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The Victorian Seekers Club bi-monthly newsletter

President's report BY SUSAN MOORE

Well here we are, another year has flown by now it's 2019 and I have just about retired, maybe 3 or 4 more shifts to do. Hope fully we will make it to more camps this year. I hope you all had a great Christmas and are looking forward to the new year ahead.

Wicks Reserve Christmas Picnic/BBQ was a great day – the weather was a little dull and cool but it was really good to enjoy our activities without getting too hot. Although we did not have the turn-out we usually do, everyone seemed to enjoy the milder weather.

Moonambel Camp – Dec 2018 to Jan 2019 - was

a great success. We had 18 camp sites and 34 members/visitors, a little down on last year, but I think the hot weather played a big part in that. New Year's Eve party was a great success - with the extra campers who joined us who really enjoyed our company and antics. They were very interested in what we do. These visitors were in

Moonambel to see the Joshua Tree that one of their great great grandmothers planted as a seed which she brought over from America back in the 1850's.

Special Notes: Please everyone remember to sign in at every camp. Also, we must backfill all our diggings: it was noticed by quite a few at the Moonambel Camp that holes were left un-

filled (although I do not believe that it is any of our members doing this but a reminder that we must make sure we fill in any diggings we do). As we all know we are still on very shaky ground regarding "Our Parks". PMAV are doing their best to keep our parks open but this behaviour is ammunition for the "Greenies" to close the parks.

Remember too, the "buddy system": if you go out in a group please make sure you let someone in the group know when you are leaving, and ensure no one is left alone unless they agree to stay on their own.

Wishing you all a prosperous and nugget-filled 2019.

Susan

Find of the Month November 2018



Congratulations to Lars L for winning Find of the Month for November with his amazing 73g nugget!

Each month we invite our members to present their recent finds to be judged in our "Find of the Month" competition, and at our AGM, just one of these (if presented) is selected as Find of the Year.

Don't forget to bring along your next find to our next General Meeting for judging.

General meetings

BY ERIC GRUMMETT, VICE PRESIDENT

NOVEMBER

At the November meeting a unanimous vote was made to donate a further \$1500 of our funds towards the BUGU Fighting Fund, taking our contribution up to \$2000 to help them with their advertising campaign to inform the public of the importance of keeping the bush open to prospectors and other users. Our access is under threat from the government VEAC plan to create more "parks" and lock us out from detecting. It was agreed that our Club has to be prepared to make a solid commitment to help protect our hobby. It is not only the recent VEAC proposals but also more of the same threats in the near future from further planned investigations. Members were reminded to get their VEAC submissions in by the 10th Dec. as it was critical that we let them know how we feel.

At the meeting, Members were sadly informed of the death of Claude Bourat who succumbed to prostate cancer. Many attended the funeral. Claude was remembered as a great panner and sluicer.

Acknowledgements went to Nola Pappas for her taking on the role of newsletter editor. Her first great edition was well received by members.

Also acknowledged was Sue and Ivan for the donation of

a new sign-in tent, as the old one had more holes in the roof than a colander!

The find of month went to Lars L for his massive 73 grammer from Moliagul. (now 66gm after cleaning) - see photo on Page 1.

We finished the night with a DVD on how to research and locate likely gold prospective nugget areas.

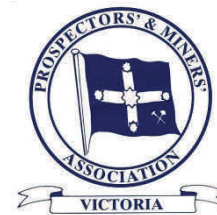
DECEMBER

Our last meeting of the year was highlighted by a brag night of our finds detected over the years. Those that prospected during the 80's and 90's had huge amounts of old coins and relics to show, much of which doesn't come up very often these days due to us oldies getting in early and cleaning up. There was also some more recent valuable finds from parks and beaches, notably Paul's \$2000 diamond ring.

Unfortunately there were no nominations for the find of month.

A gourmet supper followed the meeting which necessitated Sue bringing her vacuum cleaner to clean up all the crumbs. (Members at camp outings leave their crumbs for the birds).

At our February meeting we have invited Rita Bentley (the PMAV president) to give us a rundown on how things are going with our fight



against the bureaucrats, the BUGU program and how we can help in the future.

Her attendance will be provided that her health holds out, as she has been up and down with her long battle with cancer. Failing Rita, Francine has offered to help out with an interesting presentation on a WW2 war pilot from Farina, near the Flinders Rangers in South Australia who was shot down in France near where Francine comes from.

Eric

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The editor welcomes camping and detecting- related articles, letters, photos, comments, stories, jokes, recipes, and sale items, to publish in the newsletter.

*Next Submission deadline
Wed 20th February 2019*

DOC or JPG preferred.
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Club calendar

January						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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VSC General Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except January) at 8pm sharp, Mulgrave Community Centre, 355 Wellington Road, Mulgrave.

JANUARY 2019

- ♦ Thurs 24th—Tues 29th Jan—Australia Day weekend camp, Chute

FEBRUARY 2019

- ♦ Wed 6th Feb—General Meeting, 8pm, Mulgrave
- ♦ Thurs 7th—Tues 12th Feb—Camp, Amherst
- ♦ Sat 16th Feb—Australian Panning Championships, Blackwood
- ♦ Wed 20th Feb—deadline for Newsletter submissions

MARCH 2019

- ♦ Wed 6th Mar—General Meeting, 8pm, Mulgrave
- ♦ Thurs 7th—Tues 12th Mar—Labour Day weekend camp, Wedderburn (including Wedderburn Detecting Jamboree Sat 9th & Sun 10th)

APRIL 2019

- ♦ Wed 3rd Apr—General Meeting, 8pm, Mulgrave
- ♦ Thurs 18th—Tues 23rd Apr—Easter weekend camp, Fryerstown

February						
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Token Hunt at Wicks Reserve



We have a winner!

Christmas Picnic report

BY ERIC GRUMMETT, VICE PRESIDENT

A great day was enjoyed by all at our end of year barbecue and token hunt at the Wicks Reserve. We had the pleasure of the company of Olly Oleszek (past PMAV president) and his wife Hazel. The events started with the 'Stake your Claim' expertly run by Francois and Francine, resulting in nugget winners Eric, Tony P, and John C's granddaughter Eloise.

After lunch it was all in for the token and lucky key hunt, most being found by the wizard

Thomas with 24 tokens and 9 keys (none of which won a prize). The token draw was won by Paul (1st and 3rd) and 2nd Francine. When it came to trying the keys, tension grew as it seemed that no one had the right one until the last key to be tried was Peter G with the only key found, resulting in a roar of approval by all.

Many door prizes were then conducted, followed by the Xmas hamper draws: this

year won by Peter G 1st, Ivan Al2nd, and Jimmy L 3rd.

This day is a very relaxing and social one, especially for those who don't attend camps anymore. We all look forward to the next one....

Eric

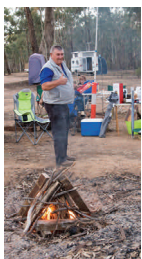


Nov camp report: Moliagul

BY SHIRLEY SCHUBACH

The Seekers Club 2018 Melbourne Cup Camp was held in the state forest, approximately 4 km from Moliagul. The weather was a mixed bag on Thursday and Friday - hot dry gusty winds prevailed, some of the strongest winds ever experienced at a camp, which scattered chairs and almost collapsed our gazebo. Saturday morning campers welcomed a cool change and a drop in winds which made for perfect detecting weather.

This camp with 40 to 45 camps, is where the last "traditional campfire" was lit until Easter. On occasions we do have the "red cellophane fire" used for atmosphere during fire season. Thanks to John who once again rallied around with other members to get the firewood in



*Bob the (fire) builder—
by Tony B*

Saturday evening members shared a wonderful chicken dinner, with members bringing a variety of salads, vegies, cakes and sweets (including chocolates), a fantastic evening was enjoyed by 65 members. Guests dined under a beautiful starry sky on a lovely spring evening, Eric and fellow Committee members did an outstanding job and were given a round of applause for their efforts.



Dinner time—by Tony B

After dinner it was time for the fun and festivities of the raffles. The Saturday evening raffle saw a wide variety of interesting prizes kindly donated by members, one of the most "popular" raffle prize was a "loolight" which raised some eyebrows, however it was the last item on the table, maybe everyone already had one? Christmas hamper tickets were sold by Peter M, drawn at our Christmas barbecue on 9 December. The traditional Melbourne Cup sweep was run by Lars, which was so popular we had to have four events. The winners were Brian, Michael, Eric and John.

On a more serious note, with threats "in the wind" in relation to free camping in our beautiful state forests and parks, Eric and Ken gave passionate speeches about the need for "people power" to take action and donate to BUGU.....to promote and fight for our rights on this sensitive matter. It was agreed by all that the experience and wonders of camping in the bush under starry skies with like-minded people, is very special and should to be preserved for the future. It was also agreed that our club would donate \$2000 to the cause.

There were some larger nug-

gets found, Alister's 12 grm looked very impressive until Lars trumped everyone with a 73g monster on the last day, which got everyone very excited. (See photo page 1) Other prospectors did have some luck with small nuggets of up to 2 grams being found. It never ceases to amaze how many, bullets, lead pellets, wire, buttons are still being unearthed, whilst in search of that elusive shiny nugget that can cause serious gold fever!

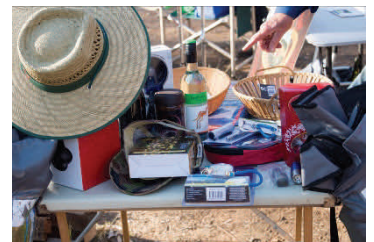
The regular Treasure Hunt held on Sunday morning, won by 1st Sam, 2nd Peter and 3rd Bob.

Stake your Claim was held on Monday morning was once again proved very popular, with the winners being 1st Garry, 2nd Anne, 3rd Debbie and lucky 4th was Shirley. Thank you to Francoise and Francine for organizing this fun activity and Lindsay for doing a great job of calling the winning letters and numbers and explaining the rules to any newcomers

Happy prospecting to all, you never know when the hand of fate could see you unearth a large nugget and if luck is not with you, don't despair, just be grateful, enjoy and look after the bush, it's great for the soul.

Cheers
Shirley

"After dinner it was time for the fun and festivities"



*Raffle prizes— by
Tony B*



*Stake
Your
Claim—
Moliagul—
by Ken W*

Snake Bites

BY ROB TIMMINGS, KINGSTON/ROBE HEALTH ADVISORY



Support the group that is protecting your rights to enjoy the bush

The following was published on the BUGU Facebook page and contains some timely advice and interesting information about snake bites:

#SnakeBite That bite of summer has well and truly come early this year and with that heat, comes snakes.

*This article was written by Rob Timmings
Rob runs a medical/nursing education business
Teaching nurses, doctors and paramedics. It's well worth the read #ECT4Health*

3000 bites are reported annually.
300-500 hospitalisations
2-3 deaths annually.

Average time to death is 12 hours. The urban myth that you are bitten in the yard and die before you can walk from your chook pen back to the house is a load of rubbish.

While not new, the management of snake bite (like a flood/fire evacuation plan or CPR) should be refreshed each season. Let's start with a **Basic overview**:

**There are five genus of snakes that will harm us (seriously):
Browns, Blacks, Adders, Tigers and Taipans.**

All snake venom is made up of huge proteins (like egg white). When bitten, a snake injects some venom into the meat of your limb (NOT into your blood).

This venom can not be absorbed into the blood stream from the bite site.

It travels in a fluid transport system in your body called the lymphatic system (not the blood stream).

Now this fluid (lymph) is moved differently to blood. Your heart pumps blood around, so even when you are lying dead still, your blood still circulates around the body. Lymph fluid is different. It moves around with physical muscle movement like bending your arm, bending knees, wriggling fingers and toes, walking/exercise etc.

Now here is the thing. Lymph fluid becomes blood after these lymph vessels converge to form one of two large vessels (lymphatic trunks) which are connected to veins at the base of the neck.

Back to the snake bite site. When bitten, the venom has been injected into this lymph fluid (which makes up the bulk of the water in your tissues).

The only way that the venom can get into your blood stream is to be moved from the bite site in the lymphatic vessels. The only way to do this is to physically move the limbs that were bitten.

Stay still!!! Venom can't move if the victim doesn't move. Stay still!!!

Remember people are not bitten into their blood stream.



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Snake Bites *continued*



Dangerous Snakes of Victoria poster distributed to all schools and railway stations in Victoria, circa 1890s

In the 1980s a technique called Pressure immobilisation bandaging was developed to further retard venom movement. It completely stops venom /lymph transport toward the blood stream.

A firm roll bandage is applied directly over the bite site (don't wash the area).

Technique:

Three steps: *keep them still*

- ◆ **Step 1**
Apply a bandage over the bite site, to an area about 10cm above and below the bite.
- ◆ **Step 2:**
Then using another elastic roller bandage, apply a firm wrap from Fingers/toes all the way to the armpit/groin. The bandage needs to be firm, but not so tight that it causes fingers or toes to turn purple or white. About the tension of a sprain bandage.
- ◆ **Step 3:**
Splint the limb so the patient can't walk or bend the limb.

Do nots:

Do not cut, incise or suck the venom.
Do not EVER use a tourniquet
Don't remove the shirt or pants - just bandage over the top of clothing.
Remember movement (like wriggling out of a shirt or pants) causes venom movement.

DO NOT try to catch, kill or identify the snake!!! This is important. **In hospital we NO LONGER NEED to know the type of snake; it doesn't change treatment.**

5 years ago we would do a test on the bite, blood or urine to identify the snake so the correct anti venom can be used. BUT NOW... we don't do this. Our new Anti-venom neutralises the venoms of all the 5 listed snake genus, so it doesn't matter what snake bit the patient.

Read that again- one injection for all snakes!

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Australian snakes tend to have 3 main effects in differing degrees.

- Bleeding - internally and bruising.
- Muscles paralysed causing difficulty talking, moving & breathing.
- Pain- In some snakes severe muscle pain in the limb, and days later the bite site can break down forming a nasty wound.

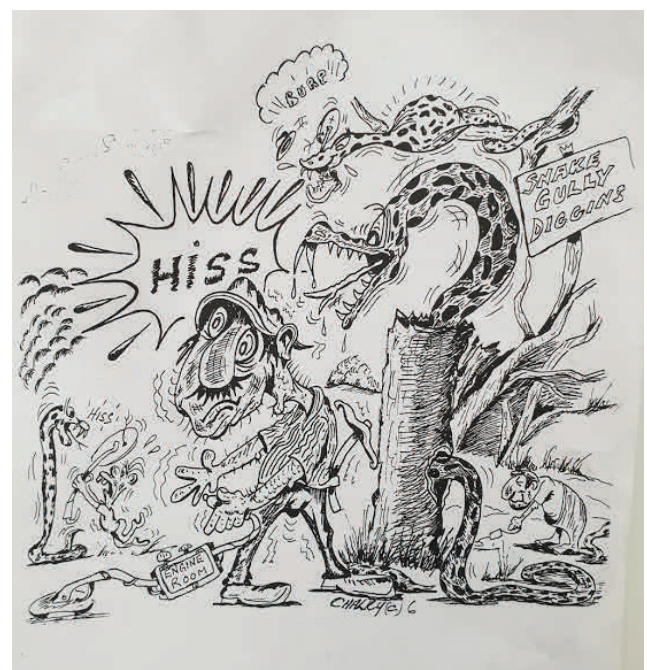
Allergy to snakes is rarer than winning lotto twice.

Final tips: not all bitten people are envenomated and only those starting to show symptoms above are given antivenom.

Did I mention to stay still?

By Rob Timmings

Kingston/Robe Health Advisory



Beware: Snakes share the bush!

Dec/Jan camp report: Moonambel

BY SUSAN MOORE

CAMP REPORT – MOONAMBEL CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR 2018-2019

On the way to camp, the shocking news of John C's accident at work reached us—he was in the Royal Melbourne hospital in a coma and not in a good way.

Then we heard that Louise and Brian had a blowout of one of the caravan tyres. They had the van towed and the wheel fixed but then had to take it to Jayco to get the underneath fixed, and were unable to make it camp. Just to prove bad news comes in three's: Francine and Francois had a blowout in their car on a side-trip to Hamilton and had to get a new tyre. Fortunately no-one was hurt in these two incidents.

When we arrived on Boxing Day there were already a few campsites set up. It was really hot—already 30 by the time we set up camp at 9.30am. It was quiet at camp for two days before the cooler weather came in, when more people arrived. We ended up with 18 sites in all. But the heat soon returned to Moonambel while the forecasts for Melbourne was still quite cool. We had quite a thunderstorm on Sunday morn-

ing with some rain, but not enough to make it wet underfoot.

On Friday evening around 20 of us went to the Moonambel pub for dinner and had a good time catching up.

Francine & Francois organised some games; we did a treasure hunt on Saturday evening, and a game of bocce on Sunday evening which was really very good fun, I was a complete disaster with apologies to Jen (my partner in the game) for having to put up with me.

There was quite a bit of small gold found, but it was hard work in the heat.



Eric Coil Testing at Barkly - by Graham M

We had a great New Year's Eve—we hired the hall (this was the first time we have had to pay) but it was well worth it to be cool. Francine, Mieke and myself laid the table and decorated the room. Some of us took our dinner in to eat together which was really nice. We played games, told jokes, had some music, and Ivan did his own version of the Swindle - collecting \$150 which was divided into three prizes First prize of \$80 - won by Francois, \$50 by Francine and \$20 by

Paul Hart. Briony donated a bottle of wine for 4th prize which was won by Peter S. Ivan had organised 11 prizes to be drawn with jokes attached and if you won a prize you had to tell the joke before you could open your prize, it was good fun!

There were four extra "outsider" camp sites (8 people/4 couples) which had been allocated and booked directly with the Moonambel organisers, and unfortunately I was unaware they had booked powered sites and we had not left them much room! But it all worked out - they managed to organise themselves well in such a small area. I got chatting to them and invited them to our NYE bash, which I felt was the right thing to do. They were very grateful and joined in as well. They all had a great sense of humour and really appreciated the invite.

James S, Kathy and Mike called in to say hello and I believe James went out for a few hours to detect.

We also presented Lars with his November Trophy (Moliagul camp) for his 73 gram nugget which he has cleaned up beautifully (see photo page 1).

Susan



Moonambel roadside teddies by Eric

"it was hard work in the heat"



Where gold was first discovered at Barkly by Eric



Token hunt Moonambel

Member submissions



Gold bearing rock? Moliagul—
by Tony B

VSC 2019 Photography competition?

It has been proposed that we run a photography competition this year—with entries accepted for photos taken at official VSC club outings in Victoria.

Interested?

Rules and judging criteria are yet to be formulated, but the idea will be discussed at the next Committee and General Meetings... stay tuned!

Who was it?? by Paul H

Which couple of very experienced operators turned up to the Moonambel camp with no detector batteries? Hint: one of them found 12 g at the recent camp at Moliagul and the other famously found 42 g within minutes of detecting on a previous trip to Moonambel. Oh, and final hint: they both had red faces...!

Talking about red faces, another experienced detector operator was using his test piece in the bush at Barkley but forgot to pick it up. The gold was in the centre of a red plastic disc and was found by another member. At "sundowners" the member who found it decided to offer the test piece as a prize for the winner of a game of boules. The owner instantly recognized his missing test piece and proceeded to claim it as his own. In reward for his generous donation of yummy pies, the test piece was happily returned to the "pie man".

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Moliagul -
Look what
crossed
our path -
by Peter
and Mieke

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Member information



Vale John Close

It is with sad news that we have been informed of the death of John Close after sustaining severe injuries from a bad fall he received while doing some factory maintenance over Christmas. John was a very valuable member of our Club and was liked by us all. He always had a smile and infectious laugh around the camps, and was always the first to offer help around the place. During camps, he was the chief fire wood collector for our great camp fires, ensuring we were all kept warm on those chilly nights.

John joined our club in 2012 and was keen to be part of us, he enthusiastically volunteered for the job of secretary one year later, carrying out the position in a professional manner for the next 3 years. Even though John lived the other side of Melbourne at Hoppers Crossing, he was happy to travel twice a month to the eastern suburbs to attend meetings. John was also very active in attending PMAV and BUGU meetings and rallies to support our fight for bush access.

John was a great clubman and will be sadly missed around the Club.

Condolences were conveyed to his family and many will be attending the funeral in respect. RIP John.

VSC WA Gold Tour Auction

Corey Mathews of CGS Gold Prospecting Tours has again donated the Club a voucher for a tag-along tour to WA. Paul Hart did the tour last year and enjoyed it very much.

Due to the 2019 tours starting to book out an email was sent out to members in early January 2019. At the time of mailing this Newsletter we had interest but were still looking to finalize an offer. Should you be interested in the bidding for the tour please call Paul Hart to see if the offer is still open.

Regards, Paul Hart, Treasurer

Gold price report as at 12/1/19



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The good old days?

Do you think that you are hard done too and bad off these days? Then have a look at what our forebearers had to contend with!



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1851 –	124 pounds
1852 –	263 pounds
1853 –	203 pounds
1854 –	131 pounds
1856 –	100 pounds
1860 –	80 pounds
1865 –	74 pounds

OTHER OCCUPATIONS (ANNUAL)

House Keeper –	56 pounds
Maid –	32 pounds
Barmaid –	52 pounds
Cook –	56 pounds
Waitress –	32 pounds
Nursemaid –	16 pounds
Married couples -	75 pounds

ONE OUNCE OF GOLD

1851 –	2 pounds 10 shillings
1852 –	3 pounds
1861 –	3 pounds 12 shillings

EVERYDAY ITEMS

Bag of Flour –	7 pounds
Pint of Pickles –	2 shillings
1oz Tobacco –	8 shillings
1lb Potatoes –	6 pence
1lb Tea- 2 shillings & 6p	
1lb Bacon –	2 shillings

1lb Soap –	1 shilling
Loaf of Bread –	1 shilling
1lb Honey- 2 shillings	
1lb Beef/ Mutton –	8 pence
Tin of Sardines –	2 shillings
1 Sheep –	30 shillings
Pick –	30 shillings
Shovel –	50 shillings
Tarp –	7 pounds
Bucket water –	6 pence
Glass of Ale –	1 shilling
Nip of Spirits –	1 shilling
Bottle of Wine –	10 shillings
One Meal –	2 shillings & 5p
Flask Gunpowder –	8 shillings
1lb Shot –	1 shilling
Duck –	1 shilling & 2p
Laying Hen –	7 shillings
Rooster –	5 shillings & 6p
Dozen Eggs –	5 shillings & 6p

Graham M

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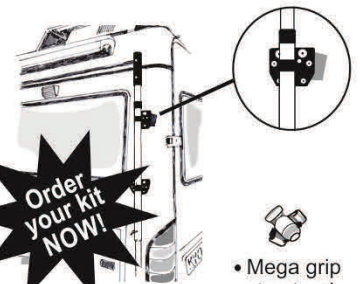
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Camping and detecting tips

FROM YOUR MEMBERS' HANDBOOK: It is important to carry a comprehensive First Aid Kit in your car (along with a woollen blanket and water) and highly advisable to have a small basic First Aid Kit with you while detecting, particularly a pressure bandage to use in the event of a snake bite. Stinging insects such as ants, scorpions and spiders are common on the goldfields so make sure that you have some anti-sting ointment in your kit as well. Should further First Aid be required, check with the Duty Officer (*whose name will be in the Sign In book*) regarding the location of the Club's kit.



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

Why not
share your
own camping
or detecting
tips in our
next issue?



The Club has a
**Minelab
GPX4500** detector
for hire on club
camps.

The charge for members is \$5 for ½ day, \$10 for a full day. (Non-members is \$10 for ½ day, \$20 for full day.)

See Eric G. or Lindsay T.



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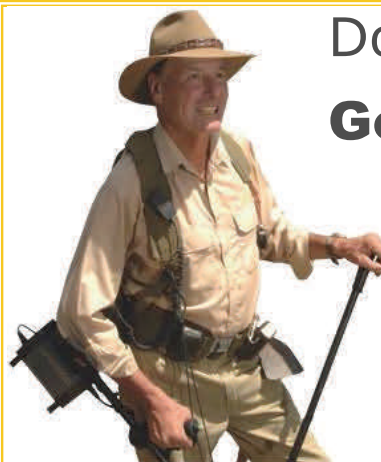
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Doug's latest book has just been released - "Coin & Relic Detecting in Australia" which is the companion to Doug's popular "Metal Detecting for Gold in Australia".

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The purposes of the Club are to:

- Promote the skill of prospecting using metal detectors and other suitable equipment in the search for gold, other precious metals, minerals, gemstones, coins, artifacts and relics.
- Encourage and foster friendship and co-operation amongst people interested in the above pursuits.
- Collaborate with other similar clubs and organizations.
- Hold meetings, lectures, demonstrations, field outings and competitions for the furtherance of members' prospecting skills and experience.
- Engage in fund raising activities for the bona fide purposes of the Club.
- Encourage all members to act in an environmentally and socially responsible manner, and in accordance with the Law.

Our prospecting activities are governed by a code of conduct as laid out in the Club Rules including respecting owners of private property and respecting the natural environment, hence our motto: "SEEK BUT DON'T DESTROY"

Summer is here!

Our new light-weight polo shirts are perfect for summer. Available now by order for \$30.00 each. Samples available at General Meetings to try on.



Caps are just \$15

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Interested in joining?

Contact us through our website, or by email, to be invited along to a couple of General Meetings or camp outings, to understand the club and its activities before applying to join.

Check out our website:

www.victorianseekersclub.org.au/how-to-join

Membership fees:

Family Membership \$65.00 p.a.

Single Membership \$40.00 p.a.

Plus one-off joining fee:

\$10.00 single, \$20.00 family

Subscriptions are due and payable by the 1st of July each year.