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**VSC Member Finds
12oz & 4 oz
nuggets**



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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:

"Seek, But Do Not Destroy"

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Events Calendar

September

Wed. 5th: General Meeting & AGM

Thurs. 6th - Tues. 11th: Camp **Eaglehawk**

Sun. 16th : PMAV AGM **Beaufort**

October

Wed. 3rd: General Meeting.

Thurs. 4th - Tues. 9th: Camp **Harvest Home**

Fri. 5th - Sun. 7th Laanacoorie Gold Bash **Laanacorrie**

November

Wed. 7th: General Meeting.

Thurs. 1st - Tues. 6th: Camp **Moliagul**

December

Wed. 5th: General Meeting.

Sun. 9th: Xmas Break up Party **Wicks Reserve**

Tues. 25th Dec. - Tues 1st Jan: Camp **Moonambel**

January

No General Meeting.

Thurs. 24th - Tues. 29th: Camp **TBA**





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President's Report

By Susan Moore

Hello to you all.

Well it's been a very challenging year for me as President but also rewarding and it is just about to come to an end. Not sure if I will be your President next year, we will have to wait and see how the voting goes, I am more than happy to stay on as President if you will have me. I am looking forward to the New Year whichever way it goes. We do most definitely need a new Newsletter Editor this year as I mentioned in my last report Ian is going to be busy with his own agenda.

I would like to thank Lindsay who has been at the helm for many (17 I think) years until last year and is still on the committee as a field officer, for all his support through out the year, picking me up when I fall so to speak. I also want to thank Eric, our Vice President, for all he does for the club and the support he has shown to Tony the new Secretary, Paul the new Treasurer and myself. It's been a tough gig for him this year with us all being new and inexperienced (talking about my self here). Of course, I thank all the committee members who take care of you all at the camps and help in so many ways that tend to go unnoticed.

I hope to see you at the 39th AGM on the 5th of September 2018 as per below.

The law requires that an Incorporation Club holds its A.G.M within four (4) months of the end of the financial year. Our year is July – June, so we hold

A.G.M presently in September. Law now requires financial statements to be viewed and signed by two (2) members not being the treasurer at this time. The A.G.M immediately follows the ordinary General Meeting. The judging for the "Find of the Year" trophy takes place towards the end of the General Meeting immediately before the commencement of the A.G.M.

Regards Susan.

Calling all Members

We have an URGENT need for a
Newsletter Editor

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AGM in September

The next club's AGM will be at the General Meeting on Wednesday 5th September. Members are encouraged to take on a position to contribute to the club and to give the existing hardworking committee members a break.

There will also be "Find-of-the-Year" and nibbles and cakes.

If you enjoy the club's activities then it is time to put something back into the club.

General Meetings

By Eric Grummett

At our July meeting we had a first aid refresher course by showing a DVD of "The 4 Steps of Life". It showed us the right and wrong way to react in a resuscitation situation. The 4 steps are;

- Ring 000 and ask for an ambulance.
- Open airways
- Pump chest 30 times (at rate of 100/min).
- Give 2 breaths.

Repeat cycle until help arrives or a heartbeat returns. If a defibrillator and a trained user is available, that would be another step.

Members were reminded of our threat of losing access to many of our traditional prospecting areas in many state forests currently under review by the Victorian Environment Assessment Council (VEAC). We also face threats of eviction from the Dja Dja Wurrung Land Management Board who are seeking control of many established parks in the golden triangle currently managed by Parks Vic. We advised members stay informed by joining BUGU (Bush Users Group United) on Face Book, which is a united front of all bush users under threat, and now has over 8000 members, and to attend forthcoming rallies in Beaufort, Avoca, Bendigo and on the steps of Parliament House. We all signed a petition to retain access, organized by BUGU and Louise Staley (the Liberal state MP for Ripon who is working with us on this issue). She received over 3000 petitions that were tabled in parliament a couple of weeks later. Our club was represented in all these rallies, includ-

ing 18 of us at Parliament with our banners. (see photos). We wait now for the final reports in a few weeks which may influence our vote in November.

The Find of Month went to Paul Hart with a good showing of gold from his WA trip.

The August meeting saw all our committee back again after trips to WA, Tibooburra and Europe. (not all together).

Paul gave us a well presented account of his trip to WA, with some comedy attached that made it entertaining as well. We will get him to produce a 'Seekers Follies' one day.

Find of month was Craig Webb's beautiful 42 gram nugget from our Talbot trip.

Next month is our AGM, so no speakers as we will be too busy sorting out the rush for positions on the committee.

At our October Meeting we will have a special guest Bill Decarli, who has done exhaustive indisputable research on the whereabouts of the fabled Lasseter's Reef.

Ever since Harold Lasseter died in 1931 in his pursuit of the infamous gold bearing quartz reef, the location has remained a mystery. Many lives have been lost over the years on many expeditions that have failed to find a trace of it, until 1991 Vietnam veteran Bill Decarli found landmarks matching those described in Lasseter's diary found in a cave after his death. By reversing the map, it turns out that the location is in the opposite direction to where they were searching, placing it east of Alice Springs not west as legend has it. Bill's proof and reasoning will be described in his talk.



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- Lyle Besanko
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Welcome and Good Luck!

July Camp Report

Heathcote

By Eric Grummett

Photos by Eric

Our July camp was down on numbers, probably because of predicted cold and wet conditions, which thankfully for the 20 members that attended did not eventuate, so when it comes to our trips, we should not let the forecast be the decider. Great campfires really made up for the cool air, thanks John and others for the wood.

Among our members, we had a three generation Groom team, with Peter, son Colin and grandson Pho,' who were a formidable bunch in their searching. Pho' was excited about finding his first nugget. We also had 3 new visitors who are keen to be part of our club.

Detecting for gold has definitely been getting harder recently, even though we are going to the best areas of gold discovery in the state. This camp was no exception, as most of us were rewarded with only a few sub grammers, the exception being Geoff's nice 3.5 gram nugget.

As soon as it starts raining I am going panning, as I think there will be a better chance of me bringing home some colour. Peter Maffey had the most unusual find this year by locating an iPhone7 on the diggings, even though it had a cracked screen it still worked. It must have been a frustrated prospector



Peter with the iPhone that he found in the bush.

getting calls from a creditor or an ex wife. It's surprising that more of these devices are not lost and found, as we all carry one in the bush.

Francine and Francois came up for the day, and we took them to One Eye Forest where she left her pick behind, so if anyone going there finds one, could they let her know.

Geoff had a nasty incident when he lost Kaye down a shallow mine shaft head first, and was left stuck with her feet pointing to the heavens. After some skillful extricating by Geoff and colorful expletives from Kaye all was well. We all enjoyed this outing a look forward to the next trip to Inglewood.



Geoff K.'s 3.5 gram nugget with 4 other smaller ones.



Three generation Groom team.

August Camp Report

Inglewood

By Ken Whittaker
Photos by Ken & Eric

The Inglewood camping area is not very large, however it is nice and flat allowing our caravans and campers "etc" to settle in nicely. That is until, after considering the weather warning, (which by the way proved to be an overstatement) a very large dead tree was observed to be leaning somewhat threateningly over a camp or two. Gary and Jenny, after some quick deliberation moved the almost new van a few meters to the right. I stayed where I was as I figured the weather reports were probably wrong again for the Central District.

Quite a few newbie's joined the regulars around the fire each evening, including as a pleasant surprise, our one and only, Ray W. (with friend Keith).

Eric observed that the entrance driveway was made up of a big puddle and took the opportunity to use his shovel and drain the area, and while he was at it he panned the spoils, resulting in 3 tiny gold flecks. Eric also, again, took a beginner under his wing and got him started.

Apart from being chilly in the mornings the weather remained reasonable and only interrupted our hobby for a short time with a few light showers for an intermittent quarter hour or so on the Saturday.

Shirley organised a counter tea in town for the Satur-

day evening, and they all returned in time for the raffles, (Peter M in charge as usual, "Onya Peter"). The celebrations for Jenny, Kay and Shirley then continued into the "birthday camp fire night" with lots of cakes and drinks with all of the ladies shyly accepting best wishes. Matt K. said it was his birthday too, but he didn't look any older.

During the night there was some drama as Briony was escorted off to hospital by her Dean, with suspected kidney stones. We hope that you are OK now Briony.

Some nuggets were unearthed, Ted was best probably, with a very yellow 2.6 grammer. Geoff the farmer got his usual few bits along with other members, however, overall, not a lot to report. On Sunday evening while delivering his party pies to the assembled pre-dinner drink people, Graham M. said something funny. "We all know that the yellow stuff is getting harder to find" Graham said - "but even the pellets are getting scarcer". LOL.

Craig W. had his last day's detecting rudely interrupted with a noisy front wheel on his 4X4, requiring an early exit, and in Bendigo a few hundred dollars later, managed the trip home safely.

Another great social gathering with enjoyable fellowship. Looking forward to the next one.



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Ray W managed to come out with us for a much needed break after many months of chemotherapy Treatment. She is in front of a painted sunshade that is a image of the Wollongong Harbour, part of Keith's caravan.

by Ian Semmens

Victoria's mobile phone rules

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Using a mobile phone while driving is prohibited, except to make or receive a phone call or to use its audio/music functions provided the phone:

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A mobile phone secured in a commercially designed holder fixed to the vehicle.

There are now car receivers (multimedia head units) that can connect to your phone and allow drivers to safely and legally make or receive calls, send or receive text messages or enter navigation destinations with voice commands without touching the phone. These compatible receivers use Apple's **CarPlay** and **Android Auto** which are designed to be used in vehicles. The 2 DIN units have a large screen of 6-7" diagonal which can also be used as a reversing camera screen as well as displaying your navigation route in a much larger size than your phone can.



I have one of these in each of my two vehicles and I have found that it is an excellent system to use while you are driving to keep you safe and legal.



The Sony XAVAV100 Multimedia receiver.



The Birthday Girls; Kay, Jenny & Shirley.



Shirley W. has her 18 year old puss "Tyson" to keep her company on camps

Paul's Tag-along Gold Tour

By Paul Hart

Earlier this year the club was gifted a Western Australia tag along tour from Corey Matthews (CGS Gold Tours). The tour was put up for bid and I was lucky enough to submit the highest offer. At the August club meeting I presented a detailed slideshow on the trip with lots of practical advice, photo's and also some poetry that I wrote to alleviate the boredom of the drive. This is a very brief summary of the main points.

There are basically 3 types trips to the WA gold fields. Fully catered which for 10 days will probably set you back \$3000 (flights, alcohol not included). This trip suits someone who has limited time and wants food and accommodation provided.

The tag along tour for me was a little less at \$3500. However all the required permits etc are organised and you have the security and companionship of being with a group. Good for beginners and some people do multiple tours with Corey.

Do it yourself tours are really for the experienced operators who know where to go and what permits / permissions are required and have all the gear such as Hema HN7 navigation, all the safety gear, reliable car / van, spares etc. The DIY option is cheaper of course and suited to longer trips.



Paul out in the WA bush pins a nugget.

I am one of the weirdo's who enjoys the destination but also all the planning and preparation as well as

the Journey. The trip to the WA gold fields is an experience with lots of interesting people and sights such as the Nullarbor Plain, The Great Australian Bight, Kalgoorlie...and many more.

On the Laverton tour there were 18 people and over the 10 days 4 patches were found. One patch was very good and the SDC 2300 were excellent at getting most of the sub gram bits. The 7000 was very good at getting half gram or bigger at depth. All up about 800 nuggets were found but I reckon the average size would have been about 0.15 g. This means on average each person would have got about 6 g. but I know some got less than this and others got much more. I got the biggest nugget on tour at 5.7 g. and a total of 10 g.

Overall I thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and would do it again. I will finish with the final paragraph of my final poem.

*But let me tell you,
it's not just about the gold.
It's the travel and sights, the people and the stories
That has me sold.*

Thanks again to Seekers and CGS Gold Tours.



Pauls 5.7g nugget



Just set the car 's cruise control on for this one.

Bush Users Group United Protest Rally at Avoca

By Eddie Tricker

A cold overnight of minus 0.1 degrees Celsius in the Bendigo area, saw Saturday, 21 July slowly and wearily wake up and rub the sleep from its eyes as it tried very hard to get started. Finally peaking at 10.8 to 11 degrees Celsius, the day presented as one of brilliant sunlight interspersed with periods of cold as heavy low cloud covered the sun from time to time.

Once the interior of my motor vehicle had warmed up and the seat warmer had done its job, travelling down to the Bush Users Group Protest Rally at Avoca was pleasant travelling.

As I parked my vehicle, the Member for Ripon, (Liberal Party member), Ms. Louise Staley MP, drove in behind me.

Of important notice was the absence of the two members from the Bendigo area; **Bendigo East**, The Hon. Jacinta Allen MP, Minister for Public Transport, (Australian Labor Party) and **Bendigo West**,



Prospectors assemble to voice their concern over restrictions to prospect.

Ms. Maree Edwards, (Australian Labor Party). The two Bendigo seats have been solidly Labor now for quite some time!

By 11.15am, the meeting, a group of about 150 plus 'Bush User Groups' and guests, was well under way; with speakers and guest speakers voicing their concerns on the impacts of the submission(s) of the Victorian National Parks Association (VNPA) of the Draft Management Plan to restrict access to Hepburn Regional Park, Greater Bendigo National Park, Kooyoorra State Park, Wehla Nature Conservation Reserve, Paddys Ranges State Park and most of Kara Kara National Park.

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From our point of view the plan is to ban 'recreational (gold) prospecting' from these State and National parks as it *'can hurt both the natural and cultural values of the parks.'*

The Victorian Environmental Assessment Council's (VEAC) role is *'to conduct investigations that are requested by the Victorian Government relating to the protection and ecologically sustainable management of the environment and natural resources of public land.'*

The Victorian Government's Response to the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council's Report on the Investigation into additional prospecting areas in parks – May 2013 can be found here: <http://www.veac.vic.gov.au/documents/Government-Response-to-VEAC-Prospecting-Investigation-Feb-2014.pdf>

Whilst various and many findings were of a general nature and supported the idea that prospecting was not consistent with Victoria's National Parks Act, I saw nothing dealing with the horrendous impact of recreational trial and motor bikes are having on the local gold field areas, Eaglehawk and Whipstick as the example.

I guess the average size hole that I have dug, using my SDC 2300 would be less than 12 cubic inches. A hole which I religiously fill in and compact using the back of my pick.

The two 'bikers' I watched one afternoon in the area of Beelzebub Gully on the Eaglehawk fields, had cut a deep track that went for many kilometres, up and down dale, across fallen trees, including in and along an existing creek bed; a trial they obviously used quite regularly. A far greater impact than my little 12 cubic inch hole, which I fill in.

Of further interest during the Rally, was the speech given to the group by one of the local shop keepers. Avoca at the time of the 2016 Census had a population of approximately 1,200 folks. The viability of Avoca and such other little 'gold towns' relies upon, apart from the locals, passing highway trade, visiting tourists and visiting clubs, like Victorian Seekers.

As you are aware clubs like ours, enrich the local economy of the towns we visit during our monthly camps. The purchase of fuel, supplies, water and the regular dining out night in the local hotel of the town, pour many valuable dollars into that town's economy. Once our rights to prospect in the many areas, currently have available to us, are restricted or closed down; the money we input into these local communities ceases and the small regional goldfields towns and communities will feel a 'greater pinch'.

And lastly, you might find the article below of some interest. Perhaps by stealth, many end points are coming together?

Of recent interest was a small article in the free local newspaper, *Bendigo Weekly*, of 20 July 2018. Titled, ***Tradition takes hold in Fire Planning***, the article went on to articulate the fact that after 30 of the State's CFA officers had completed an indigenous fire training program in Northern Queensland next week, traditional burning techniques are likely to be incorporated into Victoria's planned burns regime.

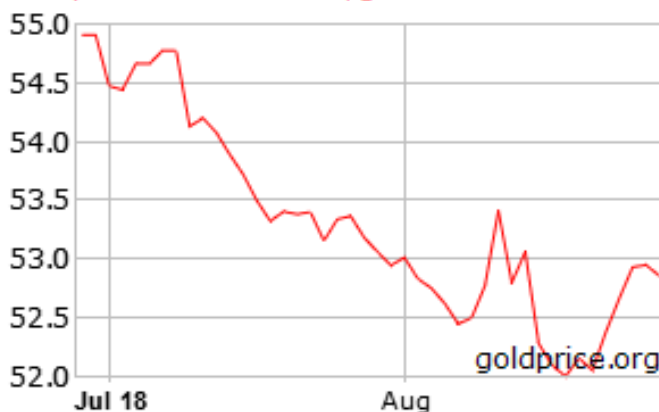
You can read this article at: <https://www.bendigoweekly.com/2018/07/20/tradition-takes-hold-in-fire-planning/>

The CFA District 20, (the district that surrounds and includes Kerang), Operations Officer is quoted in this article as indicating that of the 30 CFA members attending the Gulf of Carpentaria program, six are from Bendigo. Upon completion of the program all the participants will be expected to use their new knowledge for the inclusion of traditional burns practices to be included in future planned burns programs.

By the time you read this article these CFA officers will have returned from this training program.

Gold Price Report

60 Day Gold Price in AUD/g



Gold Price as at 27/08/2018



Francios supporting the Vic Seekers Banner at Avoca.

Bush Users Group United Protest Rally in Melbourne



Paul & Sam made up this big banner.



Speakers from BUGU upholding all users access to the parks at Avoca.



The protest rally on the steps of Parliament.

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Jan with his message to the politicians.

TV Reception for Caravans

Part Two: Find the Signal

An article by Sally Garden from Wilkgard Technology Group, makers of the Explorer-RV brand of antenna systems.

TV signal is almost always present. Signal is actually part of the light spectrum. Light you perceive it because it illuminates your environment but the RF spectrum is tucked away in that light. Man has learnt how to use it to transport messages around the globe. Like the trading barges of the past riding on the river the TV signal rides on the back of this natural wave/energy called RF spectrum: Radio Frequency spectrum.

An interesting thought why is it call Radio Frequency and why not something else. Around 1800 one William Hersche noticed the temperature of the light spectrum did not stop at the colour of red the temperature continued to rise and many years later around 1870 James Clerk Maxwell the Scottish physicist predicted the existence of waves that could be used and were present in the light spectrum.

Heinrich Hertz, a German physicist, applied Maxwell's theories to the production and reception of radio waves and Nikola Tesla was the inventor of the radio in the late 19th Century.

So they have always been present in our environment but we learnt to manipulate them more and more to carry information from one place to another. So we needed a Transmitter, receiver (antenna) and processor (TV, Radio, 4g mobile phone, satellite dish) The TV, Phone etc., simply decodes the information that has been transported by the wave.

So these waves are everywhere and if we could see them they would be different lengths and different strengths and they would be travelling horizontally or vertically dependent upon the instructions of the transmitter. This is very important because it tells you how to mount your antenna to pick them up. You can get this information on a smart phone as there are apps now available which will provide the information needed when travelling from place to place. For android phones there is **Digital TV Antennas** or **DVB-T Australia**. For iPhones there is **antennamate**.

I have heard many conversations where someone says "my antenna worked and it was vertical." This can be true because the environment and particularly the weather can impact the wave and change its pattern. A bit like the wind blowing will change the shape of the tree or the surface of a large body of water. It is temporary though, and in circumstances like

this people will get their wrongly mounted antennas to work. This tends to confuse people because they do not know what to believe. If we go to source, the telecommunications ministry of Australia, we will discover that every transmitter on our continent is designated as either Horizontally or Vertically polarised. It is roughly half of each.

Wilkgard Technology Group are a technical RF company. If we sell a product we want to know it is fit for purpose. We are driven by results however many of our peers and associates are driven by the mighty dollar.

Caravanners need to take some responsibility too as many want a simple and convenient method and are drawn to impractical answers when the technical requirements are not understood. This does not mean they will never work. They will work but so would almost any antenna if levels are good and interference is minimal. I think an antenna should be designed and built for the worst situation not the best. The best is plenty of signal with no real enhancement from the antenna beyond picking it up and sending it down the cable. You hear of caravanners saying "I picked it up on my indoor so you do not need an antenna." That is true for that location and position in that caravan park. Like real estate it is position and then it is position and position.

Some successful actions.

Testing is part of the game of looking for signals. I have done thousands of hours over the years and will give you some tips on setting up your antenna.

You need to know:

- Where is the tower
- What are the channels
- What is the polarity
- How powerful is the transmitter

Why do you want to know about the power? Because if there is plenty of power then accuracy when setting up will not be that important. This is the location where the opposition product shines and as a result everyone thinks it works well.

Next, what is the environment like?

Volcanic
Sandy
Clay loam
Trees
Valley
Mountainous
How far to transmitter
Low cloud
Windy
Temperature
Pine Trees (oh no)
Tin sheds in the way
etc



All of the above make a difference.

Many years ago I spent sometime on Flinders Island researching how they could get reliable Television from Mt Barrow in the North of Tasmania not far from Launceston. The weather howled and the winds were regularly visitors. The terrain was hilly with valley floors and rocky outcrops. The sea temperatures varied season to season and it was a significant distance to the transmitter.

But the terrain generally being granite with volcanic deposits is helpful. Signals persist in this type of environment as the environment itself keeps the signal moving and tends to amplify it. Using the environment the antenna installation was kept quite low to the roof as the ground supported the electro magnet nature of RF signals.

This is true for the caravanner. In this type of ground do not go hoisting your antenna as high as possible. Keep it above the aluminum roof (50cm) but use the signal path to advantage. For example another time a perfect signal bounced off a vertical granite cutting landing right next to a chimney making the installation simple. This was in a Narbethong in Victoria. The signals came from Bendigo some 160kms away.

Valley floors are perfect provided you are not knee deep in sand. Look at the direction of the signal and inspect what is in the way if anything. Pine trees are unique. They seem to be able to bar the signal from passing. You have to get over the top or under the foliage.

Moreover, you can use the aluminum roof of your caravan. This is a great space for signals to land.

The roof, like granite (or anything with iron in it) is a source of useful electro magnet energy. This is needed if the signal is to flow through the air. Adjustments should not be more than 50mm at a time. Adjustments in vertical height and horizontal positioning to take advantage of the signal path. This is difficult in a caravan as you generally have one mounting position. If a caravanner is in the wilds I would recommend another mounting location.



An antenna in a vertical position to receive a signal from a vertical polarised transmitter.

Like one on the side and one on the front to take advantage of the angles for best reception using the environment to advantage.

The hardest terrain is sand which we will take up next time.

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Recent Gold Finds



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The man, who wishes to remain anonymous, came across the 85.7g (2.75 Troy ounces) lump with a method called 'sniping', in which the prospector uses a snorkel to lie face down in the water and search the riverbed. Named the Douglas Nugget, it is expected to be worth at least £50,000.

The discovery was made two years ago but its precise location remains a secret to avoid Scotland's biggest gold rush in years. Upon finding the nugget the man - in his 40s - ran from the water clutching his gold shouting "bingo".

Sept. Camp: Eaglehawk

Thursday 6th to Tuesday 11th Sept.

DIRECTIONS: From Melbourne take Calder Hwy (A79) to Bendigo. Turn left at Don Street, (A79) at Central Deborah Mine as directed by Eaglehawk signage. Follow through onto Loddon Valley Hwy (B260) to Eaglehawk and then veer right into Sailors Gully Rd (C336), ...full maps and directions for forthcoming camps are available to members only.

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Map (GPS) Datum:

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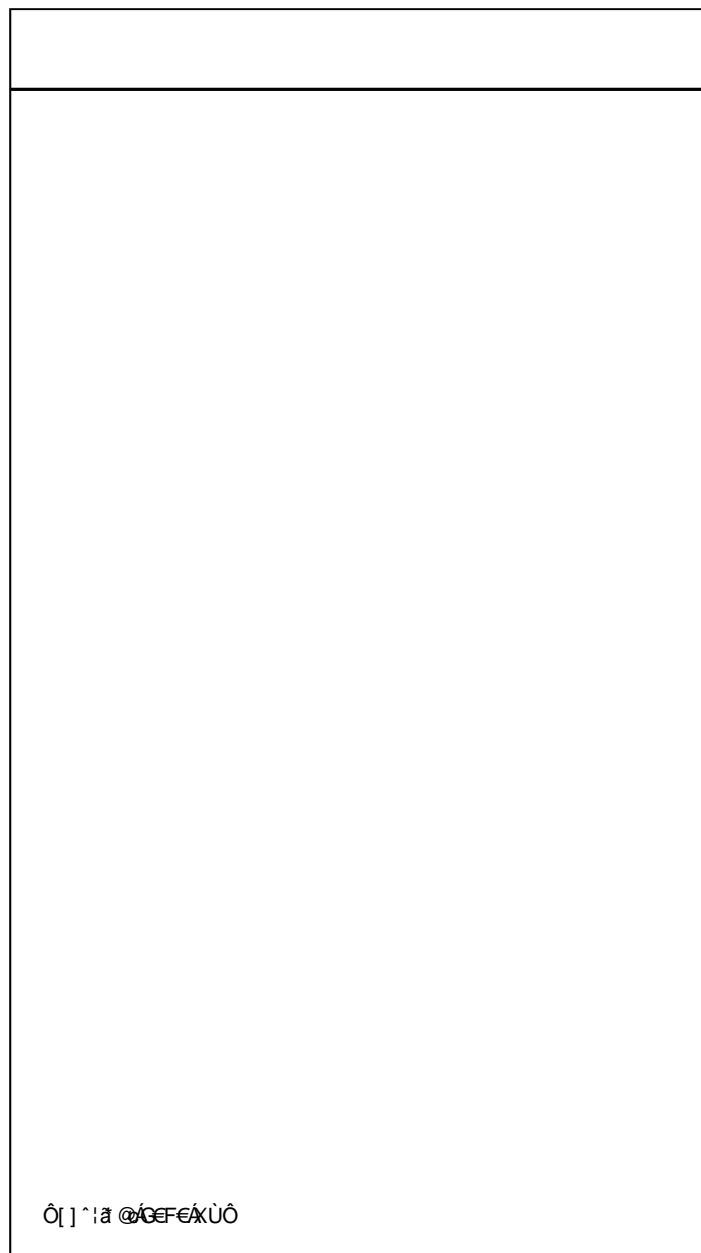
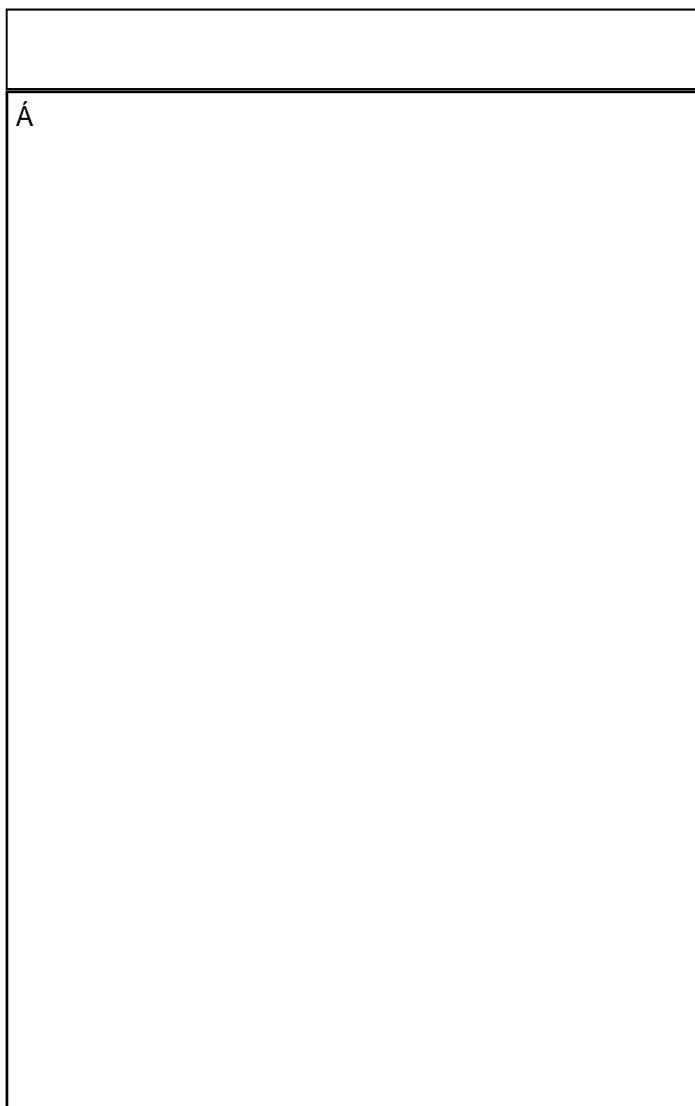
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