

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

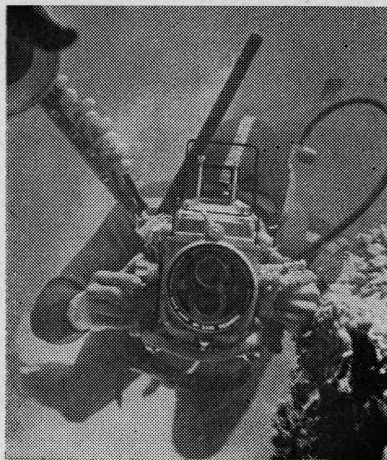
CLUB MEETING

A very large meeting with some forty to fifty people attending—of these there would have been some 50 p.c. visitors. We extend a welcome and hope that you continue to come along to the meetings (and dives). A short meeting with Bob Smith, Alan Moule, John Jansers, Peter Newton and Terry Mayne showing slides of Piccininny Ponds and Heron Island. Was your face red, Richard?

PAST ACTIVITIES

The month over Christmas had no specific club activities, as members headed off to their own diving spots. Alan Moule and Peter Newton went up to Heron, while another large group went to Mount Gambier.

While on the subject of Piccininny, we wish to congratulate Richard Taylor and his group on their achievement of diving to 285 ft. This is the deepest dive undertaken in the Mount Gambier area, and really must have taken some doing, as at that depth



South Pacific member Bob Smith with Rollie at Heron Island last November. B. and W. print from Ektachrome—X 64 ASA 2½ square colour film. Using available light at a depth of 40 ft.—F stop 4 at 60th second. Clear water visibility 80 ft. (A Tom Byron pix.)

it is pitch black and the divers had to swim down tunnels and shafts at all angles.

Also at Piccininny an unusual presentation took place, as the "Poor Old Fella" was given a can of "chum" while on the bottom. Even with this presentation, he had to be lifted out of Killisbury's.

Lindsay has done it again as he was driving Bob's car and managed

to drive it into a sink hole.

One piece of bad luck over the holidays was that Ron Laws wrote off his car and put Lloyd II (Peter Considine) in hospital. Hope all is well again.

The only piece of news from Heron is that Al won the New Year Boat Race, the prize being one specially imported island girl??

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Long weekend in January — two trawlers have been hired, plus Tom's boat for dives at Bowen Island and Point Perpendicular.

February 9th: Club dive to Kiamo with dives at the island off the front and possibly a jump in the blowhole.

One other activity is a cave exploration trip to Tuglow Caves — date to be decided on next meeting.

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Congratulations from all members go to our new Australian Women's Champion, Lynette Auty, although these Auty girls really like to keep things in the family with Lynette Australian Champ., Elizabeth N.S.W. Champ. and Rosalies winning the booby prize — all she scored was Doug.

Members went in all directions over the Christmas period, with trips to Rockhampton, Fiji, Streaky Bay and the Titles in Victoria.

Whilst travelling from S.B. to Vic., Laurie had the misfortune to have his car side-swiped and the boat came off the trailer (it's that fickle finger of fate again). Sport Secretary Stan has been kept busy with members claiming records galore after their trips, specially those who went to the Aust. titles.

Those Auty girls are in the news again when on 18th January Lynette and Rosalie had their 21st birthday celebrations. A great night and being the first social after the Christmas break, the fish stories were thick and fast.

Not much else to report as Alliman Shield and club dives not resuming until February. If any divers are visiting Manly Marineland, stop off to say good-day to Diane and she'll give you a guided tour.

Don't forget to leave 12th July open — Club Cabaret at Burland Community Hall, King Street, Newton. (Would you believe we like to get in early?)

Good bat shooting, Shirli, the Big Moover.

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