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3 DAY BOOTCAMP



3 Day Bootcamp—Dave on a previous tour

Bootcamp was on again in March and it produces some fabulous nuggets of information about how to become a more successful prospector.

On the first day, the first spot I took the group to was an area that had produced a lot of big gold in the early days. This area is going to have a controlled burn off over it so those from the group will have the jump on other prospectors knowing where the good spots are. The second area that I took the group to was an area that had been pushed back in the 80s with a dozer. We worked above that and got a few bits of gold there.

The next day I took the group to new ground where I had found gold many

years ago. We went to another spot where one of the guys jumped out of his car to get ready to start to detecting. His wife called him back for a cuppa before he went out detecting which resulted in him not only having a nice hot cuppa but he also found a lovely, little gold nugget right near his car.

On the third day, John Tully was our special guest for the day. John is an accomplished historian as well as a very successful prospector who has been prospecting since the early 80s. John showed us a couple of spots around Dunolly that produced good gold in the early days. He talked about the history of pubs and brothels and showed us exactly where they were. He even showed us a nice gold pin that he had found many years ago at a brothel site. John also took us to a spot... (continued on next page)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

As can be seen from the graph below the GOLD PRICE dropped from \$1720.00 to a low of \$1600.00 this month. The Australian dollar has risen to \$.76837.

30 Day Gold Price in AUD/oz



Goldfields Central Prospecting Branch

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th March at the Maryborough Highland Society, 35 High St, Maryborough at 6.00pm for a meal and 7.00pm for the meeting.

All Welcome



3 DAY BOOTCAMP cont

around Dunolly where he was getting ounce pieces off an old heap. He spoke about the geology of the ground to the group to help them understand the area.

In the afternoon John took us to a big surface patch that had produced a lot of gold and he explained how the area did not have a lot of information available on it as it was mined prior to the Dunolly township being set up. Anybody that knows John, knows that he is very knowledgeable and free with his information even showing us where he got gold on new ground years ago.

One of our favourite clients, Blind Dave (as he calls himself) joined us for the 3 day Bootcamp. Dave is blind and with his wife, Claire, who assists him was as exuberant as ever. They are real troopers. They appreciate every moment that they spend out in the goldfields with us. This time Dave didn't have any luck finding gold so Norm & Viv who were part of the group buried a piece for him. Dave was told that there was gold buried for him somewhere in front of him and he had to find it. He didn't let us down.

A couple of teenage boys attended the bootcamp with their dads making it a great weekend away for father and son. Joe and his son, Nathan, were very keen. Nathan was doing some raking while Joe detected and vice versa. They had their teamwork down pat which I am sure will find them a lot of gold in the future.

A mix of Minelab machines were used on the Bootcamp including 2300s, 5000s and a 7000. The 2300s found the most gold nuggets in number which was not surprising. All up it was a rewarding trip for all who took part.

Darren stayed at the Dunolly Motel which is very reasonably priced and offers clean rooms. It has recently changed management with the new Managers, Ken & Robyn giving him a very warm welcome.

It still astonishes me how some people have been told to set up their machines. There is good information out there but on the reverse side of the coin there is some really bad information too. Darren is one of the most knowledgeable people around to set up your detector so if you are unsure, come along on a tour and get him to have a look at your detector.

Ballarat Begonia Parade



The OKA all dressed up for the Ballarat Begonia Festival

This was the first year that we had entered into the Ballarat Begonia Festival which is always held on the Labour day long weekend in March. So starting out early on the Monday morning we didn't really know what to expect.

We decorated the Oka with 100 helium filled gold balloons however gusty winds blew several bunches away before the beginning of the parade which wasn't the best of starts.

There was quite a bit of waiting around for the parade to start which was interesting in its own way with everybody scurrying around setting up their floats, bands practising their tunes and generally giving each other a hand.

Nearing the beginning of the parade, crowds lined the street all the way along the parade area beside Lake Wendouree.

Our arms soon became quite sore from all of the waving we were doing from the Oka. Riley, our 2 year old grandson was a hit with his "thumbs up" that he was giving the crowd and he loved it when the crowd responded and some of them came over to the OKA to give him a high five. .

And what an appropriate venue to promote gold prospecting. The atmosphere was warm and friendly from the Ballarat people.

Now if anybody has any ideas about how to decorate the Oka they would be most welcome.

Thank you so much to those who gave up their time to come along and ride in the OKA, take pictures and generally help our and support us.

BURN OFFS

DELWP works closely with the Bureau of Meteorology to decide when to burn, and burns are carried out when the weather is suitable.

The picture across the state is quite varied for the next month. With recent rainfall higher than expected, the far east of Victoria is likely to be too wet to burn until some significant drying can occur. Crews will continue to monitor conditions and take advantage of localised opportunities as they arise.

The west and north of the state are still too dry to burn, and are unlikely to be suitable for burning until after decent rainfall.



Some uncertainty in the forecast is creating some challenges for DELWP program planning, but at this stage relatively fine weather is predicted for the next four to five days through much of the North East and Central areas, as well as Port Phillip area and West Gippsland. This will enable DELWP in these areas to take advantage of the suitable conditions to undertake a significant program of burning. These burns will be a mixture of large burns designed to moderate the spread of major bushfires in more remote areas, and smaller burns nearer to towns with the objective of protecting assets.

Some burns scheduled for early next week on the outskirts of Melbourne, including the Dandenongs and Mornington Peninsula, may be highly visible from Metropolitan Melbourne.

Burnt off areas provide some great opportunities for prospectors to detect without the usual growth.

Please remember to keep safe in burnt off areas and do not enter until DELWP deem it safe to do so. Some of the hazards include burns, falling trees and melted detector coils.

Secret Tip #1

Detect in a burnt off area where there is more ash on the ground. This indicates that there has been thicker growth in this area and has therefore most likely been undetectable before the burn off.

Secret Tip #2

Copy and paste the following address to keep up to date on planned burns in Victoria.

<http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/fire-and-emergencies/planned-burns-for-the-next-ten-days>

FLYNN RAYMOND

Introducing the early but safe arrival of "Flynn Raymond Weston" to our daughter Adele and husband Nathan. Flynn was born Tuesday 22nd March 3 pound 14(1760grams). Flynn is our second grandchild.

Flynn shares his birthday with his big brother, 3 year old Riley, and which they also share with their great, great grandfather who was born in 1902.

Flynn was born 8 weeks early in St John's Hospital, Ballarat and will stay there for another 6 weeks until he is full term. Mum & Bub are doing well.

MONTHLY INSPIRATION



A beautiful coral gold nugget

Social Media = Daily Inspiration

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram as we spend more time on the internet than ever before. Instead of a once per month update via newsletter you can now keep up with the latest on an almost daily basis by following us on facebook or instagram.



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Over the past month we have posted the following on Facebook:-

- Victorian Caravan Camping & Touring Show
- Ballarat Great Outdoor Expo
- P&S Espresso
- Ballarat Begonia Festival Parade
- How magnets can attract gold
- Beautiful gold pics
- Welcome Stranger monument

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Lawyers vs Little Old Lady

In a trial in a small country town, a prosecutor called an elderly woman to the stand as a witness.

He approached her and asked: "Mrs Jones, do you know me?"

She responded: "Why, yes, Mr Williams.

"I've known you since you were a boy and, frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me.

"You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs."

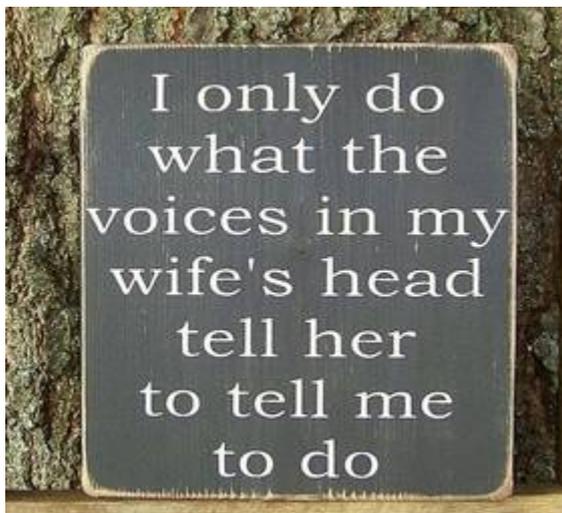
The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked: "Mrs Jones, do you know the defence lawyer?"

She again replied: "Why yes, I do. I've known Mr Bradley since he was a youngster too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he cheated on his wife with three different women.

"One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him."

The second lawyer was aghast.

The judge asked both lawyers to approach the bench and whispered: "If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to jail!" (from Brian, Niddrie).



Mark Your Calendars

April 2016

April 9th-16th—Gold & Relics NSW Tour

April 19th—Ballarat PMAV Branch Meeting

April 20th—Central Goldfields PMAV Branch Meeting

April 29th-May 1st—South Australian Metal Detecting Championships at Palmer, SA

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- Tour 2:** June 10th—June 20th Laverton -
Sold Out
- Tour 3:** July 14th—July 24th Leonora
Now 4 places left
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**3 day Victorian
Boot Camp**

Tag-a-long \$467.00

- **24th-26th September 2016
Ballarat**

Special Guest: John Tully, famous Australian author & gold map publisher.

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