



NSW & ACT Prospectors and Fossickers Association Inc.

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Letter from the President – 2 October, 2015

Dear Member,

I am writing to invite you to the 2015 NAPFA Annual General Meeting which will be held at Glendora Camping Ground Camping Area, Hill End, 7th of November 2015, 2 p.m. It would be great to have a big turnout – so combine it with a fossicking trip to Hill End or the Central West.

This year has been a big year for NAPFA. Our major achievement, based on a good working relationship with the Minister for Resources and Energy, Anthony Roberts, will have been the creation of many new Fossicking Districts across NSW which I expect will be in place by the time of the AGM. This is an historical outcome for fossicking in NSW and will benefit fossickers into the foreseeable future. It is the sort of change that NAPFA set up to achieve.

Exploration Leases

The practical impact of this change is that fossickers will not require the permission of mining EL holders in those Fossicking Districts. It does NOT give fossickers any new rights of access – you will still require the permission of landowners or managers to fossick on non-Crown Land. You also cannot fossick on mining claims or areas where there is active mining. This change only refers to Exploration Leases.

However it will mean you won't be in violation of the regulations if you fossick on EL areas in any Fossicking District without permission of EL holders. It will remedy the current absurd situation where mining companies can deny fossickers the chance to fossick, or to warn them off, on land where they have ELs. In reaching this outcome NAPFA faced stiff opposition by the NSW Mineral's Council so in some ways it was a "David and Goliath" showdown. In this case David won!

Sluicing

We also put forward a detailed submission on highbanker/sluiding rules to the Minister and the Department and are continuing to work with them on that. We are seeking changes so it is clear to fossickers that the use of this type of equipment is permitted, provided the activity and disturbance limitations are adhered to.

National Parks

We are also continuing to work with officials from NSW National Parks about potential policy that could facilitate access by fossickers to some National Park areas. This is a complex problem and progress is very slow. But we will stay on it because in the long run it has significant access implications for fossickers in NSW.

Changes to NAPFA Constitution

The Committee recommends you support amendments to the Constitution to change the membership year and to streamline the new member application process. These 'special resolutions' will be voted on at the AGM. If you are unable to attend the AGM you may also give your vote to the meeting by ticking the boxes and returning it to our Postal Address or by email (scan) to Secretary@napfa.net. When we started NAPFA we used an 'off the shelf' model constitution. However now that we have been going for a few years there

are a number of practical improvements we can make to better administer NAPFA. More details are in the AGM section.

Membership renewals are now due

Your committee recently determined that NAPFA will do a membership renewal for the 2016 Calendar year. Renewal will cost \$25 per person. This makes us a very low cost association for members, within the reach of all.

Until now NAPFA has not required any members to renew – we have rolled memberships over since we started in December 2012. All current members also had the chance to win major raffle prizes, including a Minelab GPX 5000. This means that NAPFA has been excellent value for members.

In recognition of NAPFA's achievements, and to **help us maintain the numbers we need to be a credible lobby group**, the Committee urges you to renew your membership as soon as possible using the attached **form**.

You can also pay face-to-face at the AGM, the Goanna Gold Muster or at the Laanacoorie Bash which will be attended by NAPFA Committee members. **Bring your signed form and updated details**.

Just look for our flag!

As a **BONUS**, any RENEWAL or NEW MEMBER before 15 January 2016 will also have a chance to win a Minelab SDC2300, to be drawn after 15 January 2016. The SDC is an excellent gold detector and retails at almost \$4,000! It has been donated to us by Minelab Australia and we are very grateful for that support.

We may also secure some additional bonus prizes for the renewal. I will tell you more about that when we know.

We will not be selling extra raffle tickets for this machine. Each renewing or new member will have just the one chance to win. So at around 1 in a 1000, the odds are very good. Just imagine that it is an 80 gram nugget! And you will support NAPFA as well!

To renew your membership please fill out the membership renewal form and complete the required actions.

Please encourage new members – families and friends to join NAPFA, using the new membership process after 7 November. We will update the online form at www.napfa.net after the AGM.

Nominations for Committee

The AGM offers a chance for members to nominate for committee positions. Please see the attached form if you wish to do that. For your information, all current committee members have indicated they will be renominating, including me as President.

Reminder about Central West Prospecting Supplies Promotion

Remember that if you are in the market for a GPZ 7000 and you buy from Central West Prospecting Supplies before December 31, and you are a NAPFA member, your purchase will count towards the donation of a gold detector(s) to NAPFA for use in membership promotion or fundraising. **Remember to tell them you are a NAPFA member.** See the promotional information below that we got from CWPS earlier this year. We already have more than 10 on the books!

That's all for now – hope to see you at the AGM

Stephen Dangaard
President

(From Central West Prospecting Supplies)

CALLING ALL CLUB AND ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Are you registered member of a Prospecting club or Association?

Well Central West Prospecting Supplies wants to give back to our clubs and Associations that put in so much to our industry.

If you Purchase a MINELAB GPZ7000 from our store any time until the 31-12-2015 then we will look after you and you club. It's as easy as 10, 20 and 30!!!!

Here's the deal...

If 10 members purchase a GPZ7000s.. we will donate a MINELAB SDC2300 valued at \$3950 to that chosen club to be used as they wish.

If 20 GPZ7000s are purchased from members in that club we will donate a New Minelab GPX5000 Pro Pack Valued at over \$6500 to your club or Association.

If 30 GPZ7000s are purchased we will donate a New Minelab GPZ7000 to your club. Valued at over \$10,500

This is a great chance for your club to get a new Minelab detector to use as a membership drive, demo club detector or whatever for merely having their members buy a GPZ7000 from C.W.P.S

The individual member will also receive a \$200 in store credit voucher to purchase any item in Stock. (Voucher cannot be used to discount the RRP of the GPZ Unit). As well as free postage. So get the jungle Drums beating.....it's only until the 31st of December 2015.

Contact Lucinda HOOK...Manageress of Central West Prospecting Supplies Mudgee. Ph 02 6372 0082.

To help our administrations please always use your membership number if you contact NAPFA by email!

Thanks!

NAPFA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2016

Dear Member,

At the 2014 AGM (held at Hill End on Saturday 14th February, 2015) some important changes were made to your NAPFA membership. To improve the administration process and to align the membership year to the prospecting season, members voted at last year's AGM for NAPFA to change the membership year to the calendar year.

To facilitate this change, your current membership has been extended by 6 months to the end of the 2015 calendar year. Your renewal fee has been set to \$25 and you will be issued with a membership card valid to December 2016.

All members who renew their membership before the 15th January 2016, will gain one entry (identified by their membership number) into a raffle for a legendary **Minelab SDC 2300** detector kindly donated by Minelab. Entry to the membership raffle will close at midnight on the 15th of January and will be drawn within 10 days after 15 January by an independent person. New members who join within the time period are will also be in the draw.

Please complete this form and return with your Cheque or Money Order (please do not staple) and make payable to NAPFA and post to: **NAPFA MEMBERSHIP, P.O. Box 2664 Carlingford Court, 2118**

OR

You may pay by direct deposit to the NAPFA Bank account. If you direct deposit you MUST do the following:

1. Deposit the correct amount into the NAPFA account. Put your surname and initials or membership number in the "Message/Reference" section to appear on NAPFA's statement (this is to ensure we can identify your payment easily. Account name: **NAPFA** Bank: **Westpac** BSB No: **032 282** A/C No: **272392**
2. Complete this renewal form and fill in transaction details.
3. Scan and e-mail to: Membership@NAPFA.net with the heading: "NAPFA renewal + your name."

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

Name			
Address			
City		Postcode	
Phone			
Email (essential if you have one)			

ALSO PLEASE COMPLETE PAYMENT DETAILS BELOW

I have paid \$25 by cheque or money order dated	/	/	2015
OR			
My direct deposit transaction of \$25 was made on	/	/	2015
By renewing your NAPFA membership you agree to abide by the NAPFA code of conduct. NAPFA reserves the right to refuse any renewal. A full refund will be given if that happens.			
PLEASE SIGN.....	DATE	/	/ 2015

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

GLENDORA CAMPING AREA, HILL END, 7th NOVEMBER, 2015, 2pm.

Please record your name on the attendance register!

Collect your free NAPFA bumper sticker!

Ticket for Door Prize will be issued during the meeting.

AGENDA

1. 2:00pm Meeting to Open
2. Welcome
3. Apologies
4. Confirm minutes from last AGM
5. Report from President
6. Report from Treasurer
7. Summary of Nominations for Office Bearers
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Ordinary Committee Members x 3
8. Election of Office Bearers
9. GENERAL BUSINESS
Discussion and voting on Special Resolutions about proposed changes to the NAPFA constitution. (See notes).

Prospectors' Auction

A new Activity this year!

Immediately after the AGM an auction will be held to raise funds for NAPFA. A range of prospecting and camping equipment, the highlight being an Xterra 705 Gold Pack detector package provided by Minelab, will be auctioned. Bring your money and grab a bargain. We hope to have plenty of other items for the auction as well.

Please contact Treasurer@napfa.net if you can provide something additional, or bring it to the AGM on the day. Lots of items could make for fast and furious deals.

So if you have some new unused gear, or used items in good working condition, or are in business with products you could donate, then please jump on board.

With Sean Ashcroft our current Public Officer doing the auction it is sure to be a hoot.

Apart from the Xterra705 detector, this is intended as a no reserve action. It will all be sold!

NAPFA Committee Nomination Form 2015

NB: Please use a separate form for each position.

I (please print) _____

wish to STAND FOR

(or NOMINATE _____ to) the NAPFA committee position of

(circle one only per nomination form)

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Committee Member (X3)

Self-nominee or nominated person to sign here to accept the nomination:

_____ Date _____

Tell us about yourself or the person you nominate

Positions all require a nominator and a seconder who are also members of NAPFA. If you nominate other people they have to sign (above) to agree to be nominated.

Nominated by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Now scan and send your nomination to secretary@napfa.net

or mail to NAPFA Secretary, P.O. Box 2664 Carlingford Court, NSW 2118.

NEEDS TO BE RECEIVED BY 30th October 2015

Special Resolutions to be voted on at the NAPFA AGM

Member Name:.....Member Number:.....

Special resolution 1: Change of dates of membership year.

Your Committee has undertaken to implement changes voted on at last years AGM for the NAPFA membership year to change from 1st July to 30th June (current) to run from 1st January to 31st December (proposed). This has been agreed to align to the prospecting season and improve administration, and requires the start date of the membership year to be changed. Part 2 Sec 8 requires removing references of "1 July" and replacing with "1 January".

See below current wording in the NAPFA constitution:

8. Fees and subscriptions

- (1) A member of the association must, on admission to membership, pay to the association a fee of \$1 or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount.
- (2) In addition to any amount payable by the member under subclause (1), a member of the association must pay to the association an annual membership fee of \$2 or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount:
- (a) except as provided by paragraph (b), before 1 July in each calendar year, or
- (b) if the member becomes a member on or after 1 July in any calendar year - on becoming a member and before 1 July in each succeeding calendar year.

Change to:

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Special resolution 1:

FOR AGAINST .

Special resolution 2: Define objects of the association.

Your Committee recommends defining the objects of NAPFA in the constitution to clearly show our intentions and what we stand for and to ensure new members are aligned with our constitution.

NAPFA Constitution Part 1 Sec 1 insert new Clause (4):

Part 1 - Preliminary

1. Definitions

"(4) The objects of the Association are:

- (a) To gain fairer access to land in NSW and the ACT, and represent the interests of prospectors and fossickers;
- (b) To make representations to Ministers and other relevant authorities controlling or affecting the resources, prospecting and fossicking industry; and
- (c) To obtain better conditions generally to stimulate and encourage prospecting and fossicking."

Special resolution 2:

FOR AGAINST .

Special resolution 3: Remove the requirement of nomination for new members, allow updates of the membership application Form, and streamline the membership process.

Your Committee recommends to remove the requirement for a written nomination to accompany a membership application, and removing the requirement for the membership application form to be in the Appendix to allow the committee to change the application form from time to time.

Your Committee recommends changing the membership process to allow easier administration and faster processing.

See below current wording in the NAPFA constitution:

Part 2 - Membership

2. Membership generally

(1) A person is eligible to be a member of the association if:

- (a) the person is a natural person, and
- (b) the person has been nominated and approved for membership of the association in accordance with clause 3.

3. Nomination for membership

(1) A nomination of a person for membership of the association:

- (a) must be made by a member of the association in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1 to this constitution, and
 - (b) must be lodged with the secretary of the association.
- (2) As soon as practicable after receiving a nomination for membership, the secretary must refer the nomination to the committee which is to determine whether to approve or to reject the nomination.
- (3) As soon as practicable after the committee makes that determination, the secretary must:
- (a) notify the nominee, in writing, that the committee approved or rejected the nomination (whichever is applicable), and
 - (b) if the committee approved the nomination, request the nominee to pay (within the period of 28 days after receipt by the nominee of the notification) the sum payable under this constitution by a member as entrance fee and annual subscription.
- (4) The secretary must, on payment by the nominee of the amounts referred to in subclause (3) (b) within the period referred to in that provision, enter or cause to be entered the nominee's name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member of the association.

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3. Nomination for membership

(1) A nomination of a person for membership of the association:

- (a) must be made by the applicant in writing in the form set out by the Committee, and
 - (b) must be lodged with payment of the required annual fee to the secretary of the association.
- (2) As soon as practicable after receiving a nomination for membership, the secretary must refer the nomination to the committee which is to determine whether to approve or to reject the nomination.
- (3) As soon as practicable after the committee makes that determination, the secretary must:
- (a) notify the nominee, in writing, that the committee approved or rejected the nomination (whichever is applicable), and
 - (b) if the committee approved the nomination, issue a receipt for the amounts referred to in subclause (1) (b) and enter or cause to be entered the nominee's name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member of the association.
- (4) The secretary may appoint a membership officer of the association to perform these duties.
- (5) The committee may grant honorary memberships in which case nomination and payment of annual fee would not be required.

Special resolution 3:

FOR AGAINST .