

Otago Branch 30 Presidents Report for the 2011 AGM

As I reflect upon the last 2 years as your President, I find that we have achieved a great deal, but I also find that we still have a lot to do.

We have a new home for 915.

We have a reprieve from the Kordia problems, mainly because of the efforts of this Branch.

We have increased our activities during activity nights and invested in better lighting and some new, much needed, tools.

Projects such as the Power supplies and the Tait conversations continue to be well supported.

We have the Plaque back up on the front gate and it's looking awesome.

Thanks Lindsay for the sterling effort with that.

I would also like to thank Dave ZL4TAQ for the great repair job he has done on the Window frame at the side of the garage.

We have a working experimental alternative Queens Town Link thanks to Stew ZL4DC and Mike ZL4DM.

There is much more that has been achieved but the work must continue.

Our contest station sits mostly unused and there is virtually no interesting amongst the membership to rectify this.

Our 690 repeater is too deaf to be reliably used with handhelds walking around the city and the aerial upgrade is still on going. National System North Port Path has become unreliable because of trees.

Our Highcliff upgrade project is still not completed. The Packet radio BBS and Dud are now turned off, marking the end of Packet Radio as we know it.

The Clubs HF antenna has fallen down
We need to sort out the Garage.

The yard needs a tree fella to pay us a visit and we need to sort out the ceiling in the Shack and to find out why it is so damp in there. The roof still needs painted and the carpet in the Shack need to be replaced. The entire kitchen needs to be ripped out so the rotten floor can be replaced.

So you can see, there is plenty to do going into the new year.

Our Membership seems to be steadily declining but we did gain 2 new members over the last year, and some previous members have returned.

We did well in the RTTY contest and the QRP CW contest.

The old timers afternoon was a great success again and I am looking forward to the next one. A big thank you must be given to Anne and Don for catering this event again.

With my work commitments taking up almost all of my time, I have decided to stand down as your President. I still think there is much more that I could have done as your president but I can't, at this stage, give the role the time and effort that it deserves. I would like to thank you all for supporting me as your president over the last 2 years.

I am still only an email or a text or a call on the radio away if you need my objective opinion on something. I will still be hanging out here on Wednesday nights and active on the bands as I am available to do so.

Perhaps sometime in the future, I will once again have the privilege of being your president.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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