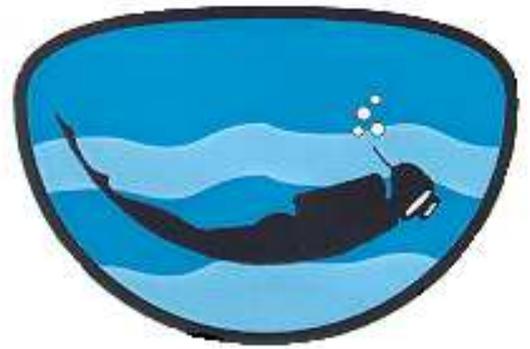


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# Canterbury Underwater Club Inc. Newsletter



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## **Club Meeting Information**

### **February Meeting Summary**

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

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. Please arrive at 7:30pm, meeting starts at 8pm as normal.

### **March Speaker – Gareth and Bert present ‘Dive the Five’**

This month Gareth and Bert will talk us through the Waitangi Weekend trip up north to ‘Dive the Five’ – they’ll have videos of diving the HMNNZ Waikato and the HMNZS Canterbury to show us and will also talk about their experiences diving in The Poor Knights.

### **New Members**

We’ve had a few new members join us over the last few months. Welcome to Jeremy and Nicola Brown, Simon Dixon, Daniel Mladek and Blanka Mladek Pokorna.

### **Upcoming Trips**

Please make sure you check the website for trips and events.

### **Kaikoura Boat Club Fishing Competition – 4<sup>th</sup> April**

I’ve already emailed members and this is on our Face Book page but here is one final reminder...

The 2015 fishing competition run by the Kaikoura Boat Club is on this Easter weekend. Entry forms and more information on their website <http://kaikouraboatingclub.org.nz/>

Make sure you get in and get your lodge rooms booked early!

### **Lodge Custodian Change**

After many years of outstanding service in the lodge custodian role Grant has handed the reins to Phil Baker.

The committee and I’m sure all users of the lodge wish to thank Grant for his dedication to this role – there are many little things that need attending to that keep the wheels turning smoothly.

We thank Phil for being prepared to take on this role and look forward to his stewardship in this area.

### **Membership Discussion – should we accept non-SCUBA members?**

There has been discussion at the committee meetings about if we should accept memberships from applicants that do not scuba dive but participate in other underwater activities such as free diving and spearfishing.

Currently we require sighting a diving qualification as part of being accepted as a member, however this would need to be changed if we are to accommodate other underwater activities.

We would like to hear what members think, Wayne will raise this as a discussion point at the March meeting so please come along with your thoughts on this. If you have a view point but are not able to attend the meeting please email your comments to [secretary@canterburyunderwater.org.nz](mailto:secretary@canterburyunderwater.org.nz)

## Dive Safe

You are probably all aware of at least one of the many dive accidents that have happened around Canterbury and the country this summer, not to mention the terrible tragedy at Motunau where a woman died.

We would like to remind all members that you should dive within your limits, and where possible with a buddy (not always easy given our often less than ideal visibility).

Remember that you don't **have** to dive and it's perfectly fine to abort a dive just before starting or a short time into it should conditions prove less than optimal or you just don't feel comfortable with the situation.

## Reminder of your duties at the lodge

There have been a couple of incidents where the lodge has been left vacated in a state less than desirable in terms of cleaning.

We would like to remind you that at the end of your stay you are obliged to leave the premises in a clean and tidy state – think “**is this how I would like to find it?**”

We keep the costs low because we don't employ cleaners, so please remember to do your bit.

Members staying for more than a few days might like to run the lawn mower around, or consider undertaking a cleaning job that is more than just the basic vacuum and clean done upon leaving.

## Work Wanted

A member has been recently made redundant and is seeking a new opportunity in sales and business development has years of experience in local and international selling and relationship management etc.....

Anyone interested in finding out more please contact The Editor.

## 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

### **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.



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## 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

## Minutes of Club Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015

### Meeting opened 8.00 pm

Wayne opened the meeting, thanked everyone for attending and welcomed new guests. Approximately 50 members attended

**Guests:** Chris from the UK, Daniel (who is joining the club) 2 women from Underwater Heritage

**Apologies:** Dominic, Paul, Norm, Michael B, Joan W  
Apologies accepted by Wayne, Seconded by Don

### Reading and Approval of Previous club Meeting Minutes from: 9.12 2014

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

**Matters arising from previous minutes:** None

### Trip reports/events:

**Club trips - Gareth** spoke about all the club dives that have occurred – 3 dives at Kaikoura, a few at Taylors Mistake, and the big trip to Northland around The Poor Knights and the wrecks. He also mentioned all the planned activities on the website calendar, and that he plans to run the Northland dive again next year and possibly rent a house.

**Christmas dive trip** – 20th December **Phil** reported that this was at Motunau. 3 boats went with 15 divers. Everyone had successful dives, getting their quota of crayfish. Great day with amazing calm sea conditions. Club then had a BBQ on the beach.

**North Canterbury Fishing Competition** coming up in a few weeks.

### Members dive reports

- **Chris Grant** – 10 dives at the poor knights and in Sydney
- **Owen** – Akaroa diving with Brian Franks came across other divers in an emergency situation, one had run out of air. Brian was able to assist with his oxygen on board and call the emergency services.
- **Scott** – also mentioned another emergency situation where a diver also ran out of air.
- **Peter Hunt** – shore diving at Kaikoura and Port Robinson, and a few tank dives in Akaroa.
- **Phil** mentioned that he has been diving almost every weekend either in Motunau and Akaroa and taking out a lot of new people intending to join the club.
- **Gareth** – diving with the sharks in Fiji
- **Warren** – mentioned that he went shark fishing at St Andrews beach. Fantastic experience.

### General Business

**Drowned diver at Motunau** – Warren asked if anyone knew anything about the drowning. Apparently the body was found 8.00 that morning but her name has not been released yet.

**Social Club evening** – Wayne thanked the 2 members that helped on that night.

**Correspondence** – Warren reported that the Pub charities application has been successful; Mark confirmed that the money has been deposited into the account. Great news and thanks to Warren and Lynette.

**Chain decoration** – this was got from the theatre, needs to be repainted to make it look more real, could be fun to have at the lodge.

### Meeting closed 8.25pm

Wayne called the official part of the meeting closed.

**Raffle** – red wine, white wine, chicken pieces, a chicken, heart chocolates  
Don, Wayne, John S, Geoff