

# A lord of the lost ring



**Diver Sean Dodie found Robert Palermo's ring after an hour of searching at the bottom of the Dawesville Cut.**

## DIVER FINDS SUNKEN TREASURE

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WHEN Robert Palermo lost his wedding ring while fishing in the Dawesville Cut on Tuesday, he thought it was gone forever.

However, despite the depth of the channel and strong currents, a diver with a metal detector retrieved the ring last week.

"It is absolutely amazing," Mr Palermo said.

"I still can't believe it.

"My heart was racing when the ring was found - I was over the moon."

Mr Palermo, of Wannanup, lost the ring in the water at 9.30pm.

The ring had sentimental value because it had been passed down from his wife's father.

Mr Palermo's daughter googled The Ring Finders and they contacted Sean Boddie.

Mr Boddie specialises in underwater recovery and found Mr Palermo's ring within an hour of diving into the channel.

"We are part of an online directory from around the world," he said.

"People do not think to use a metal detector to find lost jewellery.

"They think it's been lost forever.

"I am proud to help - it's a nice thing to do."