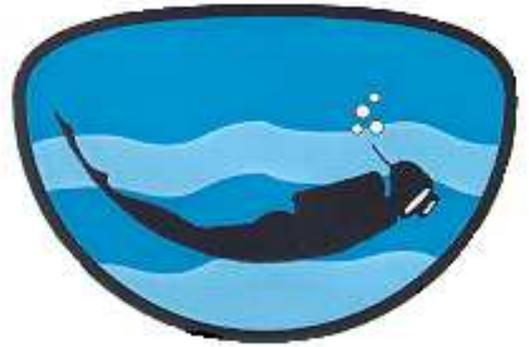


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Canterbury Underwater Club Inc. Newsletter



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Committee members are here to help if you have a question about the club or any of our facilities.

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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

September Meeting Summary

Don Smith gave a very informative talk on the Kaikoura fishing proposal - Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura (Coastal Guardians). Don has written this summary on the proposal and where it currently stands:

Some years back a group formed out of the Kaikoura Rununga to attempt to give more expression to the Rununga's interest in the area. The documents produced over time have now entered the stage of clearly laying out the goals of Te Korowai (Coastal Guardians). At the end of last year submissions were called for from any interested parties to give their views on the thoughts laid out in a preliminary document put out by the Guardians.

Much of the material in the document was concerned with overfishing, poaching and the decline in some species of fish. A lot of these ideas were good and many submitters agreed with changes in some limits and other things.

However, a great deal of the Guardians thoughts centred on the idea that the local Tangata Whenua and the Rununga should take over a "leadership" role and requires that the "mana" of the local people must take precedence over any other consideration.

After a time a document has now been put out by the Coastal Guardians as a final position. It deals with the various submissions from the view of the Guardians. It is very plain that the Guardians have no truck with ideas that do not agree that the Rununga shall exercise almost total control over matters of fishing and in matters of access etc.

Part of the Guardians' initial paper was put in terms of the myths and legends that form a part of the folklore of the local people and the final position document reinforces these myths as being able to be used forcibly in the discussions as to the questions of access etc.

I believe that for much of the Guardians' final position to become reality some form of law change is required. We await the outcome with a deal of interest. No matter what is decided it is clear that the activities of our club in Kaikoura will be affected to some degree.

Further Information - www.teamkorowai.org.nz

Don Smith

This was followed by some video of his and Joan's recent overseas diving adventures, humpback whales singing, manta rays and sharks.

Among those recently diving was Dominic who had been to Motunau the day of the meeting and reported 5m vis and flat conditions up until lunch time. They were well finished by then, and easily got their cray quota comprising nice big bucks, another boat reported only in-berry females on the North Reef – must have been a hens night with the bucks not as far out as that.

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Chris Glasson had been diving in Fiordland (Dusky and Doubtful Sounds), the only wet-suited member of a party of dry-suited, and re-breather equipped professional divers. 11°C water temp, 30 m vis wall dives with a lot of expensive camera gear in use, a wreck dive and a bit of hunting but the females mostly in berry. It appears that the best time for diving down there would be March/April.

Steve Cottrell had been diving in the Solomon Islands and Terry Reilly has kindly provided a picture showing just how dangerous this can be! We're not sure what happened here so feel free to make up your own story or caption for this one...



Terry says "That's a beaut egg you got there Budgie"

We welcomed three visitors – Phillip, Jun and also Kym – a past member looking to re-join the club.

Chris Glasson, Don Smith, Warren Kelly and Philip (visitor) were the lucky winners of the raffles.

Pegasus Dive Trip

A very small turn out but those that went enjoyed sun, poor vis, laughs and a tasty BBQ lunch. The sunken boat was found, and generally it was a braille dive rather than a sight-seeing dive but the day was thoroughly enjoyed by those that went.

Russell wishes to especially thank Mark for arranging the BBQ supplies and equipment, and also Jo & Rod who helped with the cooking and carting of the gear.

Here are a couple of snaps so you can see what you missed out on!



Left – Russell enjoys some chips while keeping an eye on the jetty comings and goings.

Right – Mark cooks the BBQ lunch watched on by Rod and a curious white duck.

Next Meeting

Tuesday the 9th of October. Cash bar opens from 7:30pm, meeting begins at 8pm with a guest speaker and supper following.

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.

Guest Speaker – “Gadget” Night

We have invited several dive shops to bring along various bits of equipment for us to have a look at although at this stage the response has been a little disappointing.

Brian Franks will be talking about using the internet for dive information.

New Member Applications

Jun (John) Liu attended September’s meeting and has applied to join the club.

Membership Renewal

Memberships are now due for renewal, the form and instructions for this can be found on page 9.

Upcoming Trips and Events

Special General Meeting Notice

A short, Special General Meeting will be held prior to the November General Meeting/Club Night on Tuesday the 13th of November. This is to table four motions to amendment specific clauses of the constitution, the motions can be found at the end of this newsletter on page 14.

Photo Competition

Yep, its back and it'll be great once we sort out the finer details of the competition, however don't let that stop you from getting the camera seals greased up and getting snapping!!

There is likely to be a variety of categories so don't worry if you don't have an underwater camera – there are plenty of land based opportunities that will be just as interesting.



Jewel Anemones on the HMNZS Canterbury taken by Rod Mckay

Who is interested in a trip to the Solomons or Truk?

Jens Christensen has floated the idea of trip to somewhere like the Solomon Islands or Truk Lagoon.

To start planning we need to know the following:

- 1) Who wants to commit to an overseas trip?
- 2) Who wants to go to Truk (2013 approx cost \$6000pp - live aboard)
- 3) Who wants to go to Solomons (Oct 2014 approx cost \$6000pp - 7 nights live aboard "Bilikiki")

This would mean approx. \$115 would need to be banked per week for a year for the Truk trip, the Solomons trip would be about half of this.

This will be discussed further at the October meeting, and those interested will have the majority decide on which destination will be selected.

If you are interested in committing to a trip but can't attend the October meeting please email Jens on kajens@ihug.co.nz to register your interest and destination preference.

Te Korowai – Kaikoura Marine Strategy Launch Invitation



Submitted by Jens Christensen - On the back of the talk by Don Smith at the last meeting he suggests it would be good to get as many members up to this as possible to hear what is happening.

RSVP information on the invitation; please make your own arrangements.

EPIRB Safety Notice

Just a reminder that if you buy or are lucky enough to be given an EPIRB as a gift, that you should register it!!

Instructions on how to do this are normally included with the device and you can find out more including your obligations to keep the information up to date, at:

<http://www.epirb.co.nz/epirb-registration.html>

Dive Instructor Wanted

John Liu of Deep Blue Diving on Blenheim Road is looking to engage the services (casual basis) of a PADI qualified dive instructor. For more information please contact:

John Liu

Ph: 03-332-0898 or 03-348-0666

Email: sales@deepbluediving.co.nz

Quiz

This month we have a "**What Am I?**"

- 🐟 I typically live in tropical and temperate waters, and can sometimes be found in NZ waters.
- 🐟 I like to be alone, and that's when you'll usually see me.
- 🐟 My top speed is around 3.2 km/h.
- 🐟 I can swim at depths of up to 600m, and research suggests I spend a large part of my life at depths greater than 200m.
- 🐟 An average adult weighs around 1,000 kg.
- 🐟 Females can produce as many as 300 million eggs at a time, more than any other known vertebrate.
- 🐟 I'm considered the heaviest bony fish in the world.
- 🐟 I don't have scales; instead I have really thick skin covered in a layer of mucus.
- 🐟 I have no swim bladder.
- 🐟 I eat mainly jellyfish, but also like small fish, larvae, crustaceans, squid, plankton and algae.
- 🐟 Things that like to eat me are sea lions, sharks and orca, and in some countries - people.
- 🐟 Often mistaken as a shark from the surface, I'm actually harmless to humans. I can be quite curious and have been known to approach divers.
- 🐟 With no true tail, I swim by swinging my dorsal and anal fins in a sculling motion.
- 🐟 I can be as tall as I am long.

Do you know what I am yet?

Answers from last month:

Who? That was me – the editor. I had hoped to have had a pic of our new president however he turned out to be more elusive than a sub-Antarctic mermaid.

What? This was a snake star on a piece of black coral.

Where? Sunrise over West Arm on Lake Manapouri - gateway for many trips to Fiordland, the power lines coming from the left should have been a clue!

Members Out and About

Hamish Mulcock has been out and about with a few other club members and has sent in some details and a few pictures of two places where they went diving...

Kaikoura

These are photos taken on the 15/16th before, during and after a dive with Terry Reilly, Kurt and myself in Kaikoura. The water was a bit on the cold side (~10 degrees) but there was two good days diving and plenty of crayfish and even managed a feed of cod on the Saturday night at the lodge!



Motunau

The photo is some of last weekend's (22/23) catch with Brian, Ian, John and I following a dive from Motunau.



Membership Renewal

Canterbury Underwater Club Inc
PO Box 2287
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Annual Subscription Invoice for the Period 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013

Fees:

Senior \$75.00
Junior \$45.00 (up to 18th birthday)
Couple \$85.00
Veteran \$36.50 (60 years and over with five or more years of CUC membership)

*A rebate of \$5.00 is allowed if payment is received before 30th September 2012.

Members who fail to pay their subscription by the 30th November 2012 will have their names removed from the club list and will have to reapply for membership and pay the joining levy.

Remittance may be sent to PO Box 2287, Christchurch, or paid to the Treasurer at monthly meetings, or remitted directly into our Bank Account online or via any branch:

Bank – BNZ Sydenham

Account: Canterbury Underwater Club Inc.

Account No: 020828 0162966 00

Please make sure you include your name and "CUC Subscription" as a reference.

PLEASE COMPLETE, DETACH AND PRESENT WITH PAYMENT

Type of Subscription: (Circle one) Senior / Junior / Couple / Veteran

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Members Name: _____

Name of Spouse / Partner: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Work: _____ Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Email Address: _____

I hereby give permission for the above details to be included in the club membership listing which is circulated to members of the Canterbury Underwater Club Inc from time to time.

YES NO

Signed: _____

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.
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

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.

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

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

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

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

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Dividing 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

Dividing 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)

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

Newsletter Submissions

In order to get the newsletter finalised and distributed to members a few days before the monthly club meeting, kindly submit any notices, articles, stories etc to be in the hands of the editor no later than 7 working days before the meeting.

Notices of Motion to be presented at a Special General Meeting to be held in conjunction with the General Meeting on the 13th November 2012

Motion No 1

The CUC constitution clause 5(d) currently reads as follows:

5(d) Minors. In the case of an application for membership from a person under the age of 21 years, the application shall be signed by the parent or guardian in addition.

I would like to move a motion to change the age to "18" years.

Reason: The current CUC membership application form shows the age at 18 years and I consider it to be a more appropriate age.

Moved by Warren Kelly

Seconded by John Schurink

Motion No 2

The CUC constitution clause (13) (C) currently reads as follows:

(13) (C) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Notice of A.G.M. At least 14 days notice by post of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to each Club member, and notice calling the Annual General Meeting shall contain brief details of the business to be discussed.

I would like to move a motion to delete the words "by post" from the clause:

Notice of A.G.M. At least 14 days notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to each Club member, and notice calling the Annual General Meeting shall contain brief details of the business to be discussed.

Reason: The means of notification of the meeting will be clearly shown in the amended clause 15.

Moved by Warren Kelly

Seconded by John Schurink

Motion No 3

The CUC constitution clause (15) currently reads as follows:

(15) NOTICES OF MEETINGS

A notice of any meeting of the Club provided the requisite number of days' notice, as provided herein, has been given, shall be deemed to be delivered, if addressed to a member in prepaid envelope at his last known address."

I would like to move a motion to change the wording to include "email address."

A notice of any meeting of the Club provided the requisite number of days' notice, as provided herein, has been given, shall be deemed to be delivered, if addressed to a member at his last known postal or email address.

Reason: The club currently notifies the majority of its members by email which is not in accordance with the terms of the current constitution.

Moved by Warren Kelly

Seconded by John Schurink

Motion No 4

The CUC constitution clause (17) currently reads as follows:

(17) VOTING

- (a) Every financial Club member, and Honorary Life Members, shall be entitled to one vote on each motion, at any Annual, General, or Special General Meeting and voting shall be decided by a simple majority show of hands, unless otherwise herein provided, by postal vote, or by written ballot on request of any member.
- (b) Postal votes shall be accepted from entitled members provided they contain an original (not photocopied) signature and legible name.

I would like to move a motion to change the wording to allow for "email voting".

- (a) Every financial Club member, and Honorary Life Members, shall be entitled to one vote on each motion, at any Annual, General, or Special General Meeting and voting shall be decided by a simple majority show of hands, unless otherwise herein provided, by email or postal vote, or by written ballot on request of any member.
- (b) Postal votes shall be accepted from entitled members provided they contain an original (not photocopied) signature and legible name
- (c) Email votes shall be accepted from entitled members provided that the email is received from an email address associated with the relevant member.

Reason: At the time that the constitution was written emails were not in existence. Emails are clearly the communication of the future and the constitution should reflect this.

Moved By Warren Kelly

Seconded By John Schurink