

A Hobby Prospector In Victoria Literally Struck Gold With Huge Nug Worth \$130,000



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Meanwhile in Victoria, a retiree has literally struck gold when he dug up a two-kilogram gold nugget.

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The man, who very understandably wants to remain anonymous – found the big nug in old pastureland on the outskirts of Ballarat. The hobby prospector had been scanning the area back in June when his detector started BEEP, BEEP, BEEPING.

Gold Ballarat prospecting gear supplier **Mark Day** told [9News](#) that the man, also a customer, has received fabulous offers of \$160,000 for the golden find.

Check out that bloody hand to gold nugget ratio.



A supplied image obtained on Friday, July 26, 2019, of a two-kilogram gold nugget

worth roughly \$130,000 that has been found on the outskirts of Ballarat, in Victoria.
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Day has been in the business for 25 years and said this is the “biggest find we have seen by one of our customers” that he’s aware of.

He said collectors are absolutely frothing the nug, which is actually worth \$130,000 but because of its size and shape, the treasure is considered a *~premium~* nugget of gold and that hikes up the price. Personally, I’d be absolutely beside myself with extreme happiness if I found a non-premium / shitty (?) nugget of gold in the bush... let alone one worth \$130,000.

“When he showed me the nugget here in the store he was shaking like a leaf. He didn’t know what to do with it. He hadn’t slept in three days,” Day said.

Fair enough.

The prospector said he struck gold about a metre down. He also reckons there’s more gold out there so the bloke has already bought a brand new detector from Day’s store and hit the earth.

“And after this, who can say he’s wrong?” Day said.

No one, no one can. The man has golden bragging rights for the rest of his life.