

I (Bruce R Legendre) am a bona fide Prospector and not a trader of tenements. I lodge Applications (Prospecting Licence, Exploration Licence & Mining Licence)) and do the field work over numerous field trips including soil, rock and stream sed sampling developing drill targets and then do Joint Ventures whereby a Mining Company will proceed to do further exploration whilst I retain a free-carried interest and/or a Royalty. I never lodge applications for exemptions from the annual required expenditure on my tenements, and in the last 40 years, I have worked all my Tenements. Proof can be produced by revisiting the Tenements both dead and alive (on Tengraph www.dmp.wa.gov.au-type in my name, Search, Advanced Tenement, Tenement Holder) and see the annual work report (Form 5) and expenditure met the required amount. Over the years, almost every red cent I made went back to the Mines Department, Shire Rates, the Laboratory doing Geochemistry, and Geologists. Pay days were sometimes years apart, and with a wife and two children, it fell upon my wife (a Kindergarten Teacher) to carry the ball for long periods.

The first 10 years I lived in the Bush, either in Western Australia, during the cooler months, and in NW Tasmania in the summer, where I dredged for gold and platinum. This was off the back of a 1969 Land Rover sleeping in swags in WA and Tents in Tasmania.



3 days to get out relaxing around the fire Time for a washup

It wasn't until 1992 that I had a house in Perth from which I would make the long trips to Kalgoorlie, Leonora, Leinster, Wiluna, Sandstone, Mount Magnet, and Paynes Find and back to Perth over 4000 kms per trip working on the various tenements I had acquired. This was pre-Windows 95, so I had to go to the Mines Dept in Perth every workday, call for the Tenement Maps of the various places of interest, and study them for possible openings. All this without a job or steady income. Now that I have acquired some shares from selling Tenements, I certainly would expect, upon selling them (having held the assets for over 12 months), to get the 50% reduction in Capital Gains. I have waited a long time to get to this position, and I still do the field work every winter. I will be 74 in November 2023. I have had full knee and shoulder replacements from the hard work in the field.

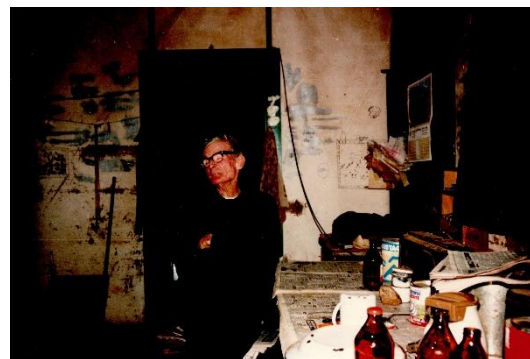
I met Peter J Bridge in 1977 at the Royal Show in Perth. Peter was working at the Mines Dept on Plain Street, Perth, in the Laboratory, and after numerous field trips on long weekends to the Goldfields and Nullabar in the 60s and 70s, he was the first to realize that there was enormous potential for Gold Prospecting. Whilst producing the 3 Volumes of Simpsons' Minerals of Western Australia, Peter also acquired the exclusive import rights for the Garrett Metal Detector, which was the best one at the time. I would assist Peter in picking up shipments at Perth Airport and taking them to his shop on Wellington Street, Perth, where keen Prospectors would be waiting to receive their Deep Seeker Detector. Amongst the first was David Dehavilland (who wrote the definitive Prospecting Books in the early 80's: Ghosts and Gold-published by Hesperian Press-PJ Bridges Publishing Company) and with whom I have camped and prospected in the early 80's) and Mark Creasy who is the best known and most accomplished Prospector in Australia and whom is a very

close friend of mine. Mark became a full-time Prospector in 1968 with no assistance and today is one of the most successful Prospectors in the World. We have camped in the bush together (in Western Australia and Tasmania) and have had numerous mining tenements together over the years. Peter Grub staked me; gave me the loan of his 1969 Land Rover and Metal Detectors and all the required back-up gear on consignment. On Peter's advice, I based myself in Leonora, about 240 km North of Kalgoorlie. I became friends with the Sullivans, who owned and operated the local roadhouse, and they would give me Fuel on credit. This meant I could not return to town unless I had some nuggets to sell to clear my fuel bill. Fortunately I had a Firearms Licence and Goats back in the 70's/80's were considered feral pests interfering with the available feed for the massive amounts of sheep the Pastoralists would run on their station. Hence, the odd goat ended up in the camp oven with curry powder and a damper when the tucker box was depleted.



The 69 Land Rover was dependable, with Fuel and Food forthcoming. Looking for drinking water.

At Leonora I was fortunate to befriend a couple of old timers, Prospectors who came to the Goldfields (Eric Clydesdale brought in his 1st Goldmine in 1926) and Bill Withers who quit his bus driving job in Perth in 1954 when a good patch of Gold was found at the Goanna Patch North of Leonora and it made front page news in Perth. Eric taught my brother and I how to loam up a subcropping (not visible but lies beneath the surface) gold reef by very very patiently washing 1 kilo dishes in a systematic manner until you arrive on the top of the subcropping reef which will become manifest by the number and roughness of the fine colours of gold caught up in the black sands at the very bottom of the dish. These skills are almost entirely forgotten now; my brother being one of the only bona fide Prospectors who can execute a loaming program correctly and successfully. Bill Withers knew the countryside around Leonora and would give me tips when I would bring over a slab of EMU Green before noon (after midday beer o'clock) with Geology Maps at 1:250,000. There is no substitute for experience, and who knows more than the old prospectors?



Eri Clydsedale, teacher, is loving Bill Withers at home in Leonora

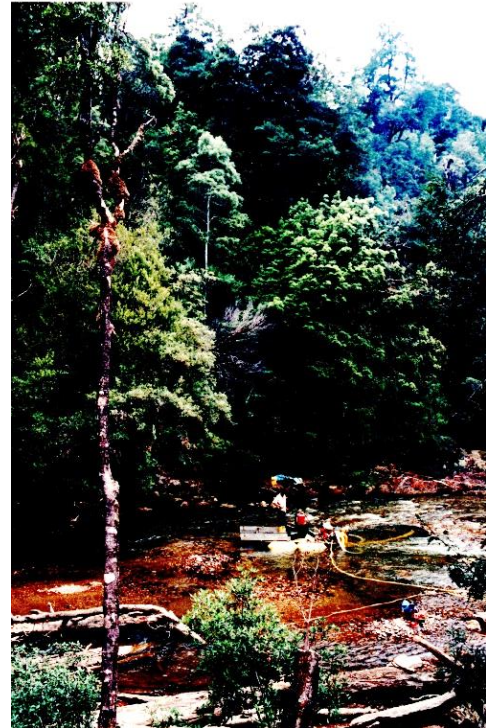
The Summers are brutal in the Western Australia Goldfields, so Joseph (my brother) and I would head off to NW Tasmania to Savage River and Prospect for Gold and Osmiridium in the creeks and

rivers...a rather fruitless task, but it kept us out of 45-degree heat, and the local folks became good friends. We had to backpack all our mining equipment: Fuel. Food, chainsaws, etc, as we were the first in with modern equipment. But the old boys were too good and managed to divert the rivers and clean up the bedrock almost everywhere we went for 7 seasons.



Camp in Tasmania for 5 months

In 1989, my first daughter was born, and so I had my wife and Rachel out in the Goldfields in a caravan, continuing to Prospect full time, hoping to one day find a good patch. After my second daughter was born in 1992, I was able to buy a house in Gwalia, 3 km out of Leonora, for \$35,000, and we settled in about 100 meters from the edge of the Sons of Gwalia Open Pit Mining Operation. When the 5 PM whistle blew, signalling the daily explosion in the pit, we had to bring the kids inside as bits of rocks would pound down on our roof and backyard.



Dredging on the Savage River



My daughter learnt to stand. I'm writing a yarn

Typical camp in WA.

Over the last 40 years, I have worked in the Eastern and North Eastern Goldfields and the Murchison. The Ashburton, Gascoyne and the Pilbara but have settled on working the area from Meekatharra to Kalgoorlie. The northern Areas are too hot, too much spinifex, death adders, and the Pastoralists will lock the gates (which is not really allowed). I have settled on working in areas I can drive to from Perth and prospect for Drilling Targets, which will then interest an existing Mining Company or put these assets into an IPO. If I were a "Trader of Tenements" and interested only in flipping tenements, I would monitor the entire state. Still, I have had leases only in the Murchison and the Eastern Goldfields where I can drive to several times a year to do the ground work, These trips average 4000

kms per trip. Mark Creasy and I have had projects together, in particular the Windimurra/Narndee Complex about 500 kms NNE of Perth, where I took 10,000 soil and rock chip samples over several years, which resulted in us floating APEX Minerals with Steve Stone (another close friend and business partner).

I began full-time prospecting in March 1983, and until today, I have not had any other employment or source of income. If I found gold and/or sold a lease (and under 23PA the sale of a lease was tax free until Peter Costello rescinded 23PA) I had funds, if not the aforementioned goat stew in the bush with damper and with my Brother joining me in 1984 we both knew the lean times would pass as long as we put in the hard work. I have been involved in Gold Discoveries, including subsequent open-cut mines (Dragon & Bulchina) and drill-indicated gold resources, which include: Flushing Meadows, Oblique, Quartermoon, Withers Find, Little Yanbo, Dogbolter, Cowbell Dig, Legendres Find, and the current WMG Ni Deposit.

Over the last 40 years, I have made good friends with men who are now very prominent in the Exploration/Mining Industry and have asked a few to submit a brief statement on the authenticity of my claim of being a full-time Prospector. In actual fact, the vast majority of so-called Prospectors in Western Australia are simply fossickers who use metal detectors to find nuggets. I use geochemistry (rock, soil, stream, and augering) to define drilling targets which may produce a mineable mineral resource.

I have written numerous articles for the Australian Gem and Treasure Magazine I (attached a few in the Appendix) to repay my friend Peter Bridge for his generosity and mateship and have met numerous folks in the Goldfields over the years who read these articles and thought "Well if he can do it, I can do it:" and came to Western Australia to have a go. Some of them are still there prospecting after some 35 years.

Prospecting full-time is not for everyone. You can go months without income, just the landscape flora and fauna to enjoy and one's own company. Long periods of being alone and not seeing other folks make one a bit unused to conversation for a bit, and collectively, all these things eliminate almost the entire urban population of the developed world. But there is the possibility of finding the big one and never having to answer to anyone. I recommend being either single with no debt or retired with no debt. If you have bills to pay, it's not for you.