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Eric detecting at Moliagul with his new GPX 5000



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The Victorian Seekers Club Inc. (A0001477T)

Is a family oriented organization, the objectives of which are to promote friendship, cooperation and exchange of ideas among people interested in prospecting and metal detecting. To realize these aims, we have meetings, lectures, discussions and practical demonstrations to help members acquire the skills required to make prospecting and metal detecting an enjoyable and rewarding pastime. We arrange outings to the goldfields and other prospecting sites, beaches, camps, ghost towns etc, to search for gold, coins, relics, gemstones and other natural and man made objects of value and / or of interest. In addition, we also have functions to foster social contacts among members. Our conduct is governed by a strict code of ethics including avoiding trespassing on private property or damaging the natural environment, hence our motto:

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Events Calendar

January

Thurs. 22nd - Tues 27th: Camp Mountain Hut
No General Meeting.

February

Wed. 4th: General Meeting.
Thurs. 12th - Tues 17th: Camp Eaglehawk

March

Wed. 4th: General Meeting.
Thurs. 5th - Tues 10th: Camp Wedderburn
Sat. 7th - 8th: Wedderburn Detector Jamboree.
Sun 29th : Australian Gold Panning Championships
Blackwood

April

Wed. 1st: General Meeting.
Thurs. 2nd - Tues 7th: Camp Fryerstown

May

Wed. 6th: General Meeting.
Thurs. 14th - Tues 19th: Camp Talbot

Editor's Report

Well this issue we have another huge newsletter. We have 3 reports and a lot of information to help you snare a few nuggets, and who knows, maybe there'll be a big one in there somewhere.

Thanks for Dave M for his tip-off on the Miners Right. If you see or hear of anything of interest to our members then please let me know by email.

The Victorian Seekers Club Inc. Website: <http://seekers.metapath.org/>

General Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (Except January) at the Mulgrave Senior Citizens & Community Centre, 355 Wellington Road, Mulgrave, MELWAYS (80, C1). Meetings start at 8.00 pm sharp, punctual arrival would be very much appreciated.

General meeting dates for 2015: Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3, Jul 1, Aug 5, Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2.

Committee meetings for 2015: Feb 3, Feb 24, Mar 31, Apr 28, May 26, June 30, July 28, Aug 25, Sept 29, Oct 27, Nov 29.

President's Report

by Lindsay Tricker

Last year the club introduced a suggestion box at the general meetings and at club outings. Five cards were filled out at camps – all referred to the club newsletter. The suggestions are summarised as follows:- Four writers requested a return to monthly newsletters citing news and important information was received too late. Two writers suggested various items could appear in the newsletters such as: a list of (current) life members; results of the A.G.M. points raised and decisions taken a General Meetings; run a section on members views on various detectors, settings' coil type etc., and cross-word puzzles and jokes...

All these suggestions have merit and have been discussed at times in committee. By far the main bone of contention is the bi-monthly newsletters so I propose to give a brief history and explanation. When I joined the club in 1999, Bob H (life member) was the editor. Bob handed over to Francois G (life member) assisted by Ron W in May 2001, eventually doing it alone until August 2008, a period of over 7 years. Geoff L took over for one year then stood down. No replacement editor was forthcoming. No one in our club was prepared to do the very time consuming, voluntary job of editor! Rather than suddenly to not have a club newsletter, Francois produced the following newsletter but was unable to continue. Ian S (life-member), reluctantly took over the job in October 2009. He has now been editor for the last 5 years!

In April 2011, after 18 months, Ian reported to committee that he was finding it almost impossible to produce a monthly newsletter plus run his business – it took an average of 30 hours, that is three and a half working days full time to produce a newsletter. No-one else was prepared or in most cases, capable of producing our newsletter. Ian thought he could manage to produce a bi-monthly newsletter so with no other alternative the committee gratefully accepted the offer. The suggestion was made that such an important decision should have been put to the general membership however unless you were offering to take on the job there was nothing to vote on nor discuss – you have elected a committee to take these decisions for you and that is what was done! This is why you have had bi-monthly newsletters for the last three years. This was not the only change that has occurred relating to the newsletter in this period.

In April 2013, after more that 22 years Mieke and Peter S (life members) finally retired from the onerous job of arranging for the printing, them physically doing the collating, folding, addressing, stamping and mailing of the newsletter. With no-one else prepared to take on this time consuming job, the committee had no choice but to

pay for the job to be done by the printer. During this period the club commenced emailing the newsletter to members. This meant that the club was able to supply the newsletter virtually cost-free, in colour and a good deal earlier than the paper copy. Ian was instrumental in setting up paid advertisements in the newsletter during his editorship, bringing considerable revenue for the club and helping to offset the spiraling costs of publication and distribution. The Bi-monthly newsletter has thus grown in size to some 18 pages – it is no longer a newsletter but better described as a club magazine. It can no longer be posted folded but had to be placed in a plastic sleeve and mailed flat. The cost of this service and mailing means each newsletter now cost the club \$3:20 each. We still have 43 members receiving hard-copy newsletters, 14 of these who actually have E-Mail but for various reasons have decided not to get the newsletter electronically. The present cost to the club to supply six newsletters to these 43 members is \$1,000:00 per annum. This equates to half a single membership's fees. If we were to return to monthly newsletters, this cost would not double, but would increase significantly.

Clearly with the other escalating club cost such as hall hire and public liability insurance, club fees to members wishing to receive paper copies of the newsletter will have to increase considerably from the present level. If you wish to return to a monthly newsletter, these are the options as I see it:- (a) take on the role of newsletter editor, and (b) either arrange for your newsletter to be received electronically or be prepared to pay a hefty increase in club subscription to cover printing, collating and increasing postage.

To reduce the time lag in members receiving timely notification of urgent club information, the following action has been initiated : Ian has set up "News Flash" which is sent to all members receiving their newsletters by E-mail. These members in turn are requested to telephone other members they are close to who do not have E-mail. Secondly, since becoming president, I have made a point of addressing the members attending the Saturday night camp-fire informing them of all current events, decisions etc. This often occurs within days of the general meeting and usually pre-empts the newsletter.

I trust this explanation is clear to all members and demonstrates that your hard working committee is doing its utmost to ensure all members are looked after to the best of our ability. We welcome any suggestions to improve our club. I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy 2015. Lindsay.



General Meetings

By Eric Grummett

At the November meeting, Sophie M was awarded the find of month for her nice 5.7gm nugget found at the Tarnagulla camp. A discussion was had on the arrangements for our Cup weekend. I followed the meeting with a show and tell of my European trip. (I expect half the club will be away next year on tour using the info I gave them).

The December meeting discussed the program for Wicks Reserve barbecue and the need to support the PMAV on Australia day by participating in their march down Swanston St and then help out in the Domain Gardens showing kids how to detect for hundreds of coins we bury in the park and the use of a gold pan to find real gold in our water tanks. This is the 4th year for this event, and is a great promotion for prospecting. It is good fun, and unless we get many helpers it is hard work going all day, as we are swamped with hundreds of kids trying their luck. It's a worthwhile cause as these kids are the next generation prospectors. Anyone interested in helping out contact Peter M (9999 9999) or me.

The find of month went to Ted C for his 27gm nugget from Moliagul; great find Ted. After the meeting many members showed off some of their great gold, relics and coins found over the years, much of which was found in the early days of detecting and is hard to come by these days. Many new members were amazed at the variety of items on display.

Our next meeting in February will welcome David Kleish (from the Miners Den) who will give us a talk on the preparation and planning for a prospecting trip to WA. In March we are planning to have Dean Smith, who is a model maker with the Melbourne Museum and is also a PMAV committee member. He will show us how he reproduces replica large gold nuggets and other items that need to be maintained for display such as taxidermy.



Remember:

to be considerate of others if you feel that you must use a generator.

Don't use it close to other campers, take measures to mitigate the sound such as put it in a ditch or use a sound baffle, don't run it all day, and observe the 9:00 pm cut off time

We encourage you to consider charging batteries with a solar panel. instead of a generator.

Safe Detecting

Prospecting is an enjoyable activity however there are some inherent dangers on the goldfields.

- Take care around any open shaft and when walking through the bush.
- Carry a mobile phone and water and the usual emergency provisions such as GPS, compass, first aid kit, torch, matches, UHF radio, snack bar.
- Be aware of hazards such as snakes.
- It is not advisable to prospect alone. Team up with a mate.
- And be SunSmart. Slip on a shirt, Slop on some sunscreen, and Slap on a hat.



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November Camp Report

Moliagul

by Barry Weston

WEATHER; We experienced 4 seasons in 6 days. Friday; 32 degrees at 8pm, Saturday; Sun, rain, hail & wind. Sunday & Monday ; Mild & Sunny with intermittent cloud. Tuesday; Mild, Sunny cloudy & Showers. The evenings were cool. Summing up; Very Good detecting weather.

ATTENDANCE: There were approximately 40 camps and 70 people with plenty of room to choose a camp spot which was most appreciated. The Bragging List revealed 15 people found gold. Robert discovered the most gold (42 pcs.) on his patch which he worked all weekend including a 14 gram nugget but Ted found the biggest



Rob's 43 grams of gold. Well done!

nugget at 26 grams and Claude found a 16 grammer. Alaister a 3.5 grams nugget, Herman & Ralph approx. 10 pcs. each. There were others that found more modest amounts. Brian found one on Wednesday before he left. Peter M & Graeme M provided entertainment at various times smashing large pieces of quartz that were emitting a signal for small rewards. Barry W found none but with team Peter M "we" found 3 pieces.

SATURDAY PARADE: This camp may well be called the CAMP camp for there was fabulous cross dressing by Carole & David which made them unrecognisable to some. David's adopted persona put another meaning on Moliagul's "Welcome Stranger". The winners of the Parade were of course Carole & David, Emilia & Barry were a distant 2nd and Anja & Alistair 3rd and a consolation prize to Matt the Tailor for his colourful silk attire honouring his many travel destinations, (he appeared after the judging). Emilia's hat had a notable rustic appearance after being retrieved from the camp fire after a gust of wind.

FUN & GAMES: The raffle had some really good prizes including CB with GPS / Teak Tables/ Wine/torches etc. There were many winners with Alex E managing to draw out his own number after winning a prize (it was re-drawn). The auction of the leftover chickens was hotly contested with Sam ensuring Eric got one by increasing Eric's bid under protest. Louise won the token hunt and the prize amongst all the contested frivolity. Some employed devious tactics, (standing on or restricting one's coil is just not cricket.) On Monday we also celebrated a milestone birthday for Louise; Congratulations.

MELBOURNE CUP: Gunilla & Lars organised four sweeps. The winners for 1st being Peter M., Martin L., Lindsay T, & Geoff L. Who would have guessed No. 1 would finish last. However just by being at Moliagul we were all winners. Thanks Rob for the TV viewing of the race under your awning.

WALKERS: The Ladies walked most days at 10 am. The participants came from Erica, Sue, Judy, Gunilla, Emily, Gisella & Emilia. The Clubs GPS being put to good use.

SYMPATHY: Sympathy to John D who had a fall and suffered cuts and abrasions and to Alex E who suffered the loss of a dear friend and had to return home soon after setting up camp and then after returning, only to leave again after two days as his friend's partner was admitted to hospital.

THANKS: Thanks to all who provided a great variety of salads and the delicious sweets. Thanks to James for donating the CB and John D for the Table for the raffle. Thanks to Eric for the liquor tasting around the camp fire and to Sam for the chocolates and fudge. Thanks to Robin & Warren for procuring the tasty chickens. Thanks to all



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"Fashions on the Field" entrants

the wood collectors especially; Warren, John, David & Graeme H.

Thanks to those men who helped erect the clubs gazebo and the dismantling. They all proved that many hands make light work. Finally thanks to Lindsay for carrying on the good work.

TRIVIA: Who wants to sell their new 5000? Eric did write on the notice board that he was unhappy with it and willing to find it a new home. Jestin I'm sure.



CONCLUSION:
A very successful and enjoyable Camp.



One of many deep shafts on the Bull Dog Reef workings

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Winners "Fashions on the Field" - Carole & David.

Xmas Camp Report

Moonambel

By François & Francine

Thanks to Eric's research this camp was at a totally new location, *The Moonambel Recreation Reserve*, it was nice to be able to enjoy the comfort of a civilized caravan park. Summer days can be full of surprises, and having power, camping next to a good road, close to showers and toilets, walking distance to the Pub and shops, made everyone feel safe and secure and it was well worth the \$15.00 a day fee.

Nicely settled next to Joan & John B, we spent Christmas day together chasing vainly the elusive gold. On Boxing Day and the following days more Seekers arrived to a total of 17 established camp sites plus the 4 usual overnight "swaggies". Day visitors amounted to 7, including Jock Hobbs (Fossickers club president) and his partner.

The weather was mostly nice, it became very hot on the last days and we had a brief and heavy downpour (to the delight of the local farmers) on the 29th at midday.

On New Year Eve, the anniversary of François's accident, Eric Grummett made sure that nothing would happen again and secured his chair with solid guy ropes and heavy pegs....Games, jokes and trivia kept us busy while waiting for the end of 2014. Mieke had organized finger food and bubbly so we could all celebrate the start of the New Year.

Overall we had a great time thanks to the committee. See you all at the 2015 camps



The great New Year's Eve party food.



The tied down chair.



The general camp scene at Moonambel.

Xmas Break-up Party Report

By Lindsay Tricker

The annual club BBQ at Wicks Reserve, The Basin was a great success! About 65 members and families were in attendance. Special mention and sincere thanks goes to the team effort made by members in making this a memorable day – those who arrived early and scrubbed the BBQ's, swept out the rotunda, even cleared the accumulated leaves and debris off the sky lights! Thanks to Peter M, Eric G, Mick S, Francine & Francois who among other things set up the 'Stake your Claim' competition and helped bury the coins & keys for the treasure hunt. Also our ever dependable Jim L who set up the electric urns, radio, biscuits and hot drinks. The 'Stake your claim' was eagerly patronised and the 50 odd claims at \$5 each were soon sold out. No doubt the three gold nugget prizes up for grabs were a great incentive! The winners of the nuggets were: First Sue M, second Mick S, and third Peter M. After the cost of prizes was deducted a clear profit of \$118 resulted - Great effort by Francine and Francois, and many thanks.

In the treasure hunt, which incidentally Eric was able to participate in for the first time in goodness knows how many years as this time Francine and Francois hid the keys. The key that unlocked the treasure box containing \$50 was found by Heike M. The 'Bluey Crawford Award' for the person who found the most coins, keys, and tokens was won by Jim L's family members, Melissa H and Brayden C.

The Xmas Hamper raffle which this year was assembled entirely by Tina W also made a profit after expenses of \$63- An excellent effort by Tina who is one of our hard working social secretaries. The winners of the hamper and side prizes were: First prize (the hamper) Eric Grummett, 2nd prize Peter G and third prize, Joan H. It is work done by raffle organisers and similar which helps keep the club in the black and helps keep club subscriptions down.

The threatened afternoon thunder storms did not eventuate and a lovely time was had by all. If you missed out in 2014, mark this years calendar for the 2nd Sunday in December, and if the weather is good you will be guaranteed a great day! Lindsay.



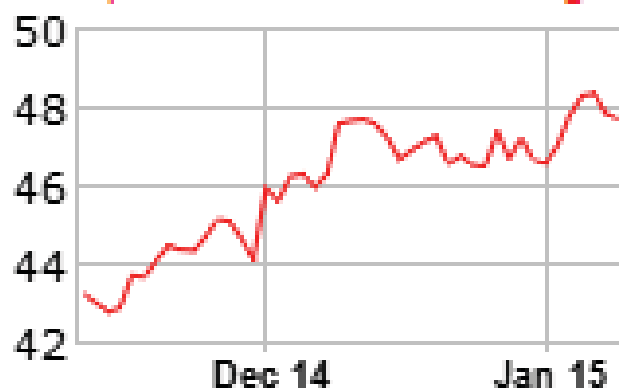
Stake your claim winners - Mick S., Sue M, & Peter M.



Santa's little helpers.

Gold Price Report

60 Day Gold Price in AUD/g



Gold Finds

Recent finds from Victoria's Golden Triangle



A member found this 63 grammer 6 weeks ago just north of Maryborough on crown land.



A nice rough nugget unearthed recently (not by a Vic Seekers member). The location is unknown but its weight is 147 grams, almost 5 ounces!



A bight nugget of 52 grams found recently. in the Dunolly area.



News just in! This 51 gram nugget was found a few weeks ago at Dunolly. *source Dunolly Caravan Park Facebook



A great collection of nuggets. Location date & weight are not known but it looks like over 12 ounces, at least!



A 6.7oz nugget still located in the bottom of the hole about 18 inches down in some very hard rock. It looks like it may be from Western Australia. It took the prospector a couple of hours digging but well worth the reward. This is from a non-member of the VSC

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Gold



Gold occasionally takes forms that lend themselves to descriptive terms such as wire gold, nail gold, mustard gold and paint gold. While all gold has a crystalline structure, distinct crystals showing well-formed faces are relatively rare. They require special conditions to form, in particular space in which to grow. Hence crystals of gold are found in cavities in quartz reefs or in softer minerals such as iron oxides where they have been able to push aside the enclosing material as they grew. Gold crystallises in the cubic system, and perhaps the most common variety is the eight-sided octahedron.

Beautiful crystalline and leaf gold specimens as well as large nuggets will bring premium prices, so it's important to understand and know what kind of gold you have.



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The PMAV is very appreciative of the fact that all Victorian prospecting clubs – and a couple of interstaters – are corporate members of the PMAV.

However, the level of membership by individual club members in the Association continues to be disappointing, so I thought I would point out what we are up against in coming years and why you should make a small investment in the future of your activities and join the PMAV.

During the election campaign you may have heard about the proposed Greater Forest National Park. This involves some 355,000 hectares of park additions to the 177,000 hectares of parks already in the Central Highlands. Yes, there are goldfields affected.

But that isn't all. The table below is an extract from the report on 'Better Protection for Special Places' published by the Victorian National Parks Association, it doesn't include all of their demands..

| Location | Size (in hectares) | Proposed land tenure |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Pyrenees Ranges State Forest | 14,680 | State Park |
| Dunolly Waanyarra SF | 7,547 | State Park |
| Kingower SF | 4,690 | State Park |
| Bealiba SF | 7,954 | State Park |
| Moliagul SF | 1,396 | State Park |
| Harvest Home SF | 2,242 | State Park |
| Timor SF | 1,379 | State Park |
| Wellsford SF | 7,122 | State Park |
| Fryers Range SF | 3,321 | Add to Castlemaine NHP |
| Wombat State Forest | 42,280 | State Park |

Readers should note that State Parks enjoy exactly the same level of 'protection' as National Parks. This means that prospecting is prohibited in almost all cases.

The PMAV will resist the creation of these parks on behalf of all prospectors.

We believe it is time all prospectors supported us, so if you are not yet a member, hopefully I have tweaked your conscience and you will come on-board.

Your club may have membership forms available, if not please email me on rita.bentley@bigpond.com or phone 0408 176 496 and we will put one in the mail.

I sincerely look forward to working with you.

Best regards,

Rita Bentley

President, Prospectors and Miners Association of Vic. Inc.

Member's WA Trip

By David & Marie Barclay

Marie & I off to the west again armed with our 40Es for around the Laverton area. The trip across was terrible strong head winds and heavy rain. It took us a week to reach Kalgoorlie.

Our first chosen camp was occupied by a D9 Bulldozer & Dry blower. (You need to keep up to date with the Ten-graph.) We then went to our original camp at Hawk Nest. The first time we were there was in 2003 & found 30 nuggets for 1 oz.

In 2004 Marie found a patch & we recovered 244 nuggets for 4.5 oz..2005 88 nuggets for 1.8 oz. In 2007 92 nuggets for 1.5 oz. 2009 194 nuggets for 3.1 oz. This year 2014 we found 204 nuggets for 2.9 oz. It shows you never find all the gold. We have asked ourselves how could we not find those nuggets before.

In the past we have visited other places such as Halls Creek, Marble Bar, Nullagine, Cue, Mt Magnet, Sandstone, Leinster, Wilson's Patch, Leonora and Laverton. We have found gold at all those places ranging from sub gram nuggets to a 113 gram Nugget.

We camped for 2 weeks at Hawks Nest then into Laverton for a week, half price if you stay the week. While there we explored the area .We had a 40e for Duketon but after contacting the pastoral owner he informed us he was baiting the area & we had our dogs with us so no detecting there.

After the week at Laverton back out to Hawks Nest for another 2 weeks still picking up nuggets. One day we had 50mm of rain in about one hour. The ground flooded everywhere, no driving for a day. The only problem we had was at Red Flag where we encountered a detectorist who demanded we stay out of sight of his camp, which was hidden. We almost had a fight. I chose discretion and left. All up we spent 6 weeks at Hawk Nest and 3 weeks in the Laverton Caravan Park.

We then left to go home, our return trip was much better than our journey going west.



David & Marie's camping set up.



Finds for the trip.



The rains came down.

Google Calendar

Did you know Vic Seekers has a Meetings and Outings Calendar that you can add to your own Google Calendar?

Here are the URLs that you will need:

[vksep8esac1voeup6d490heu4g@group.calendar.google.com](https://www.google.com/calendar/group/vksep8esac1voeup6d490heu4g@group.calendar.google.com) - Meetings

[ti8768seer344pg43fao90rgbo@group.calendar.google.com](https://www.google.com/calendar/group/ti8768seer344pg43fao90rgbo@group.calendar.google.com) - Outings

(1) Add these URLs to your Google Calendar on your PC:

(a) Make sure you are logged into Google on your PC (just log into Gmail using the same A/C as per your Android phone, not applicable for iPhone).

(b) In Google Calendar (<https://www.google.com/calendar>), on the left hand side where it says 'Other Calendars', Add a Friend's Calendar', paste in the URL(s)

(c) PS: You can also add other calendars. Click the down arrow beside 'Other Calendars' then 'Browse Interesting Calendars'. I've subscribed to 'Holidays in Australia' and others.

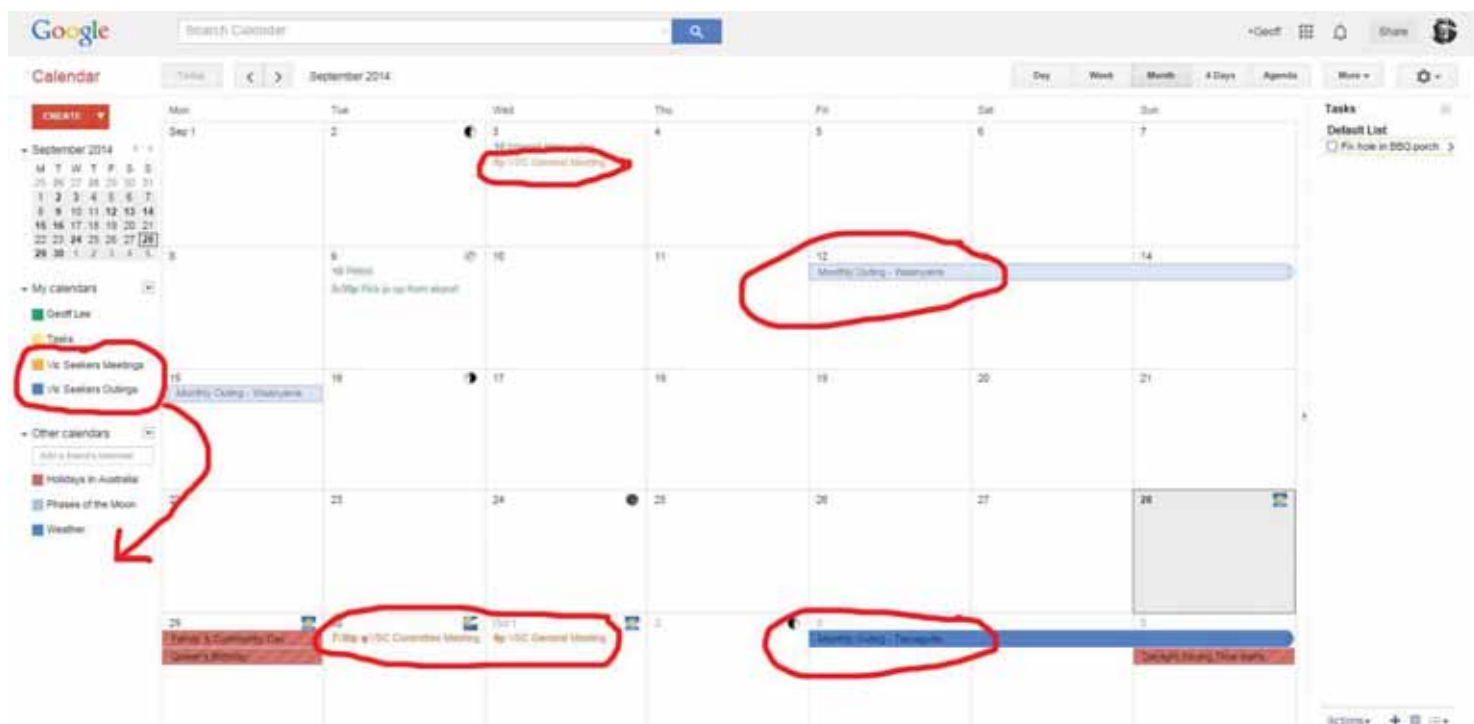
(2) Add the calendar to your Android Phone or Tablet:

(a) On your Android phone, open your Google Calendar App (NOT the HTC, Samsung, etc, Calendar App), click Settings (top-right corner) and select 'Calendars to display', then tick the calendars you want to display.

(b) If the Vic Seekers calendar does not appear, it is probably a Synchronisation issue. Either 'sync' your phone or try again later.

(3) For iPhone, sync your PC calendar to iCal. Refer <https://support.google.com/calendar/answer/99358?hl=en>

(4) In the pic below, I'm the Calendar 'owner' but after you add them to your PC calendar, they will appear as per the arrow.



Where to find Gold

GEOLOGICAL TIPS

Text by Ian Semmens

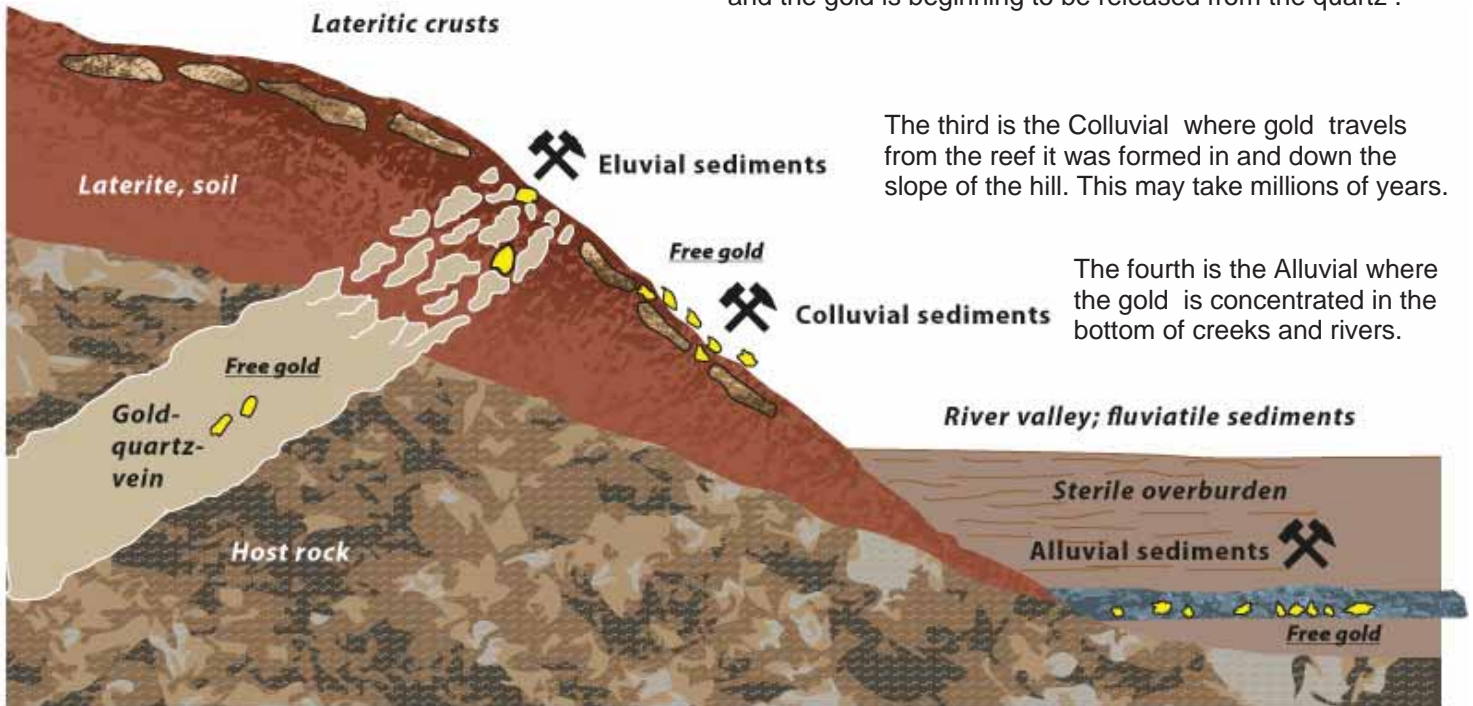
The following diagram clearly illustrates the four main situations in which gold can be found.

The first is the primary deposit where the liquid solution containing silica, gold and other minerals gold has solidified and formed a quartz vein. This vein is formed within the cracks, fissures and faults host rock, which is usually sandstone and/or ironstone.

The second, Eluvial, is where the reef has been exposed to the surface and the weathering elements are breaking it down and the gold is beginning to be released from the quartz.

The third is the Colluvial where gold travels from the reef it was formed in and down the slope of the hill. This may take millions of years.

The fourth is the Alluvial where the gold is concentrated in the bottom of creeks and rivers.



Credit: Dr. Ing. Michael Priester, Director Mining Department at Projekt-Consult GmbH, Germany

METAL DETECTING



What my friends think I do.



What my parents think I do.



What society thinks I do.



What my boss thinks I do.



What I think I do.



What I actually do.

MetalDetectingNews.com

Jan. Outing: Mountain Hut

Thurs. 22nd to Tues. 27th Jan.

DIRECTIONS:

EMERGENCY INFO: Call 000.

Police: High St., Avoca 54653300; *Hospitals:* Avoca & District Bush Nursing Hospital 13 Liebig St., Avoca, 54653200; Ararat District Hospital Girdlestone St. Ararat 53529300

Fire District: South West

Map Ref.:

Mountain Hut

Feb. Outing: Eaglehawk

Thurs. 12th to Tues. 17th Feb.

Directions:

Emergency Info: Call 000. *Police:* 24hr, 221 High Street Bendigo 5448 1300. *Hospital:* Bendigo, 62 Lucan Street (near Lake Weeroona) 5454 6000.

Fire District: Northern Country

Map Reference:

Eaglehawk

THIS IS A BUSH CAMP. BYO water, power and toilet, strictly observe park and fire regulations. Dogs must be on leash and under constant supervision.

No unattended fires.

FILL IN ALL HOLES, take your rubbish home and carry a valid MINERS RIGHT at all times.

Under current Government requirements fossickers should be trained in first aid; they should carry water, a mobile phone, a list of contacts in case of emergency and a basic first aid kit; any incident or injury should be reported to a Committee Member ASAP.

THIS IS A BUSH CAMP. BYO water, power and toilet, strictly observe park and fire regulations. Dogs allowed at this camp but not in the adjoining National Park. No unattended fires.

FILL IN ALL HOLES and carry a valid MINERS RIGHT.

by Ian Semmens

Update of fees for a Miners Rights

VSC member Dave M went to buy a Miners Right at a retail outlet on 14th January 2015, and was then informed of changes in the fee for the Miners Right. He then called me and I have now confirmed the following changes with Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources—Earth Sciences division.

The two year Miners Right (used to cost \$30.00) will be abolished. The ten year Miners right will be retained and the cost will now be \$17.20. Formerly this cost \$90.00. These changes are effective from the 1/01/2015.

All retailers of Miners Rights have been informed of the changes.

If you have already purchased to renew or take out a new Miners Rights online from 1/1/2015 to now, then please contact York Cook on 03 9092 1972. York will be happy to refund you the difference. The online store will still take another few weeks to make the changes.

In a time when the State government is imposing increased fees or new fees on most things that we do, including camping in State Parks or National Parks, it is pleasing, though perplexing that these changes have been made.

As posted on the Gold Prospecting and Detecting Forum website on 13/01/15 by Lynnie:
<http://golddetecting.4umer.net/t20548-miners-rights-update>

"The reason given for these changes is because when they made the Regulations they implemented the Department of Treasury and Finance cost recovery guidelines. That policy says they must recover costs for administering the Regulations. As a result some costs went up, while others, like miner's rights, decreased. Miner's rights are fairly low effort from an administrative point of view, particularly with online application, hence the lower fees.

Anyone taking out a miner's right before the update is applied to the online form will have an excellent case for a refund, since it's the Regulations that set the cost and not the website."



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Vic Seekers are now on

New Members

- Max and Lou Anne T
- Russell and Kerry H
- Imi A
- Tom B



Welcome and Good Luck!

21st Annual Australian Gold Panning Championships

Sunday March 29th 2015
Blackwood Cricket Ground
Blackwood - Victoria



Join a Seekers club team!
See Eric G.

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