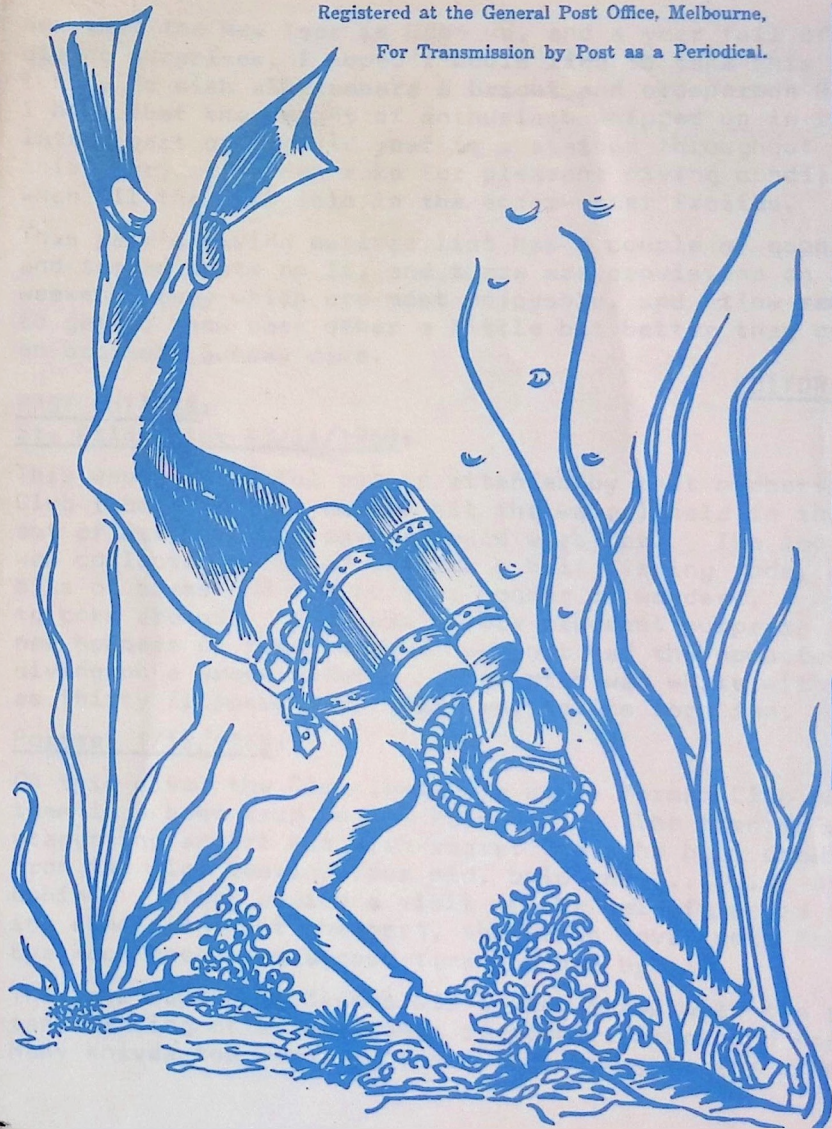


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VICTORIAN SUB-AQUA GROUP

Now that the New Year is upon us, and a year full of new diving surprises, I hope, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members a bright and prosperous New Year. I hope that the amount of enthusiasm whipped up in the latter part of the old year is sustained throughout all of this year, as it can make for pleasant diving conditions when all the Club join in the under-water frolics.

This year's diving outings list has a couple of good tried and tested spots on it, and there are provisions on it for weekends away which are most enjoyable, and allow members to get to know each other a little bit better than on just an ordinary Sunday dive.

EDITOR

PAST OUTINGS:

St. Kilda Pier 17/11/1968:

This was a wonderful outing attended by most members in the Club (about fifteen divers hit the water) held in the finest of weather that anyone could wish for. The loot that was collected included one and a half fishing rods, odd bits of brass and copper and, wonder of wonders, a wreck to poke around. This was a very pleasant surprise for the new Members of the Club who have not had the opportunity of diving on a wreck before. The water was white with foam as thirty flippers made their way to its location.

Portsea 1/12/1968:

On this dive, the Club invited a newly formed Club to join them in a boat trip to the kelp farm. The turn up was staggering and it was with regret that the boat drew away from the pier leaving four old, bold and!.... divers behind. After paying a visit to the kelp farm and finding conditions not the best, they then moved onto Pope's Eye Rock whereupon a good time was had by all.

The four remaining divers did a pier crawl with the resultant finding of an abundance of copper, brass and money. Many knives too were found and given away to the clamorous

hordes of children that gathered at the appearance of emerging aquanauts.

Hunter's Lodge 14/12/1968:

'Oh! my aching head' must have been the cry from at least half of the thirty-five people that turned up at the Club's annual dinner. Anyone who has been to a Club shindig will know what I mean. After the festivities had ended at Hunter's Lodge, those members who could make it then retired to the Addisons where the proceedings continued into the wee small hours.

It has been said, but hotly denied, that the host experienced certain difficulties on disrobing before retiring.

The Club, through this Journal, hereby thanks Lorraine and Ron for making their home available for the end of year party.

Wilson's Prom. 25-27/1/1969 Long Weekend:

According to our man on the spot, this dive would have been a wash-out as the camping reserve was full and gale force winds were blowing.

FUTURE OUTINGS -

Mount Martha - Saturday, 8/2/1969:

Meet at Mount Martha Post Office at 7 p.m. for the night dive of the season.

Pope's Eye - Sunday, 23/2/1969:

This will be a boat trip. Final details will be thrashed out at meeting on 21st February, 1969.

AUSTRALIA DAY	..	25-27 Jan.	Wilson's Prom.	
		8 Feb.	Mt. Martha	<u>7 p.m.</u>
		23 Feb.	Pope's Eye (Boat Trip)	
LABOUR DAY	..	8-10 Mar.	Warrnambool	
		23 Mar.	<u>Cape Woolamai</u> (Boat Trip & Deep Dive)	
EASTER	..	4- 7 Apr.	King Island	
ANZAC DAY	..	25-27 Apr.	Mystery Trip	
		11 May	Mornington Pier	

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	25 May	Torquay Wreck
	14-16 June	Portland
	29 June	London Bridge
	13 July	Frankston Wreck
	27 July	Queenscliff
	10 Aug.	Portsea
	24 Aug.	Snow Trip (Mt. Buller)
	7 Sept.	Hurricane Wreck
	21 Sept.	To be decided
	5 Oct.	Channel Fort Island (Boat from Rosebud)
	19 Oct.	Phillip Island
	2 Nov.	Apollo Bay
	16 Nov.	Anglesea (Ingoldsby Wreck)
	30 Nov.	Walhalla (Gold dive)
	6 Dec.	Club Dinner

STATUTORY RULES 1969. No. 13. Fisheries Act 1958.

* MINIMUM SIZE FOR ABALONE *

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, etc.

I, THE Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said State, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Fisheries Act 1958 and all other powers me thereto enabling, do by this my Proclamation -

- (A) Prohibit the taking from any of the waters set out in the Schedule hereunder of abalone of a size less than the size stated in the schedule in respect of those waters.
- (B) Prohibit any person having in his possession any abalone within half a mile of any of the waters set out in the Schedule hereunder of any abalone of a size less than the size stated in the Schedule in respect of those waters.

Schedule

Minimum Size of Abalone	Waters in Respect of which Minimum Size is Prescribed
4 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches	* All Victorian waters east of longitude 145 deg. 50 min. east.
4 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches	* All Victorian waters west of longitude 143 deg. 40 min. east.
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches	All Victorian waters lying between longitude 143 deg. 40 min. east and longitude 145 deg. 50 min. east, except for the waters of Port Phillip Bay (including Corio Bay and Hobson's Bay).
4 inches	Port Phillip Bay (including Corio Bay and Hobson's Bay).

* N.B. Generally -

- (a) waters east of longitude 145 deg. 50 min. east are waters east of Tarwin Meadows near Anderson's Inlet.
- (b) waters west of longitude 143 deg. 40 min. east are waters west of Henty Reef near Storm Point.
- (c) waters lying between longitude 143 deg. 40 min. east and longitude 145 deg. 50 min. east except for the waters of Port Phillip Bay (including Corio Bay and Hobson's Bay) are waters lying between Henty Reef near Storm Point and Tarwin Meadows near Anderson's Inlet.

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- (C) The size of any abalone whether broken or damaged or not shall be determined by measurement of its widest diameter.

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Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid at Melbourne, this twenty-fourth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight and in the seventeenth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

ROHAN DELACOMBE

STATUTORY RULES 1969. No. 12. Fisheries Act 1958.

* BAG LIMIT FOR ABALONE *

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, etc.

I, THE Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said State, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Fisheries Act 1958 and all other powers me thereto enabling do by this my Proclamation provide that no person other than the holder of an abalone licence for the time being in force under Part I of the said Act shall on any one day take from any Victorian water more than ten (10) abalone.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this twenty-fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight, and in the seventeenth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

ROHAN DELACOMBE

WANTED AD:

One medium size wet suit, jacket and trousers only, reasonable condition - by this I mean not hacked to shreds!
Contact R. Addison - 232:3087.

FOR SALE:

One Surf Board \$55.00 as new condition.
Contact R. Addison - 232:3087.

REMINDER:

A reminder for all members to turn up at the Meeting on 21st February, 1969 at Youth Hostels Association, Gisborne Street, Melbourne at 8.00 p.m.

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