

VICTORIAN SUB AQUA GROUP.

NEWSLETTER.

June, 1961.

MEETINGS:

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting and will be held at the Savoy Theatre on Friday evening the 16th June, 1961 at 8.00 p.m. A film and colour slides of Heron Island will be shown by T.A.A. with underwater scenes.

Ted Eldred gave a very interesting lecture last meeting on the achievements and difficulties of the team of young Navy divers working to clear the inlet tunnel leading from the bottom of Lake Eucumbene under 265 ft of black freezing water.

ELECTIONS:

The following are the nominations for the elections at the Annual General Meeting:

PRESIDENT: Frank Coustley, Peter Matthews (Bill Kunert declined).

VICE-PRES: Rob Bricker, John Driscoll, Peter Matthews, John Noonan (W. Kunert declined).

SECRETARY: Ian Beeson, Frank Coustley, Ken Morgan (R. Bricker declined).

TREASURER: Ron Addison, Lew Clarke, Fritz Kurz.

COMMITTEE: Ron Addison, Ian Beeson, Rob Bricker, Doug Brown, John Driscoll, Les Grant, Neil Knight, Peter Matthews, John Noonan, Pat Reynolds, Peter Seton, Ed. Steet, Jim Wallace (W. Kunert declined)

Members not able to attend this meeting may, if they wish, make absentee votes by contacting the Secretary, preferably in writing.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Subs are due again in July but why prolong the agony until November, get it over quickly by paying now and being done with it.

CUTINGS:

The most recent outing was a very successful boat trip with 22 members to the wreck a couple of miles out from Frankston. It was located spot-on the first time from two shore bearings and was soon enveloped in a cloud of haze as the mob descended. All the time two members were noticed working feverishly at something and have now become known as the 'copper kings'. (Who cares about gold?!)

The Portland trip will be reported at the meeting.

Red Rock Lake - Sunday, 25th June (possible week-end camp).

This will be in the nature of an exploratory dive as we don't yet know anyone who has seen the lake, however this is one of those trips that often proves very interesting.

The turn-off to the Lake is on the right, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles past Colac. Some members will be leaving on the Saturday and camping in the area overnight after having a scout around, and will meet the others at the Colac Post Office at 10.00 A.M. on the Sunday.

Rye Back Beach - Sunday, 9th July.

Low water is at 1 o'clock so you can get a lazy start to this one, maybe have lunch first down there. Meet at the Rye Post Office no later than 11.00 A.M.

If you ever have transport problems for any of these outings, don't hesitate to contact the Secretary who will probably be able to arrange something for you.

WARNING:

MEMBERS ARE WARNED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THEY HAVE THEIR CYLINDERS ELECTRO-PLATED. The plating process causes a metal condition in the steel known as "hydrogen embrittlement", making them especially liable to shatter. This of course does not apply to cold galvanising which is a different process altogether.

TRAINING:

Rob Bricker reports that too much time is being wasted in the showers and dressing rooms before and after each session at the pool. As we have to be out of the building by 9.00 P.M. it is to your advantage to get there early (say no later than 7.00 P.M.) and change as quickly as possible and the same afterwards, so as not to keep the attendants back late. Your co-operation in this respect would be appreciated.

CLUB DINNER:

The Dinner will be held at the Hotel Cecil on the corner of Lonsdale and Queen Streets at 7. P.M. on Saturday evening the 17th June. (The night after the meeting).

We are catering for 30 only, so get your 10/- deposits in to Ian Beeson as soon as you can; the full cost is 30/- each. All members and their friends are welcome, but get in early.

GENERAL:

The Group is preparing a stand for the International Boat Show to be held at the Exhibition Buildings from July 19th to 29th. Various diving gear will be on display and slides of diving activity will be screened. Once again we are going to need the assistance of members to man the stand during the day and evening and all offers will be greatly appreciated.

The Underwater Explorers and Photographers Club have replied to earlier correspondence and will be pleased to have a combined outing with us. The details have yet to be arranged.

Members are reminded that Club lapel badges, cloth pocket badges and track suits are available and can be obtained at any meeting.

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