



A map showing Navarre Minerals' Victorian tenements.

New exploration licence sought over historic Ararat goldfields

STAWELL - In a further boost to its commitment to the search for gold in western Victoria, Stawell-based Navarre Minerals Limited has been awarded priority for a mineral exploration licence covering the historic Ararat Goldfield.

The licence application area adjoins the northern side of Navarre's recently announced Tatyoon application area in a strategic move to strengthen the company's land position in this highly prized mineral district.

Historically the Ararat Goldfield produced more than 20 tonnes or 600,000 ounces of gold during the period 1854 to 1925, worth about \$0.9 billion in today's terms.

Mining was principally from

alluvial and deep lead sources worked only to shallow depths.

Armed with extensive experience, including a working knowledge of the nearby Stawell gold mine, Navarre's exploration team will be applying cutting-edge exploration techniques in the search for new gold deposits at Ararat and Tatyoon, should the licences be granted.

"The Ararat Goldfield has been tightly held under exploration licence for the past 25 years by a number of other companies," Navarre Managing Director, Geoff McDermott said.

"We are excited that it may now become available for us to apply our experience and expertise.

"The region has a great history of gold discovery and

production and Ararat is less than 30 kilometres southeast of Navarre's home base of Stawell.

"We are proud that a small company like Navarre can carve out such a dominant position in a highly prospective region for gold discovery.

"I think it pays to be located within an active mining jurisdiction where the local community understands the benefits of exploration success.

"We are fortunate to have a substantial inventory of gold exploration targets within a short distance of the Stawell Gold Mine, which is operated by our major shareholder."

The Minister's decision on grant of the licences is anticipated before year's end.

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Chris Silk is pictured with her large range of beautiful knitted spiral scarves, belts, bags, hats and dolls in AFL team colours.

Tantalising stalls at Pomonal Village Market

POMONAL - It's that special time again, with the gorgeous Pomonal Village Market being held this Sunday, July 28.

Pomonal Hall and its environs always feature tantalising stalls. There's bound to be something for you.

Stallholders are friendly, very helpful, often producers of the goods themselves. Whether you need special plants for spring 2013 - ground covers, succulents, natives, roses, cottage garden varieties, citrus, seeds (especially heritage) and bulbs, or some great pre-loved books for these cold days, there's so much to choose from.

There are fresh vegetables and fruit, also scrumptious homemade biscuits, cakes, loaves, slices, jams and sweets to tempt tastebuds. You'll find cosy woollies from handspun and commercial yarns, such as scarves, beanies, and shawls to keep you warm.

Superb, alluring handmade jewellery might tempt you further; there's also cosy sheepskin products, fresh natural soap products, handspun yarn and fleece, lucky dips, handmade greeting cards, many pre-loved items like jigsaw puzzles, tapes, CDs, LPs, children's toys and clothing, collectable antique glass and china, and many other second-hand items. The list is huge.

You never know what treasures you'll find! To top it all off, tables by the welcoming open fire where you can have morning or afternoon tea, or a tasty, inexpensive heart-warming lunch, with hot soup of the day.

Please note, the sausage sizzle can not be held

this month, but it will be back at August's market.

Chris Silk and Bev Batchelor share a stall, just inside the hall, facing the stage. Chris, a relative newcomer at Pomonal, has been knitting for years. Her beautiful knitted spiral scarves are fascinating and gorgeous, with many colours, to add glamour to your outfit. She also has knitted belts, bags, double knit scarves and hats, pin cushions and needle books, and knitted dolls in AFL footy colours.

Bev has many items too, including mobile phone holders, coin and card purses, wheat packs and handbags and much more to find.

Many people make this a regular day out at Pomonal Market, a lovely market which opens at 10am and, throughout winter, closes at 2pm. Come and join us.

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