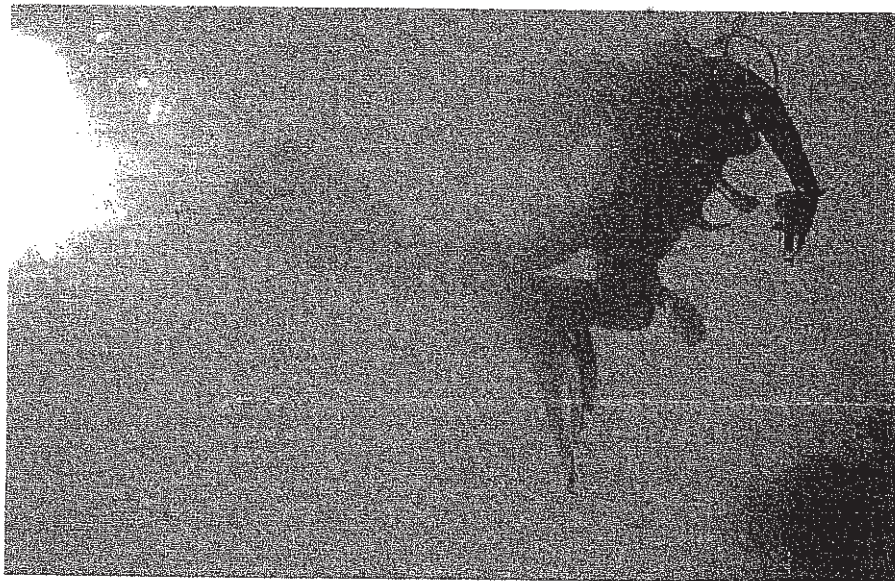


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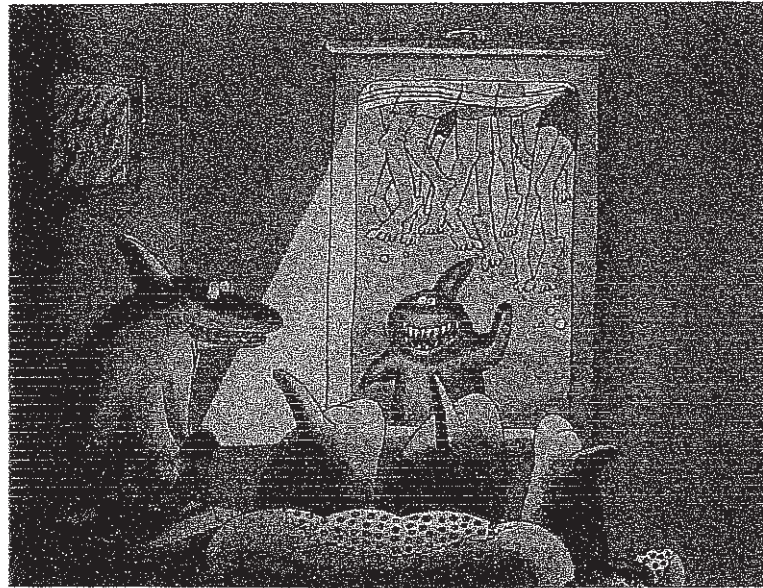
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## Prez's Word

Have to say, the dive club is having a good year. Though we dont have as many members as the canoe club, we had a hugely better turnout to our fountain crawl than they did for their fountain paddle. Yes, two lonely canoe club members attempted to have social events in the fountain on the same day, at the same time as our annual fountain crawl. It was heaps of fun, and all you guys who made the pathetic excuse of having to go to your "lectures" missed out on one hell of a day. You can see the photos in the dive club photo album and also on the webpage.

To all of you that have not made it to any trips so far this year, I would encourage you to join us. The trips coming up are awesome White Island is one of the best dive sites in NZ, Cape Brett (near Paihia) has given me one of my best dives ever and Hahei is a newish reserve with good diving. No excuses, people, there is diving for all budgets. (Why did you join the dive club???) Have Fun. :-)

## Members Update.

This is the updated members list. If I have any details wrong, please let me know.

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## Courses

**ADVANCED:** We ran one over the weekend of the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of May. There will be another run early in the second semester. If you would like to further your diving skills, and gain confidence in your abilities, this is the course for you. It costs only \$130.

**RESCUE:** This will teach you to deal with most diving related emergencies, ideal if you wish to be capable of being in charge of trips, or wish to advance to divemaster or instructor. Costs only \$230. Need to have completed the advanced course, and a recent first aid course. Practical weekend 17<sup>th</sup>+18<sup>th</sup> July, theory covered beforehand.

**DIVEMASTER:** Your chance to make a living diving in exotic places such as the Great Barrier Reef. Course will take a few weeks, and test you on your physical abilities (swimming etc) as well as your diving knowledge. Cost to be confirmed. To be run in late July or early August.

## Trips

**HAHEI:** ~~May 5-7~~ <sup>June 5-7</sup> We've organised accommodation for up to 10 people in a backpackers in Hahei. This will be our base to explore many of the brilliant dive sites around the east coast of the coromandel using the club boat. Only costs will be accommodation (\$15/night) + tank fills and boat petrol. BYO food and alcohol.

**WHITE ISLAND:** July 10-11. A weekend at the volcanic White Island aboard the Ma Cherie. Diving is brilliant, with many exotic species usually not seen on the mainland. Visibility is also generally on the spectacular side. Weekend costs \$240. Deposits of \$140 required to secure your place (seven places available) as soon as is humanly possible.

**PAIHIA RUSSELL SNORKEL RACE AND CHARTER** July 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of July is the annual Paihia to Russell Snorkel Relay Race. Here we enter a team to race against many other dive clubs, in an effort to save ourselves from another loss. On the Sunday afterwards, we will organise a charter boat to take us to dive sites around the bay of islands. If you are keen for either, let us know and we will round up some accommodation and a charter boat.

## Fountain crawl report.

Jo, Glen, Carola, Julie, Stefanie, Carola, Arne, Ira, James and Josh, Jenny, Josie.

It was a sunny april day, the same day as pub crawl, when a dozen ultra keen and cool dive club members assembled in albert park fountain.

But there were some interlopers. The canoe club had arrived, complete with kayaks, for a celebratory fountain paddle. But we were not intimidated by their numbers (ie 2 people - out of 200 members,

Thats a pretty poor show!), and proceeded to sink their kayaks for wreckdiving purposes. Arne and Glen ensured that everyone were well acclimatised to the chill albert park waters. We even scared off decorated graduates taking pictures in albert park by waving behind them when posing for photo.

Having consumed a fair amount of intoxicating beverages, we soon tired of the littered fountain, so we began our journey through the Auckland CBD. First stop was the art gallery.

Then we went thru the multilayered Kitchener - Lorne St Fountain, slowly with lots of cheap bubble bath. Ira, attempting to go to his lecture at 11am, was not wearing a wetsuit, so he got liberally soaked, with fountain water and with bubbly at every opportunity.

Passing thru the fountain at the front of commerce house, we managed to offend people who were trying to enjoy a quiet (and dry) lunch in the sun. So we moved on to Aotea Square, which didnt last very long, as the fountain was not really suitable for splashing in. At this point Ira departed, for his "very important lecture". His mental state could not be accurately described as "sober", so we thought it would be a fun lecture for young Ira.

Josie, at this point, happened to mention that her flatmate worked in a nearby building. So we all packed into the lift, and went to the top floor, scaring people into the stairs as the lift stopped at every floor (just doing our bit for increasing the fitness levels of office workers).

Onwards from there, a toilet stop was called for. The Atrium, was convenient, so wetsuit clad drunks made their way thru a busy food court for a "comfort stop". It was during that time, we were politely asked to "fuck off" by security personnel, so we moved on to ASB bank.

Our regular security lady came to visit us, so we left the bottles out of the fountain, and made the ascent. We posed for photos, and began to sneak up to the Sky City building. In mid flight, a security guard spotted us, and started to talk into his little walky talky. I was sure we had been busted, but as Glen, Carola, Rob and Josh ran in a side door, they foiled the security staff, and had a bath in the fountain.

We departed there under (more) watchful eyes, and headed towards the old coopers and lybrand building. Here we got stopped by tourists, who wanted pictures of themselves, us, and us and them. Being helpful types and all, we stopped here for a while, before moving on to the tepid baths. After a quick victory lap, we left and went to the waterfront via the downtown fountains.

The daring few jumped into the lovely clean harbour water. Arne, in a drunken and worrying move, decided he had to take his wetsuit off before he jumped in the water. Unfortunately he forgot to undo his leg zips, which made quite a simple manoeuvre quite amusing.

By this time, it was 12:30, and time to begin the pub crawl in a un-wetsuited state. With only two reported cases of drunken puking (ie Arne and Stefanie), our record with the first aid people in the detox centre may be improving.

It must be said, that after the fountain crawl, we ran into Thomas, a very drunk diver at the fountain crawl last year. This year, however, he seemed very very sober. Obviously not diving enough.....

### Other Trips We Have Been On Since Last Time:

Poor Knights aboard the Pacific Hideaway Great (as per usual) by all accounts. Josie and Rob have some underwater photos that the Dive Master on board took, including one with an octopus and an inkjet being expelled.

Leigh weekend away - abbreviated to a Saturday nightdive and a few dives on Sunday. The beautiful weather (this time the scattered showers were very very scattered). Brilliant diving, Christer and Carola saw dolphins underwater and Peter and Verena found the Leigh Reef Caves. Stefanie corrected her buoyancy problems, and Julie and Jo discovered just how many kingfish there are on Leigh reef.

Poor Knights (Again) on Pacific Hideaway. Once again brilliant, warm, heaps of fish and some photos as well.

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MOUNTAIN BIKE - Vista MTB. 21 speed, Shimano Altus Componentry, 1998 model, Used on road for only 7 months. Freshly serviced. \$350 ono. Arne's bike.

For these, please contact Glen or Jo 525-7383 [unidiveclub@clear.net.nz](mailto:unidiveclub@clear.net.nz)

This is a small paragraph of totally nothing of importance to anyone but i figured it filled up the blank space and if you are reading this you truly are a bored but dedicated dive club person! :-)



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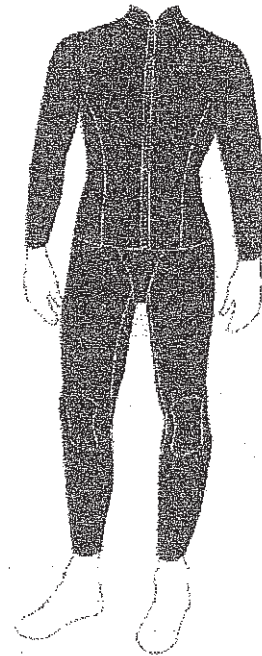
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