

NZ Dolphin Underwater & Adventure Club Newsletter July 2020

Club Meeting: Wed 8th July 2020

Club Rooms : 7:30pm

Guest speaker: Sandi Reily on Volivoli Beach Resort – Fiji

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Cover Page Photo:– Dive guide Misi playing with Butterfly fish in Fiji by Denis.

What's on our coming agenda?

8th July – Wed – 7:30pm - Dive club meeting – Guest Speaker is Sandi Reily, Global Sales and Marketing Manager from the Volivoli Resort in Rakiraki, Fiji. Sandi is presenting details of the Resort and local diving, which we hope to include in our coming Fiji trip. *Which was meant to be August, but not able to confirm anything until our borders open.*

19th July – Sunday - Diving/Snorkelling Poor Knight Islands – leaving Tutukaka 8am – returning 4pm - sharing trip with EMR – Experiencing Marine Reserves. This trip is a thankyou trip for volunteers and hopefully recruit a few more from the Dolphin Club to join EMR as a volunteer. Very rewarding to see the enjoyment of those experiencing what we love so much, our Big Blue Backyard. If you want to travel up on the Saturday night and book accommodation, there is a night snorkel in the Matapouri Estuary at 5.45pm full tide. Cost for two tank dive or just to enjoy the Poor Knight Islands and snorkel \$130 if you put your name down to volunteer in the near future (training course at the Club Rooms on the 8th August 2pm – 7pm – dinner included – register with Lorna Doogan 021 027 32339 lorna@emr.org.nz). If wanting to go on this trip, and unable to volunteer the cost is \$150. A wonderful opportunity at this great discounted price. If keen let me know and I will send you details on how to book.

8th August – EMR Training at Club Rooms 2-7pm and **Club Clean-up** of the Lake Edge and carpark. For those keen Divers the wonderful Lake Pupuke or delightful Quarry is there for you to explore and collect the rubbish on the bottom. Let me know if you are available for the Clean-up as the Club will provide a BBQ for the workers.

12th August – Wednesday – 7.30pm – Dive Club Meeting - Club Rooms - Northcote Road Extension – Guest Speaker to be confirmed

5th September to 15th September - Kermadec Islands Trip on the 'MV Braveheart' sharing with Mount Maunganui Club, leaving from Tauranga. There has been plenty of info sent out in the past on this trip. September is a far better time as we will see the **humpback whale** migration at this time of year. Five Members from the Dolphin Club are on this trip Chris Nipper, Margaret Howard, Allan Dixon, Laurie Wright and John Herring. There are still two places available if you are keen on the new dates contact Steve Grant 0276583599 or steven@holmesbearings.co.nz

Tbc 21st – 30th August 2020 – Club Trip to Fiji — For divers and non-divers. We had such a wonderful trip to Tonga – we want to do the same in Fiji. We have had a number of Club trips to Fiji in the past, we will be diving and visiting different areas this time, Margaret.

Postponed tbc – Group going to Rarotonga – Diving, snorkelling trip - contact Margaret if keen to join in.

You will need to contact the shops

Upcoming Trips with Performance Dive NZ you may be interested in 2020 - Ph. 489 7782

Sun – 8:30am 19th July– Local boat dive departing Takapuna or Omaha Weather dependant (Ring shop).

Sat– 9:00am 1st August- Shore Dive – LocalA Coastline (Ring shop).

Sun– 8:30am 2nd August – Local boat dive departing Takapuna or Omaha

Sun– 8:30am 16th August – Local boat dive departing Takapuna or Omaha

Sun– 8:30am 23rd August – Local boat dive departing Takapuna or Omaha

Sun– 8:30am 30th August – Local boat dive departing Takapuna or Omaha

Upcoming Trips with Global Dive you may be interested in 2020 - Ph. 920 5200.

Sat 11th Jul 2020 [Bay Of Islands Weekend](#)

Sat 18-20th Jul 2020 [Bay Of Islands Weekend](#)

Sat 18th Jul 2020 [Poor Knights Ladies Day](#)

Sat 25th Jul 2020 [Rainbow Warrior & Cavalli Islands Liveaboard](#)

Sat 8th Aug 2020 [Poor Knights Islands Day Trip w/ Yukon Dive](#)

Wed 12-15th Aug 2020 [BOI 3 Day Trip w/ ND](#)

Other events & suggestions please contact a committee member or organise it yourself & get the club to make up your numbers. i.e. – Dives, trips NZ & O'Seas, Events, Outings, Tramps, Dinners, Movies, whatever social event tickles your fancy.

Our Club's Trip Rules (Organiser's rules apply for overseas trips)

- A. Bookings allowed on all trips. *Two trips & club membership is a must.*
- B. **A deposit or full payment to be made at time of booking.**
- C. Full payment MUST be paid at least two weeks before departure date.
- D. Trip Organiser to handle trip & bookings, & Treasurer to handle finances. Cancellations due to weather will be refunded in full, or transferred to another trip.
- E. Members cancelling for any reason will lose full monies unless they find a replacement for their position on the trip.
- F. The trips Organiser will determine if there are enough people to run a trip & if not will notify cancellation two weeks prior to departure.

Non-Members & non-financial members will be charged an extra \$10 on trips.

Membership: Single – \$40 Family - \$50.00

see Margaret or Trish next meeting or do it online.

Club's Internet bank account is 06 0122 0074227 00 & don't forget to put in your name or cheques posted to Club's mailing address, (front page).

Club Membership also includes **Affiliation to the New Zealand Underwater Association**

Have you paid your subs yet, quite a few have not!

Kia ora Denis,

Public concern is growing after revelations about New Zealand First's role in delaying the installation of cameras on all commercial fishing boats. LegaSea today has issued the following media release.

Public contempt for Government inaction on fishing boat cameras

Six years after the Government first promised cameras onboard commercial fishing boats to prevent dumping and protect vulnerable species, there are fewer than 100 vessels outfitted with the technology.

A NewsHub investigation broadcast last night revealed an “explosive” recording in 2018 of Minister of Fisheries Stuart Nash blaming NZ First’s Winston Peters and Shane Jones for the delay in fitting cameras on around 1000 boats.

A 2019 Horizon Research poll showed 69% of New Zealanders think not enough is being done to stop dumping of unwanted catch by commercial fishers.

“The Government cannot ignore the public’s increasing frustration for those running interference and preventing Ministers from fulfilling their duties. The protection of bycatch species and monitoring dumping are core roles of Minister Nash and Fisheries New Zealand,” says Sam Woolford from public awareness group LegaSea.

“The Minister must be free to make decisions in the interests of rebuilding depleted fisheries for the benefit of all New Zealanders. Electronic monitoring is one element that can be readily addressed,” says Mr Woolford.

LegaSea and the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council recently released a plan named Rescue Fish that addresses the current regulatory capture where the industry and its regulatory body are too closely aligned and have the ability to sway political decision-making.

LegaSea spokesperson Sam Woolford says the Rescue Fish policy is an alternative to the Quota Management System (QMS) because the current situation is no longer acceptable.

“Over time fisheries management has become highly political. The QMS is clearly not functioning effectively. Our Rescue Fish policy is designed so there can be no outside influence of decision-making. All decisions will be based on strong principles and more effective legislation,” says Mr Woolford.

“Given past donations and NZ First’s ties to Talleys and other fishing companies it is important that we see a degree of separation from the decision-making processes.”

The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council President Bob Gutsell commended NewsHub journalist Michael Morrah for breaking the news story wide open so the public can see what is going on behind closed doors.

“Clearly the QMS has had its day. It is not fit for purpose any longer and needs to be replaced. In good faith we have developed the Rescue Fish alternative so we can initiate the discussion on what a new fisheries management system might look like,” says Mr Gutsell.

To address any cost issues, the Rescue Fish policy proposes the Government own and control the monitoring

equipment. Costs will be recovered through a new permitting system.

The groups say that any system that is able to be undermined in such a serious way needs reform and are calling on the Government to start a work programme as soon as possible to map out the reforms.

Public support for policy change is being sought through a [petition](#) and more information can be found on the [Rescue Fish website](#).

If you haven't done so already, [please sign the Rescue Fish petition](#)

Delays for cameras on boats blamed on political pressure from NZ First

Last night's breaking news by Michael Morrah on NewsHub highlighted how Winston Peters and NZ First have been blocking the decision to put cameras on commercial fishing boats. Couple this with a number of large donations from individuals within the commercial fishing industry and it becomes clear who is running the show. [See the full story here](#)

LegaSea relies on the generosity of sponsors and donors to help us achieve the goals of more abundant fisheries and a healthy marine environment. For those Legends that support us, we are truly grateful. If support we do, please consider a donation to help us reach our goals. Thank you.

To donate to the Rescue Fish campaign, [click here](#).

Cameras on boats

Under the Rescue Fish policy cameras on commercial fishing boats would be mandatory. This would create transparency in an industry currently shrouded in secrecy. Check the [Rescue Fish website](#) for more details.

Q. Who would pay for cameras under Rescue Fish?

A. Under Rescue Fish the Crown will own and control the cameras and electronic monitoring equipment aboard commercial fishing boats, except for the smart phones used for logging in/out fishing days and reporting catch.

The Crown will pay upfront costs for onboard cameras. Costs will be recovered over time from resource rental charges attached to fishing permits.

Q. Who will own the video footage and data?

A. The Crown will own and be responsible for protecting the video footage and data. Electronic monitoring and cameras on all commercial vessels will help Fisheries officials monitor and validate catches, which is a problem with the current Quota Management System. Cameras will also help to protect vulnerable species such as seabirds and mammals.

For more Frequently Asked Questions about Rescue Fish please check the [FAQ section](#) of the Rescue Fish website. If you have a particular question you would like to ask [please ask it here](#).

Thanks to everyone that has signed the petition. If you haven't done so yet please sign it [here](#).

Thank you

Trish and the LegaSea crew

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Message from your President/Editor.

Please note that my mobile number has changed as I've retired from my normal job. Now 0287 970 922

Messages I have received from our secretary – Margaret (30/6/20)

Hi All,

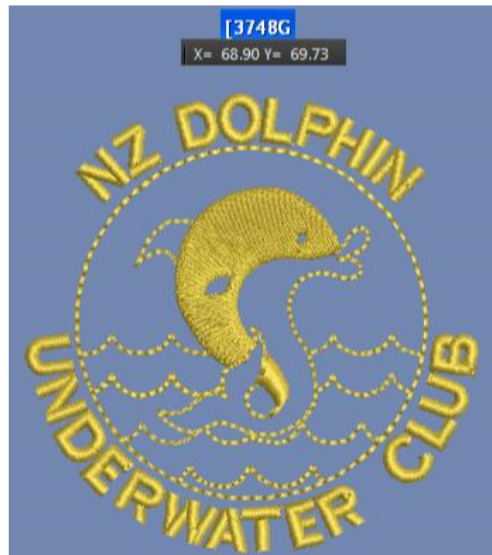
I had a call from Ken Gotts today, a long time Dolphin Member of over 30 plus years, with the sad news that his partner Barbara Linssen passed away on Friday.

Ken and Barb met through the Club and have been together for 29 years. Barb was 78 years old, with a number of health problems over the past 9 years.

It was wonderful watching the love story develop between the two. Ken and Barb were very keen divers and enjoyed many a trip with the Club. So sorry for your loss Ken, you were both very close, you are going to miss Barb so much. Hopefully in your future travels you will call in and keep in touch.

I am sure Club Members will share in your sadness as we all remember Barbara. Even though you moved south to New Plymouth, a number of Members still called for a catch up.

If anyone would like to contact Ken his phone number 02102637524 and address 82 Barrett Street, Westown, New Plymouth 4012.



Hi Denis

Club member's dressage. Do you want a polo, sweatshirt etc with our club logo on it? Now is your opportunity, bring in your garment to the club meeting for us to arrange. **Please label so we can identify your stuff as well.**

This is the details I received from Lawries spreadsheet attached with the costs.

I have seven garments myself cost \$6.40 each unless you get up to 20 then the price drops to \$5.10.

I have put a safety pin at the neckline of my garments to help you identify. Just in case you do get a few.

Cheers M

Next

Hi Everyone, Great to see those that are out there enjoying what NZ has to offer, and I hear a lot of diving is taking place amongst the Members. My turn on the 4/5th weekend diving Deep Water Cove to try out my new wet suit and booties, I am sure I will be much warmer.

The offer still stands **from Air Technology - 20 Constellation Drive, Mairangi Bay – (corner Ascension Place and Constellation Drive)**

During June and July 2020, Hasan is offering a **free** regulator check. In case your regulator needs a complete service \$25.00 discount will be redeemable towards that service.

Ring Hasan Soykan 09 478 9995 021 264 0107 or email or hasan@airtec.co.nz to book your regulator in.

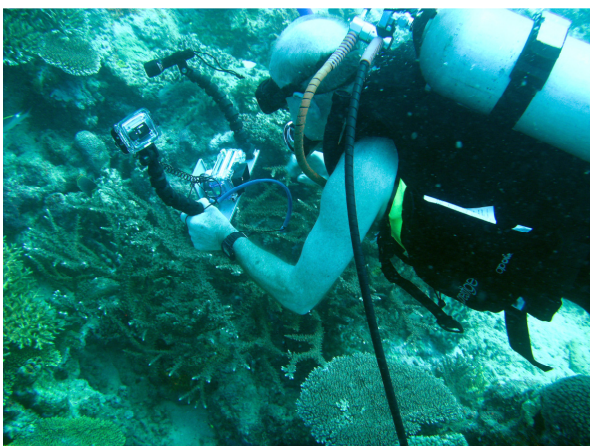
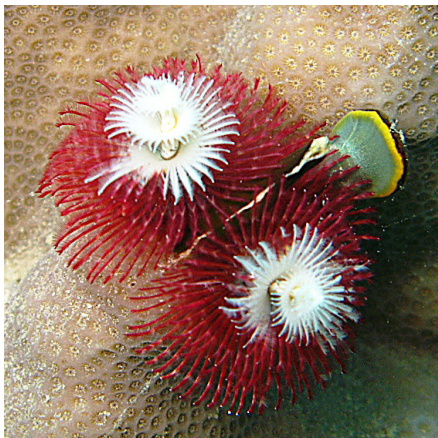
Thanks to those that have paid **their Membership**, there are still a few outstanding. Also thanks to Matt Gouge for working on our new website, all a new learning curb for Matt. Check it out for the new info Matt has added. www.dolphinunderwater.co.nz

We had our mid-year winter meal at the Bays Club, Browns Bay. It was well attended and the food was wonderful. A great catch up for many. We need to do it again soon.

The **Fiji trip originally booked for August**, the 10 that paid their deposit your money is safe. Just waiting to see when our borders will open to the Pacific Islands and as soon as we know, another date will be booked and further details confirmed. When the new date is available there will be room to add another couple to the trip, if you are interested, please let me know. Original details the 1st week to Beqa Island Resort, Pacific Harbour and 2nd week at Volivoli Resort, Rakiraki in the Ra Province on the North Coast. Both resorts on the main island of Viti Levu. Don't miss the next Meeting to see the presentation on the Volivoli Resort.

NZUA are holding a virtual AGM this year on 25th July a decision made because of the COVID virus and its implications. If you want to be a part of this with a link up contact Andrea at NZ Underwater phone 09 6233252 or andrea@nzua.org.nz Separate details have been sent out. I believe it is internet connection only that needs to be sorted. We will let you know if this is going to take place.

Cheers Margaret



A few shots from a previous trip to Fiji

Antarctica shock: 'Giant evolving' sea creatures unearthed by divers below ice revealed

ANTARCTICA divers made an incredible find below the ice, revealing "giant" sea creatures that had evolved thanks to the harsh conditions. By [Callum Hoare](#) PUBLISHED: 04:34, Thu, Apr 2, 2020

Antarctica: Deep sea divers discover incredible sea creatures

The [icy continent](#) serves as a scientific haven for more than 1,000 researchers around the year, who monitor climate change and study Earth's history. Its barren landscape gives them access to an unspoiled world, where they can complete their research without intrusion or political pressure. But, sometimes the scientists like to head beneath the ice to get a glimpse into an ecosystem untouched in millennia, and Advexon's "Under the Ice" documentary showed what happens when they do.

One of the divers said in 2014: "At this time of the year you can see almost a quarter of a mile ahead.

"These strange things are called brine channels, up on the surface the salt is concentrated in the frozen sea ice and makes brine that is so salty it stays liquid even when the surface ice cools it.

"When this cold brine flows downwards, it freezes the less salty seawater around it, making these tubes.

Promoted Story

"We're diving in shallow water because most of the action is on the ocean floor.

Divers made a bizarre find below the ice (Image: GETTY/YOUTUBE)

The divers headed below the surface (Image: YOUTUBE)



This sea spider is a giant compared to its cousins that live in warmer waters

Under the Ice

"These sea stars have just finished off an urchin and are attacking each other."

But the cameras then revealed several larger species resting on the seabed.

The series added: "Some of these animals are much bigger than similar species elsewhere.

"This sea spider is a giant compared to its cousins that live in warmer waters.

"Isolation helps these animals evolve differently and their slow metabolism in the cold lets them grow older and bigger.

The team found some incredible creatures
(Image: YOUTUBE)

“Clearwater is great for us, but hard on life here.

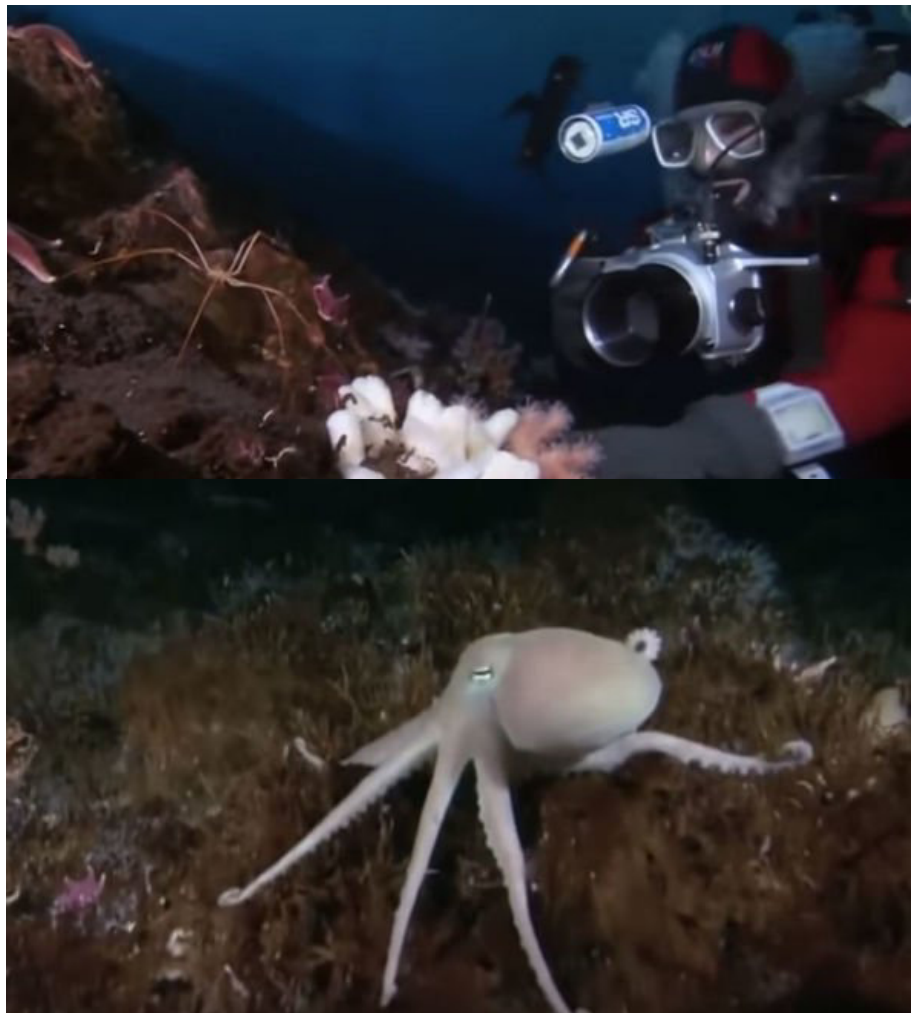
“There’s been no sunlight for four months, so nothing has been growing in the water.”

The documentary went on to show the harsh realities of life below the surface, and how they must fight to survive.

It continued: “Everything is hungry – this anemone may look pretty – but it’s a ravenous predator.

“The current has carried this jelly too close to the bottom and the anemone snagged it, sometimes they can eat an entire jelly.

The creatures evolved in the harsh climates (Image: YOUTUBE)



The waters were crystal clear (Image: YOUTUBE)



“After about 40 minutes, you start to really get cold, it’s time to get back to the warm hut.

“Under the ice, you have no clue what the weather has been doing, but this is Antarctica, it’s sure to be different.

“When you come out you get orientated by looking for Mount Erebus, there it is smoking away in the distance.” However, the team did have a warning over Antarctica.

Antarctica: Scientists attach camera to seal to study its activity

They noted: “On a slope below Mount Erebus, a glacier flows to the sea from the thick ice in the interior.

“In some ages of the Earth’s history, Antarctica’s ice has flowed completely away.

“Today, scientists are studying this ice, trying to learn whether it is growing or shrinking and why.

“This simple and precarious balance between what is frozen and what is not affecting everyone on Earth.”

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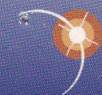


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