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Diligent Efforts to Recover Body

THE Forrest Street swimming pool was partially emptied by five pumps before the body of the R.A.A.F. trainee who was drowned last Saturday, came to the surface on Wednesday morning.

A diligent search had been made by police and the R.A.A.F. to recover the body but the depth of the water made the task difficult.

Apart from pumping, police dragged the pool for a considerable period and the services of a diver were also employed.

The efforts to get the body, attracted a deal of interest and crowds of curious onlookers visited the pool during the week.

The fatality occurred early on Saturday afternoon when the victim, Keith William Reeves, Middle Head, Sydney, got into difficulties while swimming with a fellow - trainee.

Reeves' friend tried to rescue him but Reeves, wrapping his legs round his mate, dragged them both under the water.

The other trainee struggled for about a minute with Reeves before he surfaced and just managed to reach the shore.

The Sunshine Police wish to thank everybody who assisted them in their task, particularly the organisations which lent pumps and men. They were, I.C.I., G. W. Pennell, M.M.B.W. and the Fire Brigade.

Special thanks are extended to the ladies who supplied tea and food for the R.A.A.F. men and others who were searching for the body.

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