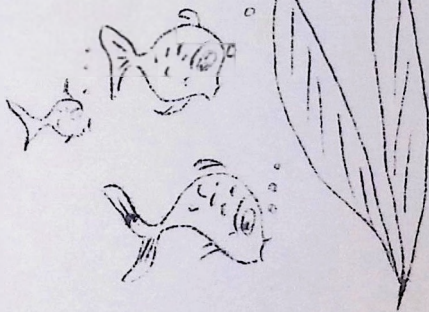


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MEETINGS: The next general meeting will be held at Scots Church Hall, Russell Street, Melbourne, on Friday 17th July, 1964, at 8.00 p.m. As everyone knows supper is served after each meeting. It seems that lately there has been a shortage of eats, so could some of the members please bring a plate of eats to supplement. Also, volunteers are required to help with supper as it is left to the few to put on it.

AUGUST MEETING: Owing to the snow trip being held on the weekend of the general meeting, the meeting has been put forward to the 2nd Friday in the month, being the 14th August.

MEDICAL: Members whose medicals are due should pick up the necessary forms from the Secretary. Remember every member must have a medical every two years.

TRAINING: Training is recommencing on 27/8/1964. A pool is under consideration and final details may be obtained from Frank Constley at the general meeting.

CRAYFISH TALES:

Q: Where do you find crayfish?

A: It depends on where you look them up.

Q: Why do crayfish have spikes on their backs?

A: Why not?!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Why is it divers have to be gawked at everytime they decide to wet a flipper? Show a snorkel and there they are, looking more silly than you do trying desperately to change modestly!

Like young gentleman with girlfriend the other week who not being satisfied with simply gawking, decided to give a running commentary on procedures.

"What's that love?"

"Yes, it's liquid oxygen" "Yes, that's made of rubber, keeps out the cold, it's water proof - protects you from sharks".

Yeah, what a peaceful place the underwater world is!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

For anyone who has been diving down Gambier in Picoanniny and is unable to describe it to friends, July 15th, Tom's Leally gives a picture of Valerie Hughes descending the chase. Valerie says this is her most memorable dive and I think you will all agree.

Hope the intrepid submarine divers were able to find the remains of the sub in between all the moving, boats, rock, yachts, birds and muck!

Boy octopus ever heard speaking to his girlfriend, "Darling, let me put my arms, my arms, my arms around you".

DO YOU KNOW:

One of the amazing creatures found on the Barrier Reef, the beche de mer or Sea Cucumber, if attacked, will discard through an aperture, the whole of its internal organs, stomach, liver and intestines, and then crawl away to safety.

OXYGEN POISONING - When oxygen is breathed under pressure for too long a time or at too great a pressure, "Oxygen Poisoning" may occur. Broadly the essential facts about oxygen poisoning are:

- (a) The danger of oxygen poisoning exists at anytime when the pressure of oxygen which is being breathed exceeds the pressure which pure oxygen exerts at a depth of 33ft. of sea water (i.e., two atmospheres absolute of pure oxygen). On rare occasions oxygen poisoning may occur at depths between 25 and 33 feet when a diver is working hard. At 25 feet or less the risk of oxygen poisoning is remote. The tolerance is greater under "dry conditions" such as obtained in a Recompression Chamber or a Submersible Decompression Chamber when pure oxygen may be breathed at a pressure equivalent to 60ft. of sea water.
- (b) The time at a given depth before symptoms appear varies greatly between individuals.

DO YOU KNOW?

(c) A given individual's tolerance may vary greatly from day to day for no apparent reason.

(d) A very small pressure of carbon dioxide (even 2 per cent. of 1 atmosphere) in the inspired oxygen will hasten the onset of oxygen poisoning; and will often prevent the warning symptoms.

DIVING DISPLAY:

The group is assisting the West Footscray Y.M.C.A. in their display on the 24th July, 1964 by giving an exhibition of equipment both in and out of the water. Those interested in partaking in the display are requested to contact Frank Coustley by or at the next general meeting. The time of the display is from 5.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

FUTURE OUTINGS:

~~Weekend 18th and 19th July (Mount Gambier)...~~

Dive Captain .. L. Grant:

This dive has been shifted back to the weekend of 25th July. Those interested in going please contact Les Grant re meeting place, etc.

~~2nd August, 1964 .. Shoreham .. Captain .. F. Coustley~~
Details of meeting place will be discussed at next general meeting. If anyone cannot attend please contact Mr. Coustley. *Aug.*

22nd August 1964 .. Snow Trip .. Mount Buller
Any person still interested in going on this trip, the next general meeting is your last chance to book in. This promises to be a real good weekend. All details at the next general meeting.

PORTLAND TRIP:

Although none of the proposed work was accomplished on this trip, the outing proved to be a success, the water being ideal for diving. Owing to various mishaps on Friday night, blown tyres, etc., nobody seemed particularly keen on diving Saturday morning. A few members however managed to wet a flipper in the afternoon.

Warcot! Although no champagne was available a certain wet suit was duly wetted for the first time.

Sunday's outing to Mt. Gambier proved to be interesting. The fresh water dive at Piccanniny Blue was well worth the discomfort experienced preparing for the dive.

Changing in a paddock in the early hours of the morning isn't pleasant at the best of times, let alone with an icy wind blowing.

The water was crystal clear and the underwater scene in the deep hole was fantastic. Visiting various places, by some miracle all vehicles managed to keep together - well, sort of!

There seemed to be two definite groups, formed on the weekend, and each group composed of subdivisions. However, as it was, everything seemed to work out for the best. I think everyone was sorry when Monday afternoon came, and it was time to depart for Melbourne and the Beatles.
