

NEWSLETTER

of the VICTORIAN SUB AQUA GROUP.

March, 1961.

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NEXT MEETING:

To be held on Friday, 17th March at 8.00 p.m. in Room 2, Savoy Theatre, City. Always the third Friday in the month.

TRAINING:

The next day for training will be Saturday, 18th March at 1.30 p.m. - the day after the meeting - at Middle Brighton Pier.

However, the following Saturday fortnight falls during Easter, so it will be put off a week to April 8th. New members should come equipped with at least mask, flippers, weight belt and snorkel.

OUTINGS:

The dive at Sorrento and the following barbeque at the Portsea Pier were very successful and everyone had "a right good time" and again the following weekend on the Portsea Ferry trip to Popes Eye.

Six members camped overnight on the next weekend at the main Anglesea camping area and were met by six others the following morning before pushing off down the coast at about 11 a.m. The weather was not too good but the weekend was by no means wasted. The entire coast between Anglesea and Big Hill was thoroughly explored and several excellent diving spots and their access noted.

Rugged Cape Woolamai was successfully explored for access, diving spots and camping, on Saturday, 4th by five members. There will certainly be more outings here in the future!

On the Sunday the party for the boat trip swelled to a comfortable 18 including our noble leader, who somehow managed to persuade the boat to return to the pier just to pick him up. For this feat he narrowly escaped being hung from the yardarm by the slightly mutinous crew.

Even so, the trip was a good one with members diving in pairs beyond 100 ft. and plenty of time left over for spearfishing and general stooing around. With the widespread taking of seasick pills, only a couple succumbed to the ocean waves - a record!!

FUTURE OUTINGS:

Channel Fort Island: Sunday 19th March.
Another boat trip in the Portsea Ferry, leaving the pier (Portsea) at 9.30 a.m. Again, life-jackets must be worn while diving. A barbeque will be held afterwards.

King Island: Easter weekend, March 31st - April 4th. Final details at next meeting.

Scallop Drive: Sunday 16th April. With following barbeque to consume aforementioned scallop
Ferry from the Portsea Pier at 9.30 a.m. with life-jacket and knife and fork and sack in hand.

ENDURANCE TEST:

Over the Labour Day weekend Club members Ron Addison and Bill Kunert will have staged an endurance test in the Heart's Desire Home Pool. Further report later.

LIBRARY:

A new book to be added to the Club library is "Sailing Directions" for Victoria, a Government publication giving detailed descriptions of the whole Victorian coast (Reefs, depths, wrecks etc.)

It has been decided that for a TRIAL RUN the binder of Skin Diver magazines will be available for loan under the strict condition that it is returned to the secretary on or before the following meeting.

NEW MEMBERS:

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853-7273.

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48-6549.

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CARRYING DIVING GEAR:

If you find the worst part of a diving trip is between the car and the water, consider these tips seriously. They do work!

1. DO NOT carry the lead belt around your waist
2. Put it, and all other loose gear, in an arrangement "sausage bag";
3. Wear the lung on your back;
4. Lay the sausage bag (balanced for weight)

across the upper ends of the cylinders behind your neck and shoulders.

If the weight in the bag is properly balanced it will stay in position leaving the hands completely free. The shoulder straps of the lung may have to be adjusted for the most comfortable position. Gear may be carried with minimum fatigue over amazingly rough terrain by this method. Going a step further: a simple yet very effective device called a "Yukon Paek" may be bought at hiking stores for about 10/-, to which the lung and bag are lashed - well worth the ten bob!

GENERAL:

The copy of the decompression tables for your Club Handbook has been inserted in the pages of the Down Under magazine.

A member reports the loss of a wet suit on the last Eildon outing last year. He loaned it to another member expecting it to be returned at the following meeting but as yet it has not been forthcoming. If this concerns you, please do the right thing and return it immediately.

Something to think about:

Get your money's worth - become an ACTIVE member!

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