

PROSPECTING IN VICTORIA

1. What is a Miner's Right?

A Miner's Right is a permit to prospect for minerals on unreserved Crown Land or Private Land where the permission of the landowner has been granted.

2. What is prospecting / fossicking?

Prospecting involves the use of metal detectors, hand tools, pans or simple sluices in the search for gold and gemstones.

3. Why is a Miner's Right required to prospect for minerals?

All minerals belong to the Crown, even on private land. A Miner's Right transfers the ownership of any minerals found whilst prospecting, to the holder of the Miners Right.

4. Who needs a Miner's Right?

Anyone searching for minerals needs to have an exploration licence, a mining licence or a Miner's Right.

5. Does that mean that a Miner's Right is required even if you are fossicking on your own land?

Yes.

6. How much is a Miner's Right?

Refer to Earth Resources Fees and Charges

7. How long does a Miner's Right last?

You can purchase a Miner's Right for 2 or 10 years, but not exceeding 10.

8. Do pensioners, people who are unemployed or people with disabilities receive any concessional discount if they purchase a Miner's Right?

No.

9. Do hobbyists or gemstone seekers require a Miner's Right?

Yes.

10. If a family goes away prospecting and fossicking does each family member need a Miner's Right?

All adults who intend to fossick must have a Miner's Right. Children under supervision of an adult with a Miner's Right do not need a Miner's Right of their own.

11. Is there an age limit which excludes children from the need to hold a Miner's Right of their own, if accompanied by an adult Miner's Right holder?

Not specified, but 18 years is normally adult.

12. Where can you sell or buy gold?

To buy or sell gold, look in the yellow pages of the telephone directory under "Gold Buyers". Gold can also be sold at any bank.

13. Can the holder of a Miner's Right prospect in Victorian River beds?

Yes, but there are exclusions (see List of exempted rivers and streams).

14. Can I enter onto private land to prospect, without the permission of the landowner?

No. If you do so, you will be trespassing.

15. Does the holder of a Miner's Right who is given permission to prospect on private land, require the consent in writing or is verbal consent sufficient?

Theoretically, verbal consent is sufficient, but in your own best interests, it should be in writing. In event of a dispute you will need to prove permission given.

16. Can I enter onto land occupied by a current Mining Licence for the purpose of prospecting?

You will need the permission of the licence holder to prospect on their Mining Licence, as well as the permission of the land owner if it is on private land.

17. Can I use explosives when I am prospecting?

No.

18. Can I remove or damage shrubs or trees when I am prospecting?

No.

19. Can I disturb an archaeological site or Aboriginal place or object?

No. Relics and artefacts that are part of historical features or archaeological deposits (eg. bricks, building stone, mining machinery, etc) must not be dislodged or removed. These are protected by the Heritage Act 1995.

Please advise Parks Victoria of any artefacts that may be found, as these will assist them in understanding the history and significance of the places they manage.

20. Is panning in riverbeds permitted?

In some rivers yes, but not in conjunction with other motorised equipment (see list of exempted rivers and streams).

21. Where can I find out what areas are available for prospecting on a hobby basis?

Minerals and Petroleum Business Centre, Level 16, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne 3000 **Ph: 9658 4454**

22. Where can I buy topographical maps (showing contours, roads etc)?

Information Victoria, 505 Little Collins Street, Melbourne 3000 **Ph: 1300 366 356**

23. Where can I buy geological and fossicking maps?

Department of Primary Industries Information Centre, 16th Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne Vic 3000. (Geological Maps and Reports)

Ph: 9658 4440.

Information Victoria, 505 Little Collins Street, Melbourne 3000 **Ph: 1300 366 356**

24. What if damage is done to the land while prospecting?

You must repair any damage to the land arising out of the search or you will face prosecution.

25. What if we discover a ‘treasure trove’ while prospecting?

Treasure troves that may be discovered while prospecting belong to the Crown and must be reported to the Police.

26. Is prospecting in State Parks permitted?

Generally NO. However, prospecting is permitted in limited areas in the following Parks:

- Beechworth Historic Park
- Enfield State Park
- Kooyoora State Park
- Paddys Ranges State Park
- Reef Hills State Park
- Steiglitz Historic Park
- Warrandyte State Park

Gemstone only fossicking:

- Cape Liptrap Coastal Park
- Cape Schanck Coastal Park
- Mornington Peninsula National Park
- Otway National Park

27. Where can I obtain full details of where I can prospect?

Please contact the following offices to obtain full details of where you can prospect.

	Parks Victoria	DSE
Alexandra	5772 0200	5772 0200
Bacchus Marsh	5367 2922	-----
Bairnsdale	5152 0400	5152 0400
Ballarat	5336 6817	5336 6856
Beechworth	5720 8190	5720 8190
Bendigo	5430 4444	5430 4444
Castlemaine	5472 1110	5472 1110
Creswick	5345 1352	-----
Dargo	5140 1243	5140 1243
Inglewood	131963	5438 3066
Mallacoota	5161 9500	-----
Mansfield	131963	5733 1200
Maryborough	5461 0800	5461 0800
Orbost	5161 1222	5161 1222
St Arnaud	-----	5495 1700
Swifts Creek/Omeo	5159 0600	5159 5100

28. Is prospecting in National Parks permitted?

Yes, in designated areas (as listed below) and where listed above for gemstone fossicking.

- Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park
- Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park
- Greater Bendigo National Park
- Heathcote-Graytown National Park
- St Arnaud Range National Park

29. Does the holder of a Miner's Right need the consent of an Exploration Licence holder to prospect on land covered by an Exploration Licence?

No.

30. Where a river passes through private land, is the river classed as Crown Land?

Varies, check with local DSE office.

31. What areas on either side of a river are classed as Crown Land? Are these areas available for prospecting/fossicking with a Miner's Right?

Varies, check with local DSE office.

32. Can the holder of a Miner's Right use motorised equipment to process gravel for minerals that has been excavated using hand held equipment and loaded into the processing equipment by hand?

Yes, however, significant land disturbance using these methods will not be permitted.

33. If any gold is found on an Exploration Licence by the holder of a Miner's Right, is there any legal obligation to notify the Exploration Licence holder of the find?

No.

34. Who then is the legal owner of gold found on an Exploration Licence by the holder of a Miner's Right?

Provided it has been extracted in accordance with a Miner's Right, the Miner's Right holder.

35. Can an applicant for a Mining Licence give consent for a person to prospect/fossick on the tenement applied for?

No.

36. Can the holder of a Mining Licence or Mining Lease give consent for a person to prospect on the tenement? Can the licence holder legally impose conditions under the 'Mineral Resources Development Act' (MRDA) or any other legislation?

Yes. The mining licence holder can give consent with conditions, and withdraw the consent at any time

37. Can the holder of a Miner's Right prospect over an area covered by an application for a Mining Licence?

Yes.

38. Apart from gaining the owner/occupiers consent are there any other requirements for prospecting on private land under the authority of the Miner's Right using hand held tools?

Yes, see Q1 - What is a Miner's Right?.

39. Can a Miner's Right be purchased for less than two years? If so, what is the cost reduction?

No, a Miner's Right can only be issued for either a 2 or 10 year period. The cost reduction is nil.

40. Which government agencies etc, are authorised to demand to inspect a Miner's Right document and under what circumstances?

An inspector of mines or a public servant delegated by the Director of Mines, anywhere.

41. Is a photocopy of a Miner's Right acceptable for field inspections?

No.

42. Is a print out of a Miner's Right acceptable for field inspections?

Yes, where the Miner's Right has been purchased on line.

43. Does a private landowner have any right to claim ownership to gold found on his property by a prospector?

No, the Crown owns mineral reserves. The only way a landowner can claim ownership of gold found on his property is if he himself has found it under a Miner's Right or a Mining Licence.

44. Does a Mines Inspector have the right to enter onto private property without the owner's consent if there is no existing Mining Licence on the area of private land?

Yes, provided that it is in the course of their duties.

Extracts relating to Miner's Rights from:

MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) ACT 1990

55. MINER'S RIGHT

(1) A Miner's Right entitles the holder to search for minerals on any of the following land, unless the land is covered by a mining licence -

- a) private land, but only with the consent of the owner or occupier; and
- b) Crown land (other than land exempted under Section 6 or 7 of this Act or nominated under Section 7(1) of the **Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978.**)

(1A) If the land is covered by a mining licence, the holder of a miner's right is entitled to search for minerals on the land if he or she has, in addition to any consent required under sub-section (1), the consent of the licensee.

(2) A consent granted under sub-section (1) and (1A) –

- (a) may be granted subject to conditions: and
- (b) may be withdrawn at any time by the person who granted it.

(2A) If the holder of a miner's right is validly on any land under this section, he or she may remove from the land any minerals discovered by him or her on the land.

(3) A miner's right is current for the time, not exceeding 2 years, specified in the miner's right

58. OBLIGATIONS OF HOLDER

(1) The holder of a miner's right acting under that right must not -

- (a) use any equipment for the purposes of excavation on the land, other than non-mechanical hand tools; or
- (b) use explosives on the land; or
- (c) remove or damage any tree or shrub on the land; or
- (c) disturb any Aboriginal place or Aboriginal object on the land.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

(2) The holder of a Miner's Right must repair any damage to the land arising out of the search:

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

(3) The holder of a miner's right must produce the miner's right for inspection if asked to do so by an inspector or any person acting under a delegation conferred under section 91.

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13(3) A miner's right does not take effect until it has been signed by the person to whom it was issued.

LIST OF RIVERS, RIVULETS, CREEKS, CHANNELS, AQUEDUCTS, LAKES, RESERVOIRS, SWAMPS, INLETS, LOUGHS and STRAITS (see Question 3)

The Order in Council, dated 23rd May 1881 (Gazette 27th May 1881, page 1389)

Aberfeldy River (Tributary of Thompson River)	Acheron River (Tributary of Goulburn River)	Agnes River
Aire River	Albucutya Lake	Albert River
Anderson's Inlet	Anderson's and MacKenzie Creek (Tributary of Wallaloo Creek)	Avoca River and ana-branches
Avon River (in County of Tanjil, Tributary of Lake	Avon River (in County of Kara Kara,	Avon Creek (in County of Kara Kara, Tributary of

Wellington)		Avon River)
Axe Creek (Tributary of Campaspe River)	Back or Boosey Creek (Tributary of Broken Creek)	Bael Bael Lake
Baillie's Creek (Tributary of Mount Emu Creek)	Barham River (see Burrum Burrum)	Barkly River (Tributary of Macalister River)
Barr Creek (Effluent of Gunbower Creek)	Barwidgee Creek (see Myrtle)	Bass River
Belfast Lough and channel	Bemm River	Benambra Creek (Tributary of Piccaninny Creek)
Bet Bet Creek (Tributary of Loddon River)	Big River (in County of Bobong, Tributary of Mitta Mitta River)	Big River (in County of Wonnangatta, Tributary of Goulburn River)
Black River (Tributary of Goulburn River)	Black Dog Creek (see Doma Munji)	Boggy Creek
Bolangum Creek (Tributary of Avon River in County of Kara Kara)	Boort Lake and channel	Box Creek (Tributary of Pyramid Creek)
Bream Creek (see Thompson's)	Briggs Creek (Tributary of Mount William Creek)	Broken River (Tributary of Goulburn River)
Broken Creek (Tributary of Murray River)	Brucknell Creek (Tributary of Hopkins River)	Buchan River (Tributary of Snowy River)
Buckland River (Tributary of Ovens River)	Buffalo River (Tributary of Ovens River)	Bullabul Creek (Tributary of Loddon River)

Bullarook Creek Tributary of Tullaroop or Deep Creek	Bullock Creek Tributary of Pyramid Creek	Bundarra River (in County of Bogong) Tributary of Big River
Buneep or Bunyip River	Bunga Lake and islands (in County of Tanjil)	Bungalally Creek Tributary of Bet Bet Creek
Bunyip Creek	Burn Bank Creek	Burnt Creek Tributary of Wimmer River
Burn Bank Creek	Burnt Creek (in County of Gladstone) Tributary of Bet Bet Creek	Burnt Creek Tributary of Wimmer River
Burrowye Creek Tributary of River Murray	Burrum Burrum or Barham River	Calder River Tributary of Calder Lade
Calder Lake and channel	Campaspe River Tributary of River Murray	Campbell's Creek (see Carapooee)
Cann River Tributary to Lake Furnell	Caralulup Creek Tributary to Bet Bet Creek	Carapooee of Campbell's Creek Tributary of Avoca River
Cardinia Creek	Carrum Swamp Channels	Castle Creek Tributary of Goulburn River
Cobungra Creek (in County of Bet Bet) Tributary of Big River	Coimadai Creek Tributary of Werribee River	Coliban River
Coliban, Little River Tributary of Coliban River	Concongella River Tributary of Wimmera River	Condah Lake
Connewarre Lake and channel	Cooper Lake	Coorong Lake

Cooyatong or Koetong Creek Tributary of River Murray	Cornella River Tributary of Lake Cooper	Corong or Coorong Lake
Corryong or Jeremal or Nariel Creek Tributary of River Murray	Crawford River Tributary of Glenelg River	Creswick Creek Tributary of Tullaroop or Deep Creek
Crooked River Tributary of Wongungarra River	Cudgewa Creek Tributary of River Murray	Curdie's River
Curdie's Inlet	Dabyminga Creek Tributary of Goulburn River	Daisy Hill Creek Tributary of Mount Greenock Creek
Gibbo Creek	Dandenong Creek	Dargo River Tributary of River Murray
Darlot's Creek	Deddick or Jingallala River Tributary of Snowy River	Deegay Ponds Creek Tributary of Goulburn River
Deep Creek (see Tullaroop)	Delatite River Tributary of Goulburn River	Denison Lake and channel
Djerriwarrh Creek Tributary of Werribee River	Doctor's Creek Tributary of Bet Bet Creek	Doma Mungi or Black Dog Creek Tributary of Murray River
Donnelly's Creek Tributary of Aberfeldy River	Duck Ponds Creek	Erskine River
Eumeralla River	Fenton's Creek Tributary of Avoca River	Fifteen-mile Creek Tributary of Ovens River
Fitzroy River	Forest or Mannering Creek Tributary of Campaspe River	Franklin River

Fulton's Creek Tributary of Aberfeldy Creek	Furnell Lake and channel	Fyans or Mount Fyans Creek Tributary of Mount William Creek
Gaffney's Creek Tributary of Goulburn River	Gellibrand River	Kangaroo Creek Tributary of Malmesbury River
Genoe River	Glenelg River	Glengower Creek (see Joyce's)
Glenpatrick Creek Tributary of Wimmera River	Gobur or Godfrey's Creek Tributary of Home Creek	Heifer Station Creek Tributary of Wimmera River
Hindmarsh Lake	Hodgson's Creek Tributary of Ovens River	Holland's Creek Tributary of Broken River
Home Creek Tributary of Goulburn River	Honeysuckle Creek (see Violet Ponds)	Hopkins River
Indigo Creek Tributary of River Murray	Jack Rivulet Tributary of Albert River	Jamieson River Tributary of Goulburn River
Jeremal Creek (see Corryong)	Jerusalem Creek Tributary of Goulburn River	Jim Crow Creek Tributary of Loddon River
Jingallala or Deddick River Tributary of Snowy River	Jones or Waanyarra Creek Tributary of Loddon River	Kanannook Creek
Kangderaar Creek Tributary of Bullabul Creek	Kelfeera Creek (see Kilfera)	Kiewa River Tributary of River Murray
Kilfera or Kelfeera Creek Tributary of Hollands Creek	King Lake and islands	King River Tributary of Ovens River
King Parrot Creek Tributary of Goulburn River	Kinypanyal or Kinypanial Creek Effluent of Loddon River	Koetong or Cooyatong Creek Tributary of River Murray

Koo-wee-rup Drainage channels	Koo-wee-rup Swamp	Korjamunip Creek Tributary of Werribee River
Korkuperimul Creek Tributary of Werribee River	Korweinguboora Creek Tributary of Korjumunip Creek	Danmunkle Creek Effluent of Wimmera River
Emu Creek Tributary of Axe Creek	Landsborough Creek	Lang Lang River
La Trobe River Tributary of Lake Wellington	Lerderderg River Tributary of Werribee River	Lexington Creek
Little River (in County of Grant)	Little Coliban River Tributary of Coliban River	Little Wimmera River (see Mount William Creek)
Livingstone Creek Tributary of Mitta Mitta River	Lockhart's Creek (in County of Bogong) Tributary of Sandy Creek	Loddon River Tributary of River Murray
Lonsdale Lake	Lyndger Lake and channel	Macalister River Tributary of Thompson River
Maclennan's Straits	Mackenzie Creek (see Anderson's)	Mackenzie (see McKenzie River)
Magorra Creek or West Branch of Snowy Creek Tributary of Snowy Creek	Mallacoota Inlet and arms and islands	Malmsbury Reservoir
Mannering or Forest Creek Tributary of Campaspe River	McCallum's Creek (see Mount Greenock)	McIvor or Mt Ida Creek Tributary of Campaspe River
McKenzie River and to Norton Creek Tributary of Wimmera River	Howqua River Tributary of Goulburn River	Hughes Creek Tributary of Goulburn River

Merton Creek Tributary of Delatite River	Middle Creek Tributary of Joyce's Creek	Mitchell River Tributary of Lake King
Mitta Mitta River Tributary of River Murray	Moe River Tributary of La Trobe River	Moorarbool River Tributary of Barwon River
Morass (see Murphy) Creek	Mordialloc Creek	Morse's Creek Tributary of Ovens River
Morwell River Tributary of La Trobe River	Mountain Creek Tributary of Avoca River	Mount Cole Creek Tributary of Avoca River
Mount Emu Creek Tributary of Hopkins River	Mount Fyans or Fyans Creek Tributary of Mount William Creek	Mount Greenock or McCallums Creek Tributary of Tullaroop or Deep Creek
Mount Hope Creek Tributary of Kow Swamp	Mount Ida or McIvor Creek Tributary of Campaspe River	Mt William or Little Wimmera River Tributary of Wimmera River
Moyne River and Swamp channel	Muddy (see Yea River) Creek	Murphy or Morass Creek Tributary of Gibbo Creek
Kow Swamp	Lalbert Lake	Labert Creek Effluent of Avoca River
Murrindal River Tributary of Buchan River	Myrniong Creek Tributary of Werribee River	Myrtle or Barwidgee Creek Tributary of Ovens River
Myrtle Creek Tributary of Coliban River	Nariel Creek (see Corryong)	Narracan Creek Tributary of La Trobe River
Niagara or Snobs Creek Tributary of Goulburn River	Nicholson River Tributary of Lake King	Norton Creek and aqueduct from Mackenzie River Tributary of Wimmera River
Outlet Creek from Lake	Ovens River	Parker River

Hindmarsh and from Lake Albutcutya	Tributary of River Murray	
Parwan Creek Tributary of Werribee River	Piccaninny Creek Tributary of Mount Hope Creek	Pohlman's Creek Tributary of Wild Duck Creek
Porbenurrock Swamp Drainage channel	Purrumbete Lake	Pyramid Creek Tributary of Loddon River
Reedy Creek Tributary of Ovens River	Reeve River and islands	Richardson River (in County of Kara Kara) Tributary of Avon River
Richardson Creek Tributary of Richardson River	Rubicon River Tributary of Goulburn River	Meadow Creek Tributary of king River
Merri River	Merriman's Creek Tributary of Lake Dennison	Serpentine Creek Effluent of Loddon River
Seven Creeks Tributary of Goulburn River	Seven-mile Creek Tributary of Wimmera River	Shaw River
Six-mile Creek Tributary of Wimmera River	Snobs (see Niagra) Creek	Snowy River
Snowy Creek Tributary of Mitta Mitta River	Spring Creek	Spring Hill Creek Tributary of Mount Emu Creek
St Arnaud Creek Tributary of Carapooee Creek	Steavenson River Tributary of Acheron River	Stockyard Creek
Stokes River Tributary of Glenelg River	Strathfillan Creek Tributary of Carapooee Creek	Stringer's Creek Tributary of Thompson River

Sunday Creek Tributary of Goulburn River	Surry River	Swede's Creek Tributary of Richardson River
Sydenham Inlet	Tallandoon Creek	Tallangatta Creek Tributary of Mitta Mitta River
Tambo River Tributary of Lake King	Tamboon Inlet	Tanjil River
Murrabit River Tributary of Loddon River	Murray River and ana-branches	Thompson River Tributary of La Trobe River
Thompson's of Bream Creek Tributary of La Trobe Creek	Thowgla Creek Tributary of Corryong Creek	Timbarra River Tributary of Tambo River
Timor Creek Tributary of Bet Bet Creek	Toolern Toolern Creek Tributary of Werribee River	Toomuc Creek
Tooginbooka River Tributary of Snowy River	Traralgon River Tributary of La Trobe River	Trawalla Creek Tributary to Mount Emu Creek
Tullaroop or Deep Creek Tributary of Loddon River	Tyers River Tributary of La Trobe River	Tyers Lake and arms and outlet to Ninety-mile Beach
Tyrell Creek Effluent of Avoca River	Tyrell Lake	Victoria Lake and islands
Victoria River Tributary of Cobungra Creek	Violet Ponds of Honeysuckle Creek Tributary of Seven Creeks	Waanyarra Creek (see Jones)
Wabba Creek Tributary of Cudgewa Creek	Wallaloo Creek Tributary of Richardson River	Wannon River Tributary of Glenelg River

Wellington Lake	Running or Black Range Creek Tributary of King River	Sandy Creek (in County of Kara Kara) Tributary of Avon River
Wingan River	Wingan Inlet	Wombat Creek Tributary of Jim Crow Creek
Wongungarra River Tributary of Wonnangatta River	Wonnongatta River Tributary of Mitchell River	Yackandandah Creek Tributary of Kiewa River
Yallock Creek	Yambuk Lake and channel to the sea	Yarra River
Yarriambiack Creek Effluent of Wimmera River	Yarrowee River Tributary of Barwon River	Yea River (formerly Muddy Creek) Tributary of Goulburn River
Wentworth River Tributary of Mitchell River	Tarago River Tributary of Bunyip River	Tarwin River
Werribee River	Wild Duck Creek Tributary of McIvor Creek	Wimmera River and ana-branches

MINER'S RIGHT AGENTS

MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA

MELBOURNE:

Department of Primary Industries Information Centre
16th Floor, 1 Spring Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000
Telephone: (03) 9658 4440.

Hours of opening:
9am – 5pm Monday to Friday
except public holidays

Information Victoria
505 Little Collins Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000
Telephone: 1300 366 356

Hours of opening
8.30am – 5.30pm Monday to
Friday except public holidays

They sell Topographical and Geological Maps as well as fossicking maps and a number of other publications of interest to the fossicker.

MITCHAM:

Miner's Den
464 Whitehorse Road
MITCHAM VIC 3132
Telephone: (03) 9873 1244

Hours of opening
9am – 5.30pm Monday to
Friday
9am – 1.00pm Saturday
closed Sunday

COUNTRY VICTORIA

ALEXANDRA

DPI/DSE Office

46 Aitken Street ALEXANDRA VIC
3714

Telephone: (03) 5772 0200

Hours of opening:

8.30am – 4.45pm Monday to Friday –
except
public holidays.

BAIRNSDALE

DPI/DSE Office

7 Service Street BAIRNSDALE VIC
3875

Telephone: (03) 5152 0400

Hours of opening: 8.30am – 5.00pm
Monday

To Friday – except public holidays

BEECHWORTH

Beechworth Visitor Information Centre

Old Town Hall, Ford Street
BEECHWORTH VIC 3747

Telephone: 1300 366 321

Hours of opening: 9am – 5pm –
every

Day except Christmas Day

BENDIGO

Bendigold World

Lot 2 Watson Street BENDIGO VIC
3550

Telephone: (03) 5448 4140

Hours of opening: 8.30am – 5pm

ARARAT

DPI Office

Shire Hall, Barkly Street
ARARAT VIC 3377

Telephone: (03) 5355
0521

Hours of opening:

8.30am – 4.30pm
Monday to Friday –
except public holidays

BALLARAT

Minerals and Petroleum Division

Department of Primary
Industries

Corner of Mair and

Doveton Streets

BALLARAT VIC 3350

Telephone: (03) 5336
6805

Hours of opening:

8.30am – 4.30pm
Monday to Friday –
except public holidays

BENALLA

DPI/DSE Office

35 Sydney Road
BENALLA VIC 3672

Telephone: (03) 5761
1611

Hours of opening:

8.30am – 5pm
Monday to Friday except
public holidays.

CASTLEMAINE

DPI/DSE Office

37 Hargraves Street
CASTLEMAINE VIC
3450

Telephone: 5472 1110

BACCHUS MARSH

DPI/DSE Office

219A Main Street
BACCHUS MARSH VIC
3340

Telephone: (03) 5366 0000

Hours of opening:

9am – 4.30pm Monday to
Friday – except public
holidays.

BALLARAT

Ballarat Eureka Centre

Eureka Street BALLARAT
VIC 3350

Telephone: (03) 5333 1854

Hours of opening: 9am –
5pm every day

Except Christmas Day

BENDIGO

DPI/DSE Office

Corner Midland Highway &
Taylor Streets

EPSOM VIC 3551

Telephone: (03) 5430 4614

Hours of opening:

8.30am to 5pm Monday to
Friday – except public
holidays.

COBRAM

DPI Office

79-83 Karook Street
COBRAM VIC 3644

Telephone: (03) 5871 0600

Hours of opening: 8.30am –

Monday to Saturday. By appointment on Sunday
Fridays only: 9am to 4pm
4.30pm
Monday to Friday – except public holidays

COLAC

DPI Office

83 Gellibrand Street COLAC VIC 3250
Telephone: (03) 5233 5504

Hours of opening: 8.30am to 4.45pm
Monday to Friday – except public holidays

GEELONG

DPI/DSE Office

Corner Little Malop & Fenwick Streets
GEELONG VIC 3220
Telephone: (03) 5226 4878

Hours of opening: 8.30am – 4.30pm
Monday to Friday – except public holidays

INGLEWOOD

David Oakley

Jennings Store
82 Brooke Street INGLEWOOD VIC 3517
(03) 54 383 036

Hours of opening: 12Noon to 5.30pm
mon to fri. Except for the 3rd and 4th
Thurs of every month when the hours
are 3pm to 5.30pm, also 10am to
12noon.

KYABRAM

DPI Office

120 Cooma Road KYABRAM VIC 3620
Telephone: (03) 5852 0500

ECHUCA

DPI Office

Corner Ogilvie Avenue / Annesley Street
ECHUCA VIC 3564
Telephone: (03) 5482 1922

Hours of opening:
8.30am – 4.30pm
Monday to Friday –
except public holidays

HAMILTON

DPI Office

Mount Napier Road
(about 10km's out of town)
HAMILTON VIC 3300
Telephone: (03) 5573 0900

Hours of opening:
8.15am – 5.00pm
Monday to Friday –
except public holidays

KERANG

DPI Office

26 Wellington Street
KERANG VIC 3579
Telephone: (03) 5452 1266

Hours of opening:
8.30am – 4.30pm
Monday to Friday –
except public holidays

LEONGATHA

DPI Office

12 Peart Street
LEONGATHA VIC 3953

ECHUCA

Echuca-Moama and District Tourism

2 Heygarth Street ECHUCA VIC 3564
Telephone: (03) 5480 7555

Fax: (03) 5482 6413
Hours of opening: 8am –
5pm every day

HORSHAM

DPI Office

110 Natimuk Road
HORSHAM VIC 3400
Telephone: (03) 5362 2111

Hours of opening: 8.00am to
4.35pm
Monday to Friday – except
public holidays

KILMORE

Kilmore Visitor

Information Centre
12 Sydney Street KILMORE VIC 3764
Telephone: (03) 5782 1322

Hours of opening:
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun
– 9am – 5pm
Tues and Thurs – 9am – 6pm

MAFFRA

DPI Office

1 Stratford Road MAFFRA VIC 3860
Telephone: (03) 5147 0800

Hours of opening: 8am – 5.00pm
Monday to Friday – except public holidays

Telephone: (03) 5662
9900

Hours of opening:
8.30am – 4.30pm
Monday to Friday –
except public holidays

Hours of opening: 8.30am –
4.30pm

Monday to Friday – except
public holidays

MARYBOROUGH

DSE/DPI Office

Office 2, 82 Alma Street
MARYBOROUGH VIC 3465
Telephone: (03) 5461 0800

Hours of opening: 8:30am to 4:30pm
Monday to Friday – except public
holidays

MARYBOROUGH

COILTEK GoldCentre Pty Ltd

6 Drive-In Court
MARYBOROUGH VIC
3465

Telephone: (03) 5460
4700

Hours of opening: 9am –
5pm every day

MILDURA

DPI Office

Corner Koorlong
Avenue/11th Street
IRYMPLE VIC 3498
Phone: 5051 4500

Hours of opening: 8.30am –
4.30pm

Monday to Friday, except
public holidays

MILDURA

Mildura Visitor Information & Booking Centre

180-190 Deakin Avenue MILDURA
VIC 3500
Telephone: 5018 8380

Hours of opening: 9am –5.30pm Mon
to Fri
9am – 5.00pm weekends

NAGAMBIE

Nagambie Lakes Visitor Information Centre

319 High Street
NAGAMBIE VIC 3608
Telephone: (03) 5794
2647

Fax: (03) 5794 2919

9am to 5pm, 7 days a
week.

ORBOST

DPI Office

171-173 Nicholson Street
ORBOST VIC 3888
Telephone: (03) 5161 1222

Hours of opening: 8.30am –
5.00pm

Monday to Friday – except
public holidays

RUSHWORTH

Wangara Regional Tourism Association

Old Court House, High Street
RUSHWORTH VIC 3612
Telephone: (03) 5856 1117
Fax: (03) 5856 1117

Hours of opening: 10am to 3pm
Friday
11am to 3pm Saturday and Sunday

ST ARNAUD

St Arnaud Customer Service Centre

40 Napier Street ST
ARNAUD VIC 3478
Telephone: (03) 5495
1500

Hours of opening:
8.30am to 4.45pm
Monday to Friday

ST ARNAUD

DPI Office

Long Street ST ARNAUD
VIC 3478
Telephone: (03) 5495 1700

Hours of opening: 9am –
4.00pm

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
– except public holidays

STAWELL

DPI Office

23 Patrick Street STAWELL VIC
3380

STRATFORD

Overland Gold Adventures

15 Dawson Street

SWAN HILL

DPI/DSE Office

324 Campbell Street SWAN
HILL VIC 3585

Telephone: 5358 8901

Hours of opening 9am – 4pm
Wednesday.

TATURA

DPI Office

Ferguson Road TATURA VIC 3616
Telephone: (03) 5833 5222

Hours of opening: 8.00am – 5.00pm
Monday to Friday – except public
holidays

WALHALLA

Walhalla General Store & Miner's Café

Main Road WALHALLA VIC 3825
Telephone: (03) 5165 6227

Hours of opening: 9am – 5pm every
day
(winter months closed on Mondays &
Tuesdays except public & school
holidays)

WARRNAMBOOL

DPI Office

78 Henna Street WARRNAMBOOL
VIC 3280
Telephone: (03) 5561 9920

Hours of opening: 8.30am – 4.45pm
Monday to Friday – except public
holidays

ELLINBANK

STRATFORD VIC 3862 Telephone: (03) 5033 1290
Telephone: 0419 547

091
Fax: (03) 5145 6701

Hours of opening: All
hours, 7 days a week

TRARALGON

DPI Office

71 Hotham Street
TRARALGON VIC
3844

Telephone: (03) 5172
2128

Hours of opening: 9am –
4.30pm

Monday to Friday –
except public holidays

WANGARATTA

DPI/DSE Office

62-64 Ovens Street
WANGARATTA VIC
3677

Telephone: (03) 5723
8600

Hours of opening: 9am –
5.00pm

Monday to Friday –
except public holidays

WEDDERBURN

Pioneer Caravan Park

Hospital Street
WEDDERBURN VIC
3518

Telephone: (03) 5494
3301

Hours of opening:
7.30am to 8.30pm every
day

DUNOLLY

Hours of opening: 8.30am –
4.30pm

Monday to Friday – except
public holidays

TRARALGON

Latrobe Visitor

Information Centre

“The Old Church”,
Southside Central
Princes Highway
TRARALGON VIC 3844
Telephone: 1800 621 409

Fax: (03) 5175 0520

Hours of opening: 9am –
5pm every day except
Christmas Day and Good
Friday

WANGARATTA

Wangaratta Visitor

Information Centre

100-104 Murphy Street
WANGARATTA VIC 3677
Telephone: (03) 5721 5711

Hours of opening: 9am –
5pm every day except
Christmas Day

WODONGA

DPI Office

1 McKoy Street
WODONGA VIC 3690
Telephone: (02) 6043 7900

Hours of opening: 8.30am –
5.00pm

Monday to Friday – except
public holidays

YACKANDANDAH

DPI Office

1301 Hazeldean Road ELLINBANK
VIC 3821
Phone 5624 2222

Hours of opening: 8.30am to 5pm

Goldsearch Australia

76 Broadway
DUNOLLY VIC 3472
Phone 03 5468 1877

Hours of opening: 9am
to 5pm

**Yackandandah Visitor
Information Centre**

27 High Street
YACKANDANDAH VIC
3749
Phone: 02 – 6027 1988
Fax: 02 – 6027 1990

Hours of opening: 9am to
4pm every day except
Christmas

INTERSTATE**SYDNEY (PARRAMATTA)****Miner's Den**

448 Church Street PARRAMATTA NSW 2151
Telephone: (02) 9890 2600

Hours of opening:
9am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday
9am – 1.00pm Saturday
closed on Sunday

ADELAIDE (FLINDERS PARK)**Coiltek Manufacturing**

5 Mengel Court SALISBURY SOUTH SA
5106

Telephone: (08) 8283 0222
Facsimile: (08) 8283 4005

Hours of opening:
9.00am – 5.00pm

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