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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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Membership is open to adult persons and their minor children without regard to race, creed or political persuasion, who are interested in these pursuits and prepared to abide by our Constitution and Rules of Conduct. VSC has general meetings on the first Wednesday of each month (except January) at the Mulgrave Senior Citizens and Community Centre, 355 Wellington Road Mulgrave, and at a field trip each month and, in addition, we also have some occasional day outing.

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Events Calendar

November

Fri. 31st Oct - Tues 4th Nov: Camp Moliagul
Melbourne Cup weekend

Wed. 5th: General Meeting.

Sat. 8th Fosterville Mine Open Day, Fosterville

December

Wed. 3rd: General Meeting.

Fri. 26th Dec. - Thur. 1st Jan: Camp Moonambel

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 Jambore.

Editor's Report

Well this issue is a bumper issue at 18 pages so I hope that you all take the time to read it and that you all enjoy it.

There has been a number of large nuggets found this year in the Golden Triangle and that gives us hope that one day we may also find one. Mind you, these are only the ones that we hear about. This has been reflected in the club finding more nuggets in the 5-15 gram range. Just drool over the photos of some of these larger ones.

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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 2014: Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, Jun 4, Jul 2, Aug 6, Sep 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3.

Committee meetings for 2014: Feb 4, Mar 25, Apr 29, May 27, June 24, July 29, Aug 26, Sept 30, Oct 28, Nov 29.

President's Report

by Lindsay Tricker

All of us extend sincere thanks to Eric Grummett who has presided over our wonderful club for the last 5 years. Eric is the mainstay of the club and has been on committee almost since the Club's inception – he remains on committee as your vice-resident.

The club has now just over 200 members and shows no signs of slowing down – even though gold is now much harder to find!

Your hardworking committee members, especially Geoff Lee (web-master) and Ian Semmens (editor) are in the final stages of up-dating the club's "Member's Handbook" which will be distributed in hard-copy to all in due course. With the hot weather and inevitable bush-fire season fast approaching, it is heartening to see how members attending camp have embraced the new club rule regarding filling out the "Sign-In Book". It has already demonstrated its worth following a member's recent family emergency. The club has a "Duty of Care" to its members. This responsibility rests not only with the committee but equally upon each and every member. It is therefore important that when at camp each of you are aware of who is camped next to you and to report when your neighbour is over-due or otherwise un-accounted for. And please, do not detect alone!

I'm looking forward to the Melbourne Cup long week-end at Moliagul with its generally lovely spring weather plus the club supplied chicken dinner. Don't forget to bring salads and sweets to share. The dress-up theme is once again "Fashions in the Field".

The Christmas/New Year camp is at a new venue situated at the small town of Moonambel, north of Avoca. The locals have converted their cricket oval and facilities into a caravan and camping park with a small number of powered site located on the oval. It comes at a reasonable cost per caravan of \$10 un-powered and \$15 powered per day. Hot showers and flush toilets are available. This site avoids the danger of bush-fires yet is close to gold fields such as Kimberley and Barkley (Navarre).

May I take this opportunity of wishing everyone a happy Christmas and a healthy, safe and prosperous 2015.



Our new president Lindsay taking part in the Tarnagulla Camp Treasure Hunt

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- 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 sun-screen, and Slap on a hat.

Members are responsible for their own safety!



General Meetings

By Eric Grummett

Well as you can all see, I have now moved down a rung on the committee. After 8 years at the helm I thought it was about time I gave someone else a go. Thanks to all those who supported me over the years.

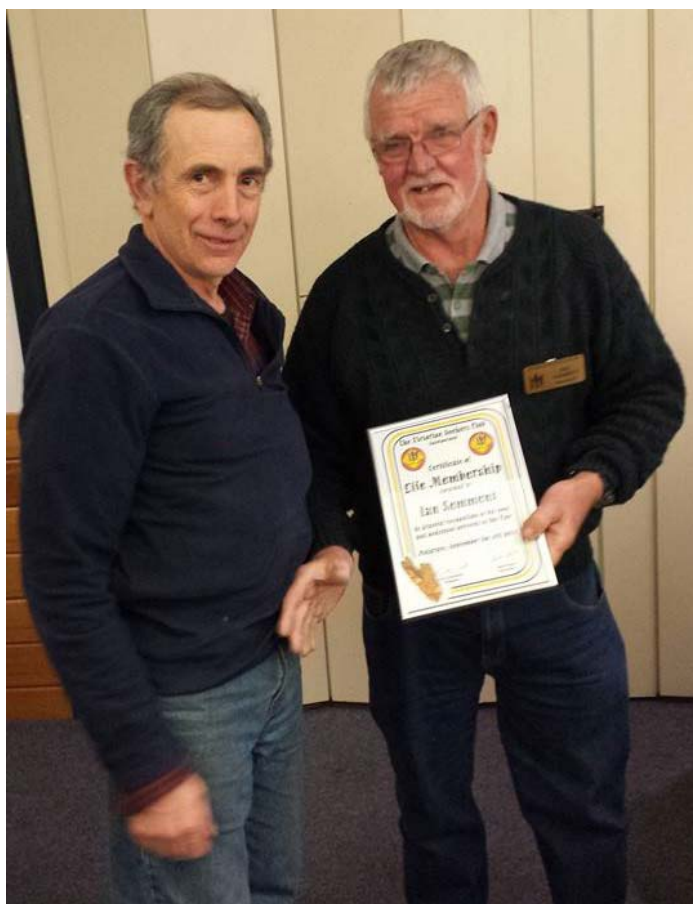
At the last AGM, by popular vote, Lindsay Tricker accepted the President's role. As Lindsay has had many years of experience on our committee, he will now carry the club forward in his own style. Others to join the committee were Louise McGough and Michael Schott. At the AGM I was privileged to present Ian Semmens with a life membership as recognition for the huge effort he has given our club over the years. Not only has he done the mammoth job of editing our newsletter for the last 5 years, he also organises the printing and distribution, including the Emailing. Ian chases up our corporate sponsors, whose advertising give us a strong boost to our finances. At our meetings, Ian does the projection work for our speakers and supplies DVDs on our non-speaker nights. As you can see, he is a valuable member of our team, and should be recognised as such.

Also on AGM night our Find of The Year award went to Hermann Steffen for the 3 oz nugget he found at Talbot last year.

I wasn't at the October meeting, as Bev and I were away in Europe doing a Rhine cruise, but I heard that not only did Lindsay chair the meeting, he also gave a talk to a captivating audience on a new theory of the assassination of JFK.

At our Nov meeting I have been asked to talk on my European experience. Hopefully I can reduce the 650 photos down to about 50 for the night.

For the December meeting we will be having a show and tell night, so anyone who has anything found over the years that might be of interest, bring it along. It need not be gold or coins, but could be gems, old bottles, artefacts or any old collectables.



Ian receiving the Lifetime Award from the President Eric Grummett

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

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Almoner's Report

Graham Silver's wife Maree has broken her arm and John Garcia was in hospital with heart trouble but now is at home. Francios has just had a hip replacement and is still in hospital. We wish all of them our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

Social Outing

By Val & Tina

Theatre Night



"Fawlty Towers"

This play will be at 8:00pm on November 8th at the Athenaeum Theatre, Castella Street, Lillydale. Meet before at 6:00 pm for a meal at the Crown Hotel, Lillydale for a meal for those who wish to do so. As all available group booking tickets have been sold if you wish to go contact the theatre direct on 9735 1777. For more details call Tina 9878 9886.

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September Camp Report

Waanyarra

By Kaye Perrott

We thought we would arrive early so set out Friday morning. After an exhausting 30 minute trip we arrived at the camp to find half a dozen camps already set up. There was plenty of room as others arrived later in the afternoon and the following day.

A very large pile of wood was ready for the campfire each night. During the early evening the usual group congregated around the fire swapping stories. It was extremely cold during the night but Saturday turned into a pleasant day.

Lars gave a demonstration of his new "Deus" detector on Saturday evening and answered many questions about its capabilities.

Everyone who was staying overnight attended around a huge fire. Much talking was interrupted by the usual raffle with great prizes. There were 35 people gathered around keeping warm and thankfully it was not as cold as the night before.

On Saturday and Sunday quite a few members who were not camping wandered in and caught up with friends and swapped yarns.

Those who had to go to work set off on Sunday afternoon but quite a few stayed on as the weather was reasonable, although no-one found any large pieces of gold there were quite a few small pieces found. One member did find a 10 gram nugget and received much admiration

Bruce went out detecting on Monday morning and after lunch we headed home. Another enjoyable camp with eager detectorists who are always out and about in all weather chasing the elusive gold.



Anja & Robert with their 10.6 and 5 gram nuggets.



Saturday Night around the camp fire.



Campers lined up for the start of the Sunday morning Treasure Hunt.



Happy Treasure Hunt winner Virginia.



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October Camp Report

Tarnagulla

By Ken Whitaker

Tarnagulla, in the view of some longer standing members, is one of the best detecting areas in the triangle. It certainly is a great camp area, which adequately accommodated some 23 caravans and tents plus the usual 3 or 4 mobile camp vehicles.

On Saturday night, after noting the success of recent raffles, President Lindsay welcomed a couple of visitors, and some new members. As a point of interest, I have noticed at the last few camps that some comments have been made about the new Minelab SDC 2200 machines that apparently has been catching many smallish nuggets on old ground. I was told by a newbie on Saturday night that he had personally collected some 90 little ones in a week of detecting with that machine. Very small sub-grammers evidently, but I suppose it keeps one dreaming. Nevertheless, I like my GPX 4000.

The traditional Token Hunt on Sunday Morning was also notable, when the new smiling feild officer Michael hid the silver & gold keys so well, that it took nearly an hour to locate them in small chosen area. You certainly kept them busy Michael, lol.

Following our treasure hunt, John & Joan along with several other "Seekers" joined the organised hunt in Tarnagulla. Joan told me later that notwithstanding they did not get a trophy that she enjoyed the outing and was impressed with the conducted tour of the historic township

included in the morning events. This type of tourist activity adds good value to our outings when they crossover.

Keeping in mind the forthcoming Melbourne Cup weekend, I will report on the "**Tarnagulla Seekers Camp Gold Nugget Handicap**" results. Firstly an Echuca filly Sophie, shot to the front with a nice 5.7 gram nugget, quickly overtaken by stallion Geoff with an even better 7.5 g beauty, but in the home straight on Monday, the amazing thoroughbred Anja, swamped the field by sweeping to the finish line with a small patch that included a very nice 9 grammer. My handicap obviously kept me out of the race.

Following the beautiful weather we enjoyed for several days, the Monday evening downturn saw most of the remaining Seekers pack up and head for home on the Tuesday. On behalf of my fellow members - thanks again to the organisers for another successful Seekers outing.



Anja's collection of nuggets totalling 18.4grams



Happy Hour around the camp fire.



Sophie's 5.7 gram nugget.



Geoff's 7.5 gram nugget



The Treasure Hunt on Sunday Morning.



Robert's finds. No big ones this time, but these are enough to keep you going.



Sophie happy after finding a nugget.



The general camp scene at Tarnagulla.

Special Outing Report

Cranbourne Botanical Gardens

*By Eric Grummett
Photos By Francine G.*

What a wonderful place on earth these gardens are. This place would rate as best Australian native plant display in this country without doubt. Huge amounts of money has been spent to create these public gardens, filled with almost every plant in Australia, set out among lakes, rivers and kilometres of sealed paths. It even has a re-created red desert including sand dunes.

The day we went, some of us were escorted around by Bob L who had worked there for many years, and also showed us some of his handiwork. We were amazed with the display. A walk up to the lookout gave us a breathtaking view 100km in every direction.

It was a lovely sunny day, and with all this walking, made us hungry, so it was onto the Woodland Picnic area for a relaxing lunch with all the other members, utilizing the free barbecue and covered seating.

A great day was had by all to a truly memorable place.



Lunch time at the picnic area



Members enjoying the gardens

Gold Finds

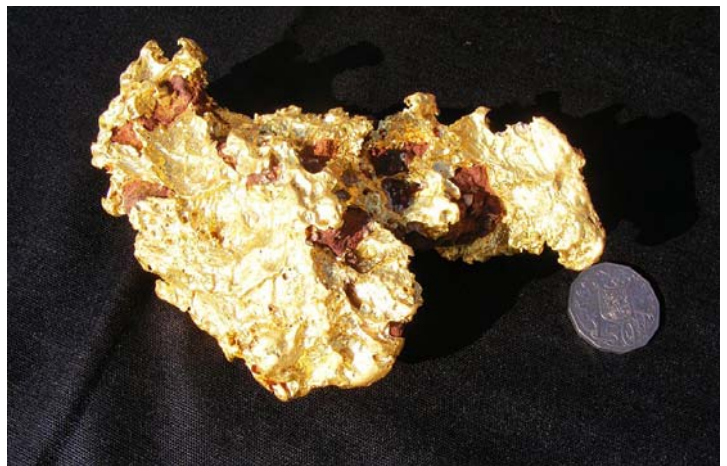
Recent finds from Victoria's Golden Triangle



Another great find in Dunolly by an unknown prospector. 169.3 grams, photo taken from the Dunolly Caravan Park.



Specimen of 103 ounces with 72 ounces of gold found recently in the Dunolly area.



Rough nugget of 65 ounces found recently in the Dunolly area. The two photos above are courtesy of Dean at GoldSearch Australia, Dunolly.



8.6 oz of gold from a patch found recently near Wedderburn. The larger nugget is 4.1 oz. Here is a link to the video of the prospector finding the 4.1 oz. nugget .found recently in Victoria. You Tube link :<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5tFuVugKFU&feature=share> He has a few other videos of nuggets being dug up that are worth a look as well.

53.7 gram nugget found near Tarnagulla.



Found near Tarnagulla recently.



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Dunolly nugget weighing 46 grams September 2014

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Flashback

The Story of the Bealiba gold nugget.



The Bealiba gold nugget was found near the town of Bealiba (70 kms west of Bendigo, Victoria) on 26 June 1957 by Arthur Stewart, the owner of a small nearby grazing property. Mr Stewart had stopped at the side of the road to repair the chain on his bicycle, which he was riding because his car had earlier broken down. His bad luck ended, however, when he noticed gold glinting from a clod of earth alongside the road. He dug the 22 ounce nugget out with his hands, then washed it in a nearby stream to confirm he had discovered gold.

The next day Mr Stewart formed a syndicate with mail contactor Gordon McDowell and a farmer and his son both named Tom Wright. They called their syndicate 'Stewart's Surprise', took out miner's rights and pegged a claim around the spot where the nugget was found. The discovery caused a minor gold rush with people arriving from surrounding areas eager to find more gold. On 1 July, the Sydney Morning Herald reported that hundreds of people were fossicking around Bealiba with picks, shovels and pans.

Although the Victorian goldfields were famed for the gold nuggets they yielded, including some of the largest ever discovered, very few of these survive in their original form. Soon after being discovered most nuggets were melted down so that the gold could be weighed and sold. A few months after the Bealiba nugget was discovered it was purchased by the Australian Amateur Mineralogist, a magazine that 'advocated for the retention of more of Australia's magnificent specimens for the sake of future generations'. The National Museum of Australia purchased the nugget in September 2011, and is now able to more fully explore and tell the story of the impact that gold had on Australia and Victoria.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing as a country member who is unable to attend club meetings.

First of all I would like to thank past, present and future committee and sub-committee for all the very enjoyable weekends put on for members such as Easter etc., and appreciate the work before and after it takes to organize for a large amount of people.

I have asked a few times over the past few years if we could have a short summary of general meetings to be published in the newsletter. We have a large membership of country members who live too far away to attend general meetings but would like to be kept in the loop. Thank you for placing this article in the newsletter. I hope it will encourage country members to get involved with their ideas and suggestions. There is a suggestion box in the blue sign-in tent for your ideas. Please use it or email articles to the newsletter editor at xxx@xxx.

Thanks once again, Editor.

Good luck detecting to all members,
Joan Bone

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What is it?

A picture is worth a thousand words; and we have one right below! It shows what I see on my computer screen when I view the Vic Seekers Facebook Page (surnames removed) at <https://www.facebook.com/vic.seekers>.

We'll use this as an example, although if you do visit the Vic Seekers Facebook Page, you will need to be a Friend to see most stuff. What's a Friend? Keep reading and we'll find out soon enough.

The very top of the picture shows a group photo. This is known as a Cover Photo and Vic Seekers has chosen to upload a club group photo. Many people chose inspirational photos like sunsets or overseas shots. The Vic Seekers logo is shown to the left. This is a Profile Picture and most people pick a face shot.

Below the Vic Seekers logo are Profile Pictures of some Vic Seekers Friends. I've logged onto Facebook as myself (Geoff Lee) and it's telling me that Vic Seekers has 44 Friends, of which I'm Friends with 23 (Mutual).

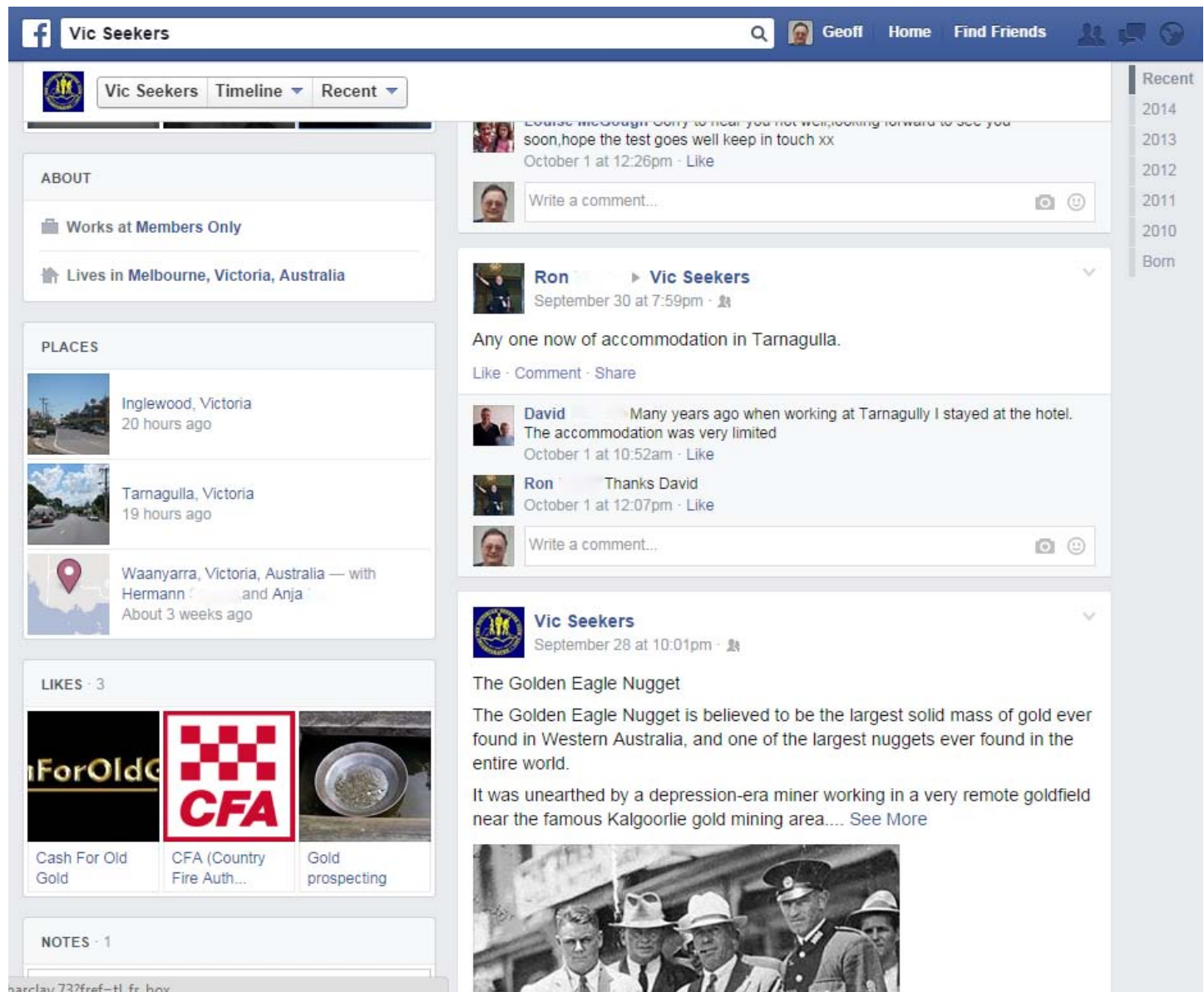
On the right, are a few pictures (the bottom of the screen has chopped off the rest of it); showing a 'Planned Burning Operation', and a Camp Fire setting. This collection of photos is in the '2014 10 Tarnagulla' Album that Vic Seekers posted to its Timeline. We'll see more of the

Timeline on the next page but the Timeline is simply a (mostly) chronological list of Posts by Vic Seekers or Friends. These Posts are visible to all Vic seekers Friends on their own Timelines. So when I view my own Timeline, I see posts by my FB Friends.

Timeline Posts can be made to 'Friends Only' or they can be made to Everyone (as in Public). Vic Seekers posts are always to Friends Only; although Friends of Friends can, normally, also see references of yourself.

Along the top of the above Photo Album, it says '... with Graham and 4 others'. This means that Graham and 4 others appear in the Album. Consequently, for example, depending on Graham's FB Settings, Graham's Friends will be able to see those pictures where Graham appears. Hence the Social nature of Facebook.

Continued.....

The screenshot shows the Facebook page for 'Vic Seekers'. The top navigation bar includes the Facebook logo, the page name 'Vic Seekers', a search bar, and links to 'Geoff', 'Home', and 'Find Friends'. The left sidebar contains sections for 'ABOUT' (Works at Members Only, Lives in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia), 'PLACES' (Inglewood, Victoria; Tarnagulla, Victoria; Waanyarra, Victoria, Australia), 'LIKES' (3 likes), and 'NOTES' (1 note). The main timeline shows a post from Ron to Vic Seekers on September 30, asking about accommodation in Tarnagulla. David replies on October 1, mentioning his stay at a hotel. Ron replies to David on October 1. Below this, a post from Vic Seekers on September 28 is partially visible, titled 'The Golden Eagle Nugget'.

In the above picture, I've scrolled further down the Timeline.

Here we can see a Post from Ron to Vic Seekers (on Sept 30th) asking about accommodation in Tarnagulla. This Post will be visible to all Vic Seekers Friends and when, for example, Graham views his (own) Timeline he may see Ron's Post to Vic Seekers. In the Post above, David (a Vic Seekers Friend) has replied saying "Many years ago...". At the bottom of that Post, appears my Profile Picture with "Write a comment". That way, I can also contribute to Ron's Post.

Below Ron's Post, Vic Seekers has Posted to its own Timeline, a few words and a picture of 'The Golden Eagle Nugget'. Unfortunately the bottom of the screen has chopped off the rest of that Post.

If you would like to see the rest of that Post and others, you will need to Friend, Vic Seekers; Bearing in mind that Vic Seekers will only Friend, Financial Members. There are many other 'things' about Facebook but hopefully that gives you a good idea of what it's about.

Facebook Privacy

You may have heard 'things' about Facebook privacy and there is no denying that can be an issue for people. Ultimately you have control over how 'private' you want to be, whilst at the same time being Sociable.

If you feel uneasy about joining Facebook for that reason, I suggest that you begin by only contributing information that you are comfortable with. For example, when you join, Facebook will ask about where you've worked, where you studied, etc. You do **not** need to provide that information. Likewise, you can change your Privacy settings to restrict who can see what you've posted or what others have posted regarding you.

There is more to it than that, of course, but you can start slowly and make your own choices as you become more familiar with how it all works.

Hopefully you will appreciate the day-to-day social contact (online) that you would otherwise miss; maybe, especially with overseas Friends and relatives.



Special Event

Moliagul Camp Melbourne Cup W/E Hot Chicken Dinner



Free Hot Chicken Dinner.
Saturday 1st Nov. Evening Dinner.
Bring yourself, salad and/or desert.

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- **Cup Sweepstakes**
- **"Fashions on the Field"**

Dress up for judging of this fun event. We have had some great appearances in the past events.

Show & Tell Night



For the December general meeting there will be a "Show & Tell" where members who have found any item that would be of interest to others, can bring it along and display it and maybe talk about it.

This would obviously include nuggets, coins & relics, and other detected items but can include other collectables such as bottles, books, maps, old goldfields documents etc...

Please support this by bringing something to show.

Gold Price Report

By Ian Semmens

60 Day Gold Price in AUD/g



Price as at 24/10/2014



Seekers' Christmas Party

Sunday 7th December, from 11am
Wicks Reserve - The Basin (Mel 65 D8)
Turn left at the roundabout on Mountain Highway, then 400m down The Basin - Olinda road turn right into the Reserve. (Electric BBQs and water in the premises)

- * Detecting contests for everyone with a coin machine (gold machines are a "no-no")
- * "Stake Your Claim"
- * Drawing of the **Christmas Raffle**.
One huge hamper plus two more hampers.
- * Door prizes
- * Bring along your spouse, kids, friends, food, drinks, coin detector. Digging tools (no picks) and have fun ...

Adults should collect their door prize ticket from Mieke on arrival. Electric BBQ available, BYO table, chairs, food and drink, don't forget the AEROGARD. and sun cream!

Please make an effort to come to this break up party and support the club and also have a great time !!!



Vale Keith Roberts

by Ian Semmens

It is with sadness that I have to announce the passing of Keith Roberts at the age of 75 on 28th August 2014.

Around 15 members attended the funeral. He had been in a nursing home for the last five years. Keith was, till recently, a member of the Seekers for many years and was the president of the Ballarat branch of the PMAV for a number of years. He was much liked by all who knew him. As well as enjoying prospecting and he also had a talent for woodworking, painting and poetry. He will be remembered well. As a tribute to Keith the following is one of his poems.

Spring

I woke that lovely spring morning
With the sun shining in my eyes
There I lay a dreaming
Listening to the sounds of dawn
I threw open the leaden windows
And drank in that lovely spring morn

I took myself a walking
The grass was wet with dew
The rooks were making their usual noise
In those lofty nests so high
Faintly in the distance
I could hear the seagulls cry

I think I'll take the Cinder track
That runs down to the sea
Why there's a web across my path
All sparkling wet with dew
I'm sure the spider would not mind
If I just passed on through

I wander on down the track
The old watch tower's just in sight
Oh what a wonderful morning
I feel so happy and free
I wish spring lasted all year long
Then I could always be me

I pass the watch tower with its crumbling walls
Many a spring it's seen and more
I reach the cliffs and there's the sea
It gives me the urge to roam
Really there's no sense in dreaming
I must be heading home

November Outing: Moliagul

Fri. 31st Oct to Wed. 5th Nov.

Emergency Info: Call 000.
Fire District: North Central
Map Reference:

**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.**

Xmas Outing: Moonambel

Fri. 26th Dec. to Thur. 1st Jan.

Jan. Outing: Mountain Hut

Thurs. 22nd to Tues. 27th Jan.

EMERGENCY INFO: Call 000

Police: High St. Avoca. Tel.: (03) 54653300

Hospital: Clarendon St. Maryborough. T: (03) 5461 0333

Fire District: South West

Map Ref:

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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.:

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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.

Parting shot



The Girls on one of their walks at Fryerstown, April 2014.

For Sale

MINELB GPX 4500

11" DD coil & 11" Mono coil

16" Nugget Finder coil with lower shaft

All in VGC \$4200

Phone John B.



For Sale

Gold Prospecting Books for Sale

- Gold Rushes of the Fifties W. E. Adcock (2 of) \$10 ea
- The Wedderburn Goldfields ~ Gray \$15
- Recollections of Early Gippsland Gold-fields ~ Richard Mackay \$10
- Glint of Gold "The Nineties." ~ Malcolm Uren 1943 \$10
- Gold for the Finding - Gippsland Jordan GF ~ Owen F Tomlin, ~ Marysusan Bosa, Peter G. Chamberlain (2 of) \$20 ea
- Prospectors Guide 1970 Yellow 9th edition. \$10
- GOLD and SILVER "Photographs of Australian Goldfields from the Holtermann collection." ~ Keast Burke \$10
- Gold at the Ten Mile "the Jameison Gold-field" ~ Brian Lloyd \$25
- Victorias Forgotten Goldfield (Orange Cover) ~ R. W. Christie, and G. D. Gray \$15
- Maryborough Victoria goldfields History (Hard Cover) ~ James Flett \$40
- Dunolly Story of an Old Gold-Diggings (Hard cover) ~ James Flett \$50
- The History of Gold Discovery in Victoria (Paper back) ~ James Flett (2 of) @ \$35 ea
- Dept. Mines Memoirs of the Geological Survey of Victoria "No. 12
- List of Nuggets Found in Victoria" (Red copy.) \$10

Contact Peter S on xxxx xxxx or email xxx@xxx
(Peter used to work at the Miners Den a while ago and is known to some members).