

FOSSICKIN' ROUND

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A man wearing a tan bucket hat, a grey and white striped t-shirt, and a black backpack is smiling and holding up a small gold nugget in his right hand. He is standing in front of a white vehicle, with a dense forest of trees in the background.

**Ken bags a
1 ounce nugget!**

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The Victorian Seekers Club Inc.

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:

"Seek, But Do Not Destroy"

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.

Annual Membership Fees

Family Membership: \$40.00
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Events Calendar

May

Wed 1st: General Meeting.

Fri 10th - Tues 14th: Camp **Mountain Hut** - Note change of location.

June

Wed 5th: General Meeting.

Fri 7th - Tues 11th: Camp **Ararat**

July

Wed 3rd: General Meeting.

Fri 12th - Tues 16th: Camp **Kingower**

August

Wed 7th: General Meeting.

Fri 9th - Tues 13th: Camp **TBA**

Editor's Report

by Ian Semmens

I hope that you all enjoyed a great Easter. I know that those who attended the Fryerstown camp certainly did! The weather was perfect for camping and detecting, there were the special activities happening at this camp like the Fancy dress, Easter bonnet parade, egg and detector race, the Saturday night dance at Chewton and of course the "hard-to-find" Token Hunt. This time we also had some movies of old club activities and a gold nugget documentary shown around the campfire.

I still desperately need members to write up stories related to our hobby that I can put into the newsletter. So please put finger to keyboard and send off some of these valuable gems of wisdom and experience.

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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 2013: Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5, Jul 3, Aug 7, Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4.

Committee meetings for 2013: Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 30, May 28, June 25, July 30, Aug 27, Sept 24, Oct 29, Nov 24.

President's Report

by Eric Grummett

The club and I were saddened to learn of the death of my old mate Paul Wilks, which brings an end to the last of the original members who joined our club 33 years ago. Paul was a true gentleman among us. Due to his longevity in life (93 years), he grew up in an era when life was simple and with honest principles applying, to which he practiced till the end. These old fashioned attitudes are rare these days.

Our Easter camp at Fryerstown was yet another great success for us with about 90 members and family in attendance. It was bit of a squeeze for a camp site, so it's just as well we are a very friendly lot (see Robert's report). The camaraderie on these events makes all the efforts of organising worthwhile. The generosity of club members towards the local charities was well received, with \$150 collected by the Fryers CFA for the Children's Hospital Appeal and a well-attended local old time dance and raffle for the Red Cross raising several hundred dollars. Our gold nugget door prize donation also went down well.

One person absent from the Easter outing was Val L who was excused due to the terrible accident that she and her friend Barry had the week before. They were camped at Mulwala in their van when the cyclone came through (see her story). Thankfully they survived and we will see them around soon (though not so their van).

Now that we now have cooler weather I expect to see some good finds in the Find of the Month from now on--not that the quality has been lacking lately, in fact last month a sovereign was beaten by a nice 33 gram nugget, though the way the price of gold is going lately we soon might have to revise our judgement on the value of our gold finds.

Minelab have donated a GPX5000 to NAPFA (New South Wales and A.C.T Prospectors and Fossickers Association) for promotion and membership. They are going to raffle it and offer 2 free tickets in the draw for every new member joining their association before 18th May. The cost of membership is \$20, so here is your chance to join a worthwhile organisation similar to the PMAV in their aims to gain access to their goldfields of NSW and maybe win a new detector as well. See their website www.napfa.net or write to Membership Secretary, NAPFA, PO Box 2664 Carlingford Court NSW 2118
Happy digging, Eric



General Meetings

by Graeme Silver

March

Ken James gave a very informative presentation for this General Meeting and I understand that he does everything to make his own publications possible. Thanks go to everyone involved in making this presentation go ahead.

April

John Chahinian from Hye Trading gave a very informative presentation about the products which he sells. His products include solar panels for various uses and he also changes worn out Lithium batteries etc. which is a much cheaper alternative than buying new battery packs for our metal detectors. Also he sells AA battery chargers. He has placed an advertisement in our Newsletter which is beneficial for the Club.

May

A DVD will be shown about the Morris Reef which is a story of an incredible find in the Goldfields of Victoria. This is a 2 part DVD and will be shown over 2 General Meetings as each DVD goes for approximately 1 hour.

June

Part 2 of this DVD about the Morris Reef will be shown.



Ken James speaking at the March meeting on the Miners and Market Gardeners of Lyal and Myrtle Creek..

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General Meetings

March Find of the Month

Francine
Cast Gold



April Find of the Month

Ken W.
33g nugget



LAUGH!



What did the old coin say to the metal detector?
Don't take that tone with me!

-You can never be sure of the sexual orientation of a
metal detector.... because it swings both ways!

A VLF and a PI machine walk into a bar. The VLF was
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March Camp Report

Wedderburn

by Greham Mee
Photos by Rob Shannon

A camp for only the brave and desperate was this one. With the weather forecast set for the low thirties, they were wrong again as it got to the high thirties on every day ! (and as it turned out later, all records were broken for the hottest 9 consecutive days ever recorded). So it's well done to the club members that stuck it out. And talking about club members, there was a total of 21 members and 3 visitors for the holiday period. Also, good to see Peter M back on the gold trail.

As would be expected, most people were out detecting early in the morning, returning to camp at early mid day for some much needed rest and energy boost. This was obtained by way of a two hour lunch before giving it another go in the afternoon. It was observed however, that quite a few members really enjoyed the extended lunch period so much, as they never quite made it for the afternoon shift.

A few members attended the Detecting Jamboree. With Ken E. scooping up the prizes of a Hamper and a Turbo pan & Mat. Well done Ken.

The nights were a lot cooler and this was a blessing as it gave us a chance for our usual fireside chatting sessions and a reasonable nights sleep.

The gold count was very impressive considering the conditions, with a recorded 43 pieces & 2 specimens and a total weight of 58 grams with the pride of place going to Ken W. who scored a you beaut one ounce, (see picture). Well done Ken.

Next camp will be a ripper at our favourite spot so make sure you are there to enjoy all the action.



Taking it easy in the afternoon heat.



Ken W.'s nice 33 gram nugget.



Rob's pile of nuggets.

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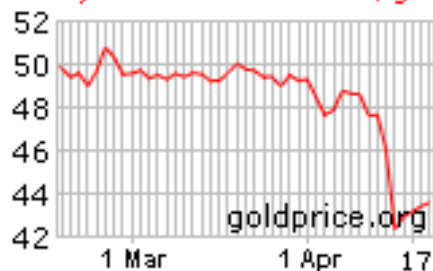
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Gold Price Report

Price as at 21/04/2013

By Ian Semmens

60 Day Gold Price in AUD/g



The Gold price has dropped significantly since the start of April. On April 16 the price fell by an astounding 13 per cent, its biggest single day decline in 30 years.

The price of gold, normally considered a safe-haven investment, is bucking normal behaviour by tumbling at record levels as share markets also fall.

Anyone who bought gold in April 2003 has done far better than the average share market investor. Even after the recent decline, gold is still up 320 per cent. Over the same 10-year period, the S&P/ASX 200 Index has risen 65 per cent.

Read more: <http://www.theage.com.au/business/meltdown-turns-gold-rush-into-a-stampede-20130419-2i5oz.html#ixzz2R5wDMFcX>

Gold Price Performance AUD

Change	Amount	%
Today	11.65	0.86%
30 Days	-192.18	-12.41%
6 Months	-311.86	-18.70%
1 Year	-233.10	-14.67%
5 Years	371.61	37.75%

goldprice.org

March Camp Report

Fryerstown

by Rob Shannon

Photos by Ian S. Francios G. & Eric G.

I arrived at the Chokem Flat campsite on a warm Wednesday afternoon and already 10 odd campers had already been set up. After an eventful trip from Berwick, I was lucky enough to make the trip still in one piece after two of the clamps holding my Jayco camper trailer roof down failed and sheared right off. As a result, my caravan sprung half way open which bent the four arms holding my roof up. Luckily, Francine and Francois were only 10 minutes behind me and pulled over to offer their assistance which was gratefully received.

It was my first ever trip with the Seekers club to Fryerstown and one I will never forget. The whole mixture was there, from fantastic people to great hospitality with smiles all around. I am grateful for all the hard work people put into these camps which make them such a memorable experience.

There was an issue with a large dumping of tree logs right in the middle of the camp site which became a prior concern. As we know, things can get very tight if large attendances of vans fill the space and can also threat daily activities, so having a large obstacle in the middle of the camping ground was not welcomed. However Parks Victoria moved the unwanted pile on Monday which was a relief!

The weather was perfect for detecting. Not too hot, not too cold, just about right which made things comfortable compared to the last Wedderburn camp. Each day was in the low 20's with the odd short sprinkle of rain just enough to dampen the ground and prevent the dust being an issue.

Vans started to roll in one after another as Chokem Flat grew into a thriving township which could only resemble a



start of a new gold rush. It was a great turn out with 48 vans in total.

Saturday night came alive with the sound of shoes tapping on the wooden floor boards and the keyboard - drum duo brought the old Wesley hall alive once again. The Chewton Old Times dance held by the Red Cross was again another success this year with 30 of our members present to support Jimmy C and to raise funds for such a great cause. It's the first time I've met Jimmy and I'm still amazed at the skill you displayed on the drums, move over Phil R from AC/DC Jimmy C is coming your way!



Easter bonnet competitors

Sunday morning arrived whilst I was still half asleep, when suddenly I heard the Easter bunny arrive with a distinctive French accent ... there you go folks the Easter Bunny's assistant is French! With everyone enjoying our chocolate treats, the energy from them was needed for the egg and spoon race 'detector style'. After that Ian Semmens kindly organized a group photo with all the members.

Another big night was held on Sunday with the famous banquet 'a festival of food' with happy smiles all night long provided by the Seekers Club. We like to thank all those who contributed there food and time from help cooking the meals to those supplying power/lights and music setup. 83 members attended and enjoyed a very pleasant meal. With the theme this year of Rock n Roll, Sophie took out the title of best dressed for the occasion. She had constructed her costume out of paper maché to form the resemblance of a 'rock' and a hand roller she pushed along to resemble the 'roll'. Also congratulations to Alwyn who won the hat fashion parade.

After the nights raffle which raised \$356 for the club, and the hamper which was auctioned off to the winning bid of \$130 (proceeds to Red Cross) won by Michael S who kindly donated the hamper back to the club for future fund raising, Jimmy C entertained us on the drums while Marion showed her skills on the accordion which filled the campsite with music. The night ended with Marion sharing with us her mother's poems which was kindly appreciated.

Monday didn't disappoint with further activities that night including a pub meal at the Five Flags Hotel in Campbell's Creek and movies projected onto a screen at the

camp around a warm fire which showed club video archives dating back to 1986 which still featured many current members.

Good gold was found with hundreds of smaller nuggets and specimens. The largest was a 5.6 gram gold nugget found by Peter S which he showed me with a big grin on his face, well done Peter!

Other notes, Lars became a grandfather on Sunday so congratulations! He now will be called 'Far Far' which is Swedish for grandfather. Also Graham H turned 70 years young on Tuesday so a happy birthday to you Graham. (Many people don't know that Graham assessed me on my pilots licence test 10 years ago which I passed, now to find him at the Vic Seekers Club such a small world!)

To wrap it up, a very enjoyable camp with lots of laughs all around, and thanks to everyone for their efforts in making the Fryerstown Easter camp such an success.



Marilyn and Jimmy providing some entertainment on Sunday night.



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The women entrants in the "egg and detector race."



François detecting at Vaughan.



Fancy Dress theme this year was Rock 'n' Roll.



The Easter bunny visited all the camps with chocolate eggs.



The early stages of the camp as seen from the gold dredge tailings heap. More were to arrive after this photo was taken.

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Group Photo of all the happy campers.



Alex detecting away with a smile.



James trying his luck on the side of a Hard Hill.



'Round the Campfire.



"It has to be here somewhere..."

Vale



Our club was saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Paul Wilks on 4th April, succumbing to a bout of pneumonia. He will be missed around the club and will be remembered by all club members.

Paul aged 93 was our oldest member (and probably the oldest prospecting club member in Australia), and held the distinction of having the longest continual membership of our club. Paul and his wife Helen joined up in 1980 just after the club was formed. They were hard workers in the club for many years, and were awarded Life Memberships in appreciation of their efforts.

Paul was also an active member of the PMAV where he wrote many submissions and even joined protest marches in support of the PMAV fight for our access into parks for prospecting. He organised many mail outs for the PMAV newsletter (about 2000 copies) and spent some time on its' committee.

After Helen's death 14 years ago, Paul was picked up by Eric and taken on most of our club trips for the next 11 years, including WA and 2 trips up to Ti-booburra, and it was only his increasing frailty over the last years that prevented this aspect of his life. He did however keep in touch by attending most meetings. Paul's popularity in our club was shown at his funeral where we had 44 members to farewell him.

So long friend.

News

VSC Members Caught up in Mulwala Tornado.

Barry and Val were unlucky enough to be in the right place but at the wrong time when they took a holiday at Mulwala's Denison County Caravan Park three weeks ago. A tornado came in from the north west and caused massive destruction to the caravans and cabins of the caravan park and surrounding homes and businesses.

The tornado approached with a ominous roar of the wind, and in the little time that they had, Barry and Val sought refuge in the caravan but the force of the wind was that strong it rolled the caravan, with them in it, six to eight times. Fortunately for them Barry was uninjured and Val sustained only a black eye and minor cuts when she landed on the ground.

Their caravan, however, like many other vans and a new, large RV in the park, was totally destroyed. All that remained was the chassis, the axle and two wheels.



● Barry Robins and Valerie Lippingwell comfort each other amid the astonishing devastation at the Denison County Caravan Park at Mulwala. BELOW: Ms Lippingwell recovers a mattress. Pictures: JOHN RUSSELL

Barry and Val with the remains of their caravan.

Photo from The Border Mail

Barry and Valerie would like to thank all of members of the Seekers Club for their phone calls of concern and offers to help us after hearing about our once in a lifetime experience. The willingness of members offer to come to us with a trailer and transport was very thoughtful and kind. It was a wonderful feeling of comfort to both of us and we are very thankful and grateful for it.

Cheers to all.

Barry and Valerie

Link to the SkyNews story on the tornado that features Barry and Val:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykP5gof30WU>

(This link is also on the Seekers Website.)

Gold Sovereigns



The sovereign was unique among coins in that it had no denomination, or currency value printed on the coin. Its value was tied to the pound Sterling, which was tied to the gold standard of £3/17s/10 1/2d for a standard ounce of gold. It contained one pound's (£1) worth of gold (20 shillings), or, 22 carat gold weighing 0.2354 troy oz, a fraction under 1/4 oz. For this reason it rapidly became an accepted and preferred means of payment by the various merchants around the world, such as the Chinese silk traders, American tobacco sellers and Indian spice merchants.

When the price of gold rose in the 1920s, the gold in sovereigns was worth more than the coin's face value. This value rose to 28 shillings in 1932. In 1931 general production of sovereigns ceased worldwide, and 1933 was the first time in more than a 100 years that no sovereigns were produced anywhere in the Empire.

Gold coins of Australia (1852 to 1931) were also struck from 22ct gold. The 1852 Adelaide Pound, Australia's first gold coin, has an actual gold weight of 8.68 grams (Type 1) or 8.81 grams (Type 2). Australian Gold Sovereigns struck between 1855 and 1870 feature the "Sydney Mint" design. From 1871 through 1931, Imperial Sovereigns minted in Australia are identical to those struck elsewhere, except for the distinctive Sydney (S), Melbourne (M) or Perth (P) Mintmark. Australian Sovereigns are the rarest and most sought after Sovereigns in the world today, with institutions such as Rothschilds in London taking the time to piece together a complete collection.

Sovereign Gold Coins are recognized worldwide and have been used as "emergency money" for decades. Allied World War II pilots carried British Gold Sovereigns in their survival kits. Even in Desert Storm, American pilots and British SAS troops carried these historic gold coins as their emergency money in case they were downed in Iraqi territory. Genuine Sovereign gold coins are private, portable, and offer you instant liquidity worldwide.

The reign of Victoria (1837-1901), niece of William IV, was long enough to prompt three distinctive portraits. These depicted her as the young woman of 18 on her ascension to the throne, as a mourning widow on her golden jubilee in 1887 and as an elderly empress in 1893. The initial reverse type for gold coins was the shield and crown motif, supplemented on the sovereign with a heraldic wreath.

During the time that young head sovereigns were struck several changes were happening at the Royal Mint. Merlen retired in 1844 and William Wyon's son, Leonard Charles Wyon was appointed to the Mint as Second Engraver. Leonard remained at the Mint until his death in 1891. William Wyon died in 1851 and Leonard's cousin, James Wyon became resident engraver. James departed in 1860 and his son, George, was appointed but died in 1862.

In 1863 die numbers were introduced to the reverse of the sovereign. There are many possible reasons for using die numbers. The most obvious is to be able to check and control the quality of the dies, particularly if experiments were being conducted into die wear. It is possible that different methods of treating and hardening dies may have been carried out, and die numbering would have helped to ascertain which methods of processing were most successful. Other possible reasons include quality and security control during production.



In 1871 London was re-introducing its now famous Benedetto Pistrucci's rendition of St George slaying the dragon alongside the shield reverse until 1874 when the shields were no longer struck by the London. As Pistrucci

had died in 1850, it is almost certain that it was engraved by other hands, the obverse was altered to include the Queens titles and the date was once again moved to the reverse on the St George versions only. Interestingly enough William Wyon's initials continued to be used. 1871 also saw the establishment of the first branch of the Royal Mint outside of England being Sydney in Australia. It made good sense to produce British sovereigns close to the gold mining source areas, rather than ship the gold to London to be made into coin, then possibly ship it back again. In 1872, the Melbourne mint followed. The branch mints struck both types of sovereigns until 1887.

Up to 1850 all Queen Victoria sovereigns featured the intricate Jean Baptiste Merlen shield reverse design. Pistrucci's famous reverse which was issued on the first sovereign of 1817 and was used on both gold and crown issues of George IV was dropped completely by William IV when he assumed the throne in 1830. The design was suggested by Pistrucci who was originally introduced by Sir Joseph Banks of Captain Cook's voyages of discovery. It was suggested it would serve as a reminder to world of Britain's victory over Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815.

When you consider that Australian Sovereigns are the rarest and most sought after Sovereigns in the world today, with institutions such as Rothschilds in London taking the time to piece together a complete collection, they still represent great value with many of the 190 Sovereigns ever issued, available in top quality, for between \$150-\$500 each.

The simple fact is that unlike the modern mass produced issues released from the Government Mints in Canberra and Perth today, the Sovereigns are no longer produced and in fact as time goes by there are less and less remaining in existence. With more and more interested Collectors and Investors in the market and less coins it makes good sense to start putting some away now as a nest egg for your Retirement or to pass onto your children.

Australian Sovereigns were minted in Sydney from 1855 to 1926, Melbourne from 1872 to 1931 and Perth from 1899 to 1931. Therefore, from 1872 it is possible to have exactly the same type and dated Australian Sovereign struck at both the Sydney and Melbourne mints and 1899 at the Perth Mint. This, however, was not the same case every year, Sovereigns could be produced at one mint, two mints or all three mints and when enough coins were thought to be in circulation no sovereigns were produced at all. A complete Collection of Australian Gold Sovereigns encompasses all those produced between 1855 and 1931 at they Sydney, Melbourne and Perth Mints some 190 pieces in total.

The first Australian Sovereigns feature our own unique Australian design and are known as the famous and Rare "Sydney Mint" type sovereigns struck from 1855 to 1870. From 1871 to 1931 when production ceased, Imperial sovereigns were produced in Australia distinguishable only by a (S) Sydney, (M) Melbourne or (P) Perth Mint marks stamped onto each coin.



Bullion box analysis

Unlocking the past

A mid-nineteenth century bullion box used to transport gold from the New South Wales goldfields to Sydney will be included in the ['Gold' module](#) of Landmarks. The box's metal protective cover will also go on display.



Conservation staff remove the lid from the bullion box's protective case.

Photo: Anne-Marie Conde.

But there was one small problem – when the Museum purchased the box it was locked, and the collector from whom the box was acquired did not have a key.

Who can resist the fascination of a long locked door? Not us.

The Museum asked a Canberra locksmith to advise on whether a key could be fashioned for our box.

Possibly not, came the answer. Locks of this nature are extremely complex and 'highly pick resistant'.



The bullion box after its removal from its protective case.

Photo: Anne-Marie Conde.

The box was made by, or for, the Sydney Mint, which was established in 1855 to manufacture coins out of the large amounts of gold being discovered in New South Wales after 1851.

Gold transports on their way to Sydney were subject to attack on lonely roads by bushrangers, and clearly even if someone were to succeed in carrying off a box like this, they would still have a lot of difficulty getting into it if they did not have a key. In fact, even after 150 years of technological advance, it may still prove impossible for the National Museum of Australia to open this box.

The locksmith inserts a blank key in order to gain an impression of the cut of the lock. Photo: Melanie Forward.

Clearly we cannot carry out work that might damage the box or the lock.

Undaunted, the Museum's curators and conservators are now being assisted by an historical locks expert in Adelaide.

We have not given up hope, although sometimes we think that there must be a long-dead Sydney locksmith chuckling at us, from somewhere beyond the grave.

ATM Skimming

by Geoff Lee



Determined to be different

This is mostly a summary of "ATM Card Skimming & PIN Capturing - Customer Awareness Guide" by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The original document may be found at

http://www.commbank.com.au/personal/apply-online/download-printed-forms/ATM_awareness_guide.pdf.

What is it?

A method used by criminals to capture data from the magnetic stripe on the back of an ATM card. Devices used are smaller than a deck of cards and are often fastened in close proximity to, or over the top of the ATM's factory-installed card reader.

What is PIN Capturing?

Strategically attaching / positioning cameras and other imaging devices to ATMs to fraudulently capture PIN numbers.

Once captured, the electronic data is put onto a fraudulent card and the captured PIN is used to withdraw money from accounts.

Check these areas for signs of any suspicious tam-

- 1 Light diffuser area
- 2 Speaker area
- 3 ATM side fascia
- 4 Card reader entry slot
- 5 ATM keyboard area



Skimming devices: spot the difference



Normal fascia

The flashing card entry indicator can easily be seen.

Most skimming devices will obscure the flashing card entry indicator.

This detail serves as a vital clue in identifying suspect tampering.

Skimmer device attached to card entry slot.

The device is designed to look like a standard part of the terminal – its clearly different from the photo on the left.

No flashing card entry indicator can be seen & the shape of the snout is different.



A skimming device being 'piggy-backed' onto the card reader

A smaller skimmer that looks just like a normal card entry slot and attached to the ATM rain cover.



A brochure holder has been placed on the side of the ATM fascia wall.

Take a closer look at the brochure holder –a pin-hole Camera has been installed. This is done to capture images of the keypad and customers inputting their PIN.



Here, a keypad, rather than a camera, records your PIN.

How can you reduce the risk?

- Familiarise yourself with the look & feel of the ATM fascia on machines
- Inspect the ATM & all areas of its fascia for unusual or non-standard appearance
- Is there anything unusual (card reader, area above the screen)?
- Report any unusual appearance immediately to Police, premise owner or ATM operator (bank)
- Always use your hand to shield your PIN when entering it

May Outing: Mountain Hut

Friday 10th to Tues. 14th May

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

June Outing: Ararat

Wed. 7th to Tues. 11th June

EMERGENCY INFO: Call 000.

Police: Barkley St., Ararat, Ph. 5352 2233

Hospital : Gridlestone St., Ararat . Phone 5352 9300

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