate remits to branches and life members, four weeks before the Annual General Meeting.</i></p>
6.4	<p>A General Meeting is open to all financial members to attend and take part in discussions, and all members who are resident in New Zealand shall have voting rights provided they have been financial members continuously for a minimum of three years prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.</p>	<p><i>The Annual General Meeting is open to all financial members to attend and take part in discussions, but only the National Officials, elected branch delegates and Life Members have voting rights.</i></p>
6.5	<p>A quorum for the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be five members eligible to vote and shall include the National President or National Vice President and two other elected members of the Administration Committee.</p>	<p><i>A quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be five of those members eligible to vote.</i></p>
6.6	<p>Any member entitled to vote who is unable to attend the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting may appoint a proxy. The names of all proxies must be in the hands of the</p>	<p><i>Any member entitled to vote or branch delegate who is unable to attend the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting may appoint a proxy. The names of all proxies must be in the hands of the</i></p>

6.7	<p>National Secretary no later than two weeks prior to the meeting. All matters at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be decided by a vote of a majority of those present entitled to vote and by those holding proxies. Voting shall be by a show of hands or secret ballot, as determined by the Meeting. The National President or in their absence the National Vice President shall exercise a casting vote in the event of equality of voting.</p>	<p><i>National Secretary two weeks prior to conference. All matters at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be decided by a vote of a majority of those present entitled to vote and by those holding proxies. Voting shall be by a show of hands or secret ballot, as determined by the Meeting. The National President shall exercise a casting vote in the event of equality of voting.</i></p>
6.8	<p>The Annual General Meeting each year will elect an Auditor.</p>	<p><i>The Annual General Meeting each year will elect an Auditor.</i></p>
7. 7.1	<p><b>NATIONAL OFFICE HOLDERS</b></p> <p>Nominations for the following positions will be called for twelve weeks in advance of the date set down for the Annual General Meeting by notice in the magazine. Nominations must be in the hands of the National Secretary two weeks before the Meeting. Nominations shall be in writing and signed by two financial members and shall contain the consent in writing of the candidate. The candidate and the supporting financial members must all be New Zealand residents and have been financial members continuously for a minimum of three years prior to the date of the Meeting.</p> <p>If no nominations for a position are received the National President, with the consent of the Meeting, may call for nominations from the floor.</p> <p>Combining of roles, for example National Secretary/Treasurer, may be approved by the Meeting if the number of available candidates</p>	<p><b>NATIONAL OFFICIALS</b></p> <p><i>Nominations for the following positions will be called for twelve weeks in advance of the date set down for the Annual General Meeting and nominations must be in the hands of the National Secretary two weeks before the Meeting. Nominations shall be in writing and signed by two financial members and shall contain the consent in writing of the candidate.</i></p> <p><i>If no nominations for positions are received the National President, with the consent of the Meeting, may call for nominations from the floor.</i></p>



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<b>8.</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE</b>
8.1	The Administration Committee will consist of the National President, National Vice-President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, and Chief Editor, all of whom will be elected each year by the Annual General Meeting.	<i>The Administration Committee will consist of the National President, National Vice-President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, Chief Editor, Competitions Secretary and Publicity Coordinator, all of whom will be elected each year by the Annual General Meeting.</i>
8.2	The Administration Committee shall meet at least three times a year and will be responsible for the management of the League in accordance with policy which has been determined or ratified by the General Meetings, and will be responsible for the proper administration of the League's funds.	<i>The Administration Committee shall meet at least three times a year and will be responsible for the management of the League laid down by Annual General Meeting and will be responsible for the proper administration of the League's funds.</i>
8.3	The Committee will have the power to co-opt any member to assist them as required and support for projects may be solicited from the general membership at any time.	<i>The Committee will have the power to co-opt any member to assist them as required.</i>
8.4	A quorum shall be three members of the Administration Committee and the National President shall have both a deliberative and casting vote.	<i>A quorum shall be three members of the Administration Committee and the National President shall have both a deliberative and casting vote.</i>
<b>9.</b>	<b>MAGAZINE AND WEBSITE</b>	<b>MAGAZINE</b>
9.1	The official publication of the New Zealand Radio DX League shall be known as the "New Zealand DX Times" and shall be published monthly. The magazine shall be	<i>The official publication of the New Zealand Radio DX League shall be known as the "New Zealand DX Times" and shall be published monthly. The magazine shall be</i>

	<p>under the control of the Chief Editor who will be elected by the Annual General Meeting each year.</p> <p>9.2 The Chief Editor may co-opt members as and when the need arises, to assist in editorial and publishing roles.</p> <p>9.3 The Chief Editor will present an Annual Report to the Administration Committee.</p> <p>9.4 The League will utilise an Internet Website to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• communicate with the membership</li> <li>• promote the radio DX hobby</li> <li>• provide an on-line archive of League and hobby reference material.</li> </ul> <p>The website will be administered by a Webmaster, appointed by and responsible to, the Administration Committee.</p> <p>9.5 Any comments made to public media in the name of the League must have the prior approval of the Administration Committee.</p>	<p><i>under the control of the Chief Editor who will be elected by the Annual General Meeting each year.</i></p> <p><i>The Chief Editor may co-opt members asand when the need arises.</i></p> <p><i>The Chief Editor will present a Annual Report to the Administration Committee.</i></p>
<p><b>10.</b></p> <p>10.1</p> <p>10.2</p> <p>10.3</p>	<p><b>ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES</b></p> <p>The financial year of the League will end on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August each year and it will be the responsibility of the National Treasurer to present to the Annual General Meeting an audited Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement.</p> <p>Any financial member shall be entitled to inspect the financial records of the League and may also request a copy of the annual report and balance sheet.</p> <p>The National Treasurer will receive and bank all monies payable to the League and shall keep records of</p>	<p><b>ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES</b></p> <p><i>The financial year of the League will end on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August each year and it will be the responsibility of the National Treasurer to present to the Annual General Meeting an audited Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement.</i></p> <p><i>Any member shall be entitled to inspect the financial records of the League and may also request a copy of the annual report and balance sheet.</i></p> <p><i>The National Treasurer will receive and bank all monies payable to the League and shall keep records of all</i></p>

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10.5	Payments from League funds shall be by cheque signed by the National Treasurer and at least one other member of the Administration Committee. Electronic banking is also permitted, subject to transactions being authorised by two Committee members.	<i>Payments from League funds shall be by cheque signed by the National Treasurer and at least one other member of the Administration Committee.</i>
10.6	The Administration Committee must approve the placement of any surplus funds for investment. Such investment will be limited to those available through the League's trading bank.	<i>The Administration Committee must approve the placement of any surplus funds for investment. Such investment will be limited to those available through the League's trading bank.</i>
11.	<b>PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS</b> No member of the League, or any person associated with a member, shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the League in respect to the payment made to or on behalf of that member or associated person of any income, benefit, or advantage whatsoever.	<b>PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS</b> <i>No member of the League, or any person associated with a member, shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the League in respect to the payment made to or on behalf of that member or associated person of any income, benefit, or advantage whatsoever.</i>
12	<b>BRANCHES</b>	<b>BRANCHES</b>
12.1	Branches may be formed with the consent of the Administration Committee provided that there are four or more financial members of the League.	<i>Branches may be formed with the consent of the Administration Committee provided that there are five or more financial members of the League.</i>
12.2	Branches will have the main aim of providing members with the opportunity for local social interaction and practical support in pursuing their DX hobby.	<i>Branches will be managed by a committee of not less than three persons.</i>
12.3	Branches will be responsible for	<i>Branches will be responsible for</i>

12.4	<p>their own finances and are requested to provide an annual report on their activities, to be received by the National Secretary no later than 2 weeks before the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Branches are expected to operate within the ethics of the League's constitution.</p>	<p><i>their own finances and will provide the Annual General Meeting with an Annual Report and Balance Sheet.</i></p> <p><i>A branch delegate to the Annual General Meeting will be elected by financial members of the League residing within the branch area.</i></p>
<p><b>13.</b></p> <p>13.1</p> <p>13.2</p> <p>13.3</p>	<p><b>ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION</b></p> <p>Alterations to the constitution may only be made by the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting</p> <p>Notices of motion are to be in the hands of the National Secretary at least eight weeks prior to the meeting. The National Secretary will advise the Administration Committee of such notice and shall publish notices in the monthly magazine at least three weeks before the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.</p> <p>No addition to, or alteration or rescinding of the constitution shall be approved if it affects the 'Payments to Members' or 'Winding Up' clauses of the constitution.</p>	<p><b>ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION</b></p> <p><i>Alterations to the constitution may only be made by the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting</i></p> <p><i>Notices of motion are to be in the hands of the National Secretary at least eight weeks prior to the meeting. The National Secretary will advise the Administration Committee of such notice and shall forward a copy of all notices to branches and life members at least four weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting or specially convened General Meeting.</i></p> <p><i>No addition to, or alteration or rescinding of the constitution shall be approved if it affects the 'Payments to Members' or 'Winding Up' clauses of the constitution.</i></p>
<p><b>14.</b></p> <p>14.1</p>	<p><b>STANDARD OF ETHICS</b></p> <p>Members are expected to act in an open, fair and honest manner and not bring the League into disrepute.</p>	<p><b>STANDARD OF ETHICS</b></p> <p><i>Members are expected to provide truthful and correct information when writing to radio stations, New Zealand DX Times, and when entering competitions and must not bring the hobby or League into disrepute.</i></p>
<p><b>15.</b></p> <p>15.1</p>	<p><b>COMPETITIONS</b></p> <p>The Administration Committee may approve competitions from time to</p>	<p><b>COMPETITIONS</b></p> <p><i>The rules for the Annual League competitions are listed in a separate publication.</i></p> <p><i>The Administration Committee may</i></p>

15.2	<p>time and details will be published in the New Zealand DX Times.</p> <p>The Competitions Secretary will be responsible for judging any competition held by the League, or may with the approval of the Administration Committee, appoint other financial members to judge a competition.</p>	<p><i>approve other competitions from time to time and details will be published in the New Zealand DX Times.</i></p> <p><i>The Competitions Secretary will be responsible for judging any competition held by the League, or may with the approval of the Administration Committee, appoint other financial members to judge a competition.</i></p>
16 16.1	<p><b>WINDING UP</b></p> <p>In the event of the League being wound up, any property remaining after all debts and liabilities have been satisfied shall not be distributed among the members but shall be transferred to another New Zealand based organisation having similar aims to the League, as determined by the outgoing Administration Committee.</p>	<p><b>WINDING UP</b></p> <p><i>In the event of the League being wound up, any property remaining after all debts and liabilities have been satisfied shall not be distributed among the members but shall be transferred to another New Zealand based organisation having similar aims to the League, as determined by the outgoing Administration Committee.</i></p>
17. 17.1	<p><b>SEAL</b></p> <p>The seal of the League shall be kept in the custody of the National Secretary, who will affix it to all official communications to the Registrar and to such other legal and financial documents as the Administration Committee may decide.</p>	<p><b>SEAL</b></p> <p><i>The seal of the League shall be kept in the custody of the National Secretary, who will affix it to all official communications to the Registrar and to such other legal and financial documents as the Administration Committee may decide.</i></p>

The Administration Committee now needs **YOUR FEEDBACK** on this draft, to be received no later than 28 February 2010. You can submit your feedback - questions - suggestions - in one of the following ways:

1. By mail to Secretary, NZRDXL, PO Box 39596, Howick, Manukau 2145
2. By email to [secretary@radiodx.com](mailto:secretary@radiodx.com)
3. By posting a message to the new DX League Yahoo! Discussion Group, called nzrdxl. This has been established following **PAUL ORMANDY's** successful notice of motion to the 2009 AGM to provide a means of generating member discussion on the future direction and shape of the DX League. If you already subscribe to a Yahoo! Group, just go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nzrdxl/> and click on 'Join this Group' and add nzrdxl to your Groups. If you haven't participated in a discussion group before, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com> for starters.

Remember, we need to hear from YOU, if you have any questions or concerns about the changes to the Constitution which will determine how YOUR CLUB is governed in the future.

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## AUCKLAND BRANCH

The next and last meeting for 2009, will be on **Sunday, November 29th**. We have a few old WRHB's and Passort to Radio, to get rid of so come along. Thanks to those who attended the AGM and helped make it a successful meeting. Merry Christmas to all. Contact Barry Williams 815 4126 for more information.

## WELLINGTON AREA BRANCH

Final mid-week meeting for 2009 will be **Wednesday, November 18, 12.45pm** at Beach Babylon Cafe, Oriental Bay. Free 2 hour parking across the road. Recently, Walt Salmaniwi from Victoria in Canada visited Wellington for a day as part of a Pacific cruise. He spent an enjoyable time touring RNZI (thanks Adrian) and collected many photos of radio sites around the city in the company of David Ricquish. If you're visiting the capital, do let us know. For local members, get added to the mailing list for news by contacting David at [info@radioheritage.net](mailto:info@radioheritage.net)

## CHRISTCHURCH (CANTERBURY) BRANCH

**Next Meeting On Sunday 22nd November** at Ron Killicks 67 Dunbars Road Halswell for the last meeting of this year and to discuss how best we might organise our future.

### Recent Meetings

The September gathering at Ti Rakau Drive was a good one with five of us to share bickies and coffee. We did a bit of soul searching and realised we had been meeting almost three years. We examined what we might have learned. We sieved out the following.

1. Over the past 2 and a bit years we have had about 10 meetings and we averaged 5 at each one. The biggest was 11 and the smallest has been 4.
2. This suggests that from 21 Canterbury members we get a 25% attendance. Incidentally – this is a good average for any organization these days.
3. We accepted we are neither strong enough nor collectively numerous to undertake anything but the simplest of activities such as the joint visit we did recently with the NZART to Taits. We have been invited to join with them again next year for a visit to Timaru's Radio Museum which ought to be quite an event.
4. We discussed fixing a regular calendar date for say five meetings a year or maybe the fourth Sunday in the months from February to November. The idea of a DX location and throwing out the aerials somewhere is around and since that discussion your Patron has had the offer of a crib at Wainoni used occasionally by Hams. Ground aerials need to be attempted which is bodies to turnout to do this if we are to take the field again.
5. We also discovered that there could be some hesitation by members who over the years have seen the Canterbury Branch come and go. This has led them to not want to be disappointed once more and who are

perhaps wondering if this group will also implode. The current feelings are that this is not at all likely. We are more than surviving and what's more Dxing!

### DUNEDIN (OTAGO) BRANCH

Our last meeting was a success , our next meeting on December 12th 2009 at 1pm at 34 Herron Street,Dunedin , wives are welcome as this is a social gathering and the barbecue will be on so bring something to cook and drink and of course upcoming radio events will be discussed for next year.



Photo taken at the last Dunedin meeting. From left - Jim Searle,David Miller,Roger Pryde,Ian Wells (Not in photo Sean Pryde photographer)

### SOUTHLAND BRANCH

The November meeting has been planned to be held at Colin's on **Tuesday 24th November at 7-00pm**. Bring along all your Dx related stories about how to save the world, and also a plate of goodies to eat.

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