

## FAR NORTH RECREATIONAL DIVE CLUB INC

MEETING DETAILS	
<b>Date and time:</b>	Sunday 1 July 2007, 3 pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Jack Sutton's residence at 95 Cable Bay Block Road, Coopers Beach

MEMBERSHIP	
<b>Present:</b>	Jack Sutton; Jeremy McCarty; Sallie Lakin; Ivan Barclay; Bevan Foy; André Kunz; Paul Lakin; Jodi Osborne; Mark Osborne; Steven Sharpe; Suli-Ann Sharpe; Petrina Hodgson, Philip Jarvis, Alison Hickford; Mike Casey; Jenny Sutton.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Ben Sutton; John Carey; Josie Sutton; Gayle Mitchell; Simon Banks; Murray Hibbard; Dwaine Walsh; Danny Hall.

No.	Item	Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Last months minutes taken as read</b>	Nominated: Jack Sutton Seconded: Ivan Barclay	
2.	<b>Conservation week 6-12 August</b>  <b>Clean up dive Mangonui Wharf Sunday 12 August 2007</b>	<p>Sallie suggested that conservation week is coming up which provides a good opportunity for a club project. After some discussion we decided to investigate performing a clean up dive under the Mangonui Wharf. This would have benefits for the marine eco-system beneath the wharf as well as for the fishing boats and line fishermen in removing the risk of entanglement. As well as performing a worthwhile task, the dive will also be an opportunity for a look at this special eco-system and its resident octopus in safe conditions. In-water divers must be highly experienced due to the risk of entanglement and need for excellent buoyancy skills. There must be a strong focus on safety. Surface support will be essential.</p> <p>Suggestions from members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good opportunity to profile the dive club</li> <li>• Could look for sponsorship to cover the costs of removing waste</li> <li>• Winching equipment will probably be required</li> <li>• Lift bag could possibly be hired</li> <li>• Non-divers can assist by providing surface support and/or cleaning up the foreshore around the wharf.</li> </ul>	<p>Task group need to get together to organise arrangements: <b>Jack, Mark, Jeremy, Sallie</b> and <b>Mike</b>.</p> <p>Plan needs to be formulated to consider all required resources, safety and publicity.</p> <p>Discussion with Jimmy Osborne, Far North Holdings, FNDC and Moana fisheries needs to be carried out to see if they are supportive.</p>

3.	<b>Research projects</b>	<p>As a result of recent changes to the scallop season and some concerns about commercial dredging, Andre raised a suggestion that the club could look into the quantity and distribution of scallops' in the Doubtless Bay area.</p> <p>Discussions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should we set up a series of dives to identify new areas rich with Scallops.</li> <li>• Should we look at the possibility of seeding Doubtless Bay to regenerate the Scallop population</li> <li>• The fact that commercial dredges have not been seen in recent years, is this because it is not worth dredging in DB or because there is a legal restriction?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Andre</b> is going to find out whether there are any formal guidelines about commercial dredging in the Doubtless Bay area.</p> <p><b>Mark</b> is going to look on the internet for any case studies about seeding projects in NZ.</p>
4.	<p><b>Next Club Dive</b></p> <p><b>Two tank dive to Brodies Pinnacle and Brodies Creek</b></p> <p><b>Sunday 22 July 2007</b></p>	<p>Several potential sites were discussed including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Henderson Bay reef - 200m off-shore, potentially new location, however difficult to access</li> <li>• Brodies Pinnacle – good advanced dive, drop-off, pelagic fish (aka Bastard Rock)</li> <li>• Brodies Creek – nearby scenic dive, better for entry-level divers</li> <li>• Smokehouse Bay – debris from capsized fishing boat</li> <li>• Knuckle Point drift dive</li> </ul> <p>It was decided that Brodies Pinnacle and Brodies Creek would provide dives to cover all levels of experience. Date fixed as <b>Sunday 22 July 2007</b>.</p>	<p><b>Jack</b> to coordinate divers who are interested and those who have boats with space to accommodate others</p> <p>All to email Jack care of <a href="mailto:mail@diveclub.co.nz">mail@diveclub.co.nz</a> if you are interested in participating in the dive</p>
5.	<p><b>Regular Club Dive</b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b></p>	<p>Paul suggested that we at set a regular date for our club dive so people can plan in advance to be available. Additional dives can be planned, but this date should be consistent. <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> in every month was set for a regular club dive date.</p>	
6.	<b>Website</b>	<p>Sallie asked if anyone had any feedback for changes to the design of the club website. None required. The website statistics were reviewed and the site has been submitted to various search engines, forums and sites providing reciprocal links.</p> <p>We should enable club sponsorship by local businesses. Businesses can purchase a link and advertising space on our website. Price was agreed at \$50 per annum, to be reviewed in six months time, to see what the uptake level has been. Proceeds will go toward club funds and website hosting costs.</p> <p>We also discussed whether everyone was keen to participate in a website discussion forum; it was decided to set up a forum for club members only. This will enable secure access. Non-members will be welcome to send any queries to the club email address and we will post them on the discussion forum at our discretion.</p> <p>We need photos for the website! Please send them through to <a href="mailto:mail@diveclub.co.nz">mail@diveclub.co.nz</a></p>	<p><b>All</b> send your photo through for publishing on the website!</p> <p><b>Sallie</b> to set up a discussion forum and draft some discussion forum guidelines for use and present for approval at the next meeting.</p>
7.	<b>Membership cards</b>	<p>Membership cards need to be designed. They will be laminated and will feature the new club logo, name of the member, their member number and date of joining.</p>	<p><b>Sallie:</b> Set up design and produce membership cards.</p> <p><b>Mark and Jodi:</b> Kindly offered to laminate the cards.</p>

