

VICTORIAN SUB AQUA GROUP

NEWSLETTER

May, 1961.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is on the usual third Friday of the month, the 19th May, 1961 at 8.00 p.m. in Room 2, Savoy Theatre, Russell St., City.

Be sure you are in attendance, for only at this meeting will nominations for the coming Club elections in June, be accepted.

NOTE: The elections are very important to Club welfare, for the Club's continued success depends literally on the attitude of its committee. So please think carefully before you nominate anyone and be sure to nominate members whom you think would make a good job of the particular position.

To further liven up the meeting an interesting talk will be given by Ted Eldred on the operations of the Navy divers working in the reservoir at Cooma at 265 feet.

HANDBOOKS:

Those members in the Metropolitan area who have not collected their Club Handbook yet are urged to do so at the next meeting.

TRAINING:

Diving training will now be held in the Beaufaire Pool at the Melbourne University on the Friday evenings listed hereunder.

May, 12, 26

July, 28

Sept., 8, 22

June, 2, 30

Aug., 11, 25

Oct., 13, 27

Nov., 10, 24.

We must be out of the water by 9.00 p.m., so arrange to be at the Pool by 7.00 p.m. and get ready as soon as possible. The charge to enter the Pool is 1/-d. Please observe the directions of the attendants and of our diving committee.

OUTINGS:

Outings have been defeated by the weather lately. The scallop dive had to be cancelled but most of those who turned up had a surprisingly interesting dive under the Portsea Pier.

PYRAMID ROCK, PHILLIP ISLAND: - Sunday, May, 21st. Meet at the parking area at the Fishermans Co-op. at the San Remo Pier. The party will move off for the site at 10.00 a.m. Pyramid Rock is on the South coast half way along Phillip Island. Depths varying to 40 ft.

WRECK OFF FRANKSTON: Sunday, 4th June.

Meet at McCoombs boat shed on the creek at Frankston no later than 10.00 a.m. The wreck is a fairly intact vessel about 60 ft. long in about 50 ft of water a few miles out from the pier.

PORTLAND CAMP: Long weekend, 10-12th June.

Portland offers some interesting and rugged diving territory with various sheltered places in most weather. It is 225 miles from Melbourne along the excellent highway through Geelong, Colac, Warrnambool, Port Fairy to Portland. Meet at the Portland Post Office at 10.00 am. Saturday morning. A note will be left for latecomers. Ian Beeson will be in charge of the outing.

SAFETY ON OUTINGS:

The last meeting saw an important discussion on safety, particularly on boat outings. It was brought to the notice of the meeting that the direct orders of the Captain of the Day had been disregarded on a recent boat trip and that a serious "accident" was narrowly avoided: an inexperienced diver not wearing the required life-jacket was swept away by the fast current and it was only the quick action of one of our younger members that saved him.

In motions put by Doug Brown and Bill Kunert it was voted that a By-law be made imposing a fine on anyone disobeying the Captain of the Day on an outing, the amount to be decided by the committee.

The 2nd safety rule has been altered to specify that the life-jacket must be of the automatical-ly inflatable type.

The Captain of the Day bears a lot of responsibility on an outing. Do your best to make his job an easier one.

NEW MEMBERS:

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| BUTLER, Rex. | 16 Jasper St., Noble Park.
746-8165 |
| CHARLTON, Geoff. | 27 Stewart St., Noble Park.
746-7091 |
| ELY, Lachlan | 15 Sharp St., Northcote. |
| FINK, Paul | 8 Were St., Brighton Beach.
92-2771 |
| KUNERT, John | 100 Wells Road, Beaumaris.
93-6093 |
| LITTLEPAGE, Leslie | 103 Clark St., Port Melbourne.
64-1705. |

O'CALLAGHAN, Burnie 79 Bastings St., Northcote.
48-7647
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746-9981
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211-5316

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

DUNCAN, Peter 44 New St., Armadale.
NOONAN, Miss Toni C/- Nurses Home, St.
Vincent's Hospital,
Victoria Pde., Fitzroy.

CLUB DINNER:

A Club dinner is being planned for Saturday night the 17th June. You have over a months notice for this one so it should be easy to keep this date free for what promises to be a really good turn. Wives and girlfriends welcome.

Final details will be available later.

CLUB EQUIPMENT:

The Club has now purchased a transistorised loudhailer for use on outings by the Captain of the Day; all other gear as well is being insured against loss, etc.

Don't forget the nominations next meeting!

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