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## From HQ

Debbly says...

**M7.8 EARTHQUAKE** – Having received a number of queries from members regarding the lack of amateur radio presence after the earthquakes in Kaikoura, I advise the following:

On Monday 14 November after the 7.8 magnitude earthquake approaches were made by the Marlborough and Canterbury section leaders to their respective EOCs offering AREC assistance. An approach was also made at the national level by the AREC national director Jeff Sayer. Assistance was not required as emergency services infrastructure was operating many areas

and the inaccessibility. The situation may change and if required, AREC will respond.

Some individual amateurs have been involved, the following report from Daniel Ayers ZL1DFA

*“Amateur radio operators and resources were employed in the response to the recent M7.8 earthquake in North Canterbury. The town of Waiau, 4km from the epicentre, immediately lost landline, cellular, electricity and water services and was also cut off by road. VHF communications was established with Christchurch by Daniel Ayers ZL1DFA who was on holiday in Waiau at the time. The Mt Noble 6975 repeater provided a reliable link to Christchurch for days including periods where the Civil Defence repeaters failed. 6975 was used to relay traffic between senior Fire Service staff in Waiau and HQ in Christchurch. This is the second time this year 6975 continued to deliver exemplary service in an emergency situation when Civil Defence VHF communications failed. The contribution of the North Canterbury Amateur Radio Club and 6975 trustees in providing this valuable service is appreciated”*

Great effort thanks Daniel...closer to home. HQ too has managed to survive the tumultuous weather and earthquakes. Most of the trophies and books fell to the floor however the only casualty was one glass vase! To say we have been lucky is an

understatement...I urge you all to look after each other and wherever possible start communicating via the frequencies available to you to make sure your neighbour is okay and your neighbours neighbour and so on. Keep the frequencies alive and active. The world needs you.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2DL



**Mt Noble 6975 Repeater**

## **YOTA 2017 in UK**

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to share the information on Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) 2017 to be held in UK, August 2017.

It is the program run by IARU Region 1 to promote Ham Radio to youngsters, but there is some limited room for participants from other Regions.

If anyone is interested in participating in this event, more information is available on the following website.

<http://www.ham-yota.com/call-for-application-youngsters-on-the-air-uk-2017/>

Thanks to IARU Region 1 for making some room for other regions.

In 2016 program, IARU Region 3 was invited to participate, but could not send anyone.

I wish to see some participants in YOTA 2017 from IARU Region 3.

73 de Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP

Secretary, IARU Region 3

## **Official Broadcast**

The Official Broadcast is made on the last Sunday of each month except:

- December when the Broadcast is made on the Sunday before Christmas.
- January when there is no broadcast

The broadcast is made on 3900 kHz, and on the National System and local VHF repeaters.

The broadcast is made at 2000 hours (8:00 pm), with a repeat at 2100 hours (9:00 pm).

Members and Branches are welcome to submit material for inclusion in the Broadcast to the e-mail or postal address shown below.

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73, Jim ZL2BHF

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