

# NEWSLETTER

of the

## VICTORIAN SUB AQUA GROUP.

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### NEXT MEETING:

To be held at 8.00 p.m. at Room 2, Savoy Theatre, City on Friday, 20th January, 1961.

We would like to hear what members were doing over the holidays, so please come along with your coloured slides and coloured tales about your Christmas diving activities. A 35 mm projector will be available.

### TRAINING:

The first sea training period for the year will be held at Middle Brighton Pier on Saturday afternoon, 21st January, 1961 at 1.30 p.m. SHARP.

Those members wanting training should come equipped with at least mask, flippers and weight-belt. Those who are yet without a unit will probably be able to borrow one from an instructor.

### OUTINGS:

In view of the adverse wind conditions, the proposed outing to Airey's Inlet was changed at the meeting to Mount Martha. A dozen or more members attended and had a very pleasant day about half a mile past the township.

Smith's Beach: Sunday, 22nd January, 1961. On Phillip Island,  $5\frac{1}{4}$  miles from the San Remo Bridge, take the left hand fork, and after another mile turn left down to the Beach.

Low tide is expected between 10 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday. There are camping sites if you wish to dive on both Saturday and Sunday, but you will have to arrange your own fresh water supplies.

Wilson's Promontory: Australia Day Week-end, 28th - 30th January. The club will be holding a camp over this period at Tidal River, about 150 miles from Melbourne.

There is an excellent camping area and the scenery both above and below water is magnificent. There is also no lack of fish ..... A surf ski is handy in this area too.

Flinders: Sunday, 5th February. Low tide is at about 9.00 a.m., so meet at the pier no later than this before moving off to a site a short distance West up the coast.

Diamond Bay: Sunday, 12th February. On the back beach, just this side of Sorrento; there is a signpost on the Old Melbourne Road. It is essential to catch the low tide along the back beaches and for this outing it will occur at 12.30 p.m. A picnic barbeque will be held afterwards so bring the whole family along.

#### KING ISLAND:

A brief summary: The club Easter Camp will be held at King Island from March 31st to April 4th. Passage across will be by chartered plane, while heavy gear will be carried across by boat a week previously.

Only 24 persons can be accommodated in the aircraft so bookings are strictly on a cash down basis - first come, first served. The return fare including the gear on the boat will be Ten Pounds, to be paid no later than the next meeting.

Those who miss out on the chartered plane can go by normal air service, but at the higher fare. Camp sites and boat transport around the island will be arranged.

#### ENDURANCE TESTS:

Contestants for the underwater endurance tests in the Heart's Desire pool are reminded to contact Bill Kunert at XF 6093, as soon as possible.

#### LIBRARY:

Three new books have been added to the library recently:

Skin Diving in Australia - Edward du Cros.

Australian Seashores - W.J. Dakin.

Deep Diving & Submarine Operations - Sir Robert H. Davis.

#### GENERAL:

A certain amount of exploration for new locations has to be done each year and some of these trips turn out very interesting. So if any of you more adventurous spirits who don't mind a bit of hard travelling or lugging gear over rough country with the possibility of no dive at the end would care to contact me by POST, you will be notified when such trips are taking place.

GENERAL (Cont.)

Old mates of Charlie Ballaentyne might be interested to know that his present address is - 141 Lake Street, Cairns, Queensland.

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