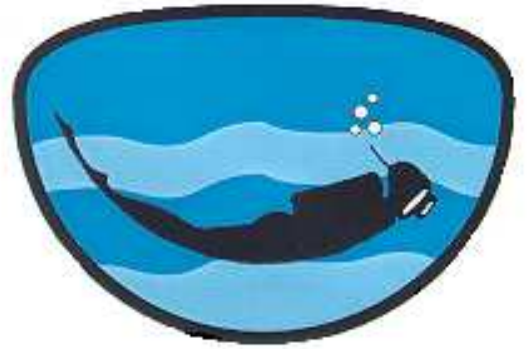


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Canterbury Underwater Club Inc. Newsletter



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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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What's the Committee Been Up To?

A few points from the last committee meeting:

- Ted will draft a letter and send that along with a version of Gary's poster to clubs who could be interested in booking the lodge – motorcycle clubs, hiking clubs and the like.
- Organising a 60th Birthday celebration for the club. Proposed is a 60's party at the lodge with a pig on a spit. Dates and details to be finalised but we are looking at late October or early November at this stage.

Club Meeting Information

June Meeting Summary

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

June Raffle Winners

The raffle winners were Mark Buckland (\$50 voucher from Deep Blue Diving), Gary Vallance (steak), Terry Riley x 2 (steak and bottle of wine), Wayne Lester (pork), Ted Loughnan (wine) and Chris Glasson (wine).

Next Meeting

Tuesday the 8th of July. 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. Please park neatly on the grass verges, and with consideration for others.

July Entertainment – Raja Ampat trip report by Rod and Jo Mckay

Following our recent trip to Raja Ampat in West Papua, Rod will show some pics, talk about what we got up to and saw on the dives, and answer your questions like how much it all cost. I’ll be on supper duty, make sure you come along if you like my cheese rolls!



Rod (right) and me wait at a Manta cleaning station for the giants to appear.

Election of Officers and the Annual General Meeting

You’ll find the notice advertising the AGM on page 8 and it’s **NOW** that you need to start thinking about nominating someone or indeed standing for **any** of the positions or as a committee member.

This year the following positions will be vacated and need to be filled:

- President – Grant standing down
- Vice President – Dominic standing down
- Trips Co-ordinator – Terry standing down

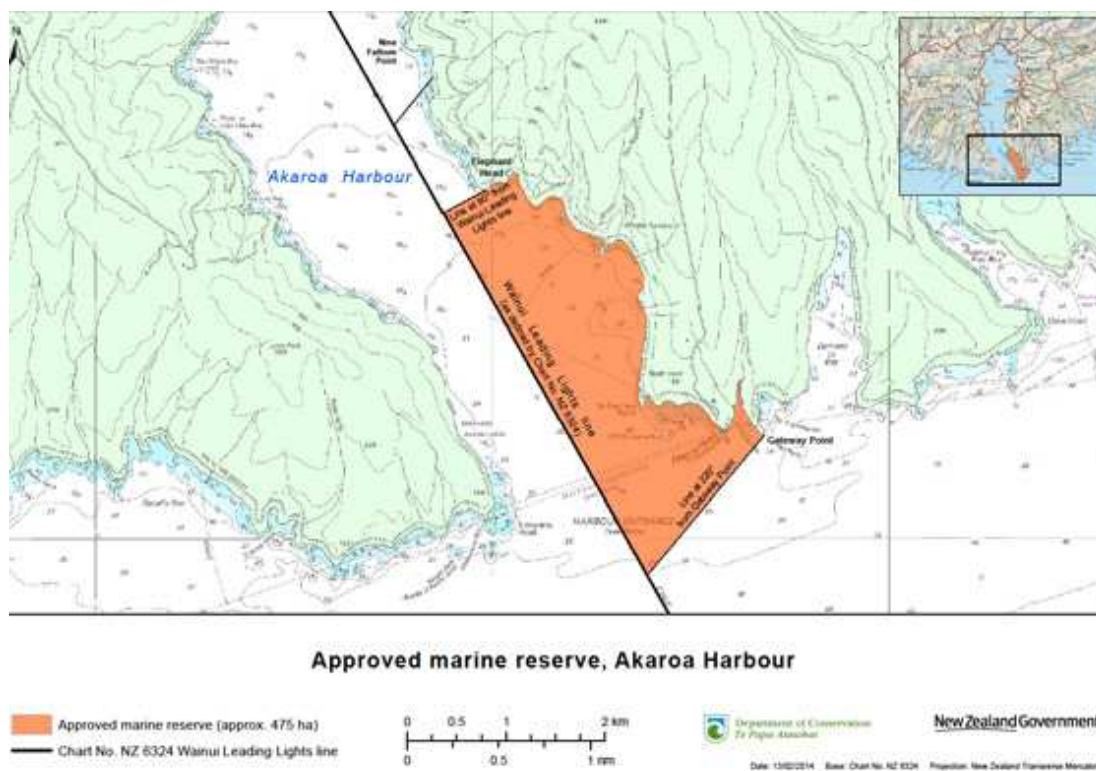
You don’t have to be a long standing member to come onto the committee – new faces bringing new ideas are very welcome!

Akaroa Harbour Marine Reserve Officially Opened

The 512-hectare reserve covers the north eastern corner of the Akaroa Harbour. The reserve status means all marine life is protected and fishing and the removal of any living or non-living marine resource is prohibited.

You can view the news story here - <http://tvnz.co.nz/national-news/akaroa-harbour-marine-reserve-officially-opened-5994946>

Visit this site for related documents - <http://www.saveakaroaharbour.co.nz/marine.php> and maps like the one below:



Norfolk Pine – Under New Ownership

There has been a change of ownership at Norfolk Pine Motel - Ron Zhang is from Shanghai, China with a young family who will be joining him in August.

Ron is keen to continue to act as the lodge booking agent which is great news for the club. English is not his first language though so please be patient while he learns what needs to be done. Sending an email should be your first preference when wanting to make a booking, Ron will respond with a confirmation email.

We continue to operate a 'No Payment = No Keys' policy, remember that payment can only be made by cash, cheque or vouchers.

Members Corner Revamp

This will be the last newsletter where you will see the Members Corner section in its current incarnation. After many years of free advertising the committee has decided that after this issue there will be a small charge to advertise your business – please contact the Treasurer to find out more.

Email treasurer@canterburyunderwater.org.nz or phone him on 027 706 5516

Advertisements for members wishing to advertise second-hand dive equipment and the like will continue to be free.

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 ☺

July Club Trip

Depending on the tides this will be either at Motunau or Akaroa. Contact Terry if you are interested in this trip or see him at the July club night.

Dive Supervisor Course (Will only be run if sufficient numbers found)

If you are interested in the Dive Supervisor Course that Brian Franks spoke about at the April club night please contact Lynette (contact details on page 1) and if we get enough members interested a date can be determined. Information about this course is attached to this newsletter.

August - Photo Competition

Rules

1. All photos to be taken between 1st July 2013 and 31st July 2014
2. A member may submit no more than a total of 4 entries, limited to a max of 2 entries per category.
3. All entries will be available for use by Canterbury Underwater Club in promoting the Club or this competition. Ownership of the original image will reside with the contestant.
4. Results of the public vote will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
5. Some image processing is allowable (cropping, colour and exposure correction) but there must be no modification to the content.
6. Entries are open to members of the Canterbury Underwater Club only.
7. Entries must be the work of the member submitting it.

Categories

Underwater – underwater images only.

Above Water – must be related to the sea/freshwater bodies in some manner.

How to Enter

1. The competition is open to digital files only.
2. Each photo must be submitted on an individual email. Please include your name, and details of where and when the photo was taken with your entries. You may also include the details of the type of camera etc.
3. Email your entry to Gary Vallance at gary@libertyengineering.co.nz
4. Entries must be received no later than Wednesday the 6th of August at 5pm.

Voting for the Winner

Photos will be open to a public vote – members who attend the August club meeting will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite photo in each category.

Winners announced and trophies and prizes will be awarded at the AGM on September 9th



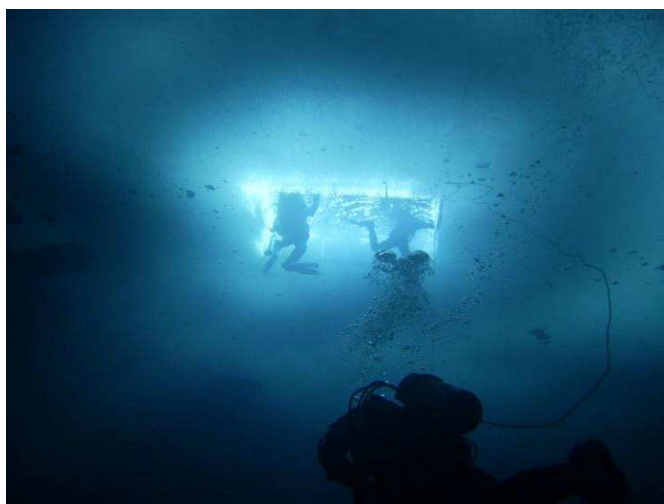
Don't be a slug – enter now!! (Photo by Rod Mckay)

August - Cromwell Underwater Club Annual Ice Dive & Historic Bridge Dives

I took part in this last year and am considering going down to do it again this year so if you have any questions about it then I'm happy to talk to you about it - Jo

In its 27th year, this is a must for all those keen adventurous divers who want a fresh water challenge!

Ice Dive: 6000ft at Lake Alta, Remarkables Mountains, Queenstown – Saturday 30th August



Meeting Place: At the base of the 'Magic Carpet' lift (learners slope), Remarkables Ski Field.

Meeting Time: 8:20am sharp!! (The groomer will **not** wait)

Groomer and lift rides to the top of the ski field, then groomer ride up to Lake Alta. Ice can be up to 600mm thick, with up to 100m vis!! A changing tent will be beside the ice entrance hole, and tea, coffee, soup, lollies, BCD's, special regulators and air are all supplied.

Bring your own: Wet/dry suit, mask, gloves, weights, fins etc plus good boots for standing in the snow and adequate clothes eg. Ski trousers, jackets, hats, gloves etc. "It's a cold place even on a good day"

A BBQ will be held after the dive and when everyone is off the hill, down at the Groomer Maintenance workshop below the ski buildings.

There will be a briefing before any diving is done on the "Do's and Don'ts" of the dive. The organisers will run through the regulators that you will use and the safety measures they have in place.

A dive liability release and assumption of risk form is to be signed by **all** divers before diving.

This is not a training dive and all divers dive at their own risk.

Cost: \$165 per head that travel up to Lake Alta. This covers the Groomer ride, lift rides, food at Lake Alta and the BBQ afterwards.

The diving and air at Lake Alta is free courtesy of the Cromwell Underwater Club.

Bridge Dives: Lake Dunstan, Cromwell – Sunday 31st August



Meeting Place: Lake Dunstan Boat Club Mc’Nulty Inlet, Cromwell.

Meeting Time: 9:30am

Bring all your own diving gear for this dive. A briefing will be held before heading to the dive sites. Cromwell Underwater Club will have boats at the dive sites to take divers out to the bridges.

A dive liability release and assumption of risk form is to be signed by all divers before diving.

Cost: \$50 per head, this covers the fuel and the BBQ afterwards.

This is not a training dive and all divers dive at their own risk.

Accommodation: Is available for the Friday and Saturday nights in the Lake Dunstan Boat Club rooms. \$10 per person, per night. There is a kitchen, shower, toilets and lounge area with a log fire. You will need to bring your own mattress and sleeping bag.

Booking and Deposits: Bookings and deposit payments must be made by the 23rd of August. Please make cheques payable to ‘Cromwell Underwater Club’.

Ice Dive deposit = \$50

Bridge Dive deposit = \$20

Please advise accommodation numbers as soon as possible, and post deposit cheques to:

Steve Bell
57 Achil Street
Cromwell 9310

Ph/fax 03 445 1522 (evenings) or email steve.bell@paradise.net.nz

Visit <http://www.scubasteve.co.nz/icedive.htm> for further information including three options for the ice-dive. **Please note** there is a discrepancy between prices given on the website and on the brochure provided to the editor so please confirm prices for your own bookings.

Upcoming Trips and Events Continued next page...

October - Marlborough Sounds

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.

November - French Pass/Okiwi Bay

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

DEPOSITS NOW DUE – To secure your place your deposit of \$40 per person needs to be paid to Grant ASAP.

100 years since WW1 – what this means for shipwrecks

Full article can be found at <http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-28056244> - thanks to Jens Christensen for this contribution to the newsletter.

With the centenary of World War One imminent, the Unesco Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage is soon to be extended to thousands of sites.

It prevents the pillaging, which is happening on a very large scale, it prevents the commercial exploitation, the scrap metal recovery, and it will have regulations on the incidental impacts, such as the problem of trawlers going over World War One sites."



Divers visiting a hospital barge from World War One off Anzac Cove in the Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey

Scale of the losses at sea

- It is estimated that Britain mobilised 11,000 war vessels, of which some 1,100 were sunk.
- More than 74,000 sailors and 15,300 men of the merchant navy lost their lives.
- Germany lost hundreds of warships and submarines and almost 35,000 men.
- Civilians also suffered, with 1,198 people dead when the liner Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland in 1915.

Annual General Meeting - First Notice

NOTICE
OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
THE CANTERBURY UNDERWATER CLUB INC
To be held on
Tuesday 9 September 2014

The CUC committee is calling for all notices of motions and nominations for office in respect of the officers and members of the committee to be forwarded in writing to the Club Secretary.

Notices of Motion must be received 28 days prior to the AGM. **(12 Aug)**

Nominations for Office must be received 14 days prior to the AGM **(26 Aug)** and be signed by the nominee, the proposer and the seconder all of whom must be financial members of the CUC.

This is the time of year that the Committee would like you to take the opportunity to consider your club’s future and being involved in the running of it in the year to come.

If you believe someone is ideally suited to be on the committee then please take some time to organise their nomination.

Also don’t be afraid to start things moving on your own behalf if you think you have something to contribute, get your proposer and seconder organised and submit your nomination.

I propose
For the position of
Proposed by
Seconded by
Signed by the nominee

Agenda

- Minutes of previous AGM read
- Matters arising
- Treasurer’s Report
- President’s Report
- Election of Officers
- Votes on Notices of Motion
- General Business
- Presentation of Trophies

NOTE: The Canterbury Underwater Club Constitution, clause 17b, states that “Postal votes shall be accepted from entitled members provided they contain an original (not photocopied) signature and legible name.”

Membership Renewal

Canterbury Underwater Club Inc
PO Box 2287
CHRISTCHURCH

Annual Subscription Invoice for the Period 1st July 2014 to 30th June 2015

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 31st October 2014.

Members who fail to pay their subscription by the 30th November 2014 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:

KiwiBank Limited

Account Name: CANTERBURY UNDERWATER CLUB INCORPORATED

Account Number: 38 9014 0722283 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 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 be 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 and no earlier than midday.
3. Please do NOT use the motel's 0800 number; doing so will incur a \$4 charge.

4. Please let Norfolk Pine 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

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 June 2014

Meeting opened 8.00 pm

Wayne opened the meeting, thanked everyone for attending and welcomed partners.

Guests: Chloe and Carrie-Anne

Apologies: Grant Prebble, Rod Mckay, John Schurink, Joan, Ian W, Michael B,
Apologies accepted by Dominic, Seconded by Don

Reading and Approval of Previous club Meeting Minutes from: 8.4. 2014

The minutes were taken as read and accepted. Moved by Wayne and seconded by Ted

Matters arising from previous minutes: There were no matters arising

Trip reports/events:

Club trip 14-15.6.14 to Kaikoura (this weekend) cancelled due to no interest

Labour weekend (25th-27th October) Sounds weekend. Great weekend, cheap accommodation. Contact Terry if interested.

French Pass (13th – 17th November) – 19 names of interested people. See Grant if you want to go. \$30 a night for accommodation. Grant needs deposits.

Terry wants to organise a night dive with Paul. This will be advertised.

Members dive reports

- **Niue** – Paul reported great diving and sea life
- **Sydney (Palm beach)** – Paul report lovely diving with 22 degrees
- **Kaikoura** – Matt dived off shore in Kaikoura. A lot of female Crays with eggs seen at the moment. Conditions quite good.
- **Motunau** – Dominic reported a lot of females in berry, Vis not flash and roads very icy and dangerous. One boat went off the side of the road.
Phil went to 3 times. 2 dives and 1 fishing. Vis really good one trip. Again a lot of females in berry but fishing really good. Took Jo and Rod on one trip and Burt on another.
- **Lake Taupo** – Chris reported seeing a lot of small crayfish and cat fish. Interesting dive with good Vis
- **Stewart Island** - Max reported he had to dive to free a yacht from being tangled with gear (a rescue dive)
- **West Papua New Guinea** – Details of trip will be a club night, but water temperature was 28

General Business

Club entertainment books – Wayne reminded members about entertainment books, purchasing them to help assist with lodge expenses. Still \$65.

Lodge. Grant and Dominic reported on the slip damage and up date. Grant and Dominic went to meet Kaikoura Council (operations engineer) last Thursday to discuss the issues. The council realises that they have an issue but are unable to act or do anything due to a lack of funding, and suggested that the club would have to fix things themselves. The building inspector has also had a look at the situation but is currently on annual leave. Need to wait until he gets back.

This matter needs to be discussed at committee as to what next. Legal advice probably needs to be sort. Concern was expressed over the weather conditions and rainfall Kaikoura is currently experiencing and a few members enquired whether more damage has occurred. Nothing has been reported to Mark by the Norfolk Pine Motels.

Dominic asked members if they had any contacts that could help us with legal advice etc.

Mid-Year Xmas dinner – Wayne reported that he has tried Bohemian Café but they will not allow all members to use their vouchers. He will now approach the polytechnic restaurant. If anyone else has suggestions please contact Wayne by Tuesday.

Spear Gun Tip Covers – Larry has left sealant tips which are really good for spear gun tips. Please help yourselves.

Meeting closed 8.30- pm

Wayne called the official part of the meeting closed. Steve C showed another documentary on the Blue Hole