



Victorian Gold Panning Association

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Australian Gold Panning Championships



Saturday Mar 1st 2025
Blackwood Cricket Ground
Recreation Reserve Road
Blackwood - Victoria
Australia

How to get there:
Blackwood is located 20 kms
North of Ballan
which is on the Western Hwy.
It can also be accessed via
Trentham and Daylesford.

The Cricket Ground is on Recreation Reserve Rd.



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The Australian Gold Panning Championships

The Gold Panning Championships are conducted by the Victorian Gold Panning Association Inc, in affiliation with The World Gold Panning Association.

The aim of the Association is to promote the skill of gold panning in an air of friendly competition. We see the Gold Panning Championships as a celebration of an important part of Australia's heritage!

Categories:

- Eureka Challenge
- Men's Skilled
- Women's Skilled
- Veterans 65+
- Novice
- U/16 and U/12
- Teams
- Batea

Categories are organized to cater for all ages and skill levels. Finals between the fastest recorded times will be conducted for Men's and Women's skilled, and the Eureka challenge.

Spectators welcome at no cost.

Registrations: 8.00am - 10.30am

Heats: 9:30am - 2:00pm

Finals: 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Rules:

Competitors are provided with a bucket containing a set number of gold flakes. The time taken to pan off and recover the gold flakes is recorded. A time penalty is applied for any gold flakes that are missed. The panners with the fastest adjusted time advance to the finals. Additional competition rules will be on display at the championships.

Category Winners:

Finals are held for each major category and are made up of panners who have recorded the fastest times during the heats. Trophies are awarded to all category winners.

The Eureka Challenge:

The Eureka Challenge is a gold panning competition using traditional steel pans.

Pans will be supplied to all competitors in the Eureka Challenge.

All other categories are open to modern pans. Personal pans must meet the scrutiny of the Disputes Committee.

Golden Gift Handicap Event:

Applies to 20 panners who have entered the Eureka panning category. It's a single heat where the panners starting time will be altered according to their heat times to provide for a close finish.

PMAV Challenge:

A team based competition between the various PMAV branches.

Panning Category Entry Fees:

Eureka Challenge.	\$15
Men's Skilled	\$15
Women's Skilled	\$15
Novice	\$15
Junior U/16	\$10
Children U/12	\$ 5
Team	\$20
Batea	\$10

Participation in additional heats for these categories will be available depending on numbers of entries. The cost for entry in additional heats will be advertised on the day.

Stake Your Claim:

Once again, "Stake your Claim" will be held whereby each entrant will peg out a section of ground for the chance to win one of two gold nuggets.

Presentations:

All competitors will receive a Certificate of Participation and a phial containing natural gold pieces!

Presentations to all place getters will commence at approximately 4.00pm.

Gold Panners Dinner:

Saturday night at a venue to be confirmed. Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

World Gold Panning Championships:

In 2026, NZ will be hosting the World Championships. We aim to support as many competitors as possible to attend. Get practicing to represent Australia!