

NORTH ISLAND MOUNTAIN RADIO SERVICE

NORTHLAND

Noel Herman, PO Box 1410, Tikipunga
Ph: (H) 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

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
c/o Ballingers Hunting & Fishing
173 Montreal St, Christchurch
Ph/Fax: 03-379-7905

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.**

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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

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Contact us locally or on our website