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## MOUNTAIN RADIO SERVICE

### Contacts for Booking and Hiring Mountain Radios

#### About the Mountain Radio Service (MRS)

MRS has lightweight radios, equal in size & weight to a pack of butter, for use in the outdoors. These are ideal for school groups, youth groups, trampers, hunters and most other outdoor activity groups.

The radios function in both the North and South Islands and have proved to be of great value on many occasions.

Each base station generates a once-daily call, referred to as a 'sched'. During the sched the base station operator gives weather information and takes details of the location and intentions of users. This includes making telephone calls to any contact people regarding changes to plans and pick-up arrangements caused by bad weather and/or flooded rivers.

Of course any developing emergency situations can be dealt with as well.

In case of injury or illness the details can be given at sched time, and assistance arranged if needed. Unless there are other listening times arranged, you will normally make contact with the base station at the specified times. If an emergency arises during the day, a call should be made on the Canterbury Mountain Radio Service frequency as there is a good chance of being heard in Christchurch by one of their members.

When a radio is hired, full details on setting up the aerial, base station sched times and listening watches (if any) will be given. Information on channel frequencies is also supplied, so it is important that the hirer reads and understands this information. Before the radio can be made operational, the long aerial wire must be strung out and this could take 10 minutes or more in bush or rough terrain. Weight of radio, antenna, spare batteries, and bag is 1.2kg for the smaller and 1.8kg for the larger set. Size of bag is 19cm x 16cm x 8cm for the smaller set.

**Mountain Radio Service**  
**<http://www.nzlsar.org.nz/mrs/wmrs/nzmrs.htm>**  
**or your local contact.**

*"Volunteers Serving the Community"*

**Mountain Radio Service needs your feedback.**  
**Contact us locally or on our website**

# NORTH ISLAND MOUNTAIN RADIO SERVICE

## NORTHLAND

Noel Herman, PO Box 1410, Tikipunga.  
Ph 09-437-5347 H or 025-992-989

## HAWKES BAY

Des Stephens, 2 Riverbend Rd, Napier.  
Ph: (H) 06-843-8291  
David Walker, 36 Ardrossan Ave, Hastings. Ph:  
(H) 06-879-8548

## CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND

Ph 0800 26 46 77 (0800 CNIMRS)  
This phone number covers the following areas:  
**Tokoroa, Rotorua, Ohakune, Raetihi,  
Palmerston North**

## WELLINGTON

PO Box 30-519, Lower Hutt.  
Ph: 04-564-6929 (Answerphone)  
www.wmrs.org.nz  
For hire: 2 models of HF transceivers.  
Cost: \$5/day, minimum 2-day hire.  
Weekend: pick up Fri, return Mon = \$15

## GPS (3) available

\$3.00 per day  
Sets sent by courier to hirers out of the district.

## Hutt Valley / Wellington

Bob Sewell, 1 Riverside Gr, Wainuiomata Ph:  
04-564-6929  
Email: bobsewell@clear.net.nz  
Depot: Dwights Great Outdoors Centre, Westfield  
Queensgate Shopping Centre, Lower Hutt  
Ph: 04-570-0358

## Wellington

Bruce & Kerry Popplewell, 9 Orari St, Ngaio.  
Ph: 04-479-2144  
Depot: Mainly Tramping, Grand Arcade, 16 Willis  
St, Wellington Ph: 04-473-5353

## Otaki

Maurice Perry, 66 Otaki Gorge Rd, Otaki  
Ph: 06-364-8441

## Masterton

Colin Coutts, 12 Paierau Rd, Masterton  
Ph: 06-377-0426  
Neil Richardson, 129 High St, Masterton  
Ph: 06-377-0987 Fax: 03-377-0347

## Palmerston North [Wgtn]

Hugh Wilde, 179 Cook St, Palm. Nth  
Ph: 06-356-9450  
Depot: Mountain Equipment,  
400 Ferguson St, Palmerston North  
Ph: 06-359-2162

## Wanganui

Darryl Greeks, 15 Liverpool St, Wanganui  
Ph: 06-345-6624



# SOUTH ISLAND MOUNTAIN RADIO SERVICE

## Marlborough

Paul Rennie, 64 Park Tce, Blenheim  
Ph: 03-578-5311

## CANTERBURY

PO Box 22-342, Christchurch  
www.mountainradio.co.nz

**Canterbury Mt Radio has a 2nd channel fitted  
to all radios - DOC Te Anau & Wanaka**  
(Fiordland & Mt Aspiring National Parks)  
Hire: \$40 week; \$30 weekend

## Christchurch

Paul White, 2 Walker St, ChCh  
Ph/Fax (W) 03-366-5241

Lou Lovegrove ChCh

Ph: (H) 03-942-1547 Mob 029-942-1547

## Methven

Alan Hepburn, 71 Main Rd, Methven  
Ph: (H) 03-302-8410

## Hokitika

Paul & Linda Hewson, 188 Rolleston St, Hokitika  
Ph/Fax (H) 03-755-7636 (W) 03-755-6169

Sam Meldrum, 135 Brittan St, Hokitika

Ph: (H) 03-755-6135 (W) 03-755-6169

## Dunedin

Martin Balch, Dunedin  
Ph: 03-454-3262 Fax: 03-454-3223

## Nelson

Greg Pickford, 4 Sutton St, Richmond  
Ph: (H) 03-544-7085

## Takaka

Derry Kingston, RD1, Takaka  
Ph/Fax: (03) 525-9576

## SOUTHLAND FIELD RADIO

Southland Mt Radio has a 2nd channel  
fitted to all radios - DOC Te Anau & Wanaka  
(Fiordland & Mt Aspiring National Parks)

Ray Phillips, Mill Road South No. 1 RD,  
Invercargill.

Ph/Fax: 03-216-3751

Email: rkphillips@xtra.co.nz

Stewart Burnby, Stew's Place, Caswell Rd, Te  
Anau Ph: 03-249-8363

**The Mountain Radio Service is the only  
public communication system for  
backcountry users.**

**It is reliable, and effective.**

**Follow instructions carefully, and take  
care of the radio ~ it could save your life!**

**A cellphone is suggested only as a useful  
backup but it is no substitute for  
experience or thorough trip planning.**

**If it works, feel free to call 111 in an  
emergency and ask for Police.**