

# The PIC 'N' PAN

May 2019.

## Prospectors' Home Club Incorporated. Since 1981.

Club Meetings are held 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7.30 pm. Except for January.  
Venue: Harry Todd Band Hall, Jubilee Lane Harris Park.  
PO box 9135 Harris Park 2150

*Inside this issue: Important notices. Hargraves trip details, Membership drive. Man from Iron Bark festival trip report. April meeting minutes. Appendix with 2019 year calendar.*

**May 2019 meeting-** Latest news and events. Gold and Treasure draw, Special Mother's Day prizes.

Stuart Town April  
2019. Photos by  
Fred Krebs



## Important notices

- o May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> trip to Hargraves, camping on the oval.
- o Membership drive. Ticket for Equinox 800 detector(see page 3)

Renewal fees are \$25 single. \$35 family. \$10 joining fee for new members.  
Please update your details and fill out disclaimer. Please include your email address.  
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# Trip to Hargraves May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2019.

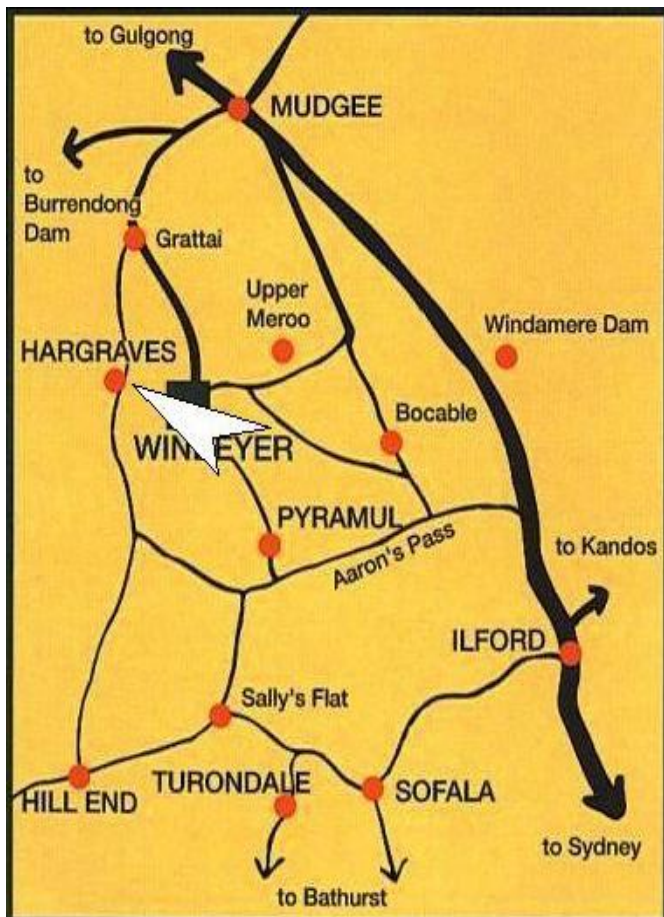
Ch 19. "Parramatta club" call sign).

## Hargraves is Located between Hill End and Mudgee.

You can get there a number of ways.

1. Turn right at Lithgow onto the Castlereagh Highway and drive through Mudgee. Drive Through the town towards Gulgong and Turn Left onto Hill End rd. You will see "Mudgee Honey Haven" In front of you. Hargraves will be approximately 30 odd Kms from here.
2. Or drive past Lithgow towards Bathurst and turn right at Kelso for Sofala. If you go to Sofala turn left onto Hill End rd. to Hill End and turn right At Hill End following the Hill End rd. to Hargraves.
3. Or turn Right at Kelso for Sofala and turn left onto Eleven Mile Drive and drive through Eglington. Turn Right onto Duramana rd. which turns into Turondale rd. Follow this road all the way to Hill End rd. Turn Left to Hill End and when you come to Hill End turn right onto the Hill End rd. to Mudgee. Hargraves is approximately 40 km. from Hill End.

**Camping.** We will be camping on the sports field which is less than 1 kilometer past the general-store towards Mudgee



George showing all how it is done!

Water, toilets, cold shower. Some undercover area. Some power. Great little store nearby.  
On the gold! Detecting or panning.



*Man from Iron Bark festival. Easter Long weekend.* Camping at Mookerawa Waters Recreation Park. By Fred Krebs.

Tim rang me up during the week and asked if he could follow me to Mookerawa, where we were camping. I said o.k. trying to decide the best time to go. In the end we agreed that we will meet at North Richmond 5am at the servo then drive up. It could have been better if we went Friday afternoon. But for one reason or another, Saturday morning was decided. That wasn't too bad idea. The traffic was certainly not a problem. It was an easy drive with a couple of stops along the way. It took a little bit longer than I thought but we got there. I was able to ring Brian on the way up to let everyone know where we were at. It was about 10am when we set up our tents. Everyone else was already at the festival.

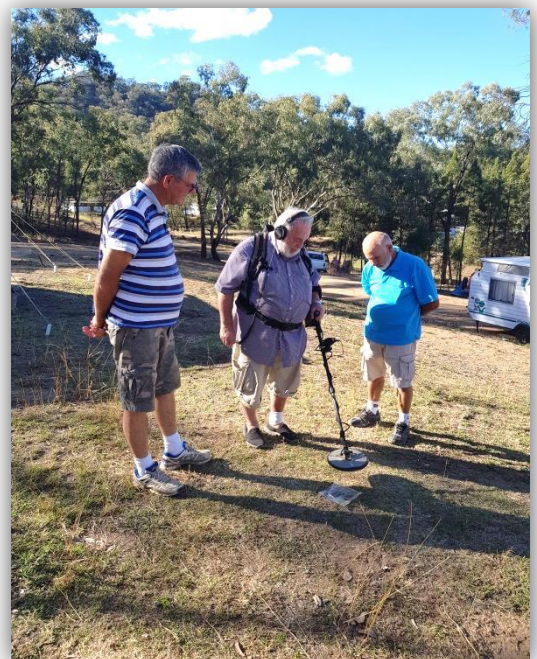


When Tim and I arrived at the festival it was just in time for the parade which included classic cars and other interesting floats. For a town that is pretty deserted anytime I come here, it was really good to see the event well patronised and with many stalls and exhibits. Tim and I finally caught up with some of the other club members, as well as Dubbo Prospecting Club that were running the Panning and detecting events. It was a great day and it

was great to meet up with the Dubbo club and NAPFA committee members. At the festival there was plenty to see. There were gold nuggets for sale too.

Sometime after lunch time, we headed back to camp and in the afternoon Brian, Johnno, David and I went metal detecting.

The next morning some of us went to the oval where the President of the Dubbo club, Brian, was serving breakfast.



Brian Testing "Eye Spy" visual target signaler with David and Andre.

Sean Ashcroft held a training session in a little shed nearby. Sean used a projector and screen and opened with a discussion about geology of NSW. This included displays of maps, with discussion on fault lines. There was a discussion of hydrothermal systems, classification of metals, ferrous and non-ferrous, precious, basic, and common. Sean talked about geological and prospecting terminology. For example, alluvial or placer deposits, eluvial placer, coluvial placer, fluvial



Detecting at Mookerawa.

place and deep leads. Also discussed ultramafic, sedimentary and banded iron formations.

Sean asked the question “Why look for a tiger in a desert.”

Other subjects included ancient gold deposits.

Where a river once ran but no longer does.

Elevated terraces, Look for waterworn rocks.

Looking for paystreak of gold in the river and the Importance of sampling.

Also discussed Ozi explorer + google earth. + historic maps + google earth, and Lasseter’s reef! And more. Sean concluded the morning session with a convoy to the common where Sean took us around explaining what was going on here and what to look out for when prospecting. We then had a lunch break. Brian, Beverley, Andre, Paula, Tim and Myself went for lunch at the pub. There

was quite a wait but we were fed. Unfortunately we missed Sean’s afternoon session. We went to Reflections Holiday Parks further North on Lake Burrendong in the afternoon and we saw old workings and decided to detect. That evening, Brian from the Dubbo Club prepared quite a dinner. It was a lovely evening. I thought it was a really good weekend. Fred.





## Prospectors' Home Club Incorporated. 2019 Membership Drive.



We are now taking 2019 memberships. New members and renewals will receive a free ticket when they complete and return a membership form with the payment for a chance to win a New Minelab Equinox 800 metal detector donated by Minelab and Miners Den Parramatta. Prize will

be drawn on the July 2<sup>nd</sup> "Christmas in July" meeting and the prize will be presented



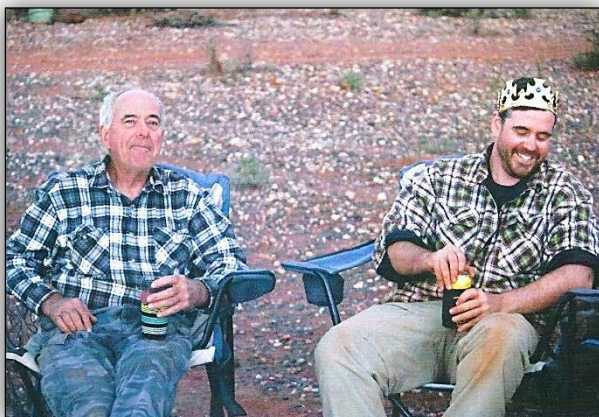
at the following "Miners Den" Demo Day in Parramatta. Contact: Club Secretary Jim Fox 0420 235 181 or email [goldclubpres@gmail.com](mailto:goldclubpres@gmail.com) for more details.

Anyone can join you do not need to be living in the city, we have members in the country. Enjoy and participate in our monthly prospecting fields trips and on the first Tuesday of each month participate and learn about prospecting at our club house at



Parramatta and more importantly make good friends. Nothing better than a good weekend away in the country, all ages welcome!

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Robert and his Son Luke in the latest GOLD GEM AND TRESURE magazine! Luke was king of the Day this day on one of Corey's trips.

Submission by Ernie.

# Minutes for Prospectors Home Club Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

Chair – Fred Krebs. Meeting opened 7.50. Minute taker - Jim Fox.

## Welcome and Introduction

Fred welcomed all members and visitors to the club. Total attendance: 39.

## Apologies:

Scott Taylor, Peter Schreiterer, Joe DeMarco, John Grundeman and, Dean Eisler,

## Motion:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th March 2019 as read in the Pic'n'Pan be confirmed as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.

Moved by: Rod Boon;

Seconded by: Andrew McLaughlin

## Matters arising from the Minutes:

- i) Nil.

## Secretary's Report:

Mail received: Westpac Statement 31/01/19-28/02/19;

## Treasurer's Report (Lachlan):

\*Cheque Account-

Closing Balance: \$4,546.77 (Debits \$427.80; Credits \$684.84)

\*Savings Account-

Total Balance: \$3,158.46 (0.71c Interest)



Easter raffle prizes

## Monthly Videos Shown:

- i) Slides displaying the Ted Elliott Mineral collection and presented with commentary from Campbell Pardey following his trip to Georgetown in North Queensland during 2018. The display showed excellent photos of petrified wood and many other gems including fossilised ammolites, tourmaline, jasper and various opalised matrix and quartz.

## Presentation:

Fred commented on the trip to Black Springs/Oberon on 23 & 24 March – see article on Page 5 of the April 'Pic'n'Pan'. Brendan Murdoch (a new member) also brought his Equinox 800 with him to the meeting and demonstrated some air testing with assistance and commentary from Fred.

## Videos for future meetings:

\*April – Coil repairs and the different types of coils.  
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## Other Business/Matters:

Fred has sought shirt designers but is not happy with the design provided so far and is pursuing this further.

Battery World will come and give a talk on their products – Fred will arrange.

Geology NSW have also offered to come to one of our monthly meetings and give a talk on their products.

Karl asked about hand held GPS systems – Fred offered to speak with Ernie to obtain details. Comment was made that the Garmin brand have an item which enables the marking of ‘way points’.

Following the discussion during our March monthly club meeting, Fred has been corresponding with Sean Ashcroft (Dubbo) as agreed at our March Committee meeting and will discuss courses available in Stuart Town on 25<sup>th</sup> April including a possible trip for 2-3 days to attend the course.

Campbell also mentioned that NAPFA (a body set-up to represent clubs like ours at government level) also provide courses.

There was also discussion, following a suggestion from Dean Eisler, regarding the possibility of obtaining a club lease in WA for members. Fee of \$10 per member per day would help to cover costs. This could then be used by members and for training purposes – costs need to be researched.

Peter Schutze told attendees that his Beef Jerky was better than that purchased in shops because his product does not contain sugar and other undesirable additives.

#### **Future trips:**

- Those going to WA to meet at McDonalds (North Parramatta) on Tuesday 9/4/ at 7.00pm to discuss the trip.
- The Man from Iron Bark Festival
- Hargraves – date to be set.

#### **Raffle Details.**

The Raffles, Lucky squares and Gold and treasure prizes were explained.

Tickets: club night raffles: \$1 per ticket, 6 for \$5.

Lucky Squares: \$2 per square. Prize is half the prize pool.

**Gold and treasure prizes. NB: only one entry can be submitted per person per category and all coins entered in the treasure category must be pre-decimal.**

Fill in a ticket to put with your last month's find.

For 'Raw' Gold, Prize \$20. For treasure, Prize \$20.

#### **Prizes and Draw Winners**

##### **Find of the Month:**

**Gold:** Roger Payne.

**Treasure:** Daryl Cocks.

##### **Raffle Draws,**

**Gold Nugget** – Austin Tarmer,

**Easter Basket (3)** – Phil Austenberry, Eric Metzke, Jonathan Collins,

**Wooden Nugget Box** - Jim Fox,

**Lucky Squares** – Phil Austenberry \$64.00.

**Next Meeting:** 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**Closing down:** Fred thanked everybody for coming and wished all a good night. Being no other business Fred declared the meeting closed

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ORDINARY MEMBERS	Karl McKay, Peter Schreiterer, Steven Bullock, Brian Connolly, Neil Clissold. Robert Halliday.	
PUBLIC OFFICER	Robert Halliday	

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### *Meeting Dates and Events calendar*

	Meeting date	Trip Date	Destination	Contact person
<b>April</b>		20 <sup>th</sup>	Man of Iron Bark festival, Stuart Town	NAPFA
<b>May</b>		18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	Hargraves	Fred 0438 637 303
<b>June</b>				
<b>Trips and dates subject to change</b>				