

VICTORIAN SUB-AQUA GROUP

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NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL MEETING: The next general meeting will be held on Friday the 21st February, 1964 at 14 McKillop Street, Melbourne.

The attendance at the General Meetings has been very poor. We were not able to raise a quorum of 20 Members at the last two meetings. These General Meetings are held only once a month, on the 3rd Friday, and to support the Club, one night a month is not very much to ask of a member. The Club is there for your benefit, so why not make it a practice of attending each general meeting.

INCORPORATION: At long last the Club has been registered as a Company, and owing to this Newsletter being printed before the first meeting under the new constitution, we cannot give you the names of the office bearers. Members will be notified at the next General Meeting.

As the new constitution is now in effect (and every member has a copy of same) it is requested that everyone acquaint themselves with all the details. If for any reason any members have not received a copy of the constitution please contact the Editor on 45.5505.

OUTINGS: February 9th, 1964. PLEASE NOTE. This trip has been changed from Mornington boat trip to Frankston Boat Trip. Meeting place is the Frankston Marine Centre. (McCombs Boat Shed), at 10 a.m. Dive Captain will be Ron Addison. This trip will be to the old wreck near Frankston, plus a search for a mystery object at an approximate location of Pelican Point. Anyone with a manta board is invited to bring it along and to help search for this mystery object. Also, this will be a chance to practise for the Manta board race we are having at Moomba. If the weather is fine, this promises to be one of the best outings for sometime. After the trip, a Bar-B-Que tea will be held at the home of Norm Drury, 161 Beach Street, Frankston. Please bring your own meat, refreshments will be available.

Please make an effort to attend as the Club runs these trips for the members' benefit, and with the opportunity for a social gathering afterwards a good time should be had by all. Our thanks to Norm Drury for allowing us the use of his house for the Bar-B-Que.

23rd FEBRUARY - SAN REMO DEEP DIVE. Dive Captain, John Noonan. Meeting place at the fishing co-op, 10 a.m. Bring your tea as there will be a Bar-B-Que afterwards.

MARCH 7th - 9th. As this long weekend falls at the time of Moomba, outing details will be notified to all members at a later date.

BOAT TRIPS Because of the poor attendance at boat trips the Club has been forced to subsidise the cost of the boats. Therefore, in the future any person intending to go on a boat trip must leave a deposit of 5/- with the Treasurer, the balance payable on completion of the trip. If for any reason a member cannot attend, the deposit is then forfeited. At least a weeks notice of the intention to go on a boat trip must be

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 given. In the Newsletter each month the Dive Captain for each outing is listed. Contact him with any queries, and if you intend going.

EASTER. March 27th - 30th. Port MacDonnell. This location is situated at approximately 15 miles from Mt. Gambier. It is in a central position for diving from there to Portland, and also for fresh water diving at Mt. Gambier. This should be a very interesting Easter trip, as there are wrecks, plenty of exploring and crayfish galore. Further details will be given in the next newsletter and also at the next general meeting. Those intending to go please contact the Editor.

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND..... INDENTED HEAD. In the best traditions of the V.S.A.G. 8 of our vigorous sunbronzed Australian Divers spent the daylight hours of the weekend more or less firmly attached to their cots. Those who staggered out to greet the sunlight at 8 a.m. had a most enjoyable day, diving off Prince George Light, in weather of exceptional visibility for the Bay. Others tackled the hazards of dodging speed boats around the Ozone. Other outings were to the midnight horror show, followed many hours later by a crawl under the Queenscliffe pier. This produced a gaping audience of several thousand. One pressure lantern, defunct, a fishing rod, and a mysterious brass box firmly bedded in the mud. The contents of the box rapidly increased in value over the past week to gold bullion, however, latest reports after salvage, have it back to that usual seafloor commodity - mud. Actually the mysterious box turned out to be a ships water tank weighing about 80 - 90 lbs. At 1/5 per lb. this isn't too bad.

WANTED TO SELL: Hydronic speargun used only twice. High powered and lethal, by-standers should be removed to a safe distance when loading. £8. 33.9363.

DIVERS DERBY DAY: NOOMBA...MARCH..7TH...1964....

Members are reminded that the Group has undertaken the organization of a special divers day on March 7th in conjunction with Moomba. It is taking the form of an underwater sled and manta board race from Middle Brighton to St. Kilda Beach, commencing 12 noon. There will be diving hurdle races, treasure hunts, etc., fun for all. Prizes to be won are valued at approximately £750, including Sled race prize of T.A.A. 10 days divers' holiday to Heron Island. Other prizes include aqualungs, suits, spear guns, etc.

This is the biggest Diving Effort ever attempted in Australia. Its success will greatly depend on the assistance and co-operation of every member of the Group when requested. If you are not helping organize these events, then be an entrant. The days festivities will conclude with a Dinner Dance at the Brighton Savoy Hotel, 150 The Esplanade, Middle Brighton. All members should attend this evening in support of our Group and have a wonderful time and also improve our finances.

Members desiring further information, application forms and Dinner Dance tickets should contact Ian Beeson, 9 La Frank Street, Burwood. Telephone 28.4288.