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50 Years. So what!

Less than one life span, but years of exploration, development, excitement & adventure. Diving is a young sport that has come a long way in a relatively short time. We don our dive gear and jump into the water using our sophisticated dive technology, take photos & video, or our daily entitlement to crayfish or scallops. But do we give thought to as to how we came to be here?

A chronological evolution of diving....

New Zealand Underwater celebrates 50 Years from when a group of divers from Whangarei, Auckland and Tauranga decided they should join together in an association as a group with a common interest. We decided to capture as much as possible of those fifty years with this book 'Fifty Years of New Zealand Underwater'.

.... from hunter to marine conservationist

From ripping yarns that would make your ears burn, to competition results and telling images, this book is about people. People who dive. People who have forged a period of diving in New Zealand that we can be proud of, whatever their reasons for being in the water.

Wreck diving - read about the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior and the TUI

A comprehensive index of New Zealand diving personalities such as Kelly Tarlton and our world-leading pioneers....

There are hunter-gatherers, who dive to put food on the table, or artifacts on the mantelpiece or in a museum.

Photography - hundreds of images of diving and diving personalities, plus full colour international award-winning underwater photographic images

There are the film-makers & photographers, creators & inventors, scientists & conservationists. And then there are the educators & adventurers. Others simply enjoy being in the water.

Clubs..Competitions..Records Diving..Spearfishing..Freediving..Finswimming Underwater Hockey..Mini Dippers..Diver Training

In New Zealand we are lucky to have many choices of dive sites and activities, and a wide variety of views and stories have been generated from that freedom, encapsulated in this book are just some of those stories.

If you have been a part of it you'll enjoy the memories, If not, you'll be fascinated.



50 Years of New Zealand Underwater

A limited edition reference book of significant historical value



"In the summer we would dive in our swimsuits, while in the winter we would don two pairs of 'long johns' and three woollen sweaters." - Clive Mudgway

