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THE VICTORIAN SEEKERS CLUB BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER







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:

"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: \$55.00

Single Membership: \$45.00

One-off joining fee: \$10.00 single, \$20.00 family. Subscriptions are due and payable from the 1st of July each year.

The VSC Inc. Constitution states:-

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Events Calendar

January

Thurs. 21st. - Tues 26th: Camp **Harvest Home** No General Meeting.

February

Wed. 3rd: General Meeting.

Thurs. 11th. - Tues 16th: Camp Talbot

Sun. 28th: Victorian Gold Panning Championships

Blackwood

March

Wed. 2nd: General Meeting.

Thurs. 10th. - Tues 15th: Camp Wedderburn
Thurs. 24th. - Tues 29th: Easter Camp Fryerstown

To be confirmed.

April

Wed. 6th: General Meeting.

Thurs. 14th. - Tues 19th: Camp Creswick

To be confirmed.

May

Wed. 4th: General Meeting.

Thurs. 12th. - Tues 17th: Camp TBA

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President's Report

by Lindsay Tricker

Some members may not be aware that our club is required to obtain a permit to enable us to camp on public land in the Victorian Gold fields. Prior to about 2003 this was not the case – the club secretary merely notified the local police and fire brigade plus the local Rangers office that the club was camped in the State forest or Reserves.

Of the various camp sites the club goes to, about half are in State Reserves or Parks controlled by 'Parks Victoria', while the other half are in State Forests controlled by the Forest Service. Around 2003, in response to a letter of notification sent to Parks Victoria, we were notified that from now on we would have to apply for a permit. This applied to both the Forest Service and Parks Victoria with a minimum lead-time of 6 weeks before the camp date. No bond nor permit fee was charged although the application form provided for both. The wording of that particular application form clearly showed the form was designed for major events like large car rallies. We were also required to carry Public Liability Insurance in the amount of ten million dollars and name Parks Victoria as an interested Party. Monash Halls, from whom we hire the hall also required a similar policy so we merely had to enter the additional name.

This system operated in this format until about mid-2013 when the ranger delegated to process all permit application for the central gold fields informed us that he had been instructed to charge a \$250 fee for each permit he issued. Further, that such a permit was only required for a group of 30 or more persons. From that stage onward the club merely notified the ranger of our camp dates and location with estimated numbers of attendees generally expected to be under 30 persons. In Mid -2014 the ranger in charge notified the secretary that Parks Victoria had decided to centralise the issue of all permits within Victoria to a newly created office in Melbourne. Staff were being trained as from January 2015 and they expected to take over permit applications in June or July.

Meanwhile, in 2006, The Victorian Government passed the "Aboriginal Heritage Act" which led to the setting up of the DjaDjaWurrung Clans Corporation. This is the aboriginal group who occupied the central gold fields areas of Victoria. As of mid – 2014 we were required to notify this corporation of our intention to camp and search for gold on their

land. This necessitated the lead-time for the permit application to increase to 8 weeks before the proposed camp. Fortunately Parks Victoria and the Forest Service were required to notify the DjaDja-Wurrung Clans Corporation before they issued us with a permit, thus relieving us of doing this. Also in early 2015 Parks Victoria notified us that no permits would be issued unless we carried Public Liability Insurance of twenty million dollars.

The first application involving Parks Victoria's new office was our December camp at Potter Dam, Talbot, which is located in a Nature Conservation Reserve. We estimated our attendance at 28 persons (the actual number was 22 persons). About 4 weeks before the date of the event the secretary was telephoned and told that the permit application had been granted but it now cost \$126.30 payable in advance. They have created a new permit called a 'Community Events Permit". We were given the option of cancelling the application or going ahead. Since only 4 weeks remained before the published date of the camp, the General Meeting which was due that same evening were asked if they wished to pay the fee and go ahead with the camp or cancel altogether. A clear majority wished to go ahead. It should be noted that it was not possible to change to another camp site due to the 8 week lead-time for a fresh permit to be sent to the Forest Service, where no fee is charged for a permit (they do not at present have power under their particular legislation to charge fees). The camp therefore went ahead and members attending were asked to pay a fee of \$2 per head to help defray the permit cost.

The club via the Secretary is in dialogue with the man in charge of the entire section dealing with Permits. We are seeking answers to a number of questions arising out of the permit fees. Meanwhile our next camp involving Parks Victoria is our Easter camp at Fryerstown. The application is already submitted with a request it be dealt with expeditiously so we may have time to apply for another camp site in State Forest. Finding such a site will be difficult as the Easter camp is our biggest with attendances of about 90 persons. Early indications are that the cost may remain at \$126.30, but it may be considerably more. We have been told that various reserves may not attract a fee. We have supplied a list of our camp sites to determine an answer to that question. Meanwhile other groups including the PMAV are also seeking answers from the Minister. We will keep you informed of progress.

I wish all members a safe, healthy and prosperous 2016. Lindsay.

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General Meetings

By Eric Grummett

At our November meeting, members were shocked to be informed that from now on Parks Victoria will be charging a fee for a permit to conduct a camp on any land controlled by Parks Victoria in Victoria. That includes about 10 of our regular sites on any National, State and Regional, Parks and Nature Conservation Reserves. That will affect our visits to Whroo, Heathcote, Bendigo, Inglewood, Fryerstown, Talbot (Potter Dam), Ararat, and Clydesdale. For the forthcoming December camp at Potter Dam, PV charged us an impost of \$126.30, which we begrudgingly paid to save the camp. They also demanded that our normal \$10 million liability insurance increase to \$20m, which has cost us another \$400 per year. Our next Parks Victoria site is Fryerstown at Easter and there will be fees of what amount we do not know yet, so stay tuned on our club's dilemma about this unfortunate turn of events. (see Lindsay's report on page 3) The majority of our camps are held in State Forests and do not come under Parks Victoria, therefore do not attract a fee for a permit at this stage (who knows in the future).

Something a little different for the November meeting, was a visit by the Gold Man (Pat and Ben) who bought some gold off us for a good price. They paid spot price, less a small percentage for impurity plus 3%, which we were very happy to receive. Some of this was then melted in their portable furnace to produce a nice 3oz ingot.

The find of the month was won by Craig W. with a nice 4.4 gm nugget.

At the December meeting, Ian presented us with a DVD about the development of gold processing methods to extract gold over the history of gold discoveries.

The find of month went to Brian Mc for his very attractive 3 gram nugget found recently. We were then spoilt with delicious cream cakes for supper provided by Jimmy L.

Our guest speaker for the February meeting will be Peter Jackson, who is a retired geologist and is going to give us some knowledge about gold and its occurrence, and what to look for while searching.

In March, we will have a bottle collector "Ron, the Bottle Oh", and buyer with many years experience in the hobby to talk about what makes a valuable bottle and how to find them. Bring along any old bottles and he will value them for you, or even buy them from you if he is interested.

Vale Hart Schiffter



Former member Hart Schiffter passed away in hospital on the 20th December 2015. He had been in a nursing home for some time and was slowly deteriorating. His wife Uta had been visiting him everyday to help him. Hart was a keen member and was known for his skilled paintings as well as his prospecting.

He will be missed amongst his prospecting friends. Sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends.





News

In January, honorary member Jimmy Cole celebrated his 90th Birthday at the local Fryerstown Hall and there were a large number of well wishers present including some of the Seekers. Congratulations Jimmy and we all wish you the best of health and happiness and many more birthdays.



Eric, Jimmy, Marilyn and Francine enjoying the party.

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.

Members are responsible for their own safety!

New Members

Ian & Barbara Wadley



Welcome and Good Luck

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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

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Oct.-Nov. Camp Report

Craigie

By Ericka Herrmann

When Gerd and I arrived on Thursday afternoon quite a few campers were already set up. Insect repellent was necessary as the bushflies were a real pain in the....... Detecting was difficult without a net however our members carried on regardless. More campers arrived on Friday even though the weather forecast was for thunderstorms, flash flooding and possible hail. In the early hours of Saturday morning we had some very welcome showers but well before lunchtime the blue skies returned.

Gerd was able to rescue an echidna from a 2m shaft and was well rewarded when he found a 7.4g nugget.

There were 55 of us around the "pretend" campfire Saturday night. The club provided roast chickens for everybody and the members salads and sweets. After the feast an auction was conducted by Bob Lake of detecting items and books donated by the late John Fricke, \$160 was collected and following that around \$200 for the raffle. A good night was had by everybody, a big thank you to the committee and helpers for all their work.

The treasure hunt on Sunday morning was successful for the following members: 1st James S., 2nd John C. and 3rd Barry W.

Monday morning was "Stake your claim". 1st AND 2nd went to Judy B (how lucky is that?) and 3rd to John C. Lars organised the Melbourne Cup sweeps and did a great job, Thanks Lars.

The folding-up of the Sign-in/Sign-out tent proved to be very challenging for a number of members until James came to the rescue. It's very entertaining watching this procedure from a distance.

Although gold was hard to find I think we all had a good time.



Laurie on cooking duties watched by Shirley.



Peter looking like the real prospector, ...but what's with the pink Crocs?



Evening meal provided by the club.



Lars running the Melbourne Cup Sweepstakes.



Bruce and Kaye enjoying the get together in the evening.



General camp scene





During Code Red days, no one is permitted to enter State Parks and Forests. Camp may also be cancelled during other periods of severe weather.



December Camp Report

Talbot

by Lindsay T.

This camp was historic for two reasons: firstly, it was an extra camp added to our normal monthly camps after members said there was too greater gap between the Melbourne Cup camp and the Xmas/ New Year camps, and secondly, since it was located in a Nature Conservation Reserve controlled by Parks Victoria, it was the first camp covered by the new 'Community Events Permit' which comes with a fee of \$123.30. This was dropped on us like a bomb-shell. See the Presidents Report on page 3 for the details.

Twenty two members attended this camp – the site becoming a dust-bowl with the passage of cars entering and leaving. The lack of rain in the area was evident with very little water in the dam and not a blade of grass to be seen. Gold was scarce with the Minelab 7000 detectors punching deeper than the older machines to get the deeper smaller gold. Judy Burgess hired the club detector and dug up a lovely gilt broach in the shape of a flower set with red and blue stones.

The weather heated up causing several members to leave early. A stormy change in the weather caused a most unusual spectacle when a few large rain drops fell and when landing in the talcum-like dust, appeared like explosions of dust causing dust to blow across the camp! Although the camp site was less than ideal, the nightly happy hours were very pleasant and several lovely donations to the raffle were made by Ken and Gina & Frank.

All the best for the new Year. Lindsay.



Martin, Louise, Brian, Alex and Janet



Rob, Mat, Alex and Ken.



Evening camp scene.

Xmas Break-up Party Report

By Eric Grummett

About 60 members attended the Wicks Reserve in perfect weather for a day of relaxation among friends and to compete in the various events on offer.

After our barbecue lunch, Francois conducted the very popular 'stake your claim' with nuggets to win if you were lucky enough to have the right claim. First prize of a 2.0 gm went to our deserving secretary John Close, second was Mieke Smits with a 1.0 gm, and third Maureen Laundy 0.5 gm. The next event was our usual token and lucky key hunt with Thomas winning the Bluey Crawford trophy by finding 31 tokens which is a record-- he loves that award, as Bluey was one of his great mates. The Smits did it again in this event with Peter finding the lucky \$50 key.

It was nice to see old member Ron Whitling attending who was brought along by Thomas to enjoy the day. Sue Close wasn't going to miss out either by using her wheelchair with great mobility weaving in and out of the detectors.

After presentations and door prizes, we drew the Xmas hampers, and it was all gasps as the 1st prize was drawn, and you guessed it, it was the Smits once again with Mieke's name coming out. What a day it was for them, they certainly went home with a smile. The 2nd hamper was won by John Douglas who was unfortunately unable to attend, and 3rd went to Joan Heraud. A special draw was had for a set of Xmas dolls expertly knitted and made by John Close's mother, and was won by Ericka Herrmann.

Lindsay then thanked all those that worked hard to make the day successful, especially Jim Laundy and Peter Maffey for

setting up, and Tina for the great hampers. He then wished a happy and safe Xmas season to all.



Winner of the token hunt Thomas with Ron Whittling.



Hamper winners, Joan, Mieke and Ericka.



The Token Hunt

Xmas Camp Report

Moonambel

By Lindsay T.

Members began arriving at the Moonambel community camping ground on Xmas Eve and continued until the 30th of December. Including day trippers 25 persons attended.

Although the days were hot we were most fortunate to have free use of the fully air-conditioned function room in which we saw in the New Year. Champagne was provided at club expense while an excellent supper was provided by members, particularly Graham Mee who supplied hot party pies and Gina who provided platters of cakes, dips and nibbles. Many thanks. Francine and Francois provided and set-up outside games which were keenly participated in early in the evening while later we were entertained with jokes from numerous people.

Some nice gold was found including a 4.3 gram nugget by Gina with another member finding over 20 small nuggets with an estimated weight of 6.5 grams.

We welcomed Raeleen's sister Julie and brother-inlaw, Ray from Violet Town, who are prospective new members. A very enjoyable time was had by all and we have placed a tentative booking for next year!

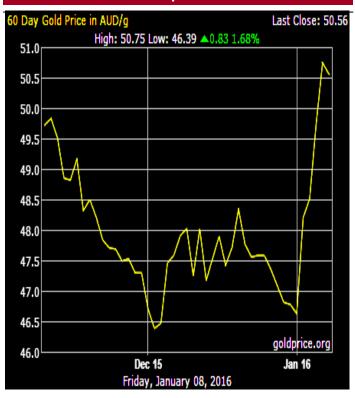


Moonambel camping ground.



Members enjoying New Years Eve in the function room.

Gold Price Report

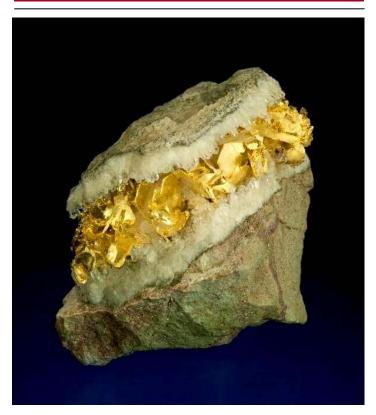


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Gold Finds



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From Idarado Mine, Telluride, Colorado, USA



The Pride of Australia nugget.

This attractive nugget was found at Mosquito Gully near Wedderburn in June 1981. It weighed 256 ounces and is second only in size to the Hand of Faith amongst those nuggets found by metal detector. It was purchased for \$250,000 by the State Bank of Victoria as a gift to the people of Victoria for the State's 150th anniversary in 1985. It was displayed in the State Bank, then in the Museum of Victoria, until it was stolen in a smash and grab raid on its case in August 1991. Its fate is unknown.



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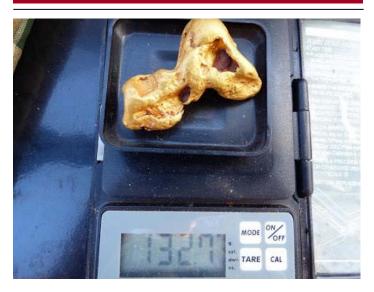
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Gold Finds



A prospector travelled to Wedderburn to check out an old patch with the 7000 to see if she could find any deeper nuggets on the patch. The bloke who originally found the patch travelled with a Bendigo couple to the site. He said to the bloke he could use her 5000 while she had a look around with the new 7000. He found a 132 gram nugget down 6" using the borrowed 5000. (Source: Bendigo Prospecting Club)



The new Coiltek 18' inch Elite coil is out and currently being tested by a few. The smaller 14 inch Elite has had a lot of success with operators since it was released, claiming to have better sensitivity and extra depth. This larger one is sure going to be interesting!



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Found couple of months ago, these two magnificent nuggets add up to a mouth watering 618 grams (21.79 ounces) The machine used was a GPX 5000 apparently in 'fine gold' setting, using the Coiltek 14' Elite coil. The nuggets were found 2 feet in depth.



If you are heading into a park this summer, be careful where you set up camp or have a picnic. Parks Victoria staff have witnessed lots of trees dropping limbs during the hot weather recently. Native trees such as River Red Gums, Yellow Box and other native species shed branches in hot weather as a survival mechanism.

Never camp in the drop zone of a red gum tree. Limbs can fall at any time or whole trees can simply topple over without warning. When limbs drop they can swing like pendulums and end up much further out from the tree than expected. Look up before you set up.

Image and information source - Parks Victoria.

Gem Finds



Monster Amethyst Geode containing purple crystals.

Formation of Geodes:

When lava cooled off thousands of gas bubbles were trapped on their way to the surface and formed into geodes . A very complex process took place inside the gas bubble when it hardened; molecules and atoms created the glittering crystals inside and formed the agate on the outside. Main ingredients of geodes are quartz varieties.

All over the world, there are mining operations, small and large. In many third world countries, where the ore is not plentiful enough to attract the larger mining corporations, the smaller companies and families find it worthwhile to mine the crystallised specimens as a 'by product' from the lead, zinc and silver mines in particular. In some cases, entire families work in small mines, only removing the crystals, because they don't have the money to purchase extractors and crushers to mine the ore. It is hard work as finance, modern mining equipment and proper mining facilities are far from reality.

Some larger mining companies with updated equipment can go deeper into the earths' crust to extract the ore. Sometimes they break into cavities in the earth, these cavities are filled with the most spectacular and colourful crystallised minerals the eye has ever seen.

Salvaged from processing and carefully removed from the mine, these are the specimens which René and Nelleke Boissevain have been collecting since 1963. The biggest frustration to collectors of mineral specimens all over the world is the awful thought that the big mining multinationals (going as deep as 4km) throw everything into the big crushers, including rare and valuable crystal formations.

In the Southern parts of Brazil, close to the Uruguay border enormous basalt fields and mountains were formed by volcanic activity approximately 80 million years ago. This is where the Brazilians mine for Amethyst. Miners tunnel their way into the hard basalt using explosives, hammer and chisel and the occasional jackhammer to extract the spectacular Amethyst Geodes.



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Carving out Chewton's gold history |

From the Bendigo Chronicle By Erin Handley Dec. 18, 2015

In a workshop piled high with sawdust, or "man glitter" as his wife affectionately calls it, local wood carver Richard Yates is sculpting stunning pieces that pay homage to his twin interests – American wildlife and Chewton's rich gold mining past.

An American national, from Wyoming, Mr Yates' workshop is a unique meld of the North American animals – bears, deer – combined with wooden scenes and sculptures endemic to Australia's identity.

His latest project is a grand gesture to his adopted home of Chewton, where he has lived for the past five years. In a bid to pay tribute to his adopted home of Chewton, he is taking trunks of Cyprus trees and unearthing gold miners within.

Sculpting Chewton's mining past

The first installation of his project is complete, with a larger-than-life sculpture of a man draped in 1850s garb, carrying a pick axe and a billy can, standing tall outside Mo's Antiques on the main road through Chewton. Mr Yates' hope is that the statues, which stand about seven to eight feet tall, draw attention to the hard-working people who hunted for their fortune more than 150 years ago.

"No one ever knows Chewton for its gold mining history," Mr Yates said.

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"People seem to know Castlemaine, but not Chewton. It's our little town ... so it's truly exciting to share that story, to make Chewton a lot more notable for its role."

Mr Yates said he was captivated by the stories from his research of the Goldfields.

"So many of them were on struggle street. It was a chance for them to have a life-changing moment," he said. "The effort I can't fathom. Digging holes by pick and shovel and by hand - they were very tough, very resilient."

"Hell, I might have been out there myself. It was an incredible chance for a different life."

Mr Yates is no stranger to prospecting and is known to rise early, gold detector in hand, and walk the landscape.



Sculptor Richard Yates

Jan. Outing: Harvest Home

Feb. Outing: Talbot (Norburys Rd.)

The Map is only available to members.

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Coins & Relics



Some of Anthony's finds:

"Some awesome finds from the weekend!. Two 18K rings, three shillings, a penny and my oldest coin find ever, an English one shilling from 1844."

Well done, Anthony and thanks for sharing.

Reminder for Australia Day 26th Jan. 2016.

Those who are not attending our Harvest Home camp, you are invited to take part in the PMAV and other Prospecting Clubs parade march on the day, also after the march spend time in The Kings Domain Gardens with other members at the PMAV stand. We will have set up Gold Panning and Coin Detecting for the children. Helpers are welcome as it is busy day keeping up with the budding new prospectors.

Assembly time for the Parade 9:30to10:00am, corner of Swanston and Bourke Streets Melbourne. We will use the same T shirts as last year "I DIG GOLD". If you need one make contact with Peter Maffey 98017430 and I will try to get one to fit to you before the day. It is a great day, plenty to see and do Music, Vintage Cars, Wild Life, Multi-National Dancers and Shows.

If you don't want to be in the Parade just come along any time to Kings Domain Gardens-- enjoy the fun. Look forward to seeing you there. Peter. Maffey



Sunday 28th Febuary Blackwood Cricket Ground Recreation Reserve Road Blackwood

Gold News

Howzat?

Treasury staffers find a gold nugget worth \$3.7 MILLION in an old box they used as a wicket to play CRICKET in the office corridor

A 10.7 kilogram gold nugget entrusted to New South Wales Treasury for safekeeping was put in a box and used as a makeshift hallway cricket wicket.

The strange sequence of events was revealed by Premier Mike Baird during a speech on Tuesday at the Australian Museum in Sydney. He said years ago the State Government was considering where to put the nugget, which is about the size of a loaf of bread.

'Someone studiously decided they'd place it in a box,'
Said Mr Baird. 'The problem was they forgot to tell anyone and that box became used for hallway cricket.'
The box continued to be used as a wicket for off-the-cuff
games until one day someone decided to wedge it open
with a hammer and chisel. The giant gold bullion was
found.

The gold bullion was mined in 1887 at Maitland Bar on Meroo Creek, around 30km from Newcastle. It was originally purchased by the NSW Department of Mines in the same year and conserved in remembrance of the 19th century gold rushes.

Read more: http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3363391/New-South-Wales-Treasury-gold-nugget-worth-3-7MILLION-old-box-use-wicket-play-hallway-cricket.html#ixzz3whs6H7mk



The now found 10.7Kg (334 troy ounce) nugget.