

GOLD AT KING ISLAND.NARACOOPA.

Whilst visiting King Island during the period 15th to 17th March an inspection was made of an area on which Mr. W. Batten was prospecting for gold.

Mr. Batten is a member of a prospecting syndicate consisting of Messrs. W. Batten, J. McGinty and M. Gatenby, which is prospecting on a private property of 99 acres 3 roods 35 perches, charted in the name of W. Batten and situated about a mile west from the charted position of the township of Naracoopa on the east coast of King Island.

Two creeks trend across the property in a general easterly direction, the more southern of which is called Stony Creek.

The following information was supplied by the Syndicate :-

1. In the lower reaches of each of the streams coarse gold can be won.
2. Whilst gold can be obtained in the northern creek as far upstream (West) as work has been carried out, the western limits of gold in Stony Creek have been established as being in the vicinity of the gully. (3).
3. Gold has been traced in at least one branch of Stony Creek, in a north westerly direction over the divide between the two Creeks and suggests that the gold occurring in Stony Creek originated from the area drained by the headwaters of the more northern stream.

It was observed that shafts and trenches dug near the head of gully (3) have shown waterworn boulders to a depth stated to be 26 feet. On the higher portions of the divide older slates outcrop.

It is, therefore, feasible to assume that gully (3) was the original course of the more northern stream which, as a result of stream capture at the time of tertiary uplift has been diverted to its present course.

The intention of the syndicate to continue prospecting on and near the headwaters of the more northern stream is, therefore, a wise one.

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