#### The Victorian Seekers Club

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#### The Victorian Seekers Club bi-monthly newsletter

Two Bendigo prospectors have unearthed two gold nuggets worth a combined \$350,000 as part of the television show Aussie Gold Hunters.

Brothers-in-law Ethan West and Brent Shannon - known as The Poseidon Crew - with the help of Ethan's father Paul West, found the 78 and 45 ounce nuggets while prospecting near Tarnagulla.





# President's Report



Paul Hart

#### Hi everyone,

I hope you are doing OK. I have spoken to a few members and most are coping with the isolation by keeping active or busy with an interest, hobby and exercise. One person I spoke to said their major new interest was food and their exercise was walking from the couch to the kitchen. I am a bit guilty of this also so I am super keen for this covid business to be over, and with the current POG (price of gold) I am looking forward to getting out and finding more of the yellow stuff.

In this report I discuss the AGM and Committee positions, Rita's funeral and a little about the pandemic and how it is affecting the club. Elsewhere in the newsletter please find information about a record-breaking nugget, the GPX 6000, treasurer / membership secretary report, SDC 2300 mods and other interesting stories. A couple of these articles give members a chance to win a detector so have a go and let me know if you win.

Because we are not having meetings or camps I have asked key members of the committee to cover off items that might normally be covered verbally when we are together.

#### **BY PAUL HART, PRESIDENT**

#### Covid & VSC

At the time of the last Newsletter things were starting to look up and a couple of small groups of less than 10 were able to get away for some detecting. One of the groups was checked on twice by the Police and I would not be at all surprised if concerned locals "dobbed them in". This group was doing the right thing and nothing happened, but it goes to show each member needs to stay in touch with and comply with any of the restrictions the government announces for your particular situation.

In Melbourne we are under very prohibitive stage 4 restrictions through to about mid Sep. Touch wood there will be an easing of restrictions after this time but after talking to fellow committee members we find it difficult to see anything but a very cautious approach by the government for the remainder of the year. General meetings and full camps as we know them are unlikely in the coming months. Perhaps things will be a little easier for lucky members based in country Victoria.

#### <u>AGM</u>

As you are no doubt aware, we generally have our AGM (annual general meeting) and election of Office Bearers in September each year. In compliance with the guidelines set by Consumer Affairs Victoria the club is able to postpone our meeting until early next year if necessary. We will of course hold our AGM as soon as we can and because of the very slight chance that we can have it later this year I take this opportunity to take care of a few formalities.

• As required by the Vic Seekers Club constitution it is declared that at the forthcoming AGM (date to be advised)

# President's Report cont.

all committee positions are declared vacant. A nomination form for office bearers can be found in the Newsletter. If you wish to nominate for a position please contact the President or Vice President as soon as possible and discuss.

• However, I am pleased to announce that with the exception of Membership Secretary and Research Officer there have been nominations for all committee positions. On behalf of all members, my sincere thanks go all those who are continuing and the new nominees.

In preparation for the AGM the treasurer Pam G has produced an Income & Expenditure statement and Balance sheet for the last financial year.

#### <u>Rita Bentley's Funeral</u>

An email was sent out about Rita's funeral and those with the internet were able to view the ceremony along with David, the children, other relatives and friends. It was a touching ceremony and you could not help but be moved by the speeches and the tears.

#### <u>Other</u>

We have a few things to look forward to when camps return to normal.

- I still have prizes from the 40th anniversary lunch.
- The auction of detectors, coils etc
- The country member 40th anniversary lunch
- A "Covid is over" celebration

Regards, President Paul





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**BY ERIC G** 

# In the Poo at Whroo

To be successful in the goldfield, luck plays a big part in the outcome of our finds. Well luck can also play a big part in our choice of campsites, as this story will unfold.

My tale relates to an incident that happened on our club trip to Whroo in 2007. I arrived with my van fairly late in the afternoon and pulled up next to Peter Maffey's car, who at that time had a tent already set up. I went over to say g'day to him and noticed that he was camped under a big tree which was in the same spot that I was in 2 years earlier with my brand new van on its' first outing. That night a strong wind came up and blew down a sizable branch, landing on my roof causing some dents. I pointed out to Peter that the site wasn't a lucky one for me and so wished him luck with it. Alas, it wasn't to be, as I moved off in the dim light I swung into the site next to Pete, my van took a dislike to his car when I miss- judged the clear-

ance and took out his front 1/4 panel and bumper bar (see photo), and in the process redesigned the side of my



van. I must say, Peter was not very impressed with my driving skills, but when I pointed out the bad luck of karma on that site he understood and almost forgave me. In the morning Peter Smitt came to the rescue with supplies from his Coombes van, and by using his first aid training, using about 50 large cable ties and 10 rolls of duct tape, he was able to put it somewhat back



together so that he could get back home.

> Now, you all know Peter is such a very forgiving person, and as can

be seen from the other photo taken 2 years later we shook hands, and are now best of mates.

The moral of this story is don't believe the old proverb; "Lightning never strikes twice in the same place."



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Vice President & Research Officer:	President's deputy, arrange speakers. Information about outings, field activity.	Eric Grummett	
Secretary:	Correspondence, meetings, camp permits and other administration	Tony Pappas	
Treasurer:	Financial reporting, paying and receiving money, banking	Pam Griffin	
Membership Secretary:	Membership enquiries, subscriptions, membership records	Pam Griffin	
Newsletter Editor:	Newsletter compilation and distribution	Gary Harvey	
Information Technology Officer:	Website and YouTube administration	Mark David	
Catering Supervisor:	Supper at General Meetings, special occasion camp catering	Alex Eram	
Social Secretary:	Organising social functions, raffles, theatre bookings etc	Tina Whelan	
Almoner:	Contact on matters of personal nature: weddings, bereavement etc	Virginia Lake	
Library Officer:	Managing library at General Meetings	David Gothard	
Clothing Officer:	Managing club clothing display at General Meetings and at camp outings	Susan Moore	
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	





#### 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"

# Bigger Than Welcome Stranger

By now most of you have probably heard talk of a nugget bigger than the Welcome Stranger being unearthed in Victoria. Courtesy of Wikipedia Aug 20, the Welcome Stranger was "Found only 3 cm (1.2 in) below the surface, near the base of a tree on a slope leading to what was then known as Bulldog Gully, the nugget had a gross weight of 109.59 kilograms (3,523.5 ozt). Its net weight was 72.02 kilograms (2,315.5 ozt) (192 lbs 11.5 oz).

At the time of the discovery, there were no scales capable of weighing a nugget this large, so it was broken into three pieces on an anvil by Dunolly-

based blacksmith Archibald Walls.

Deason, Oates, and a few friends took the nugget to the London Chartered Bank of Australia, in Dunolly, which advanced them £9,000. Deason and Oates were finally paid an estimated £9,381 for their nugget, which became known as the "Welcome Stranger".

The Welcome Stranger would be worth \$6.2m at today's POG (price of gold) and worth considerably more to a collector of big trophy gold, with very deep pockets.

Some are saying the new nugget is a hoax or just a rumour. Things I have heard or read about online.

Someone on the new show Weekend Prospector said they had seen the Nugget.

It is said to be sitting in acid in a bath tub.

According to Rob S, well known lease holder Nevile P claims it is true and it was found on a Lease.

Supposed to be found somewhere between Moonambel and Ararat ???

A couple of things I know for sure. With the current POG and stories of huge nuggets our hobby will be very popular once we escape the clutches of the virus. I was talking to the boys at Miners Den in June and they have been selling out of detectors. Pam advises that we have some 25 prospective members wanting to join our club.

Paul H

# GPX 6000

Some interesting information about the new GPX 6000 on some online forums. To get me to consider it, I am hoping that it is lighter than the 7000, with an LED screen, incorporated battery, built in speaker and a couple of better lighter coils and improved discrimination for working in trashy areas. My bench mark for performance would be the GPX 5000 with the Nugget Finder 12 ' round coil.

Below is a quote from stock analyst Roger Montgomery in a share market review of Codan which is the parent company of Minelab

"They will in September launch a new gold detector called GPX 6000 which will slot in just below the current top model GPZ 7000 and sell for around \$8,000. The capabilities of this detector are slightly different from the top model and hence there should not be too much cannibalisation between the models."

(however I am not sure of a September launch)

Other comments form on line forums

"Sounds like a PI to me, and I expect it will be in a more CTX/GPZ style housing with a screen and wireless audio with the battery mounted in the detector rather than on your butt. Hopefully they were wise enough to incorporate a speaker into the unit. That's what I am expecting so hopefully they've made it a bit lighter. PI's are a long way



# *GPX 6000 cont.*

from dead, ZVT isn't a replacement. The big question is will they let normal GPX coils work on it or will they be some chipped monstrosity's just for that model. That could be the difference between if it sinks or swims in my opinion!"

"It's more the gap between the GPX 5000 and the GPZ 7000, it has to fit in there. They're saying it's not going to take over the GPZ as the flagship. There isn't really that much wiggle room between the GPX 5000 and GPZ I don't think, other than improving weight, ergonomics, modern electronics and a screen rather than the old knobs and switches. Maybe waterproof might be the big thing. I'm sticking with my prediction of a GPX in a GPZ style housing, with another timing or two in the mix, wireless audio, and waterproof. It'll have the GPS of course and a modern spiral coil, maybe come with a couple of coils to help justify the price. I hope they've done some form of new discrimination but if that required DD's it would only be used on some occasions."

"Seta and GPX were both trade marked separately in 2009 but appear on the same detectors. Multi IQ and Equinox were both trade marked separately in 2017 but appear on the same detector. Geo Sense - PI and GPX 6000 - both names were filed for trade mark in July 2020 - Im guessing we are going to have a GPX 6000 incorporating Geo Sense - PI. What is Geo Sense - PI? Maybe its an adaption of ground penetrating radar (ultra wide band impulse radar) combined with pulse induction technology from the military MDS-10."

# The Weekend Prospector

Many of you will know the geologist Andrew Bales as he has made a presentation at the club and was due to talk to us again early this year but bad weather resulted in Andrew getting stuck in the outback.

Andrew is now the host of series 3 of a show called the Weekend Prospector. The first show is on free to air TV station 73 Mate at 11 am on Saturday 12 Sep 2020. I am looking forward to this show as Andrew really knows his stuff.

Some of the other TV shows I have seen are almost embarrassing with hosts looking for gold using coin machines or other hosts who have no idea about their detector or how to retrieve a target.

For those who are familiar with Facebook there is also a chance to win one of 8 Minelab Go Find 44 detectors. Simply go to The Weekend Prospector Facebook site and "Like" the page.

#### Survey

If you have internet access and can use Facebook you might be interested in going to the PMAV page on Facebook and you will find the request below. It is to collect survey information and will help in our fight to retain bush land in Victoria for use by prospectors. I did the survey and while it does contain some requests for personal information you don't have to provide it. An added benefit is that you can win a Gold Monster 1000 or Equinox 800.

The Facebook post looks like this.



Paul H



# The Prospectors and

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#### (Reduced Fee applies to Current Members Only)

#### **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

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#### S E P T / O C T 2 0 2 0

#### **Committee Positions**

The good news is that we have nominations for most positions but we have a couple of members on the committee that are still doing two roles. Pam is Treasurer and Membership Secretary and Eric is Vice President and Research Officer. These hard-working members do a lot for the club and it would really be appreciated if someone could step up and help out.

The membership secretary workload is now a little easier with the production of a 4 page document which gets emailed to prospective members. This document contains all relevant information for both the prospective member and other committee members. We will be asking field officers to take prospective members under their wing for the first couple of camps.

The Research Officer role is to provide a little information about upcoming camps. The report could include a little history, notable finds, places to try and perhaps what is going on in the local community that weekend e.g. a local market or tourist attraction. You can make this role as big or as little as you like and it could be done by a country member who could simply email reports once a month.

If you are able to help with a committee position please get in contact with myself or the Secretary.



# THE VICTORIAN SEEKERS CLUB INCORPORATED Registration No. A0001477T ABN No. 81 006 528 329

#### NOMINATION FORM FOR OFFICE BEARER FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021

I,
Nominate:
For the following position:-
Seconded by:
Accepted by:

To be handed over to the Club Secretary no less that 7 days prior to the AGM

#### **VACANT POSITIONS:**

President:	Catering Officer:
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Secretary:	Librarian:
Treasurer:	Field Officer:
Membership Secretary:	Newsletter Editor:
Social Secretary:	Clothing Officer:
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# Modifications / Improvements to an SDC 2300 Metal Detector. By & © Copyright to Eddie S. M. Tricker.

#### <u>Part Three – The Adjustable Bungee</u> <u>Cord</u>

This is the third part of a series of five (5) short articles dealing with improvements and modifications I have carried out to my own SDC 2300 metal detector.

Since I purchased my SDC 2300 back in April 2017, I have carried out a series of modifications and improvements to it that cater for my physical limitations these days and suit my style of detecting.

Old war injuries in the form of left-hand shoulder and back injuries make it hard for me to detect all day long standing. So, once I have isolated my target to a small heap of soil, gravel, or whatever, I like to get down on my knees, unclip the detector from my bungee and use my shovel, passing it over the back of my coil.

The SDC also has a couple of inbuilt features that with the benefit of modification's can be improved upon.

The one I have in mind here, it the small fold up arm rest, but it also does not have any provision on it to hook in a bungee cord arrangement.

#### The Adjustable Bungee Cord

I had searched high and low in my local area for the materials necessary to make up an easily adjustable Bungee cord. But no matter where I looked and despite all the questions, I asked local suppliers, these materials were not available, not manufactured.

So, my many and varied ideas did not bear any fruit.

I communicated these ideas and frustrations to my brother, Lindsay through numerous telephone conversations. Over a period of time, he came up with a suitable answer. An Aluminium fitting, which could be top mounted to the Pro-Swing harness and had a variable width 'vee' slot in it, to enable bungee cords of various diameters, to be shortened or lengthened.



A close up of the Aluminium Bungee cord fitting. The Bungee cord passes through a circular hole at the bottom of it, the cord in turn passes through the variable width vee slot where it is locked in place by the weight of the detector.

Below is a small photo of the entire Bungee cord arrangement. The brass fitting in the middle of the cord is a retainer that has two circular holes or shafts running through its length. The hole through which the Bungee cord runs has a larger diameter than the cord itself, allowing it to flex, to move, without any friction on it. The second shaft hole has a diameter similar in size to the diameter of the Bungee Cord.



The complete Bungee cord arrangement. Note the black rubber "O" rings on the end clips which hold the Bungee cord in place.

The cord is passed through this hole; which is then squeezed slightly to create a friction on the cord. To retain the cord. The cord can be moved through this second hole but requires greater force to do so.

The whipping shown on this "free end" prevents the Bungee cord from moving back through the retainer. The other end of the Bungee cord is passed through the shank of the Clip, which is to carry the weight of the detector. It is tied in place with a whipping of heavy white linen thread, which is also covered in super glue to create a hard-bonded end which is unlikely to come undone even under great load.



Close up showing the 'whipped' ends of the Bungee cord, and detailing the black rubber "O" ring which holds the cord in place on the clip.

How does it work? The *MINELAB Pro-Swing* harness has 'D" rings mounted at shoulder height on both left- and right-hand sides. The application of super-glue to the fabric holding this 'D' ring stiffens the fabric, enabling it to stand out at right angles to the harness. This makes it easier to remove and replace the 'lock' click.

The Aluminium adjuster end clicks onto this 'D' ring, whilst the other end clicks easily onto the Bungee Cord Fixing Point mounted on the SDC; as mentioned in my part one article, published in the May / June edition of "Fosskin' Round", Vol.41, Issue 3, pages 6 to 7.

Clearly 'tailored' for the way I carry out my detecting, its best advantage(s) are the easy disconnection and connection of the detector from the Bungee cord; easy adjustment to the Bungee cord length; the ability to quickly unclip the detector and move it behind me when I am kneeling on the ground; coupled with the ability to stand up whilst leaving the detector lying on the ground, due to the long headphone extension cord, I have. Which I will cover in my next part of this series.

#### The Detector's warranty?

In my opinion, none of the modifications / improvements I have made to my 2300, are such that they would invalidate the 3year MINELAB warranty of the SDC detector.



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# Prospectin 'Ints fer the Treasure Seeker

Er .. G'day folks. Now terday I'd like ter 'ave a few words about the latest craze, yer could even say occupation, that's sweepin' this fair country of ours — namely gold detectin', or ter put it another way treasure 'untin. Now I know a lot of you'se 'ave bin gettin' plenny of

advice and such likes from great authorities who 'ave ad some small success in a minor way o'course, but might like ter say at this point there are a few tips that they aven't told yer about. Not that they've been misleadin' yer or anythin' like that, careful not ter give too much away. Now I'm not knockin' their advice, most of it is good sensible, sound talkin' but they don't tell you 'alf the picture, and I might say at this point, there's some quite important advice, which they inadvertently or even deliberately have left out.

O'course most books give all the technical details, which to my mind require a university degree or a great deal of tenacity to read through and understand before yer even get out there doing the regular 'untin.

The advice I'm gonna give yer now is simple,er... straight to the point and can be understood by the averege six year old, and is guaranteed ter make you a success if yer feller it very carefully.

First things first. Now if you've read them books I was talkin' about then o'course yer know all about the gadget that finds the tras...er . that is treasure like cans, fencin' wire, nails, 'orse shoes, and maybe if you're real lucky even the odd coin or two. Now there are a few exceptions to all this, there are a few blokes who get real ar..y and find the dinky-di stuff, the old geld nuggets.

Now all this 'ard work requires some preparation and equipment, and 'eres some 'o the things you'll need. All that clobber they list in them books is o'course stuff you would naturally take, but 'eres a few extra things they haven't told yer about.

One very important item is your mother-in



-law. Now that might seem like a rather surprisin' thing ter say but in the absence of a donkey, and let's face it not too many of us have those, (and besides they can't brew up and cut the sandwiches), yer need someone ter carry the gear. Anyhow yer can't let the wife do it all, she's gotta be usin' the detector while you point out likely looking spots to try, you Navin' all the expertise and brain power. yer can't !et it go ter waste doin' all the donkey work (pardon the pun there folks).

Now the gear that mother-in-law is carryin' is all essential equipment such as shovels, picks, 'ammer (geo-pick if yer wants ter be real technical) and any other stuff that yer can loader up with ter 'elp dig up yer nuggets when yer find 'em. O'course don't ferget yer wheelbarra' fer the big ones. It'd be a 'orribly pity and shame if yer 'ad ter leave the big ones be'ind because yer couldn't carry 'em 'ome\_

Well now, mother-in-law also 'as ter 'ave other essential stuff in the barra' as well, such as fly spray ter keep off the 'friendlies' that populate these places, spare batteries fer the detec-tor, packs o' sandwiches, and the esky full o' coldies. Yer 'ave ter realise that these last items are vital for keepin' body and soul tergether, ter keep yer nourished and well primed so yer can keep up the blisterin' pace you'll be settin' once yer get gain' directin' the proceedings.

Ma-in-law'll be most anxious, if not desperate ter make sure everythin' goes smoothly and accordin' ter plan so that 'er darlin daughter can retire in luxury to which she is unaccustomed and she can also retire on the obvious fall-out which 'as ter come 'er way when yer strike it rich. Loaded up with an the gear she can trundle be'ind the missus and o'course make sure she 'as plenty o'diggin' ter do ter keep 'er quiet and ter give 'er plenty o'practice. Every now an then get 'er ter dig somethin' up, even if yer know it's not the dinky-di watcherrmacallit it don't 'urt ter keep their 'opes up yer know. Every now an' then drop a few words of encouragement ter boost the morale.

Now the missus workin' the detector should 'ave thoroughly read all them books I was referrin' to and yer can pass on yer own 'straight-fromthe-'orses-mouth' advice by directin' operations, Lakin 'em ter the places where yer second cousins twice removed brother-inlaws uncles nephew made 'is fortune doin' the same things.

Now if yer've bin paying close attention ter all that then, o'course. yer should go 'ome with a life o'Riley in front of yer, but if yer don't then o'course yer didn't feller the directions carefully enough and the manage-ment takes no responsibility fer that.

Oh dear! 'Ere comes the minin' inspector, I left me licence in me other wallet — we'd better go now— see ya tater.

#### S E P T / O C T 2 0 2 0

# **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. (CURRENTLY NO MEETINGS DUE TO COVID19)

#### **SEPTEMBER 2020**

- No Official VSC Camp
- No General Meeting

#### OCTOBER 2020

- No General Meeting
- Camp: TBA

#### **NOVEMBER 2020**

No General Meeting (TBA)

Camp TBA

#### Gold price as at 27/08/2020 86.26 ▼ -0.24 -0.28%





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# Member submissions

Photo of the month! Thanks to Ken W for this shot! Share your photos from upcoming camps to be featured in the photo of the month to seekersphotocomp@gmail.com



#### The story of the Victorian Seekers Club

In February 1980, the Victorian Seekers Club was formed by David and Pam Snelling. At this time large gold nuggets were being found in the golden triangle of Victoria. David noticed that many metal detectors were being offered for sale in the local newspaper. He spoke to several people offering the detectors for sale and realised all of them had the same story - they were unsure how to use their machines, did not know where to go to find gold and knew no-one of like interest to discuss detecting for gold.

David decided to use his experience in metal detecting to form a club in the Waverley area and advertised in the local paper that a meeting would be held at Waverley, inviting all interested persons to attend. To his surprise there was 'standing room only'. That night the Victorian Seekers Club (hereafter referred to as the Club) was formed with 37 inaugural members. Within the first 18 months membership grew to over 150 members.

During the 40 years that the Club has been operating, we have visited and detected in over 50 goldfields in Victoria, finding thousands of nuggets, and although most of these are small, there have been a few in the 3-5 ounces weight range. The Club has also found many coins and relics. In addition, there have been extended detecting trips to Western Australia, NSW and Queensland. We have had gold panning days, beach detecting outings and many social outings. We have also participated in detector token hunts organised by local community groups in Ararat, Wedderburn and Tarnagulla, and teams have participated in the Victorian and the National Gold Panning Championships with some success.



# Member only information

#### Code Red Fire Days Notice In the event that a Code Red Day is declared for any camp days, the camp will be cancelled. 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.



Support the group that is protecting your rights to enjoy the bush - The BUGU - and buy a car sticker from Eric for only \$2. Also attend the protest rallies that show other that we care about access to the bush.

Get them from Eric Grummett.

# Interested in joining?

Contact us through our website www.victorianseekersclub.org.au/how-to-join or by email vicseekersclub@gmail.com to be invited along to a couple of General Meetings or camp outings, to understand the club and its activities before applying to join.

# Membership fees:

Family Membership \$65.00 p.a.

Single Membership \$40.00 p.a.

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



#### 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

We encourage you to consider charging batteries with a solar panel instead of a generator.

# Club Clothing

Available by order

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Samples available at General meetings to try on



**Caps \$15** 

Polo Shirts \$30

**Polar Fleece Jacket \$40** 

Polar Fleece Vests : \$30