

NEWSLETTER

MEMBERS MEETING: The next members meeting will be held at Scots Church Hall, 99 Russell Street, Melbourne on Friday 20th August, 1965 at 8.00 p.m.

These meetings are a get together for the whole club with supper served afterwards for 2/6 per person.

Get to know the other members of the Club, and come along to the next meeting.

RESEARCH DIVISION NOTES: The next meeting of the Research Division will be held at Scots Church Hall prior to the monthly meeting at 7. p.m. If there is as poor an attendance at this meeting as prior meetings this meeting time will be abandoned and another substituted.

FIRST AID: This is certainly not an exclusive need of the diver, but for a comprehensive listing of equipment it stands high in priority. Skin is softer and easier to cut after long immersion in water. Moving about among underwater obstacles can result in scrapes and cuts that should be attended to as soon as possible. Sunburn is a potential problem. There are more serious injuries and accidents that can happen, and it is always best to be ready.

A basic first aid kit should include the following items;

- Sodium chloride tablets (salt)
- Antiseptic - Mercurochrome or Merthiolate
- Alcohol to rinse ears (not for bends prevention)
- Aromatic spirits of ammonia (smelling salts)
- Seasickness tablets
- Burn ointment
- Suntan lotion
- Assorted sterile bandages in individual packs
- Adhesive tape
- Gauze
- Castor oil or mineral oil for use in eyes
- Tweezers
- Scissors
- First Aid Booklet.

Prepared First Aid Kits are readily obtainable from Chemists.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting will be held on September 17th at Scott's Hall. It is requested that all members attend.

At this meeting new directors are appointed for the next year. At this stage we include article 42 of the Articles of Association for your assistance when nominating directors.

42. NOMINATIONS of full members for election as members of the General Committee shall be in writing in such form as the General Committee shall prescribe signed by at least two members entitled to vote and by the nominee and shall be delivered to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting and shall be posted conspicuously in the Group's premises. Ballotting papers containing the names of the candidates nominated printed in alphabetical order shall be forwarded to every financial member of the Group at his address appearing in the Register of Members at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

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NEW BOOK BY DR. JOHN MERO: Dr. John Mero's new book, "The Mineral Resources of the Sea", published by Elsevier Publishing Company, represents in our opinion the most significant achievement in the field of underwater mining in many years. The book is characterised by vast quantities of data which have been carefully organized, tabulated and indexed in such a way as to present a coherent picture of the ocean's mineral resources.

The book is an encyclopedic reference, with information on nearly every aspect of ocean mining including diamonds, gold, salt, oil, phosphate, manganese, etc. It considers geology, recovery techniques and equipment, economics, and even international law as applied to the topic of Mineral Resources of the Sea.

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The reason for the brevity of this Newsletter is the lack of interest by nearly all of the members of this "Club" in the forwarding of items for inclusion. It has been, and is, left up to a few to find enough items to make the newsletter readable. If there is no material forthcoming then there is no point in printing the newsletter.

What ever happened to those people who once offered to send the Editor items for this newsletter?

The lack of interest shown by a lot of members in attending the members meetings, Club outings and social functions is appalling. For a Club with a membership of nearly 60 less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of this number ever attend members meetings and less than $\frac{1}{2}$ ever attend outings.

If you are a member of the club how about supporting it and attending meetings, functions and most of all the dives because this is a diving club and the purpose of it is to foster diving on a social basis.

With the elections coming up in September it would be nice to see nominations for members who will be interested in taking an ACTIVE interest in the Club. As everyone knows we do not have a secretary at the moment and it would be pleasing to see someone come forward and offer to do all or part with the help of the other members.

FUTURE CUTINGS: August 22nd.

Rye Back-beach: Ever dived just West of "The Divide"? Meet nnr Nepean Highway and Canterbury Jetty Road (Bus Stop 40? at 9.30 am
Distance - 56 miles. Low Water 10.45 a.m.

September 4-5:

Cape Otway. Another interesting weekend?
Leave Apollo Bay Recreation Reserve Camping Park
10.30 a.m. Distance - 135 miles.
Low Water 11.40 a.m.

September 19:

London Bridge. (Portsea Back Beach) Meet at
nearby car park 10.00 a.m. Distance - 60 miles.
Low Water - 11.00 a.m.
