

VICTORIAN SUB-AQUA GROUP.

NEWSLETTER.

December, 1961.

MEETINGS: The next general meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in Room 2, Savoy Theatre Russell St. on Friday 15th December 1961. Owing to the pressure of work, the Police & Rescue Squad were not able to give their lecture at the last meeting. However, they will be at the next meeting to give us a very interesting lecture.

TRAINING: Training will now be continued in the open sea. The next date is Saturday 16th December 1961 and will be held at Half Moon Bay, Black Rock. Members are reminded that people training with the group must be members of the group after the first lesson.

Don't forget that C grade certificates are required for all deep dives and all members should at least be able to obtain this certificate. To do the tests, arrangements must first be made through the Diving Committee to arrange a time. Do not just turn up and hope to be put through.

Requirements for C grade are as follows:-

- (1) Demonstrate knowledge of emergency hand signals.

- (2) At a depth of 8 ft. remove unit and swim underwater 50 ft.
- (3) Reverse above procedure and recover unit, surface and then swim 50 ft. on the surface on the back without using the unit.
- (4) Remove mask at 8 ft. and clear water from same.
- (5) Ascend from 10 ft. without using lung, with very special attention to exhaling.
- (6) Demonstrate knowledge of correct resuscitation, using the Holger Neilson back pressure and lift method.

So start training for it now.

OUTINGS: The last scheduled outing is to Flinders on Sunday 17th December 1961. We will meet at the same spot as last time, that is on top of the cliff, just through the golf links. Low water is at 12.30 p.m. so be there about 10 30 a.m. The last outing to Flinders, earlier this year was most successful, except for the flies that practically carried us off the cliff afterwards.

CHRISTMAS OUTING: The Christmas camp will be held at Tidal River on the New Year weekend. This is one of Victorias most picturesque places, both above and below the water.

For those keen divers who don't mind a bit of a walk, fantastically clear water and plenty of crays await you.

FEDERATION: The first meeting of the Self - Contained Divers Federation of Victoria, was held on Wednesday 6 th December 1961. Present were two representatives from Scuba, Underwater Explorers Club and Victorian Sub Aqua Group.

Office Bearers are as follows:-

President - Phil Webster (Underwater Explorers Club).
Vice President - Frank Coustley (U.S.A.G.).
Secretary - Barry Lovegrove (Scuba).
Treasurer - Phil Norris (Underwater Explorers Club).

The Federation will obtain all manner of information from local and overseas bodies, and channel it back to the member clubs. Help will be given to clubs who have any queries on diving. Combined club outings, film nights will be arranged occasionally and through the many and varied contacts of the Federation, speakers could be arranged for club meetings.

Though a representative body such as this, it will now be possible to negotiate more successfully with local authorities. Better contact will be established between clubs who will benefit considerably by this organisation.

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