

Dear Coiltek,

On behalf of the Gold Detecting & Prospecting Forum, I would sincerely like to thank Coiltek for your support of our forum get together weekend at Laanecoorie this past Queens Birthday long weekend.

The event was attended by well over 40 people of which most stayed for the whole weekend. I think the nugget count ended up well over 50 pieces which for a well flogged area was fantastic.

The weekend started with the group assembling at the Laanecoorie test pit where we broke up into 2 groups, those with 5000's and those with older machines which ended up being a majority of 4500's. Some great coil knowledge was passed onto all members, discussion of what to look for in the field and then some time was spent testing different coils on targets at different depths.



After the test pit the group broke off into smaller groups and headed out to the field for some good old fashion detecting. I lead a group not too far from the test pit of about 6 forum members where we spent about 2hrs in a small gully area and for a newbie " GoldEN " he snagged his first small nugget with a hired 5000 in about 45min. After a cuppa and some lunch we headed to another area where we spent about another 2Hrs and 2 more members snagged nuggets.

Saturday night started at 5:30pm with pre dinner drinks and nibbles being put on by Robyn & Jim of the Laanecoorie Lake Side Park. It was a great time had by all sharing the days stories and meeting new and old members. The big news of the day was GoldStalkerGPS's 8 plus gram nugget, with many other members finding gold throughout the day.

Sunday was a day where members did their own thing, staying in groups they moved out into the bush for a days swinging. My group headed out to a well surfaced and flogged area and found about 10 small pieces including my wife's first piece of gold with her newly acquired SD2200d using a 11"DD ( by the way what do you think the is the best Coiltek DD coil I can purchase and still try and keep it light for her ?? )

Sunday night was a buzz when returning to camp as TwoBob had snagged himself over 19grams of gold from the same area as GoldStalkerGPX had done on Saturday.

That night after dinner Jim gave a very informative talk on where to look for gold and why, he also went through the basics of coils and using the detector. There was not one person in the room that did not get something out of Jim's talk that night.

At the conclusion of the talk we drew the raffle and with the amount of prizes that we ended up with ( and I must say the very generous supply of prizes from Coiltek ) I think everyone ended up with something.

George was the lucky winner of the major prize of the coil donated by Coiltek, but only after a newbie to the group who just happened to be in the park for the weekend did win first prize but elected to take the training day gift voucher as he said " he needed as much help as he could get". The raffle raised \$650.00 dollars for the Coiltek nominated charity being SCOSA, and please find the cheque attached to be passed on to SCOSA.



Monday was a day that again members teamed up and headed out, but not after a few of them went out very late Sunday night for a moon light detect.

I went out and caught up with TwoBob, and watched him snag another couple of great nuggets for the morning.

We arrived back at camp around about 3pm and about 70% of the members had already departed, with a few hanging around for a few more days.

All in all it was a great weekend had by all and topped off with the very generous donations by Coiltek. There is much feeling to make this into an annual event, but I must say that most people wanted it to happen sooner, so I just might have to get another one organised for the warmer months in October / November.

Once again I thank you for your donations of the fabulous prizes and look forward to some on going support.

Most Sincere Thanks

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