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Canterbury Underwater Club Inc. Newsletter



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Complaints Process

Any complaints must be put in writing (typed or handwritten) and must be signed.

If mailing in, please address to:

Canterbury Underwater Club Secretary
PO Box 2287
Christchurch 8140

If emailing, your email must be signed with your full name and sent to:
secretary@canterburyunderwater.org.nz

Club Meeting Information

Last Month's Activities

November Meeting Summary

Our guest speaker Chris Woods of NIWA gave an interesting talk on what species NIWA and the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) are targeting in terms of making sure we don't have them here yet, and also the ones that they know are here and they want to try and keep contained. Most marine invaders arrive on boat hulls as bio-fouling, and in the ballast water, so NIWA routinely inspect piles, pontoons, boats and other structures down to 5m in depth at 11 ports and marines around New Zealand.

They monitor the presence of five primary species that are not yet known to be in NZ and that's the way we want to keep it, followed by a further 4 secondary species that have made it here and we need to keep contained where possible. All of these species compete for food and habitat with our existing species putting them at risk.

Primary Target Species		Secondary Target Species	
Aquarium weed (<i>Caulerpa taxifolia</i>)		Australian droplet tunicate (<i>Eudistoma elongatum</i>) (first detected in NZ 2005)	
Northern Pacific seastar (<i>Asterias amurensis</i>)		Asian date mussel (<i>Musculista senhousia</i>) (first detected in NZ 1980)	
European green crab (<i>Carcinus maenas</i>)		Mediterranean fanworm (<i>Sabella spallanzanii</i>) (first detected in NZ 2008)	
Chinese mitten crab (<i>Eriocheir sinensis</i>)		Clubbed tunicate (<i>Styela clava</i>) (first detected in NZ 2005)	
Asian clam (<i>Potamocorbula amurensis</i>)			

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What can we do to help?

- **Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI)** - <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz>
- **Report:** If you come across a suspect marine animal or plant, report it to MPI on their Exotic Disease and Pest Hotline 0800 80 99 66.
- **Collect:** Keep all samples shaded, cool and wet by containing with a small amount of seawater. MPI will give further instructions about the specific handling and preservation required, arrange pre-paid packaging and give instructions on how and where to submit specimens for identification.

And if you have a boat:

- Keep it clean and antifouled!
- No more than a 'slime' layer on the hull.
- Ideally, vessel cleaning conducted onshore at an approved facility

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### Special General Meeting – have we got your up to date postal address?

The proposed Special General Meeting was postponed until early next year. We will be notifying all \*financial members\* by post (as per the current constitution) so if you have changed your postal address recently please email [editor@canterburyunderwater.org.nz](mailto:editor@canterburyunderwater.org.nz) with the new information. I'm happy to receive this information in order to double check if you are uncertain what address we have for you!

This information MUST be received no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>!!

### Secretary Position Update

Noelene Page has volunteered to be our new secretary, replacing an outstanding tenure by Ted. Noelene is still trialling the role while she determines if she can juggle this with a young son and household to run, along with a fulltime job so please make her feel comfortable in this new role by introducing yourself at the next meeting and showing your appreciation.

### Report on the Working Bee @ Lodge 1st & 2nd Dec

On Friday & Sat a few people head to Kaikoura donned with scaffold, shovels, chainsaws & spades for the general clean up. Hedges were trimmed gardens & lawns done, by Grant, Brian & Jodie (looking great)

Shower & toilet walls etc car park water blasted by Ian Waitte (Brilliant Job)

Oven & stoves cleaned by Michael Bennett & what a great result.

Windows, cupboards & bedrooms vacuumed by Jenny, Shari & Aimee, all spic & span

Unfortunately due to the low turnout not everything was completed but we all left the lodge on Sunday & Monday feeling proud of our efforts. Cheers Guys Girls & Granddaughters for a great effort.

Cheers Grant.

## Next Meeting

Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, cash bar opens from 7:30pm. **\*\*Please note\*\*** we will be holding a condensed version of our normal meeting agenda this evening so that we can get straight into the guest speakers. Last month's minutes can be found at the end of this newsletter – these will be taken as 'read', we will not be reading them on the night.

## Location – Christchurch Airport

As you drive to the airport, the first roundabout is the one where Memorial Ave and Russley Rd meet. The second roundabout inside the airport boundary is Orchard Rd, turn left there. The 'Hangar' is the building on the right about 200m along. Parking is usually on the verges on both sides of the road. Please park neatly and with consideration for others.

## December Guest Speaker – Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) Diving Presentation



For our last meeting of the year we are excited to announce that we will have some personnel from the RNZN Diving Branch present to us a talk on the latest Navy Diving developments/capabilities and equipment in use and will be bringing along a few cool military diving toys for us to look at as well.

This presentation is open to the public and the presenters are keen for us to get as many people along as possible – so if you have colleagues, friends and family that would have an interest in this presentation please bring them along, we will be having a BBQ supper afterwards so it'll be a great opportunity to talk to club members about what we do, and also the Navy speakers – a great opportunity perhaps for young people looking at a career with the Navy.

Please RSVP to John Schurink 021-531-993 on if you are bringing additional guests.

## New Member Applications

Two new applications received – Norman Tipuna and Warren Price.

## No January Meeting

There will be **\*no\*** club meeting in January, the first club meeting for 2013 will be held on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February.

## Upcoming Trips and Events

### Motunau – December 9<sup>th</sup>

There is a favourable tide for the 9<sup>th</sup> so we are planning a dive at Motunau. You should have already registered with Warren Kelly (Contact details on page 1) if you are planning on going on this trip.

### Akaroa – Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

The annual pre-Christmas dive to gather yummy seafood treats for the big day. Dominic is organising this – High tide is at 11am approx so the plan is to leave the New World Halswell supermarket car park at 7am to be at Wainui at 8am. Back off the water around noon-1pm and back home about 2-3pm.

You must contact Dominic so he can arrange numbers and boats available please.

h: 356 2259, b: 375 5000, m: 029 375 5000

## Smartphone App of NZ Fishing Regulations

If you have a smartphone, visit [www.fish.govt.nz](http://www.fish.govt.nz) and download their free NZ Fishing Rules app. This handy app has been funded by the Ministry of Primary Industries and tells you the area bag limit, maximum daily bag limit and minimum legal sizes for the species in the area you have selected.

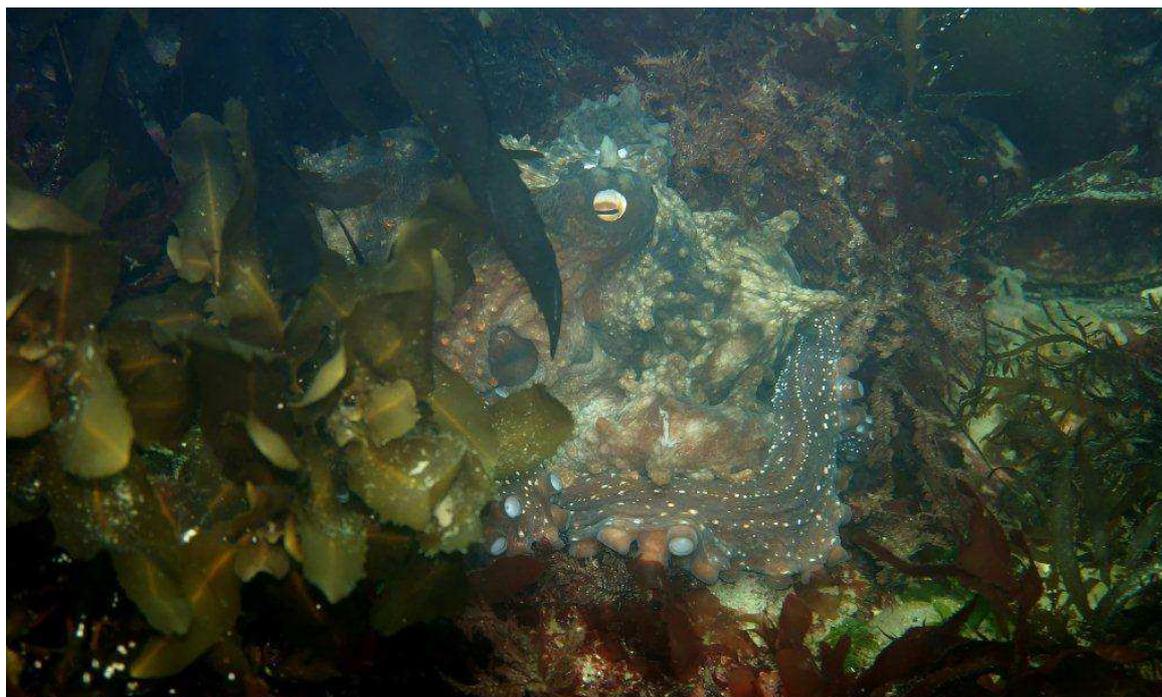
## Membership Renewal

There are about a dozen members who have not yet renewed their membership. Please make sure you contact Mark Buckland [treasurer@canterburyunderwater.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@canterburyunderwater.org.nz) and arrange this **BEFORE** the end of December 2012 to avoid paying a joining fee.

## Members Out and About



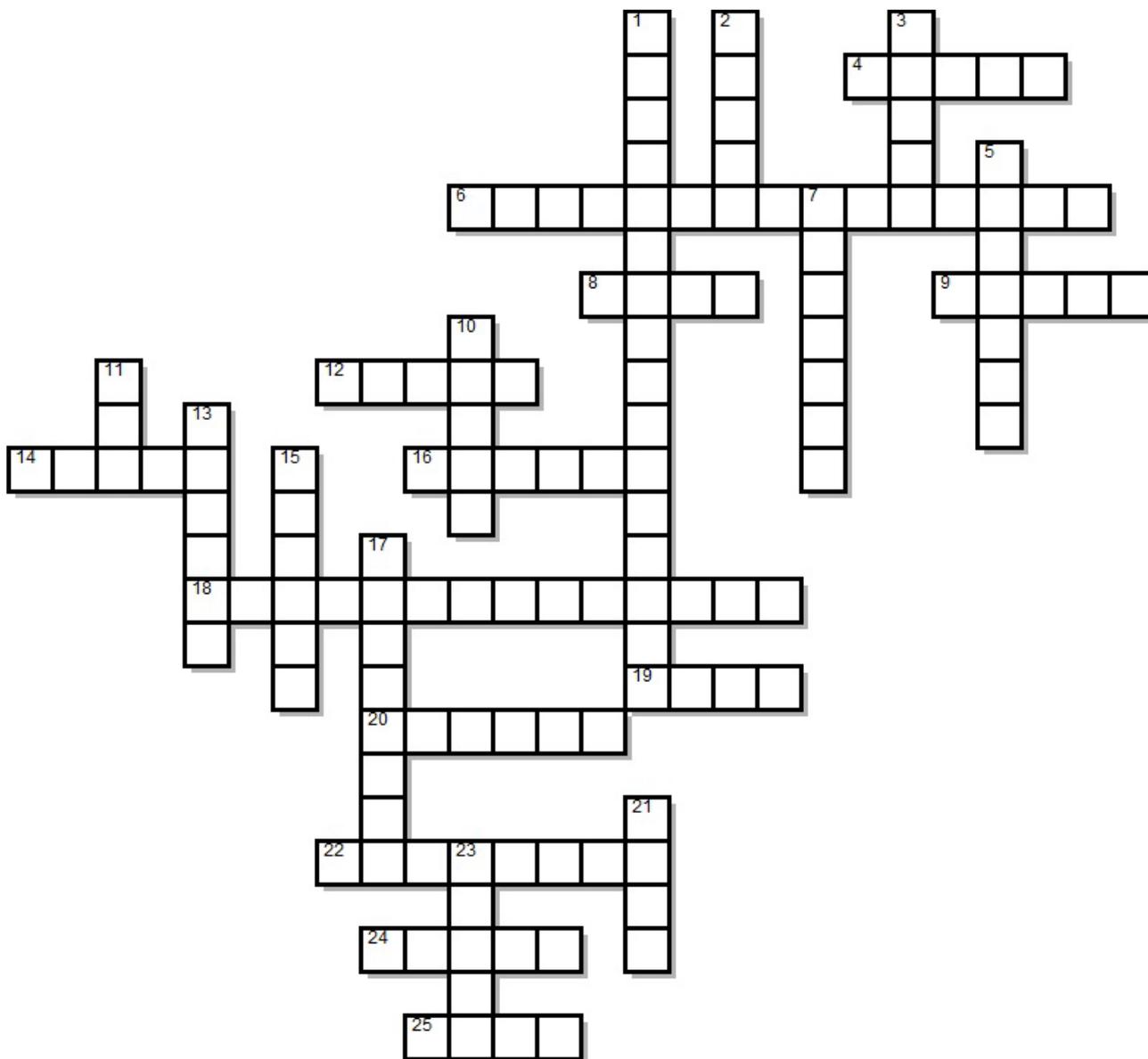
Don and Joan were somewhat surprised to see this 10m plus long Basking shark at Rubies Reef - Nov 2012



Rod Mckay snapped this octopus while trying out his new camera – Club weekend, Kaikoura 26/11/2012

## Quiz

This month I've made you a crossword. It's my first ever crossword so any feedback is appreciated – will help me to know if I should do another at some point in the future!!



### ACROSS

4. Stage that connects to tank
6. Father of SCUBA (7,8)
8. Butterfish food
9. No take area
12. Moveable ring on compass or watch
14. Type of tank test
16. Don't hold this
18. Deepest part of the ocean (8,6) (note there are two spellings for first word)
19. Only 10 of these allowed!
20. 21% of the air we breathe
22. Manoeuvre to equalize ears
24. Whales to watch in Kaikoura
25. Colour on NZ dive flag

### DOWN

1. Nitrogen Narcosis (7,2,3,4)
2. Decompression sickness
3. Gravitation pull of moon causes these
5. Animals that live in the open sea but not on bottom or shore
7. Eight legged piece of kit
10. Leave the ladies when in \_\_\_\_\_
11. Blue is best, forget the red ones!
13. Increases as the temperature of gas increases
15. Gas mix used to extend no deco limit
17. CUC lodge location
21. Fastest swimming shark
23. Tanks can be made of this

## Canterbury Underwater Club Inc- Lodge Information

The Canterbury Underwater Club Lodge offers a fantastic facility to both members and non-members with dedicated boat parking, gear washing facilities, fish filleting station, crayfish cooker and a communal cooking and living area.

The lodge can sleep a maximum of 20 people in its' five rooms, specific rooms can be requested when booking but may change to accommodate the numbers of person in a party.

The Annex rooms (11 to 16) can sleep up to 16 people and will be reserved for members only unless the entire Lodge has being pre-booked for a Group.

**Please \*remember\* that you need to bring your own linen and bedding.**

This will not apply to holiday weekends and may be varied for either of the above if the lodge is only or likely to be partially occupied during your stay.

### **Member Rates and Cancellation Policy**

Members and Partners \$10.00 per person per night

Child 5-17 years \$5.00 per child per night

Child Under 5 Free

Vouchers: 2 x vouchers per adult per night required if used.

### **Member Cancellation Policy:**

Prior to mid-day on the day of arrival No Charge

Later than mid-day on the planned day of arrival 1 night charged

Cancellation of a Booking for a holiday weekend must be done 3 days prior to the planned day of arrival or a two night penalty charge will apply if the beds booked cannot be re-let. The booking agent will advise the Treasurer and Secretary in these events.

### **Non-Member Rates and Cancellation Policy**

Adult \$26.00 per person per night

Child 5-17 years \$10.00 per child per night

Child Under 5 Free

Vouchers cannot be used for non- members.

### **Non-Member Cancellation Policy:**

Cancellation of bookings and refund of deposits will be as per standard motel practice for Groups or Individuals.

## Lodge Booking Information

Bookings are handled by the Norfolk Pine Motel. To lessen the impact on them in the running of their own business, we kindly ask that you respect the following instructions:

1. E-mail is the preferred booking method.
2. Phone bookings should be made no later than 7pm.
3. Please do NOT use the motel's 0800 number; doing so will incur a \$4 charge.
4. Please let Ian or Sue know how many people in your group so they can allocate beds and also the member/non-member make up of your party.
5. Payment must be made upon collection of keys – Vouchers, Cash or Cheque only please, NO EFTPOS.
6. Uplift keys before 8pm; please phone them if you are running late.



Norfolk Pine Motel - Ian and Sue Plummer

124 The Esplanade

Kaikoura

p: 03 319 5120

f: 03 319 6405

e: [norfolkpine@clear.net.nz](mailto:norfolkpine@clear.net.nz)

## General Lodge Rules and Obligations for ALL Users

- **No Pets** of any description to be taken onto or into any part of Club Lodge facilities.
- Any visiting guests may not over-night at the lodge unless booking and registration is completed at Norfolk Pine Motel prior to 8.00 pm and it does not interfere with any other persons booking.
- No smoking is permitted at the Club Lodge.
- Alcohol consumption is permitted in moderation.
- General noise to be kept to a minimum late in the evening to be respectful to others staying at the lodge.
- No undersize Fish/Crayfish/Shellfish or excess quota of any species to be kept at the club lodge.
- BBQ and Crayfish Cooker are only to be used outside.
- Clean up when you leave. There are no cleaners. We are totally reliant on club users.
- Keys must be returned to Norfolk Pine on the day of departure, lost keys will incur a \$25.00 fee.
- Please direct any complaints (other than minor booking issues), suggestions or issues with the lodge facilities to a committee member.

These conditions of use of the Lodge are authorized by the President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Canterbury Underwater Club Inc. and take effect from 20-04-2010.

Signed on behalf of the executive of the committee:

Mark Buckland - Treasurer

Dated: 16-04-2010

Updated 20-05-2011

## Member's Corner

Advertise your business here in exchange for a small donation to the club in the event of business generated from this newsletter.

### **Diving Needs – Deep Blue Diving**

Deep Blue Diving's philosophy is to make diving affordable to all divers! Starting as an importer and wholesaler of diving equipment in New Zealand, but quickly growing to making and selling their own range of diving equipment and wetsuits. The Deep Blue brand is now well known for its value for money. Mention this ad each time and get 5% discount for you and another 5% goes to the club.

#### **Deep Blue Diving**

3/251 Blenheim Road  
p: 03 332 0898 or 03 348 0666  
www.deepbluediving.co.nz

### **Diving Needs – Dive Werks**

Contact Russell for special prices on servicing and equipment which include:

- Hydro Tank Test (inc fill)..... \$39
- Visual Tank Test (inc fill) ..... \$29
- 10 tank fill concession..... \$70
- Individual tank fill..... \$8
- Massive in-house specials on all equipment

Call Russell on 332 7445 or 0274 361 604

**Dive Werks** – 351 Port Hills Road

### **Diving Needs – Underwater Sports**

For all your diving requirements, we sell you stuff, train you, service your tanks and gear (Most brands). We can take you diving or help you with advice on diving.

Mention this ad each time and get 5% discount for you and another 5% goes to the club.

(Offer does not apply to already discounted items or concession tank fill cards)

#### **Underwater Sports**

25 Coleridge St  
p: 03 964 4444 (Paul)

### **Gym Membership**

Stay fit for diving - join 'THE GYM' at 300 Colombo St, Sydenham, mention the CUC when you join and you will receive a free 30 minute massage gift voucher and the club will get a \$20 donation.

The Gym  
300 Colombo Street  
Sydenham  
p: 03 332 2604

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## Insurance

KIWISAVER, Life, Health and Mortgage Protection Insurance - You probably already have one of these products but you should ring Mike Bennett at **ACORN INSURANCE & INVESTMENT** for a better price. Not only will you get access to the best priced and best value for money insurances, you will receive a BIG discount on your current premium AND the club will benefit too!

Mike Bennett

p: 962 1000 (b) or 337 9743 (hm)

m: 027 438 1742

[www.acorninsurance.co.nz](http://www.acorninsurance.co.nz)

## Laundry and Cleaning Products

As divers we appreciate the clear blue waters we all have access to but our waterways are being destroyed by everything we flush down our drains.

Did you know that for the same price as regular laundry products you can replace them with completely natural products that work better than chemical brands, and they don't harm the environment?

Do you suffer from allergies? Eczema or flaky skin? This could be caused by the chemicals in your cleaners and laundry powders.

I now work to remove TOXINS from everyday life and promote wellness and health.

For every new customer CUC will receive \$25.

Contact Tony G

p: 03 942 5991

## Synthetic Oils

Richard Lowen is providing synthetic oils – very environmentally friendly – at substantially reduced prices to members.

p: 03 980 7695

m: 021 1064 319

## Used Cars

Let us explain why you should buy a used vehicle from us. Reliable, AA tested, 1 hour finance, just \$1 deposit, no repayments for 6 months for approved buyers. It's very easy to own a reliable new car, wagon or 4WD. Special personal orders obtained.

For each vehicle purchased through this advert, \$50 will be donated to CUC.

### Alexander's Cars Direct

p: 03 379 5729

## PADI Dive Instructor

Member Martin Hayes invites any members who are keen on advancing their skills, want PADI qualifications, and want an alternative to the commercial outfits in town, to look at trading some boat time and recreational diving trips for instruction with him. Martin is a PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer and can teach people through to Divemaster as well as most of the available specialties. Martin says "I don't have the time or inclination to teach diving full time these days, but have a certification record of several thousand, and just about to reach 30 years of being a dive instructor. Started when I was 19 in the British military, became an Instructor Trainer with BSAC and ended up with PADI when we left the UK (15 years or so ago). I'm a school teacher now, so have a good rapport with kids if any families want their teenagers to follow in their footsteps."

If you are interested please contact Martin on [martout@mac.com](mailto:martout@mac.com)

## CANTERBURY UNDERWATER CLUB

### Minutes of General Meeting: 13th November 2012

**8.20 pm:** Grant opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming and welcomed the Guest Speaker Chris Woods from NIWA.

**Members Apologies:** Ted Loughnan, Larry Thomas, Terry Riley, Phil Sweetman, Mike Bennett, Joan Werner, Jens Christensen, Tony Glentworth

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of last General Meeting were not available and therefore not read.

#### **Matters Arising:**

Grant advised that the Special General Meeting that was set out for tonight will be postponed to 12 February 2013. Notice of meeting will be posted in line with the requirements of the current constitution.

John Schurink asked for details of the Te Korowai meeting in Kaikoura.

- Grant, Ted and Mark Buckland attended.
- Grant advised that the meeting was a presentation which outlined the plan and advising of the next steps, it was not a Q & A session
- Grant has a copy of the Kaikoura Marine Strategy for the club, which all are welcome to read.

Grant introduced the new club secretary – Noelene – who is currently trialling the job.

#### **Upcoming Club Dive Trips/Weekends scheduled:**

OKiwi Bay: 17th and 18th November 2012

Kaikoura: 24rd and 25th November 2012

Motunau: 9th December 2012 - Organised by Warren. Meet at Belfast Hotel at 9.30am with the aim to cross the bar at 11:30am.

Akaroa: 23rd December 2012 - Organised by Dominic. This trip was originally scheduled for the Monday 24th, however Dominic proposed to change this to Sunday the 23rd as a better turn out could be expected.

**Upcoming Working Bee scheduled:** Kaikoura: 1st and 2nd December 2012

**8.40pm:** Grant declared this part of the meeting closed.