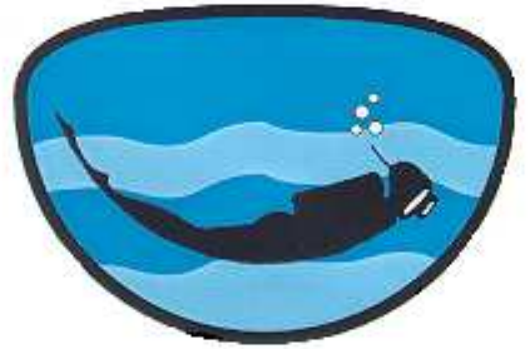


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Canterbury Underwater Club Inc. Newsletter



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Lifejackets for Fundraising – FINAL FEW!!

We only have a few left to sell – a huge thank you to Deep Blue and Dive Kaikoura who have shifted a fantastic number of these.

If you want to take advantage of the life-jacket fundraising offer get in quick to one of these three handy locations:

Dive HQ on Durham St - contact person is Richard, Deep Blue Diving on Blenheim Rd - contact is John, and at Dive Kaikoura – contact is Nigel. (Perhaps phone ahead to make sure they have stocks left at your chosen store now that we are down to the end of the line)

Club Meeting Information

March Meeting Summary

The minutes from the March meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter.

March Raffle Winners

The raffle winners were Larry Thomas, Don Smith, Leslie Curry (guest), Gary Vallance and Burt.

Next Meeting

Tuesday the 8th of April. Cash bar opens from 7:30pm, meeting begins at 8pm.

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.

April Guest Speaker – Brian Franks

Brian has put forward a couple of proposals to encourage younger members to the club and will be talking about these at the meeting in the guest speak slot. You will find the proposals attached to the email this newsletter came on (or printed for those who still receive the printed copy)

Donation of Raffle Prizes – thanks Deep Blue Diving!!

Jun Liu of Deep Blue Diving on Blenheim Road (see details in the Members Corner on page 11) has generously donated to the club, 4 x \$50 vouchers for goods and services offered by his shop.

We will put one card up as a raffle prize in upcoming months.

New Member Applications

A new membership application has been received Richard Woods.

What’s the Committee Been Up To?

A few points of discussion from the last committee meeting that members’ might be interested in:

- Brian Franks had put forward two proposals for Diver supervisor and Diver youth facilitator with training he would provide. This was discussed and it was decided to talk to the membership about the ideas Brian put forward.
- A working bee is planned at the Lodge on the weekend of 10/11th May. *We'd like to see you there too. They're as much fun as work.*
- The lodge door, vacuum cleaner and crayfish cooker have had repairs by committee members.
- New mattresses have been secured by Dominic and new tools for lodge maintenance are to be purchased.
- Gary has produced a pro forma poster advertising the club to the wider community
- Mark is still chasing subscriptions. *Go on pay up you know who you are!*
- Grant is retiring from the president's role so we're looking for a new one.
- The club is now 60 years old and to celebrate that milestone ideas are required from one and all. *Don't be afraid to suggest something to any committee member.*

Members Out and About

Sadly, the editor has not received any photos or stories from recent outings, maybe everyone has been staying at home...

Upcoming Trips and Events

If you've been out of the water for a while then don't let that put you off coming along on a club trip – there'll be someone there to support and help you along 😊

Entertainment Books – Pre-order now!

This year we want to really get you all behind supporting the club fundraising by selling these Entertainment Books. For every book sold the club gets \$13 and at \$65 per book these are outstanding value, they very quickly pay for themselves after only using a couple of the coupons – one committee member buys two for himself because that's how much use he gets from it!!

Prizes up for grabs:

As an incentive to get selling these to your work mates, family and friends, we are offering the following prizes and incentives:

- Sell 6 books and get one night free accommodation at the lodge.
- Be the person to sell the most books and you get a weekend free accommodation at the lodge.
- Sell 20 or more books and you get your book for free!

How to order:

Get your name, number of books needed and payment to Mark. You can pay by cash, cheque, or direct transfer into our KiwiBank account - 38 9014 0722283 00 (remember to use your name as a reference)

All pre-orders also go into a draw with the Entertainment Book organisation to win a mystery weekend.

April Club Trip – Akaroa

Check the website for more details.

Painting Working Bee – May 10th/11th

Grant is organising a painting working bee at the lodge for the 10th and 11th of May. It will involve outside painting of the decks and railings.

Please contact Grant if you would like out help out with this, contact details on page 1.

Marlborough Sounds – October

Terry Reilly will be leading a trip to the Marlborough Sounds at Labour Weekend. Check the website for more details or get in touch with Terry to register your interest.

French Pass/Okiwi Bay - November

Grant Prebble is again organising a trip to French Pass for Canterbury Anniversary weekend.

The trip still has a few spots left so let Grant know if you are interested as the places are not confirmed until everyone has paid! Please get your deposit to Grant ASAP to secure your place.

Kaikoura (Te Tai o Marokura) Marine Management Bill

You may have already received the below information regarding the Kaikoura Marine Strategy, we though the following Q & A along with the proposed new limits would be of interest to those members who have not seen this.

1. Who are the Te Korowai (Kaikōura Marine Guardians) o Te Tai ō Marokura?

A collaborative group of representatives from iwi and the community that includes Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura, Ngāti Kuri of Ngāi Tahu, recreational fishers, the Kaikōura Boating Club, local commercial fishers (rock lobster, paua and inshore finfish), charter fishing operators, tourism operators and the Kaikōura branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society.

2. What has been the process of developing the Kaikōura Marine Strategy?

The Te Korowai Group was formed to develop options for marine protection in Kaikōura and produced a draft 'Sustaining our Seas' proposal in 2008 on which the community was extensively consulted. The proposal was the group's vision for the protection of the Kaikōura marine environment using a number of marine protection mechanisms to manage coastal resources. The group also proposed improved protection for fisheries, marine habitats and customary practices.

The proposed Marine Strategy was presented to Dr Nick Smith (then Minister for the Environment) in 2011. The final strategy was put to Government in October 2012. These recommendations have been considered by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and the Department of Conservation (DOC) over much of last year and this culminated in a proposal being submitted by Minister Nathan Guy and Dr Nick Smith to the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee in February this year.

The Kaikōura Marine Management Bill is an integrated package of special legislation to implement the Strategy and was approved by Cabinet this week.

3. How has Te Korowai been funded?

- DOC: a total of \$270,000 between 2005-2012
- Kaikōura District Council: \$20,000 per year for three years 2009-2012
- Environment Canterbury: \$20,000 per year for two years 2010-2012
- Canterbury Community Trust: \$225,000 for one year 2010/11
- Ministry for the Environment: a one-off grant of \$10,000.

4. Why have marine protection and sustainable use measures been put in place at Kaikōura?

Kaikoura is a unique biodiversity hotspot with a range of world class marine values to be managed. The Bill is seen as a means of providing integrated marine management for the recognition of customary rights and access to traditional resources and for involvement of stakeholders in the management of the marine environment. A range of issues are placing pressure on the Kaikōura marine environment and posing a risk to livelihoods and the local economy which depend upon that environment. Kaikōura generates significant economic activity through a multi-million dollar marine tourism industry which should be carefully managed and maintained. It also aims to address sustainability concerns with fisheries, including a significant level of illegal activities that have been occurring on the Kaikōura coast.

5. Why have whale and seal sanctuaries?

The Kaikōura coast supports diverse and abundant marine mammal populations. A nationally and internationally significant tourism industry has developed at Kaikōura centred on the viewing of marine mammals.

While best known for its semi-resident sperm whales, dusky dolphins, Hector's dolphins and New Zealand fur seals, numerous other marine mammals visit the area including migrating humpback whales over winter, southern right whales, killer whales (orca) and occasionally blue whales. Some of these are threatened species.

New Zealand fur seals, sperm whales, humpback whales and southern right whales are specifically recognised as taonga species under the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998.

The marine mammal industry at Kaikōura markets itself as a premier global location. The variety of species and their shoreward proximity close to a major public highway is certainly unique in New Zealand. The industry relies on not just the presence of the whales, dolphins and seals, but also on their predictable distribution, movement and behavioural patterns.

6. Why does the whale sanctuary restrict seismic surveying use by the oil and gas industry and for some scientific research?

“Level 1” seismic survey testing will be prohibited in the sanctuary, however “Level 2” surveys will be permitted but subject to strict conditions. There will be no restriction on “Level 3” seismic survey testing. The Seismic Code will apply throughout the sanctuary to ensure best practice where seismic activity is conducted. While the code sets out best practice to minimise adverse impacts on marine mammals, a minimal degree of risk may remain. The further restrictions imposed in the whale sanctuary will negate this small degree of residual risk and are warranted given the unique whale population and its importance to tangata whenua and tourism.

“Level 1” surveys are used to carry out large scale geophysical investigations. These surveys are largely used by the petroleum industry to gather information regarding the prospectivity of areas.

The petroleum geology of Kaikōura is largely unknown as detailed seismic surveying has not been undertaken, and it is not known whether this area is commercially prospective. However, there is considerable commercial interest in the adjacent Pegasus Basin

7. How will the public get to see the New Zealand fur seals at Ohau Point with the new measures in place?

The seals in the restricted area will still be able to be observed from the existing viewing areas and carparks. The restrictions stop visitors walking amongst the breeding colony – such behaviour is already discouraged as it may disturb the seals and present risks to young seals and to humans. Visitors will also still be able to encounter seals on either side of the Ohau Point colony as well as along the remainder of the Kaikōura coast, including at Kaikōura Peninsula should they wish, and at the nearby Ohau Stream pup crèche.

The seal sanctuary is yet to be given a formal name under the proposed Bill which is yet to be decided in conjunction with the tangata whenua.

8. Has the Government considered the potential impacts of the commercial fishing and tourism industry?

The package minimises impacts on existing users and delivers benefits to a wide range of interests, including tangata whenua, environment, tourism and science sectors. It also provides certainty for commercial interests in and beyond the marine management area.

The economic impact on the fishing sector will be small (up to \$1.1 million annually on commercial fishing), and the impact on the minerals and petroleum sector is also expected to be low as the area is not thought to be currently commercially prospective and current interest in the region is further offshore.

The benefits for the marine tourism sector are not able to be quantified but are likely to be significant based on other experiences, e.g. the Leigh marine reserve.

9. What customary fisheries will be protected and what does it mean to local iwi?

The proposed customary fisheries tools will bring significant benefits to Ngāti Kuri, support the Crown/Maori relationship, and have very low impacts on other fishers. The mātaihai reserves will prohibit commercial fishing but MPI understands there has been little, if any, commercial fishing in those areas in the last five years.

The Strategy signals an intention to recommend restrictions on fishing within the taiāpure-local fisheries. This could impact on commercial fishing depending on the type of restrictions (e.g. approximately 22.3 per cent of the kina fishery for that quota management area is taken within the proposed boundaries). Any such regulations would be subject to specific Cabinet approval following consultation and analysis.

10. How have recreational fishermen reacted to the proposed fishing restrictions in the Strategy?

Recreational fishers were involved in the development of the Strategy and these specific proposals. MPI understands that local fishers are generally highly supportive. The Recreational Fishing Council supported the views of representative clubs and fishers in the region. Industry representatives of the New Zealand Rock Lobster Management Group, endorsed by the Cray Management Advisory Committee Area 5, support the Te Korowai proposals.

11. What changes will be made to catch limits in the area?

The following changes are included in the Bill, and outlined in the table below:

- Reducing daily bag limits for recreational fishers for a number of shellfish and finfish species;
- Introducing a daily limit on harvest of some seaweeds (karengo and bladder kelp) ;
- Prohibiting take of red moki;
- Increasing minimum legal size limits for blue cod;
- Introducing an accumulation limit and telson clipping requirement for recreationally caught rock lobster.

	Current	Proposed change		
Species	Bag limit, minimum legal size (if relevant to discussion)	Proposed daily limit (bag limit or weight limit per person per day)	Proposed minimum legal size	Proposed additional requirements
Karengo and Bladder kelp	No limit	5 litre wet volume measured in a 5 litre bucket		Require handpicking
Black foot paua	10, 125 mm	6		
Yellow foot paua	10, 80mm	6	No change	
Pupu	Part of combined daily bag limit of 50 "other" shellfish	20		
Cockles	150	50		
All "other shellfish" as specified in the regulations	50	30		
Kina	50	20		
Crayfish/Rock Lobster	6 (no accumulation limit)	No change		To require telson clipping for all recreationally harvested lobster. Accumulation limit of 18 (three day take)
Blue cod	10 30 cm	6	33 cm	
Tarakihi	15	10		
Perch	No limit or minimum size	Introduce bag limit of 20	Introduce minimum size of 26 cm	
Kahawai	15	10		
Butterfish	15	10		
Red Moki	15	NO TAKE		
Blue Moki	15	10		
Kingfish	3 – part of a combined daily bag limit of 5 with hapuku/bass	Daily combined bag limit of five per person		Daily limit of three for any one of these species
Bass and Hapuku	Combined daily bag limit including kingfish of 5			
Bluenose	5			
Ling	30			
Albacore tuna	No limit			
Game sharks (seven-gilled shark, mako shark, blue shark, hammerhead shark, porbeagle shark, thresher shark)	1 for each species	1 game shark total		
School shark	5	3		
Rig	5	3		

Te Korowai – A member’s thoughts on the recent announcements

We are now aware that a bill is in parliament to bring into force the plans that were drafted by the folks of Te Korowai. This group started their work about 9 years ago. Their aim is to bring sustainability to the resources available to all in the Kaikoura area. In particular documents draw attention the preservation of traditional rights of the local Ngati Kuri people, and restoration of rights where it is perceived the rights have been lost.

The bill will create:

1. A whale sanctuary over a huge piece of the sea emanating from the canyon out from Goose Bay.
2. A seal sanctuary at Ohau Point
3. A marine reserve based on the canyon.
4. Two taiapure fisheries. i.e. Traditional food gathering places around the peninsular- commercial fishing will be allowed.
5. Three mataitai reserves to protect traditional food gathering and allow for recreational fishing. No commercial fishing will be allowed.
6. An advisory committee will advise Ministers on matters about fisheries and conservation in seas of Kaikoura.

Along with a raft of new rules and limits that will by and large be welcomed by all of us there are a couple of aspects that trouble me. The document in places is couched in terms of “spirituality” and the clear inference can be drawn that folk like me (and a few of you too) are incapable of caring for our diving environment, or are indifferent to our responsibility to the generations to come. I feel insulted at the suggestion.

Unless there have been changes to the first draft of Te Korowai’s plan in any matters of dissent over limits etc the chairman of Te Korowai shall have the deciding vote. The chairman of Te Korowai will always be from the tangata whenua.

In times to come any suggestion that matters may not be dealt with even handedly, or that if the belief that decisions may be based solely on racial grounds will render Te Korowai open to serious challenge. That would be a shame.

Don Smith

(Attached to this newsletter is the proposed marine areas map for Kaikoura)

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 stations, 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 been pre-booked for a Group.

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.

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

Member Rates

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

Adult \$26.00 per person per night

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

Child Under 5 Free

Vouchers can be used for non-members (for a stay when accompanied by a member) but will redeemed at the non-member price.

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

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

Increase your fitness.

Physical Sense Gym and Physio (300 Colombo Street next to Ascot TV) offers **stay fit for diving** packages. Mention the CUC and we will give you a free personal training session (worth \$90)

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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 03 338 9706 (hm)

m: 027 438 1742

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 Glentworth

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

Minutes of Club Meeting – 11th March 2014

Meeting opened 8.10 pm: 32 members attended

Grant opened the meeting, thanked everyone for attending and welcomed partners

Guests: JC, Emari, Leslie

Apologies: John S, Max Wright, Richard Lowen, Ted L, Rod Mc, Joan, Dominic for lateness

Apologies moved by Wayne and seconded by Grant

Reading and Approval of Previous club Meeting Minutes from: 10.12. 2013

The minutes were taken as read and accepted. Moved by Don and seconded by Chris

Matters arising from previous minutes:

There were no matters arising

Trip reports/events:

Akaroa Trip 16.2.14 (this weekend) – This was held. 3 divers went and had a great day (report in February newsletter)

Club trip 15-16.3.14 (this weekend) cancelled due to poor sea conditions and weather, and Terry unable to run it and there are no other boats available

Moeraki – Grant hasn't had time to organise this yet. (End of May-June) Details of this trip will be advertised later.

French Pass (14th November) – This is now half full. \$30 a night for accommodation.

Boat Education Courses – Lynette still taking names for those that may be interested. Only have a few.

Club trips – Warren suggested that we need to put the club trips on the website events calendar. Club trips are normally held the weekend after club meetings. Lynette asked members to support them.

Members dive reports

- **Motunau** – Frank reported that diving and fishing has been great over the last month.
- **Motunau Fishing competition** – this was a great day with good sized kingfish, good vis and good sized crays got. A whale was also spotted
- **Stewart Island** -Burt due to dive with sharks

General Business

Lodge – bookings are been received for Easter break so it is advisable to get in now or miss out.

Life Jackets – Selling well. There are about 15 left (12 at Deep Blue and 3 at HQ). Kaikoura Dive shop has sold all theirs.

Diving promotion – Frank mentioned that he would still like to promote young people and dive supervisors and will speak with the committee

Club entertainment books – Wayne mentioned that the club needs to put in paid orders now to go into a mystery weekend competition. The club is also offering incentives to sell as many books as possible. This is a good fundraiser for the club.

Meeting closed 8.30- pm

Grant called the official part of the meeting closed and introduced Owen Springford (guest speaker)