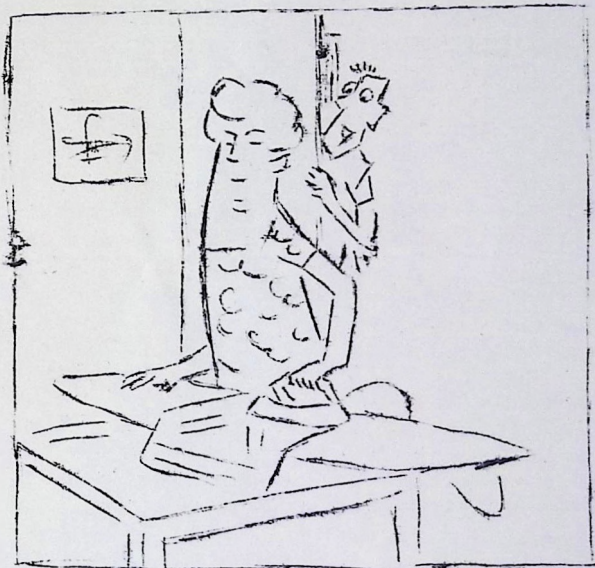


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"Have you seen my surfboard" Mum?

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NOTE 1- PLEASE READ: Next Members Meeting will be at Scots Church Hall, Russell Street, Melbourne 14th August commencing at 7.30 p.m. Members will please note the meeting is commencing early, and we request you to make every endeavour to be early.

At 8.00 p.m. we have been able to secure Mr. R. Diamond a senior officer of St. Johns to lecture on the latest methods of resuscitation. There are considerable alterations in the recommended methods now used by St. Johns and Life Saving Organizations. As this is a vital part of your diving training, it should not be necessary to inform you to attend this meeting. You are invited to bring your friends as the more that can be taught resuscitation the better the chance of lives being saved. The external cardiac massage will also be demonstrated. Mr. Diamond is recognized as one of the best authorities on resuscitation in Australia.

ELECTIONS OF DIRECTORS:

Your attention is drawn to article 42 of the Articles of Association with regard nomination of Directors. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Secretary and must be returned to Secretary by the 2nd of September. Ballot papers will be sent to those entitled to vote 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

In order to secure for you the best fitted directors you are asked to give your earnest consideration to this matter and endeavour to nominate the person or persons you consider capable of carrying out the job. It will be noted that this being the first Annual General Meeting that all directors stand down and unless they choose otherwise they are eligible for re-election.

CRAYFISH TAILS:

Q: What is it that looks like a crayfish and flies and is very dangerous?

A: A Flying crayfish carrying a machine gun.

If the Club ever decides to put on a variety show there would be no shortage of talent. Among company is an aerial artist stuntman, who specialises in swinging on Telegraph wires:- and a funny man, who thinks he can get through the Tarli Karang in a (maroon) Citroen!

Q. How do frogmen get out of trees?

A. Sit on a leaf and wait till Autumn.

Hear Heron Island is soon to be invaded by a party of club members. Wonder which "sports" they will be the most interested in!!?

Do you know the exact nature of Sponges was a sore puzzle to naturalists from the days of Aristotle and Pliny, who considered them as being a form of life half animal, half plant, down to the early years of the nineteenth century, when the observations of the Scotch naturalist Dr. Robert Grant, first established their true animal character.

EXHIBITION - WEST FOOTSCRAY Y.M.C.A.

A diving display was given for the Y.M.C.A. on the 24 and 25 July at their youth centre in West Footscray. Firstly I would like to thank all the members who went out of their way in order to make this display the success it was, without their assistance the display would have failed.

The display was both static and water with people being invited to try the use of diving equipment under close surveillance. Members put through approx.

100 interested people throughout the two days display also various other acts were performed for the public throughout the display in order to keep the display active.

The Y.M.C.A.'s general display was very interesting with displays of archery, model boats, trains and cars, to demonstrations of pottery making and many static displays.

#### DONATION:

The club received last week, the donation of a single draw filing cabinet which has been overhauled and will enable the committee to keep a more systematic record of club activities. Many thanks to our kind benefactor.

#### OUTINGS- PAST

The long weekend trip to Mount Gembier on the 26th July was cancelled owing to lack of support, Shorham August 2nd. Two divers (this included the Dive Captain) attended this outing and one member went for a snorkel at Point Leo but the water was too dirty to see much. On a clear day and high tide this could be a good spot for a dive.

#### PICTURE NIGHT

On 1st September the Club is having a picture night at the Chelsea Theatre - The show is "Lawrence of Arabia" and from all reports it is an excellent picture and thanks to Graham Kennedy, we will see a new print. Tickets are now available from Peter Robertson, Beryl Chant and Brian Heather. We have 50 tickets to sell and the co-operation of all members is requested. The cost of tickets is 15/- each. Tickets will be available until 24th August. So be



OJTIN 18: Future

30th August, Table Rock, Ricketts Point. Meeting Place  
Car Port, 10.30 a.m. Dive captain to be arranged at  
next meeting.

Wilson's Promontory, 12/13 September, 1964. Meeting place  
Tidal River Camping area. V.S.A.G. signs will be in  
position to direct you after you enter the camping area.

RESEARCH DIVISION:

WANTED -- Members to assist the Research Division. All  
work and no pay (you pay 5/- per outing to help pay  
cost of boat). This work is important and interesting  
with a fair amount of diving.

LAUNCHING:

The cattamaran built by members was officially launched  
by Mrs. Davenport some weeks ago. It has been named  
"Janthina" which means small floating shell that is  
washed up on the beach once a year. The "Janthina"  
is being used for survey work and the collecting of  
samples. At the moment the Division is working on a  
project at Mount Martha which should take some time.

MEETING:

The next Research Division meeting is on 19/8/64 at  
Peter Robertson's home. Guest speaker will be Dr. Kalk  
who will talk on Zunicates. Anyone interested will be  
welcome.