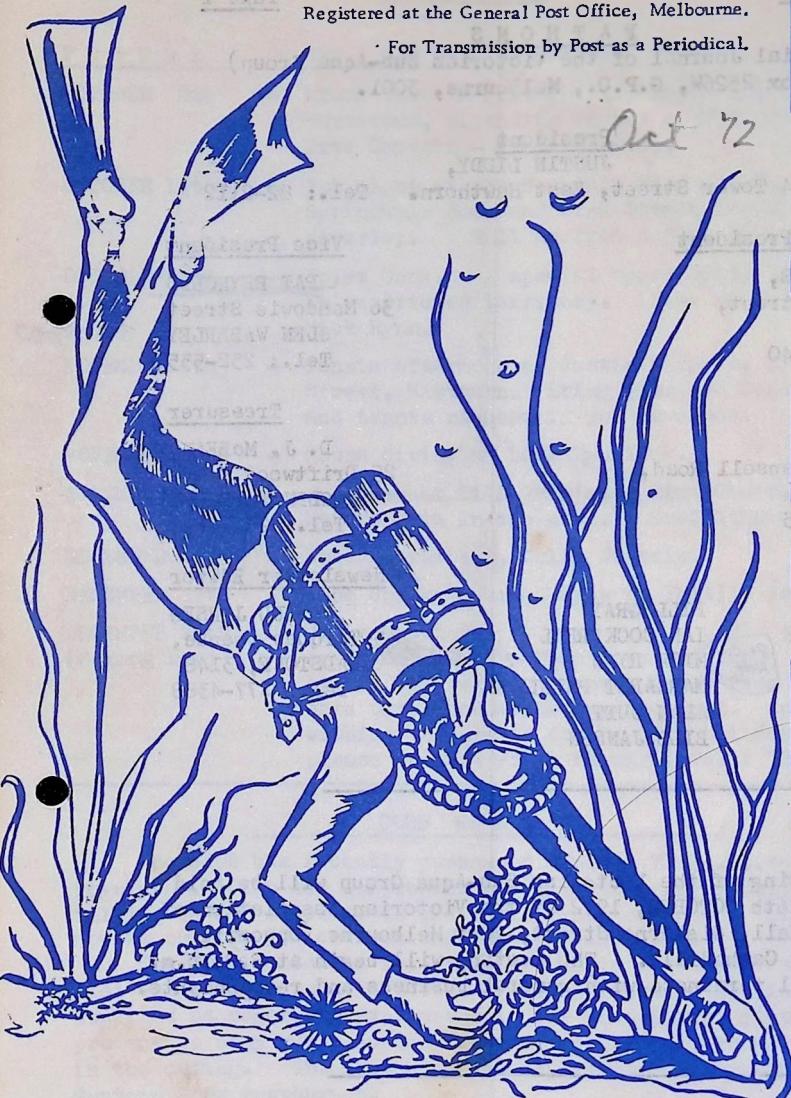


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CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Victorian Sub-Aqua Group will be held on TUESDAY, 16th OCTOBER, 1972 at the Victorian Association of Youth Clubs Hall, Gisborne Street, East Melbourne (Opposite St. Patrick's Cathedral). The meeting will begin at 8.00 p.m. sharp and will terminate with general business and refreshments.

FUTURE CUTINGS

- OCTOBER 8th - Wreck dive in Port Phillip Bay - Holyoake or Hurricane, depending on sea conditions. Dive Captain - Frank Maguire.
- OCTOBER 14th - Pub night at the Mountain View Hotel, Cnr. Springvale Road and High Street Road, Glen Waverley. Roll up from 6 p.m. onwards.
- OCTOBER 22nd - Point Cook. A special opportunity to dive in restricted territory. Dive Captain - Mick Ryan.
- NOVEMBER 4th - Tennis afternoon at Justin Liddy's, 14 Tower Street, Hawthorn. Bring your own sandals and tennis racquet if you have one.
- NOVEMBER 19th - House diving at Lake Eppalock.
- NOVEMBER 25th - Barbecue at Bill Gray's, 4 Pinn Court, Syndal. Have a swim in the pool. Good time assured.
- DECEMBER 3rd - Lake Purrumbet, Colac district.
- DECEMBER 17th - "The Speake", wreck dive on Phillip Island.
- DECEMBER 26th (Boxing Day) - Mount Gambier. Arrangements have been made and space booked at the Willow Vale Caravan Park, from this date until accommodation runs out. Anyone wishing to join in during this holiday period, please contact Frank Maguire, Tel.: 786-4940

CLUB NOTES

The club has recently purchased another 72 cu.ft. tank and regulator. With the compressor now operating efficiently over at Bill's, we are starting to get really well equipped. All we need now is our own 30' cruiser and bayside clubrooms.

The dive scheduled for Williamstown in last month's outing list was changed to a different site. In view of the information supplied us regarding explosives in the area it was felt to be more prudent to stay away, particularly as trainee divers were included in the outing. The dive was held at Brighton, near the old Captain Cook restaurant.

Members were sorry to hear of the serious car accident suffered by Don McBean and injuries to his wife. Our sincere best wishes for a speedy recovery.

With the 1972 annual general meeting past and election of new officers completed, the committee has undergone some considerable changes. It has been brought up to the authorized strength of 12 and several new names now appear. At an eventful committee meeting, the election of officers produced several surprises. Following is a list of present committee members and positions held.

JUSTIN LIDDY	-	President
FRANK MAGUIRE	-	1st Vice President, S.D.F. Rep., Public Relations Officer
PAT REYNOLDS	-	2nd Vice President, Quartermaster, training
TONY TIPPING	-	Secretary
DON McBEAN	-	Treasurer
BILL GRAY	-	Training
BILL JANSEN	-	Newsletter editor
MARGARET PHILLIPS	-	Social Secretary
MICK PYAN	-	Diving Officer
ALAN CUTTS	-	POINTS SCORING
IAN COCKERELL	-	Librarian
BOB SCOTT	-	S.D.F. Representative, Medical records.

The club welcomes it's new officers and looks forward to an active, interesting year.

REFLECTIONS ON THE PAST YEAR - by FRANK MAGUIRE

On behalf of the committee of the Victorian Sub-Aqua Group, I have pleasure in presenting this report for the year 1971-72. Membership at the date of the general meeting of 1972 is a total of 34 members. This figure includes 9 new members and 2 life members. The figure does not allow for applications for membership that are now in the hands of the Secretary.

FINANCIAL: The group finishes the year with a bank balance of
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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1972RECEIPTS :

Cash Balance 1/7/72		\$ 320.22
Cash in Transit		20.00
Subscriptions - Joining Fee	46.00	
Members Fee	<u>219.00</u>	265.00
Newsletter		72.40
Social		431.80
Insurance Premiums		7.38
Supper		21.47
Compressor Fees		230.00
Sundries		67.25
Bank Interest		10.42
		<u>\$ 1,445.94</u>

<u>SOCIAL ACCOUNT:</u>	Balance 1/7/71	\$ 20.09
	Add Interest received	<u>.70</u>
	Balance 30/6/72	<u>\$ 20.79</u>

EXPENDITURE :

Postage and Telephone	\$ 19.66
Rent	24.00
Magazines	3.45
Printing & Stationery	125.85
Boat Trips	15.00
Insurance	3.20
Compressor	400.00
Repairs & Replacements	95.50
Social Expenses	287.20
Bank Charges	3.40
Badges & Emblems	6.92
Sundries	105.53
Petty Cash	20.00
Balance as per Cash Book	<u>331.23</u>
	<u>\$ 1,445.94</u>

\$320.20 which, when opposed against last year's total of \$320.22, appears that the group has not made any progress in this area; this is not the case. As the total expenditure for year '70-71 was \$707.22 against the year '71-72, a total of \$1,445.94 was the year's expenditure. Also during the year the group has purchased a compressor and 72 cubic foot tank and regulator, so taking this into consideration the group has finished the year in a very healthy manner.

MEETINGS: Eleven monthly meetings were held during the year. Attendance at these was generally fair and it was felt that more general criticisms, more assistance was needed. As usual it always seemed the same people who gave their time and assistance in helping to keep everything in order and organized in general.

OUTINGS: There were 19 outings throughout the year. These were attended much the same as the general meetings. Other than the dives that were harassed by inclement weather, all dives turned out to be a great success although a few more people along could help.

SCOTALS: It was the year of the parties. Eight social outings for the year; I will not report on them other than that everyone was an outstanding success, and all credit must go to Marg. Phillips and all who volunteered their homes and assistance to make this a very memorable year.

COMMITTEE: I would like to thank, on behalf of the group, the committee for the work and time contributed for helping to run the group. John Noonan - Secretary, Don McBean - Treasurer, Pat Reynolds - Senior Vice President, Bill Gray - Vice President, Bill Jansen - Fathoms, Margaret Phillips - Social, Bob Scott - medical, Alan Cutts - Safety Officer, Peter Matthews for his help in general for the running of the group. To all these people I give my thanks for making the job of President a challenge and a pleasure. I also wish the new president and committee all the best for the coming year. I thank you all.

FRANK MACUIRE

THE COMING YEAR.

Just a few words to let everyone know I have been elected president of V.S.A.G. and to take this opportunity to outline a few ideas which I hope will help the club to go on to bigger and better things. With the able assistance of Tony Tipping as Secretary, and the rest of the committee too numerous to mention,

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I hope to regenerate flagging interest in club affairs. One idea would be to re-think the club outings with emphasis on new and exciting dive locations and an enlargement of club membership and participation. It's only with the co-operation of all members that we can hope to pull the club out of it's present doldrums and bring back sport diving to the place it should be; first and foremost in club affairs. Diving is, we all agree, the greatest fun you can have without laughing, I'd like to try and encourage that idea. I would also like to thank the committee for the support they've shown in electing me president. I hope we can all get together and go diving. With everyone's help, we can do it.

JUSTIN LIDDY

V.S.A.G. C/R TRIAL, 1972

Date: Sunday, 10th September.

Start: Lastland Shopping Centre. Finish: Yarra Glen Picnic Ground.

At about 10.30 a.m. a poor attendance which included Don McBeen and Family, Fritz and family, Frank Maguire and Family (and dog), Bob Scott and friend June, Justin Liddy and Tony Tipping with friend, Marcie, rolled up to the starting point. Competitors left Eastlands at 5 min. intervals and after proceeding through Ringwood, Doncaster, Warrandyte and Kangaroo Ground, were supposed to find Frank at the half way mark with the answers to several questions and proceed to the finish with the next series of clues and questions. Instead of meeting the field at the finish, Bob had to go back and find Fritz, Don and Justin who managed to get lost before the half-way mark.

In the meantime thanks to the experience of navigator Marcie, Tony, competing in his first ever car trial, went on to complete the course. Waiting at the picnic ground were Pat Reynolds and family and Chubby, who "just happened" to roll up for the barbecue and booze-up afterwards.

This proved to be quite a turn and after several tubes of the old amber Justin, Bob and Don kitted up and gave the picnic goers a sort of "Police Search and Rescue Squad" demonstration (visibility was estimated at approx. 3-4 inches).

The afternoon was enjoyed by all those who attended - the only sad note being that Tony had to watch the others drink his prize of several bottles of the 'genuine article'.

TONY TIPPING

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