

VICTORIAN SUB AQUA GROUP

NEWSLETTER.

April, 1961.

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NEXT MEETING:

To be held on Friday, 21st April at Room 2, Savoy Theatre, Russell Street, City at 8.00 p.m.

Slides of that fantastic trip to King Island will be shown; come and drool at the crays! If you have any of your own slides of this trip or any others done over Easter, bring them along too.

REPORT ON KING ISLAND TRIP:

King Island offers unique opportunities for a diving club as one can always get in a good dive by moving quickly from the West to East coast to operate, according to the prevailing weather.

For the study of marine biology, the waters around King Island offer fantastic opportunities, for it teems with fish life, sea urchins, etc.

Members of the Group gave demonstrations on Saturday and Monday, and during the former (off Currie wharf) Lew Clarke came out of the water with the biggest crayfish any club member has ever seen - a 12 pounder.

Among centres visited were the Blow Hole, Naracoopa Jetty and beach, and also the Dripping Wells. A visit to the Admiral Reef (where the "British Admiral" was wrecked in 1874) was made in Mr. Savile Darley's fishing ketch, and here 90 ft. dives were made by members of the Group.

Whilst diving at the various centres, some remains of past wrecks were noticed, although not much is visible now.

Time did not permit a very thorough search being made, but we were so impressed with the expedition that other visits will certainly be made in the future, when the search for wrecks will be continued.

TRAINING:

Sea training will be held on Saturday afternoon, 22nd April at Middle Brighton Pier at 1.30 p.m.

In May, training will probably commence again at the Beaurepaire Pool at the University. Check with the Secretary for dates etc., early in May.

OUTINGS:

Cape Paterson - Sunday 23rd April.
The party will leave from the Wonthaggi Post Office at 10.00 a.m.

Diving in this particular ocean territory is very dependant on the weather, but if the weather is right the area is worth a whole week-end. There are good camping sites near the life-saving club at Cape Paterson and near Eagles Nest Rock a few miles further East L.W. 11.00 a.m. Sunday.

Portsea Back Beach - Sunday 7th May.
Low water is at 9.30 a.m. so you should be ready to dive by 9.0'clock. Meet on the back beach at the foot of the steps near "London Bridge".

GENERAL:

Committee man Ron Addison has been appointed custodian of Club equipment. At the moment this includes such gear as - hookah uni-walkie-talkies, 300 feet of rope, diving ladders, divers flags, etc.

Congratulations to John Driscoll and Jan Ling on their recent engagement.

Rumour has it that a Club reunion is in the offing; might even see some of the old faces that are becoming just a distant memory.

In the near future a couple of Club delegates will be having a discussion with the Secretary and Chief Engineer of the State River and Water Supply Commission regarding diving in Eildon Reservoir. At present, diving in the reservoir is not allowed, for technical reasons however the position is beginning to look quite hopeful.

Keep those library books in circulation by returning yours at the next meeting.

Members are required to collect their gear from Lew Clarke's home, 8 Aird Street, Amberwell, by this weekend otherwise we may not be able to keep it under cover any longer.

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