



# NSW & ACT Prospectors and Fossickers Association Inc.

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*"Fights for fairer access to land in NSW and represents the interests of prospectors and fossickers"*

## NAPFA Sponsorship

NAPFA would like to offer you the chance to be a sponsor to the Prospectors and Fossickers of NSW and the ACT. NAPFA actively promotes our sponsors to members, the public and the prospecting and fossicking community and uses our sponsors logos at all events and in members newsletters (copy attached).

## About NAPFA

The NSW and ACT Prospectors and Fossickers Association Inc (NAPFA) was formed in December 2012 to improve fossicking access to public land on behalf of all prospectors and fossickers in NSW, and elsewhere, including those who are not NAPFA members.

Our goals are consistent with similar associations in Victoria, Western Australia and the Northern Territory, and promote prospecting and fossicking for minerals (especially gold) and gemstones; as well as for coins and relics.

NAPFA is actively involved in educating the public to the importance that prospectors have played in the past to building our great nation, and for maintaining our future lifestyle by the discovery of mineral resources.

The promotion and encouragement of prospecting and fossicking gives citizens a healthy pastime, and actively supports rural communities.

NAPFA is a peak industry group in NSW, and is well recognised nationally as a key player in the prospecting and fossicking industries for representing our needs to Government.

NAPFA is a non-profit organisation staffed by volunteers that relies on sponsorship for its effectiveness to represent Prospectors and Fossickers of NSW and the ACT.

## NAPFA's Progress

NAPFA's initiative to create more Fossicking Districts and ongoing lobbying of Local Governments has seen 26 new Local Government Areas declared Fossicking Districts in NSW since the beginning of 2016. This is over 17 million hectares of NSW now covered by Fossicking Districts, where you don't need permission from Exploration Lease holders to fossick.

NAPFA's lobbying for fossicking in National Parks has seen the NSW Department of Environment and Heritage publish its new policy identifying opportunities for fossicking in Parks. Previously fossicking was simply a banned activity. Since this policy was adopted the management plans for the Nuggetty State Conservation Area (SCA) and the Cells SCA in the Cottan-Bimbang National Park, both were amended to allow fossicking. The first in over 20 years.

From 2014 to 2019 NAPFA successfully defended every hurdle to ban the high banker. Initial technical arguments by the Dept were mitigated by NAPFA's research and detailed reports, and the Depts so-called "environmental issues" were finally dismissed by the Deputy Secretary in March 2019. NAPFA was proven to be correct.

The Dept. then changed their interpretation of "powered equipment" in the legislation. NAPFA are now working in detail and have demonstrated to the Deputy Premier, the wrongful actions of Dept.

The Deputy Premier has offered to investigate our claims. Join us now to help win this battle !!!

There is a lot of technical work to do going forward, and this will require both legal and environmental consulting work. This is a great outcome and a big step forward for the prospectors and fossickers of NSW !!

### **NAPFA's Annual Membership Draw and events schedule**

The NAPFA Executive are sourcing sponsorship for the association's annual membership draw. It is an incentive for prospectors to join the association, and for existing members to renew their membership on time which gets them extra tickets in the draw.

NAPFA invite sponsors to donate products they retail to the draw, and to our AGM events to encourage members to attend and have input to the running of the association and to plan our lobbying going forward.

NAPFA also attend public events and run competitions and conduct surveys of the public to use in our lobbying of legislators. We invite sponsors to donate items to use as prizes in these events and to promote their business and prospecting in general. A regular example is a metal detecting token hunt where the public can use detectors to find coins and tokens salted in the ground. Often a lot of rubbish and occasionally some good finds are revealed.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, NAPFA have promoted prospecting and been extremely effective in our representation for the prospectors and fossickers of NSW.

As a specialised body, we present a strong, professional, and focussed presence on improving our rights as fossickers in NSW and make the necessary representations. The volunteer Committee works hard for your cause, and to do this we need the support of all prospectors and fossickers operating in NSW and the ACT, as many competing interests threaten to restrict our activities if we are not there to represent our members.

NAPFA promotes all sponsor in our newsletter, and all email sent to members has a button to direct them to our web page listing our sponsors. <https://napfa.net/our-supporters>

Sponsors are promoted at all public events and NAPFA offers to publish any technical papers, reviews of equipment or any sales and retail information to members.

Regards,

**NAPFA President**