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## Your Committee of Management 2021-2022

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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"



## **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. (SUBJECT TO CURRENT COVID19 RESTRICTIONS)**

### MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

By now most members would be aware of the different covid related announcements which are made at the end of restrictions / lock-downs, and the need to stay flexible.

### **SEPTEMBER 2022**

- General meeting- 7th September
- Homebush 8th-13th September

### **OCTOBER 2022**

- General meeting- 5th October
- Waanyarra 6th -12th October

### **OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022**

- General meeting- 2th November
- Moliagul 27th Oct -2nd November

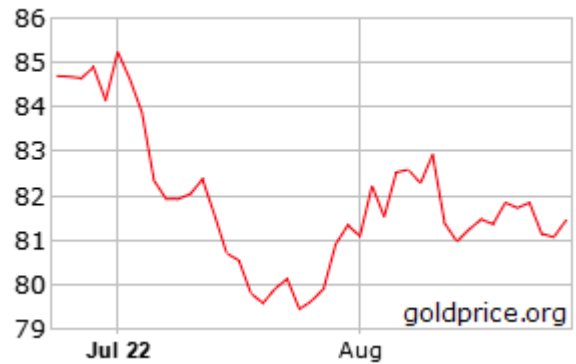
### **DECEMBER 2022**

- General meeting- 7th December
- Tarnagulla 26th Dec -1st Jan



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## President's Report

By Eric Grummet

Due to Paul's absence travelling this great land of ours up north, and being out of the loop for a few weeks your esteemed vice president has taken the reins to fill in. It seems that half the club have also done the flit interstate escaping from the Covid lockdowns, as our numbers attending camps and meetings has been way down. The lousy weather has also not been favorable for outdoor activities. Spring is almost here, so we can expect that situation to improve soon.

At our meetings, we have been shown a couple of interesting DVDs- July, an interview with an old Gulgong prospector, and in August Kevin, who just returned from a tag along tour of the Great Victorian Desert and Maralinga. He played us a presentation on Maralinga which is an almost deserted township in Sth Aust. about 150k north of the Great Aust. Bight, built by the British in the 1950s to house and conduct several atomic bomb tests. It takes visitors to the surrounding areas of the test sites and how they went to extraordinary efforts to clean up the contamination on completion of the tests by digging huge holes to bury the surface soil and machinery (trucks, tractors, planes and buildings). The towers from which the bombs exploded evaporated and the surface soil turned to glass in the extreme heat.

There was no Find of Month entries for July but Peter Graser wins for August with a very nice 10.5g nugget found at Chute. Our next meeting is the AGM where we are hoping for a better turnout of members who are willing to step up and become part of our management committee. We are a large well run club, but some of us who have been on the committee for many years now need a break as old age is catching up with them. The reason for their longevity has been their passion for promoting a great club and seeing members getting enjoyment from decisions they have made. It is truly a pleasure be part of this process. One thing I have noticed, like everything else in life is that the benefits gained is directly proportionate to the input, so please consider a position on our committee to help maintain our strong team.

At our October meeting we will be having

Chris from Battery World to talk about, you guessed it batteries, and other advice on the use of portable power in the bush. He usually has some freebies so don't forget to come along it will be a good night.

An up- coming event not to miss is the Laanecoorie Gold Bash on 8-9 Oct held at the Laanecoorie Caravan Park, which is a huge fund raiser for the Peter McCallum Cancer Foundation run by prospectors and dealers. There will be lots of displays, competitions, raffles and auctions, so please support this event to help charity. This is another way to put back into life what we take out. We will be camped just up the road at Waanyarra during this event.

The Prospectors and Miners Ass. Vic. (PMAV) will be conducting their AGM at Dunolly on Saturday 22 Oct in conjunction with the Dunolly Goldrush Festival, which is a fun event held mainly on the Sunday. The PMAV won't be having the usual auction this year but will be conducting a huge raffle with many valuable prizes. We need to support this organization as it is the only one that is fighting for our rights for access to gold-fields and prospecting. Anyone attending the meeting will get a free ticket and others will be able to obtain tickets through clubs and outlets soon.

We will be having our Cup weekend at Moliagul a week later, so it might be a good idea to come up a week earlier and be part of this event. I will see you all at our AGM.

Eric Grummet

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## *Member only information*

## Chute Camp Report

By Ken Whittaker

Well I suppose this will be a "not so big report" as we had a "not so big camp". Understandable though, with the current community dysfunctions in the health area, and not too good weather reports, along with some possibly burnt out Tiboorra trippers. The head count provided that we had some 19 members, and 4 visitors, and I think about 12 Camps. Some turned up a little later during the event. Steve & Marg along with Tony & Nola on the Saturday and Mal & Karen on the Sunday. Having arrived on the Thursday myself it was noticeable that this Chute camp location appeared to be a little easier to get a suitable camp site compared with previous visits. Although some members indicated that several year ago it was much clearer again. The weather reports proved fairly accurate with persistent showers on the Friday, clearing for Saturday, Sunday & Monday. Peter M. later reported that the Tuesday was wettish. In the detecting result report, not a lot of gold stuff to declare, although Peter G. was very happy with a very nice well rounded, smooth, and really yellow looking 10g nugget he found while detecting with Lars. Peter also had a couple of chunky smaller ones, and Lars told



me he got a nice 1.7 Grammer.. Otherwise nothing else to report.

However having given some of the mixed negatives and positives, we turn now to the affirmative side of the account. These smaller camps certainly do emphasise the fellowship that occurs in the bush when, out with like minded people, indubitably nearly always in a positive mood, joining together in a comradeship that always prevalent in our club. Colourful in that we had Anna there in her decorated camper van, "Neil" is his name, which by the way, demonstrates her colourful character as well. Eric G. again demonstrated his gold seeking zeal by unpacking his shovel and panning gear, and, with some help from Tony P & Steve H, panned some heritage dirt (pardon the sarcasm) from an old miners hole, right behind Lars & my caravans. They did get a little bit of colour, albeit not quite enough to include in the total summary. Goes to show you don't have to drive and walk a long way to get some gold. Unfortunately, on Sunday morning, Big Jim, acting on doctors advice headed off home. I have spoken to him since and all is well. Rob S. took a lot of photos of our group during the outing and no doubt they will be on Facebook. Looking forward to the next outing at Havelock, close to Maryborough and some good ground. Be there or be square.





## Havelock Camp report

By Steve & Marj

Another new camp for us. We are seeing so many places we never heard of before.

Arriving on 10th, we found Lars and Peter G and their wives plus Imi, already there and set up. More people arrived later in the day, plus others on 12th. In all we had a total of 16 people who braved the bad weather and attended the camp. Some stayed just for one or two nights (sensible ones!) and James came for a day visit.

All of the members present were so glad we had a big fire every night. It was certainly needed and often we were sitting around the fire with our umbrellas up. Thank you to those who assisted with firewood collection and cutting.

We found two puddlers very close to the camp site. One with an intact dam and another, further up the hill with what looked to be another dam that had been breached, we assume to let the water flow down to the second dam adjacent to the second puddler just behind our campsite.



Weather was cold and there was certainly plenty of rain - day and night.



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## Havelock Camp report continued...

By Steve &amp; Marj



### HAPPY CAMPERS!

The ground was very wet and super noisy, which made it hard to carry out our detecting. Consequently, very little gold was found by anyone.

Lars found a nice nugget. Peter G found a small piece and then a lovely specimen of quartz with gold all through it. Peter Maffey persisted and also found a nice shiny bit.



LARS' NUGGET



PETER G'S BEAUTIFUL SPECIE



PETER M'S "GOLDEN TOOTH"

One night around the fire, Lars produced a "Pub Quiz" trivia game and we had lots of fun trying to guess the answers to the questions. Thank you to Lars for doing that. We think it should be a regular camp activity!

Another night Marj made a damper for me to cook in the coals of the fire using one of our cast iron camp ovens. Alas, I had grabbed our smaller camp oven to save weight (against Marj's instructions!) so it rose up and stuck to the camp oven lid and the top burned. Apparently "someone" had also put too many hot coals on top. I dutifully cut the burnt top off and we all enjoyed the remaining good damper with but-

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## Havelock Camp report continued...

By Steve & Marj

ter and strawberry jam.

Peter G then produced another damper with sultanas in it that he had cooked in his BBQ so we all filled up way too much on damper that night.



Marj wanted to make another one, so the last night she made the dough and I (very carefully) attended to the cooking process. This time it was perfect and so another round of damper with butter and strawberry jam was enjoyed by all.



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## Havelock Camp report continued...

By Steve & Marj

I did hear a rumour that at the next camp there may be scones cooked! I heard a couple of the ladies talking about it so we will have to wait and see.

Well, due to the bad weather and low member numbers there is not much to report on from this camp. We look forward to the next camp where we hope to see a larger turnout and much better weather – and maybe some scones???



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For your safety, ensure you observe the correct lighting procedure as follows:

1. Press the ignition switch or apply a lighted match to the relevant burner.
2. Turn the control knob to 'HI' setting, press in & hold the knob.
3. If the burner does not ignite with 5 – 10 seconds, release the knob and turn to 'OFF'.
4. Wait 5 minutes for the gas to dissipate and try again.
5. If the burner fails to light again, stop using the cooker, turn off the gas and call an authorised person to service the cooker.
6. If the burner lights correctly but you notice a smell of gas, turn off the gas and call an authorised person to service the cooker.

It is important to note that while you press in the control knob, gas will flow and continue to flow and accumulate until you stop pressing the knob. The accumulated gas can ignite and explode if there is an ignition source. Please be careful not to allow gas to accumulate. We recommend fitting a gas leak detector inside the cupboard underneath the cooker. If you intend to travel in excess of 70km/hr off-road, you must install a gas leak detector.





## Laanecoorie Gold Bash 2022

The Laanecoorie Gold Bash is a fun event for all people. The Gold Bash is a two and a Half day event with gold related stalls, trivia night and auction.

Token hunts for kids and adults, gold tours and raffles. All proceeds raised goes to Peter Mac Cancer research.

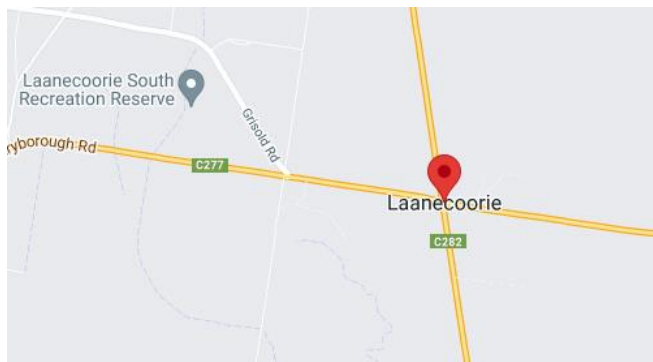
WHEN:

Friday, 07 October 2022 | 01:00 PM -

Sunday, 09 October 2022 | 02:00 PM

LOCATION:

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## Vic Seekers

**UHF 12**



**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.*



## Public Dump Points

Members are reminded that human waste is not to be dumped in the bush but is to be disposed of at home or a Public Dump Point. Here are some that are in our areas of the camps:

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- Bendigo Showground Public Dump Point: 42A Holmes Rd., North Bendigo, Grid Ref. 36:44:18.3S, 144:16:17.5E
- Clunes Public Dump Point : 70 Bailey St., Clunes, Grid Ref. 37:17:38.1S, 143:46:51.2E
- Harcourt Public Dump Point 6 Bridge St., Harcourt, Grid Ref. 36:59:40.3S, 144:15:45.3E
- Kyneton Mineral Springs Stopover: 219 Burton Ave., Kyneton, Grid Ref. 37:14:7.1 S, 144:25:9.1 E
- Seymour Public Dump Point: Cnr. Wallis & High St., Seymour, Grid Ref. 37:1:14.6S, 145:8:6.0E

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