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The Victorian Seekers Club bi-monthly newsletter

President's report BY SUSAN MOORE

I would like to welcome our new members.

Well, I am nearing the end of my term as Club President, so I would like to thank the committee and everyone who has supported me throughout the last two years. It was a difficult first year with Warren our former Treasurer leaving suddenly with ill health, but thanks to Paul Hart coming to the rescue in March 2018 with the help of Jim Darragh, all is well with our finances.



During the last two years we have purchased a laptop computer, MYOB finance software, a new projector and have also donated \$2,000 to BUGU towards their efforts in the hope of us continuing to be able to do detecting/fossicking in the bush. Thanks to Lindsay Tricker, we have sold all the raffle tickets again for the Gary Warren Smith Community Raffle which brings \$800 into our coffers. Also, thank you to our newsletter advertising sponsors and CGS Gold Tours for their donation of a WA tour.

I have really enjoyed

my time as President but you should be aware that all committee positions are made vacant each September for a new committee to be elected at the AGM. Nomination forms will be available at each general meeting. It's only a 1 year commitment, so please consider nominating.

And a final reminder that the annual fees for 2019-2020 are due 1st July, so if you haven't paid please do so now. Remember that invoices are no longer sent out—refer instead to the last page of this newsletter (if paying via direct debit please identify your payment with your name).

Susan

Find of the Month June 2019



Congratulations to Rob S for his 23g of gold found during the Mountain Hut camp.

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.

Let's celebrate our successes. It's nice to see what we're all searching for!

General meetings

BY ERIC GRUMMETT, VICE PRESIDENT

MAY

A great response was received for the signing of the BUGU petition to the State Government, calling for an inquiry into public land management use, and to replace the present narrow green-minded city-based VEAC committee with a new advisory body which will include representatives of recreation and commercial users who will deliver more favorable commonsense results for us. Signatures can still be sent up to 5/9/2019 online (see BUGU Facebook for details or click [here](#)).

Members with dogs were reminded that they must not be allowed off-leash in the camp sites, and to clean up after them responsibly (the dogs that is). As per Club Rules.

The Find of Month was awarded to David G for the 3.5 gm nugget he found with his X-terra while looking for artifacts at Fryerstown, beating about 40 others looking for gold with expensive gold detectors (I think there is a moral to that).

We welcomed a couple of our newest members: Mauris F and Barry S to our membership, now reaching 203.

Our guest speaker was Mel Higgins from the RACV

Years Ahead Lifestyle Series. His presentation called "Healthy Ageing and Staying Connected," gave us older members advice on improving health by keeping active, and how we can stay connected with family, friends and community, and how to be alert and avoid internet scams. Mel commented that our club gave great healthy lifestyle opportunities for older members.



JUNE

Lindsay has made himself busy this month by taking over the secretary position from Tony for 2 months while he (Tony) and Nola take off for their annual trip to France. Lindsay has also been conducting the Monash Community Raffle raising \$800 for our club, which is a great result with all tickets sold.

All new members receive a club name badge and it was advised we all should wear them as it is the best way for us to get to know each other. Due to many new members recently it is hard for some of us oldies suffering dementia to keep up with who's who.

Members were encouraged to take suitable photos at

camps and send to Gary Harvey at seekersphoto-comp@gmail.com for consideration for "photo of the year." Details on page 9.

Find of Month went to Robert S. for his nice 23g hoard from Mountain Hut. (Pic p1)

The meeting concluded with a DVD showing details of the biggest dump truck in the world which can carry 350 ton of ore from the mine face to the crushers for the gold processing. It was interesting to learn of the technical details of its construction.

For our July meeting we will have Mac from Weigh Station coming to talk to us about the correct caravan weights how to maintain them within safety and legal limits. His company offers to come to our homes to weigh and evaluate our setups.

Eric

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
21st August 2019

DOC or JPG preferred. Members refer to committee list or send to vicseekersclub@gmail.com

Your Committee of Management 2018-2019

POSITION	DUTIES	NAME	CONTACT vicseekersclub@gmail.com
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Almoner:	Contact on matters of personal nature: weddings, bereavement etc	Virginia Lake	
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Clothing Officer:	Managing club clothing display at General Meetings and at camp outings	Steve Iorlano	
Field Officers:	Assist new members at outings, manage campfires, camp signage and any other campsite set-up/clean up duties	Bob Lake	
		Lindsay Tricker	
		Ivan Albrecht	
		Mark David	

All committee positions become vacant at the AGM on September 3rd—consider how you can contribute to the Club for the next 12 months!

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Club calendar

*VSC General Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except January) at 8pm sharp, *Mulgrave Community Centre, 355 Wellington Road, Mulgrave. All welcome.*

July						
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	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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JULY 2019

- ♦ Wed 3rd July—General Meeting, 8pm, Mulgrave*
- ♦ Thurs 4th—Tues 9th Jul—July camp, Moonambel (Christmas in July—Saturday night)

AUGUST 2019

- ♦ Wed 7th August—General Meeting, 8pm, Mulgrave*
- ♦ Thurs 8th—Tues 13th Aug—August camp, Redcastle

SEPTEMBER 2019

- ♦ Wed 4th September— AGM and General Meeting, 8pm, Mulgrave*
- ♦ Thurs 5th—Tues 10th Aug—September camp, Homebush
- ♦ Special Outing: Sun 22nd Mt Martha Beach Outing

OCTOBER 2019

- ♦ Wed 2nd October—General Meeting, 8pm, Mulgrave*
- ♦ Thurs 3rd—Tues 8th Oct—October camp, place TBA

August						
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	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Newsletter submission deadline

Join us for "Christmas in July" Sat 6th July at Moonambel

Where

Moonambel Recreation Reserve —refer camp map



BYO Christmas party fare (Kitchen and pie warmer facilities available – as well as the Club BBQ)

Cost

Camp sites \$10 non-powered, \$15 powered per night. (The club will pay for the hire of the room.)

Bring along tinsel, a Santa hat, or anything else that can help create a festive atmosphere!

Program

Saturday night: BYO Christmas party fare with Kris Kringle and party games

To participate in a Kris Kringle style gift-giving, bring a generic wrapped present up to the value of \$10 (per person)



Mt Martha Beach Outing

Sunday 22nd September

Detecting competitions and prizes!

Meet at Balcombe Estuary Rotunda at 10.30am

BYO picnic lunch or there is an electric BBQ

Melways Page 144, K11

Free Parking, and toilets.

May camp report: Mountain Hut

BY RAYWYNE WHITE

30 campers blessed us with their presence which equated to about 21 caravans.

This was the first camp for Rhonda and Ian. They looked like they were having fun. I hope it was as enjoyable for you both as you thought it was going to be.

While there were a good number of pieces found, the majority of them were of a small size. However, a couple of larger ones were found by the due diligence of some lucky members. The standout finder had to be Rob who managed to repeat the report from Homebush Camp in the Sept 2017 Newsletter, that stated: "Robert S, who found a patch, had a total of 24 grams including an 8-gram nugget"! Amazing.

There were other winners of course, some nice pieces found by Briony with 3, Peter M scored himself 2 pieces, a very nice piece for Peter G while Eric and Alistair found one each. Anja wanted it stated that she got a big fat zero. She wasn't alone, unfortunately.

The weather was superb for detecting although nights were very cold. We were fortunate there was no rain until the early hours of Monday. Each night the moon was so bright that we didn't need our torches.

Many thanks to Eric, Keith, Dave and others for gathering firewood to keep us warm each morning, arvo and evening. The campfire was a favourite meeting place for the exchange of knowledge and advice. Also, a great meeting place for making new friends and re-newing old acquaintances. Old-

er members were generous with their time and advice which was inspiring to newer members and the not-so-new members alike.

Saturday night's campfire provided us with warmth as we awaited the results of the raffles. There were great prizes as usual. At least Keith and I scored well in *that* department. After we each had won a prize, we kept calling out "Re-draw!" as other tickets that we had were drawn out. Rhonda, being new, didn't realise what we were doing and so she would call out "Re-draw" even though she didn't have the winning ticket! I explained to her that she can't call out "Re-draw" if she didn't actually have the winning ticket. So funny.

Sunday night Graham spoiled us with a tray of hot party pies complete with tomato sauce. Yummy! A short time later Rob called Keith and me over to secretly view a piece that he didn't want others to see. We were amazed, it was huge... so excited for him, until he let us hold it: it was, of course, fake! Something that Anja had made and sprayed with gold paint. Ha-ha. Nice one Rob!



Around the campfire—Ray White

"Re-draw!"

We haven't seen any gold in a long time so we were easily fooled.

Eric informed us that our club hadn't been to Mountain Hut for a couple of years but if the greenies get their way there is a strong possibility that this is the last opportunity we will have to enjoy this beautiful spot.

Not having mobile reception didn't go down well with some of us, but a short hike in the adjoining paddock provided a secure connection for those that needed to make calls to their loved ones. Jill scored herself some fresh mushrooms on the way back from one of her trips up the hill. She had Lindsay check them out for her before she felt comfortable enough to eat them.

The possibility of 2 future members is on the cards due to some of our members chatting to Trina and Ben who were camping further up the road from our camp. They accepted an invitation to join our campfire and were keen to learn all about our club.

While most members headed home on Monday, a good number stayed until Tuesday and a couple of us stragglers left Wednesday morning. A great camp had by all.

Commiserations though, to Jill F who wrote off her motorhome at the Moliagul crossroads just after the camp. Luckily, both Jill and the other driver only suffered from seat belt bruising.

Raywyne

VSC Photography Competition

ADMINISTERED BY GARY HARVEY

Rules of VSC PHOTO COMPETITION 2019

3 categories: Fauna, Flora, Heritage (no people)

- ◆ Maximum entries: one in each category, per camp, per person
 - ◆ Photos to be from current months' camps
 - ◆ Send to seekersphotocomp@gmail.com no later than the Tuesday, one week after camp
 - ◆ Provide your name, camp and chosen category
- Submissions administered by Gary Harvey
Not all entries will be published
Monthly winner from each category will be judged by Committee

Photo of the Year announced at the December General Meeting

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Feature article: Deep Leads

SUBMITTED BY GRAHAM MEE

Deep leads are buried gold-bearing river channel deposits which were later buried beneath late-Cainozoic (23-5 million years ago) alluvium, basalt or both.

In the heads of valleys or gullies, the leads were often shallow and worked by individuals or small parties in the early days of mining. Further along their courses the leads were more deeply buried and often extensive drilling was required to locate their sinuous courses.

The two most productive areas of deep lead mining in the state were the Ballarat West (Sebastopol 63 tonne of gold) and the group of mines working the Berry, Australasian and Hepburn leads from Creswick to Ullina (58 tonne of gold).

Within the deep leads, the gold-bearing gravel was commonly up to one metre thick and 100 metre wide in a lead 300 metres wide. Gold values were in the order of 10-20 grams cubic metre of wash.

The leads were extensively mined underground at Ballarat West from 1855 to 1872.

In the Creswick area the alluvial mines

started in the 1870's or later and were worked through to roughly 1914.

WATER SHORTAGE ? Then what about this-

Specialized equipment and techniques were required to cope with the weak ground and the enormous quantities of ground water flowing through these buried river courses. Companies such as the Spring Hill and Central Leads mine, north of Creswick, were faced with continuous and heavy pumping of up to 9 million litres per day and further north, the Charlotte Plains Company were forced to pump 28 million litres per day for six years prior to mining and then continue to lift 22 million litres per day during mining. The return of the natural water level after such prolonged dewatering operations takes many years. In the Hopkins Valley, water in the new Langi Logan shaft stood at 12 metres prior to dewatering. The lead was worked to 91 metres and operations ceased in 1925. By 1934 the water level was still 45 metres from the surface.

Notes taken from Victorian Geological Survey Report No 75 by R. L. King.



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June camp report: Havelock

BY VIRGINIA LAKE

We arrived at the designated campsite mid-morning Thursday to see a solitary van, that of Ken Whittaker, however, within a short time eight camps were set up with another two by end of day. In all we had thirteen camps and eighteen people. In addition to this we had five day-visitors. This incorporated five prospective members. Our Club keeps on growing.

The weather was kind to us with fine days and cold nights. Rain chased us back to our vans one night but we had been able to congregate around the fire for an hour or so. A big thank you to all who cut/collected wood for our fires; and we had some roaring ones too (got to keep your eye on Bob).

Peter M. held the raffle Saturday night which included several donations. (Thank you Craig and Meredith for the apple pie and fruit chutney Bob and I won, they were delicious.) Peter has introduced a second chance draw into the raffle, with the

prize being \$10, and this is a big hit. Rob turned the evening into a trivia night which all participated in. Lars helped Rob by providing a book with trivia questions and answers. A good time was had by all.

Several members, at individual times, had lunch at the Golf Club in Maryborough and gave their recommendation. Bob and I had lunch in Carisbrook at a café which was previously a service station that has been fully renovated; very tasty and reasonably priced. Prospective members Craig and Meredith had a ball buying up at markets and at the camping shop in Maryborough.

Gold was not plentiful with mainly small pieces found, although some were lucky enough to find larger pieces: 12.4g and 10g+ specimen by Rob; 15.8g by Alister and Anja found a nice 2-3g. There were a couple of anomalies –

Keith, the generator man, found a gold-plated watch band and Jenny found a \$50 note which obviously had been in the weather for some time. We all got excited about this.

The laughter and camaraderie of this camp has left a lasting impression on many of us.

Virginia

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Another good find by Rob... how does he do it?



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FAUNA



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Photography competition entries April-May-June 2019:

1. Anja Mc – Just a puddle (p6)
2. Jill F - End of road 1 (p9)
3. Eric G -Mountain Hut (p9)
4. Jill F - Mobile phone two bars up hill (p6)
5. Anja Mc - Animal Sunbaking (p9)
6. Briony R - Red Hill Pub (p6)
7. Jill F - End of road 2 (p9)
8. Gary H - Red Hill Pub
9. Jenny H —50 Reasons to smile

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BY WHO

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For dates and venues, see p4 in this newsletter

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Member submissions... or "Much ado about nothing"

Just Joking Around!!

With thanks to Susan M, Paul H, and Eric G for these submissions...

Some guy brought a new fridge, so to get rid of his old one he put it on the nature strip with a note saying free to good home. After three days it was still on the nature strip, he decided that people were too mistrustful of this deal, so he changed to sign to read: For Sale \$50... the next day someone stole it.

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SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Sprain

- intense pain
- restricted movement of the injured joint
- rapid development of swelling and bruising

Strain

- sharp, sudden pain in the region of the injury
- usually loss of power
- muscle tenderness

WHAT TO DO

- 1 Follow DRSABCD.
- 2 Follow **RICE**:
 - **Rest** – rest the patient and the injured part
 - **Ice** – apply an ice pack or cold pack for 15 minutes every 2 hours for 24 hours, then for 15 minutes every 4 hours for 24 hours
 - **Compression** – apply a compression bandage firmly to extend well beyond the injury
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 - Massage.
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- 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.

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THE VICTORIAN SEEKERS CLUB INC.

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