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MEETINGS:

The next general meeting will be held at the "South Seas" Restaurant, Manchester Unity Building, Cnr. Swanston and Collins Streets, Melbourne, on Friday, 20th March, at 7.00. p.m.

Dinner will be served at 7.00 p.m. after which the actual meeting will take place.

Our new President, Ian Beeson, will show slides of his overseas trip as a follow up to the talk he gave at the end of last year.

The reason for the change of meeting place is the chance for members to get together on a more social footing.

The April meeting will be at Scots Hall, 99 Russell Street, Melbourne. More news about this in the next Newsletter.

INCORPORATION.

As most members already know, the Club is now incorporated and before the last General Meeting, an election of the executive committee was held by the general committee.

Mr. I. Beeson	....	President
Mr. F. Coustley	....	Snr. Vice President
Mr. R. Bricker	....	Jnr. Vice President
Mr. R. Addison	....	Treasurer
Miss M. Robertson	....	Appointed Secretary

OUTINGS:

On February 9th, three boat loads of divers ventured out from Frankston to try and locate a mystery object on which fishermen in the area have lost a great deal of nets.

Owing to the poor visibility (the hand could not be seen in front of the face), the object still remains a mystery. One manta board enthusiast tried to locate the mystery object but this also was unsuccessful.

After this unsuccessful attempt to find the mystery object, the club members shifted their location to the Frankston wreck, where a great deal of scollops were harvested.

Members retired to Norm Drury's towards evening and enjoyed a very pleasant barbeque.

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February 23rd saw five divers take to the water at Newhaven. The water was fairly dirty, but much better than most expected, considering the violent storm which had hit most of the coastal areas throughout the previous night. After the dive, members adjourned to Woolamai beach where a picnic lunch was had and those more energetic members of the group met for a walk along the beach.

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Labour day, March 9th, the club journeyed to Cape Schank. This venue was decided at the last general meeting, but was subject to change if weather conditions for the Moomba event on Saturday the 7th were unfavorable.

Approximately 17 members climbed down the steep slope to the sheltered bay on the left of the lighthouse. A lot of fun was had by a few Zippy board jockeys who used the steep cliff face, which was liberally covered in sand, as a ski run.

A very pleasant day was had by all with the exception of the return journey back up the cliff face. After an

exhausting day diving and spearfishing the climb back to where our cars were parked was most unenjoyable.

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FUTURE OUTINGS.

March 22nd. Kilcunda. Dive Captain will be Ian Beeson. The meeting place is the car park, about 120 yards left off the main road just past the shops.

Easter. March 27 - 30. Port Macdonnell, S.A. This promises to be the trip of the year and quite a few members are going. The camping area is the Seaview Caravan Park, The Esplanade, Port Macdonnell.

Most members are endeavouring to be there on Thursday evening so that no time is wasted and we can get about the business of diving bright and early on Friday.

Any person wishing to go, but who has no transport or other camping facilities, contact the Editor and arrangements can be made.

Compressed air is available.

Port Macdonnell is approximately 17 miles from Mount Gambier, so don't get lost.

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FOR SALE

Sportsman twin 33 c.f., including full universal harness £20. Phone XF6120.

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LOGS:

On Saturday 7th March, the club held its official Moolba event at St. Kilda beach. Although the day was fine, it was windy and the water was rather choppy. The

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sled race was run and we had a clear winner. Lessons were learned and we feel that next year this event will be a bigger and better success. Our thanks to the Moomba Queen for waiting so patiently to present the "Divers Derby" trophy, as the race was half an hour late owing to the bad weather.

The clubs thanks must go to the Moomba Committee for the wonderful job they did in organizing everything.

The day was capped off with the dinner dance held at the Savoy Hotel, Brighton, and as everyone who attended will agree, a wonderful evening washad by all.

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