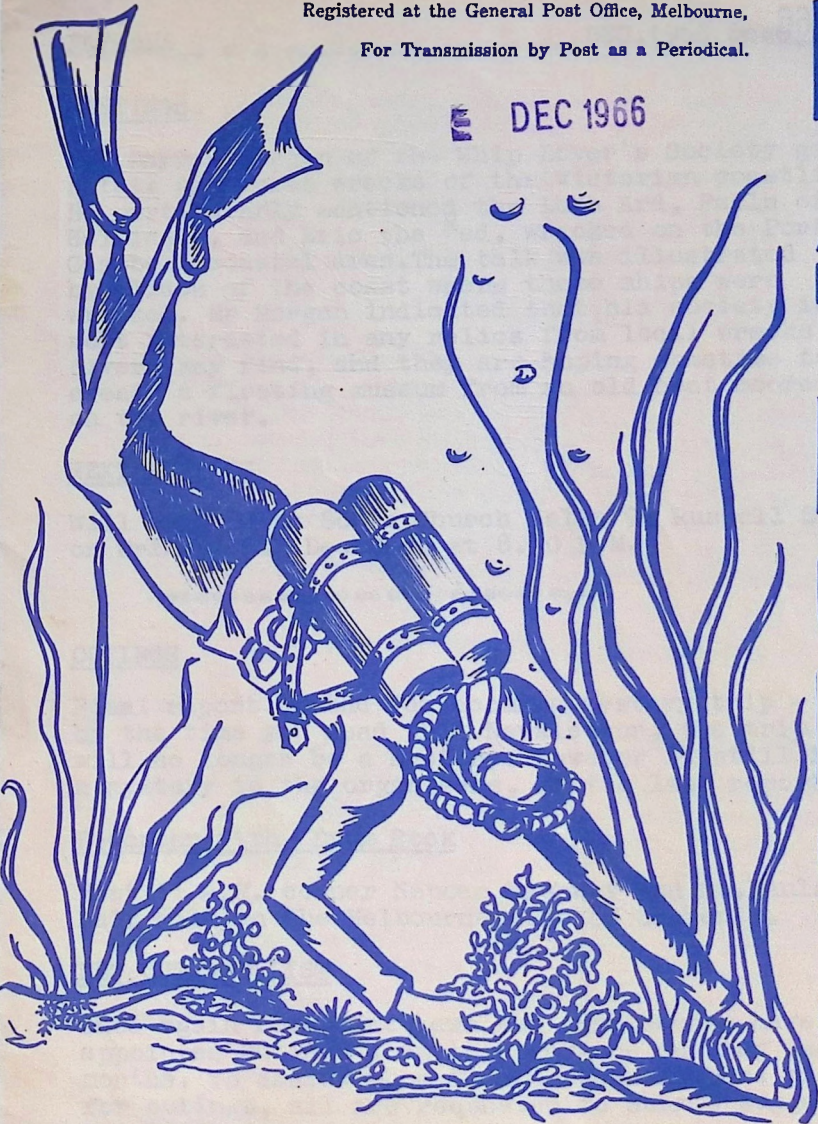


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VICTORIAN SUB-AQUA GROUP

MEETINGS.

Mr. Harrow Morgan of the Ship Lover's Society gave a talk on famous wrecks of the Victorian coastline. He particularly mentioned the Loch Ard, Falls of Hallidale, and Eric the Red, wrecked on the Port Campbell coastal area. The talk was illustrated by slides of the coast where these ships were wrecked. Mr Morgan indicated that his society is most interested in any relics from local wrecks which divers may find, and they are hoping sometime to create a floating museum from an old boat moored on the river.

NEXT MEETING

Will be held at Scots Church Hall, 99 Russell St. on Friday 16th December at 8.30 P.M.

OUTINGS

Final report on the forthcoming mystery trip - by the time you read this Newsletter, the trip will no longer be a mystery. However it still is a mystery to the organisers, at the last report.

December 11th Drum Rock

Meet 11 A.M. corner Nepean Highway and St. Pauls St half mile on the Melbourne side of Sorrento.

NEW OUTINGS LIST

Once again Peter Matthews and John Noonan have been appointed Outings Committee for the ensuing twelve months. To assist them to ascertain members wishes for outings, all are requested to submit suggestions for 1967 outings.

Over the past twelve months speculation has been raised concerning a further trip to King Is. either organized by the Group or by an airline. Those interested should air their views at the next meeting, for a trip over next Easter.

BRITISH SUB AQUA MANUALS

All members who ordered these manuals should have by now received their copies. As expected, the publication is up to the usual high standard, with extra chapters on biology, archaeology, geology, photography, salvage etc. This is definitely a book that owners won't be lending their buddies - so, anyone who does not now own one will have to queue up to borrow it from the Group library. See Bill Ray.

CHRISTMAS DIVING

The Group at this time, whilst not organizing trips, does like to know where members may be going diving over the holidays, so a liaison may be formed for those who wish to dive but have no buddies lined up. So, members, let the Editors know your diving intentions for Christmas - New Year period. The Watson family will be setting up a base camp for three weeks at Bittangabee, N.S.W. Excellent diving, and spearfishing. Other members welcome.

LAST NOTICE - DINNER DANCE

If you still want tickets for the Club annual Dinner Dance at the Hunter's Lodge Croydon, contact Tony Sierak immediately.

Note. You can't wait until the next Club meeting, as it is only the night before the dinner.

NEW CLUES ON PEARLS.

It has been reported from the Japanese culture pearl research laboratories, that if the pearl oyster is given an injection of antibiotic at the time of implanting the foreign piece of shell to induce growth of pearls, that the mortality rate is decreased considerably, and the resulting pearls are bigger brighter, and better in shape and lustre.

CLUB TRAINING

We hear that some of our new trainees took their first dip in the sea at Portsea pier last weekend under the watchful eye of instructors Pat Reynolds, Frank Coustley, and other willing helpers. We wish these new members well in their diving, hope to see them on future club outings and appeal to all experienced club divers to make these newcomers welcome and well 'buddied' on club dives.

As your Editors are very busy getting vacations organized, and moving house, we apologise for the shortness of this Newsletter.

All members please lookout for interesting diving localities, remember worthwhile anecdotes, and tall tales of whoppers that got away, while on holiday.

IN the meanwhile,

A MERRY CHRISTMAS,

AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.