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VICTORIAN SUB-AQUA GROUP

LAST MEETING.

Apparently divers don't like getting wet! There was a downpour just before meeting time and sure enough, attendance was poor. We hope to see more at the next meeting.....

NEXT MEETING

Will be held at Scots Hall, 99 Russell Street, on Friday 19th May, at 8.30 P.M.

Frank Coustley will be showing colour slides of Papua, where he spent last Easter.

In June, more films will be shown from the State Film Library.

OUTINGS PAST

Cape Woolamai 30th April. Dive Captain Frank Coustley

Several divers turned up, but were unable to get a boat for hire, so they ended up at Kitty Miller Bay, walked along the sand dunes, found an access through private property, for future use. Excuse for not diving was a sharp southeasterly wind.

FUTURE OUTINGS.NOTE TO ALL DIVERS

Over the past few months, complaints have been received from a number of divers who have attended meeting spots to find they are the only two (or one) who turned up. On some occasions the absence of other comrades had been the obvious weather portents which indicated a 'no dive day', so the old hands did not come. To prevent unnecessary travelling, all intending divers, if the weather looks unfavourable, should first contact the Dive Captain

for the day, and ascertain if there will be a dive.

May 14th. Wreck of the 'Hurricane'

Dive Captain. Pat Reynolds, 232-5358

About $\frac{1}{2}$ mile offshore from the Rosebud jetty. This has been substituted from the Lake Purrumbete dive shown on the outings list. Low water at 11.06AM so meet at Rosebud jetty 10.00AM sharp. There is a definite wreck for viewing and plundering with hammer and hacksaw. Ample scallops are also available for the 'collector'.

May 28th - 'Cerberus'

Dive Captain Bill Gray 232 7220

This is a wreck used as a breakwater at Half-Moon Bay, Blackrock. Close to home and well worth the trouble to dive on.

It is a pre-first world war ship, still mounting her two main guns in which was a rotating turret amidships, There were three decks, now in an advanced state of decay, as are parts of the hull, but excellent diving 'tween decks, and in and out of the hull.

Strongly recommened as a straight out fun dive. Meet Black Rock jetty 10.30AM. Low water - 11.40AM.

June 4th - Williamstown

Dive Captain - Brian Heather

From recent reports there are quite a few fish back in this area, which at any time is a veritable flowering garden of growths of all colours and sizes - particularly the seaweeds. Dive area is just off the main Williamstown Bus Terminal, and the meeting time 11.00AM Adequate car parking facilities, only a few yards from the water (mind the broken glass between cars and water, too - Ed)

BENDS.

Surgeon Commander B. Wadham RANR is doing research on incidence of the bends among divers, and is seeking the assistance and co-operation of all divers in the accumulation of information on same, even the most mild cases. The information desired is along the following lines.

Personal Details. Name, age, sex, club, height, weight diving experience.

Dive Details. Date, depth, duration, details of rate of ascent and stops, whether occasion was first dive of the day or a repetitive dive, any previous bends experience.

Bends Details. Time of onset in relation to surfacing symptoms, nature and duration, treatment required.

Information in this field is of deep concern to all divers, and every scrap of genuine information should be logged and forwarded to Dr. Wadham via the club, or S.D.F. Box 971G P.O. Elizabeth Street.

This information will eventually, in the not too far distant future, help in the design of a re-compression chamber which civilian Victorian divers may use in an emergency.

DIVER'S KINDERGARTEN 7 AGAIN

Congratulations to John and Lynn Stewart on the birth of their first baby - a boy. Information is that Lynn and baby are doing well.

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PICTURE NIGHT THURSDAY 25th MAY 1967

"Not With My Wife, You Don't"

Starring Tony Curtis, Verna Lise, and George Scott.

At the Capital Theatre Swanston Street,
This is a very good comedy, so make it a night with

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Your friends.

NEW CLUB SERVICE TO MEMBERS.

As we are a registered company, we are able to take part in trading practices, and with this in view, as a service to club members, we have had Order Books printed.

Should a member wish to purchase an article, ascertain the distributor, and the price. An Order form to the company concerned may then be obtained from the club's purchasing officers after payment of the remittance. This will be (generally) trade price, plus 10% to the club. You will be able to shop for the more expensive goods, and be sure of getting a good discount, at the same time helping club finances.

Purchasing Officers will be - F. Coustley,
J. Watson.

SWAN-SONG. TEMPORARY, AT LEAST.

Due to an unexpected extra teaching load this year, and the unforeseen rapid expansion of the activities of the Underwater Research Group, I will have to forgo the pleasure of editing the club Newsletter, for the rest of this year. John and I have had lots of fun putting together this monthly feature of the activities of the club; it helps keep one in touch with what everyone is doing.

John will be looking for assistance; I can thoroughly recommend him as a working buddy - even though sometimes we don't get much work done. You won't get rid of me entirely - I will still contribute an occasional article.

- Jan.