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Official Newsletter for Vic. Sub Aqua Group Inc.



"When are we all going skiing again Uncle Brian?"

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President's Report.

Once again we come to the end of another year of the Group's activities. In this last 12 months many changes have occurred in the Group structure. The major item being the Group's incorporation at the beginning of 1964. This altered the administration of the Group considerably, and came as the climax of more than 2 years work. With this now behind us the way is left open for a great expansion of member's activities which are planned for the years to come.

In the past few months new membership has become increasingly encouraging and I wish them every pleasure with the Group and hope they will be with us for many years to come.

We have had many successful diving outings this year and the weekend trips have been increased on the outings list and these outings have proved very popular.

In social activities 5 very successful events have been held and their scope has been from dinners, B.B.Q.s, to snow trips. These have all proved very popular and we hope to continue them again in the next 12 months.

An event which I must mention was the Moomba effort. This proved to be a worthwhile venture and showed what can be achieved when a few enthusiastic members get together and try to do something. To them I give mine and I know your sincere thanks.

Financially, as you will see from the report, we have had a heavy year but as always, with a little effort we always manage to keep going.

My thanks go to the retiring committee for their generous work over this rather gruelling period as it has certainly been a hectic year for them. A lot of work is put into the Group by these people and I am afraid it is not generally appreciated by some members.

I hope, and I know the wish of most members is that we, in the near future, have club rooms which we can use at any time, and this is beginning to look promising.

Finally, I must remind you each member, this is your Group and it is by your suggestions that the Group survives.

F. W. Coustley.
President.

Annual General Meeting.

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting and will be held in Scots Church Hall Russell St. City on Fridal 18th September at 8pm. This meeting is for the election of Directors. We have obtained the diving film put out by Esso and shown on Channel "O" prior to their going on the air.

OUTINGS. PAST.

Snow Trip Mt. Buller.

This was a most successful outing and was enjoyed by all those who attended. Our thanks to Frank Coustley for the fine organisation of this trip.

On Saturday quite a few novices spent most of their time on their backs but managed to stay on their feet on Sunday. But some people were not satisfied sliding down on their back sides they had to slide down Bull Run on their back and head first. What people will do for thrills.

1 30am Saturday morning and everyone in bed when from out of the dark, wilderness came the cry of a lost soul "TERRAP?!" The girl looking everywhere for a lost sock and found she had put two on one foot..

Only 2 casualties, both from the same family. Guess who?.

The next snow trip is on 25th September. Contact Frank Coustley for details.

Table Roch. 30th August.

This dive was poorly attended and 3 people took the water using the boat as a base, but the water was very shallow.

FUTURE OUTINGS.

Weekend Trip Wilson's Prom. 12-13th September.

Meeting place is Tidal River camping area and signs will be in position to direct you. Anyone wishing to attend but have no transport can contact the Dive Captain Peter. Mathews on 524652.

Mt. Martha. 27th September.

Further details of this outing will be available at the next meeting.

Snow Trip Mt. Buller. 27th-28th September.

Both outings will be on this weekend so people who cannot go to the snow can go to Mt. Martha.

The following is the outings list which you are asked to keep for future reference.

REMEMBER.

If in doubt about an outing contact any of the following people. F. Coustley, the Secretary, B. Heather.

13th September. Weekend Wilson's Promontory.
 27th " Mount Martha.
 " " Snow Trip Mt. Buller.
 11th October. Cowes.
 25th " Weekend Anglessea.
 8th November. The Nobbies & Area Phillip Island.
 13th " Night Dive Fisherman's Point.
 22nd " Pt. Nepean.
 5th December. Weekend Cape Liptrap.
 20th December. Frankston Wreck. (Small Boats.)
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10th January. Weekend Twin Lakes.
 24th-25th January. Long Weekend. Cape Otway.
 7th February. Cape Woolanai. Boat Trip.
 21st " Pearces Beach Rye.
 7th March. Weekend Lake Tall Karng. Mystery Lake.
 21st. March. Cape Schank.

Cray fish Tales.

Q. What's yellow, wears a mask, and never smokes or drinks?
 a. The Lone Banana.

Q. Why did he become the Lone Banana?

A. He got tired of being one of the bunch.

Q. Why do elephants jump across rivers?

A. So that they wont step on the fish.

Heard of the new sport that has started up after the last meeting. They call it mouth to mouth "Recreation"

P.S. They dont play it with dummies either.

7th September, 1964

Dear Sir/Madam,

On the 25th November this year the Victorian Sub Aqua Group will celebrate its 10th Anniversary.

Over the past ten years the Group has performed much useful work in the promotion of skindiving and has taken a great interest in the training of divers under the motto "Safety in Diving".

A Dinner Dance will be held on 28th November to celebrate this anniversary and the present members invite you to come along and meet all your old diving acquaintances and to bring your own friends to this evening. We are sure it will be a great success and ask for your support by sending a deposit of 5/- per person (see attached slip). It will probably be more convenient for you to ring me at 29-2798 (home) as soon as you know your requirements and then send a deposit (by cheque, postal note, money order) by the end of September so that we may obtain the number of people to be accommodated.

Another letter will be sent to you soon giving complete details of time and place for the dinner dance. We are endeavouring to obtain a pleasant and economical restaurant which will prove popular to all.

We believe this evening will be most successful as it will be a reunion of all old friends and I look forward to your early acceptance.

Yours sincerely,

Margot Robertsof
Hon. Secretary.

Name.....
No. of Tickets required.....
I encloseas a deposit of 5/- per
person

DID YOU KNOW.

The paper Nautilus is one of the most remarkable of the Octopoda tribe. Unlike most of the Octopods, the female has an external shell of great beauty and delicacy. In this lovely cradle she deposits her eggs and carries them until they are ready to take on a free swimming existence. The male argonaut is quite small and does not have a shell.

Research Division.

The Research Division has been asked to dive at the Jammerdowns lakes for specimens. This dive has been listed for the weekend 17th - 18th October. The Research Division is asking for the help of experienced divers & depths are in excess of 150'. Please contact Mrs. Jan Watson 337-9263 for details.

Social

The Club is holding an anniversary dinner to celebrate its 10th birthday. This will also be our Christmas dinner. It will be held on 28th November at a place yet to be announced. The enclosed form is for member's use as well as past members so fill it in as soon as possible and return it and help the social committee.

Car Trial.

A car trial will be held on 1st November. Further details later, so please keep this date free.

Picture Night.

This night was a great success both from an entertainment and a financial viewpoint. All the 50 tickets were sold and we made approx. £8.14.0. on the night. I believe everyone who went enjoyed themselves very much.

 Statement of Receipts & Expenditure year ended 30th June 1964-

<u>Receipts.</u>		<u>Expenditure.</u>	
Cash Bal. 1/7/63	£122.5.8.	Postages.	£ 11.17. 3.
Subscriptions.	116.16.0.	Rental.	32. 5. 0.
Newspaper.	7.19.0.	Subs. & Magazines.	4.10. 0.
Sale of Badges.	4. 8.0.	Printing & Stat.	110.10. 0.
Ins. Premium Rec'd.		Boat Trips.	8. 2. 0.
19.16.6.		Legal Expenses.	75. 0. 0.
Ins. Premium Paid.		Registration.	1. 0. 0.
16. 2.9.	3.13.9.	Radio Licences.	6. 0. 0.
Air Refund.	14.11.0.	Dinner Expenses.	46. 0. 0.
Barbecue Profit.	40. 7.1.	Secretarial.	18. 0. 0.
Dinner Receipts.	46. 9.0.	Typewriter Repairs.	5. 7. 6.
Radio Licences.	3. 0.0.	Accountancy.	4. 4. 0.
Sundries.	8.15.6.	Sundries.	2.12.11.
Bank Interest.	2. 6.10.	Cash at Bank 30/6/64.	45. 3. 2.
	<u>£370.11.10.</u>		<u>£370.11.10.</u>

Audited and found correct.
 Signed. R.A. Davenport & Son.