

JAMBOREE HEIGHTS

# Lord of the rings finds preciouses

## DETECTOR SAVES HEIRLOOMS

James Drew

STEP aside Dark Lord, there is a new Lord of the Rings in town but he does not want to rule them all.

Modern-day treasure hunter Justin Millman spends his spare time scanning land and sea, even dog poo, with his metal detector to find long-lost jewellery, heirlooms and historical artefacts.

Over the past six years the Jamboree Heights man has collected more than 200 gold, silver and platinum rings, which he hopes to some day reunite with their owners.

He said if people email a photo of their lost ring to info@losttreasures.com.au, he will check his collection and return it if possible.

As a hobby Mr Millman has scoured beaches at

Fraser and Hamilton islands, Tangalooma, Tweed Heads and the Sunshine and Gold coasts and regularly comes across rings, hearing aids, rare coins, matchbox cars, sinkers, toys, zippo lighters and keys.

"I used to love lucky dips as a kid, so it's about the excitement of not knowing what you're going to dig up," he said. "It's the surprise that I love and it gets you outdoors into nature."

Mr Millman recently began offering his metal detecting services for \$60 an hour, plus a call-out fee. He said his success rate was two out of three.

"I've had a lot of success with dogs," he said.

He said the joy of reuniting someone with a lost ring was priceless. Visit his website at losttreasures.com.au.



Justin Millman is a modern day treasure-hunter with a knack for finding lost rings and heirlooms. Picture: Patria Jannides



Fishing line sinkers and hair pins are a common find.



Justin Millman lays out his trove of valuable treasures.



Metal detectors seem to pay out more than the pokies.



Lost heirlooms are kept safe until an owner can be found.



British coins found on eroded beaches.

MIDDLE PARK

## Pages turn on book bug fair

GOOD NEWS LUTHERAN SCHOOL needs your unwanted books and counts on community input to make its fourth book fair a success.

Drop books to the school at Middle Park before collection on August 16 and 17.

Organiser of Billy the Book Bug Book Fair Kellie Broderick said the event was shaping up to be a great day out for the family.

The book fair is on September 14.

Drop books to the school at 49 Horizon Drive, Middle Park. Phone 3373 4400.

SPRINGFIELD

## Vote for Barty in Deadly gong

SPRINGFIELD tennis ace Ashleigh Barty has chased championships across the world but claiming the Female Sportsperson of the Year Award with the Deadlys is out of her forehead.

Barty has been nominated in the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander awards for the stellar start to her tennis career. Visit deadlys.com.au/vote.