



**NOT THIS EASTER:**  
Rudi won't be getting any chocolate this year.  
Picture: PETER WEAIVING

## Keep your paws off bunnies

**JOSH FAGAN**

A SINGLE chocolate Easter egg could send your pet dog into a critical condition, vets have warned.

Kangaroo Flat pet clinic veterinarian Genevieve Dalzell said even if your pooch ate a small amount of chocolate it could significantly raise its heartbeat and could be life threatening.

"If they have a lot they could die from it," she said.

"Especially if they eat the really rich, dark chocolates.

"It is only a relatively small amount needed to make it dangerous for their life."

Dr Dalzell said there were generally a number of cases around Easter where dogs had fallen ill from eating Easter eggs.

"One dog that was brought into our clinic had raided a cupboard at home and eaten the whole family's supply of easter eggs."

"The dog was OK, and generally most dogs can be treated if they're brought into the vet's care promptly."

Dr Dalzell's advice follows a university study highlighting the

danger of chocolate toxicity.

Murdoch University Veterinary Hospital warned people should avoid feeding their pets chocolates at all times.

"A dog weighing five kilograms could develop mild signs of toxicity after eating 50 grams of milk chocolate or just seven grams of cooking chocolate," Murdoch lecturer Melissa Claus said.

Dr Claus said the symptoms to look for in your dog included hyperactivity, tremors, seizures, a fast or irregular heartbeat, panting, overheating, or collapse.



**BIG PLANS:** Navarre Minerals managing director Geoff McDermott at the Tandarra drilling site.

# Golden discovery excites

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MILLIONS of ounces of gold may lie untouched under Tandarra farmland, 40 kilometres north of Bendigo, according to geologists.

Stawell-based gold exploration company Navarre Minerals recently announced a high-grade drill intercept measuring one metre at 33.6 grams of gold per tonne and 44 metres in depth.

The company is using a 25,000 metre RC drill and diamond drill rig to target the area's shallow quartz reefs and hopes to establish a mineral resource project on site by next year.

"We see the potential," Navarre Minerals managing director Geoff McDermott said.

"What is exciting about Tandarra is that there has been no previous mining - the goldbearing reefs are concealed under shallow sands and clays.

"The major fault at the baseline is showing that there is repetition, that these structures are deep, and there is potential for open pit mining."

Mr McDermott said the discovery was one of eight high-grade (more than 20 grams per tonne) intercepts made by the group at the Tandarra

prospect, a trend that might hail the return of mining to central Victoria's "burgeoning" goldfields.

"Exploration has identified eight high grade gold intercepts from 29 potential lines of reef identified to date by geophysics," he said.

"If you start doing the numbers on this... it works out to be about 350 ounces per strike.

"So if you start multiplying that out over a 2.5 kilometre strike, suddenly you have over a million ounces of gold."

Navarre Minerals invited potential shareholders to tour the Tandarra site last month.

Mr McDermott said more than \$4 million had already been invested in the program and up to 50,000 metres of drilling was under way.

"Victorians hate Victorian gold," he said.

"The old timers picked the eyes out of it.

"What the modern explorers are doing is, like vultures, picking at the bones of what was left behind.

"We have to go down deep to get underneath where others have been to see other repetitions and reef.

"We know as we increase the drill intensity, we'll sample more and more of these nuggets and that's what we are seeing at this stage."

## Two killed after glider crashes at Ararat airfield

TWO people died in a glider crash in Ararat yesterday afternoon following reports the aircraft prematurely disconnected from the plane it was being towed behind.

Emergency services were called to the Ararat airfield about 3.20pm after they received calls about an aircraft that had gone down in the area.

The glider, which had two people on board, crashed about 100 metres east of the runway, which runs east-west.

Police on the scene said the glider was being towed into the air by another aircraft when, at about 70 metres, it disconnected "for unknown

reasons" and crashed. A man in his 50s, a pilot also believed to be an instructor, and a 21-year-old woman believed to be his student, both died at the scene.

The woman was killed instantly, while paramedics spent more than an hour trying to resuscitate the man before he died.

A witness said the glider had been towed by an aircraft and there was no obvious reason for the crash.

"We were watching them take off and there's nothing that we could identify that is the cause of the accident," said the man, who did not wish to be identified.

"It's a mystery."

A second witness said the glider nose-dived shortly after take off.

"The aircraft is demolished. It would take a lot of people to pick up the pieces. It's very devastating," he said.

Some witnesses reportedly heard an explosion-type sound from the aircraft although the cause of the crash is still a mystery.

Emergency services including police, ambulance, fire and rescue units attended the scene.

Police said the Australian Transport Safety Bureau would also join the investigation.

- EVAN SCHURMAN and ANDY PARK, The Courier

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