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Next Meeting
Monday 12th May
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Secretaries Report for Miners Right May 2014

A few months have passed since our last meeting however time doesn't slow down and the year is moving at an alarming rate already. Are we sure there are still 60 seconds in a minute and not down to 30 seconds/minute in 2014?

I have been sending a number of emails for review etc hoping to keep everyone informed between meetings. As NQMA is a member of AMEC it is good to know that these reviews are getting the full attention of the Qld Mining Industry, however please make sure that you read and come to your own conclusions for what is right for Far North Queensland Miners. NQMA encourages members to submit responses through us or as an individual direct to the Department as required.

The next important event for Nth Qld is the Resources Q workshop. By the time the Miners Right is published the date for registration will be closed however the event is on 9th May and those who attend will be able to give an update to the NQMA meeting on 12th May.

An explanation of this event: *"ResourcesQ, led by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, will deliver a genuine, robust and enduring partnership between government and industry, through a comprehensive engagement process. The regional workshops will enable people who are involved with, rely on, or are impacted by the resources sector to participate in that process."*

In other news - I have not had an update to the Cape York Regional Plan proposal to date, I have sent an invitation to James Ross and Darren Cleland of Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning to attend the next meeting.

As mentioned above I do send out a lot of correspondence now via email as the best form of communication. Please make sure to send up to date email addresses to either myself or Terry Edwards. Also if you are not already on the email list and would like to be please ring through your details to 40539808.

Please also note your calendars (oh they should be already) for the Gold Panning Event in August! All volunteers gratefully accepted. Also a great day to make a date with the kids and Grandkids and bring them along to teach them about the Mining Industry – never too young to convince them to be a Miner...

Can't say the weather has been predictable this year but what is predictable is the next NQMA meeting – see you at Mareeba Leagues Club on Monday 12th May for the General Meeting from 12:30pm. Minutes and Agenda will be emailed out closer to the date.

Fiona Abbey
Secretary.

May 2014

Native Title and Mining Report

by Paul.E.Crossland (NQMA Native Title Officer and representative for Native Title matters)

Update on The Native Title Act Section 29 - Right To Negotiate

RTN Batch 3- the Ewamian Peoples and the Djungan Peoples Areas.

Ewamian Peoples Area

There are four miners remaining in this batch, leaving 2 small scale miners and 2 proprietary companies. This batch of mining applications is currently being assisted through mediation provided by the National Native Title Tribunal. The negotiations have mainly been conducted by phone and Email communication. The NQMA Native Title Officer and the NNTT have been endeavoring to finalize the agreement negotiations.

Djungan Peoples Areas- There are 3 mining applicants in this batch who are required to negotiate an ancillary agreement for their mining tenement applications, 1 is a small scale miner and 2 are proprietary companies. The future act representative acting for the Djungan Peoples is the North Queensland Aboriginal Land Council. Initial consultation with the Djungan People's negotiation team began during the negotiations for the new Djungan Small Scale Miner ILUA in late 2011. Since then there has been a change to the Djungan People's representatives, due to the finalization of four native title claims.

On the 2nd of August 2012, the Federal Court handed down their determination for the Djungan Peoples #1, #2, #3, and #4 native title claims near Mt Mulligan, finding that native title exists in the whole of the claimed areas. Under the National Native Title Act 1993 s55- 59A, the usual determination made by the Federal Court includes that the native title rights and interests of the native title claimants are to be administered by a Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC). The Djungan People formed their RNTBC, the Nguddaboolgan Native Title Aboriginal Corporation in 2013. The RNTBC is defined as a native title party under the NTA1993 s30, which has the result that the RNTBC is involved in the RTN process as the formal body which oversees the administration of the native title claim areas. This includes holding community and authorization meetings for agreements between the registered native title claimants and third parties such as mining applicants. The registered native title claimants remain the signatories for each agreement in their particular claim area.

The NQLC has advised that a meeting was held in October 2013 with the Djungan People's RNTBC and others to consider the negotiation of the ancillary agreements in the Djungan RTN batch. Negotiations of these agreements are expected to progress after the authorization of the new Small Scale Miner ILUA.

RTN Batch 4- Birriah Peoples Area

This batched RTN was advertised on the 27th of June 2012, the native title party closing date was the 27th of September 2012 and the objection closing date was 29th October 2012. The NQMA is representing one miner with the negotiation of an agreement for two mining leases in the Birriah Peoples Area near Charters Towers.

The Mareeba Area Batched RTN

This batch of RTN notices was advertised in January 2013. The notification date was the 6th of February 2013. The native title party closing date was the 06 May 2013 and the objection closing date was 06 June 2013. This batch consists of twelve mining lease applications and three EPMs. Of this batch, two miners have mining tenure applications that fall within native title claim areas. There is one Small Scale Miner in the Western Yalanji native title claim area who is required to negotiate an agreement to satisfy the native title obligations for the mining applications.

Another miner has 2 mining lease applications in the Ayapathu Peoples area, 40 kilometers south of Coen, in the historical Ebagoola gold mining area. The miner in this area is no longer required to negotiate an agreement due to the Ayupathu People and the Olkola People having discontinued their native title claims with a view to revise their claimed areas and make new applications for native title claims.

Mining tenement applicants in any of the RTN batches who wish to have the NQMA represent them in the negotiation process need to be financial members of the NQMA and authorize the NQMA to act on their behalf by contacting Paul.E.Crossland, Native Title Officer.

For any information relating to the RTN process please contact the NQMA Native Title Officer.

The NQMA Standard Ancillary Agreement is available to mining applicants by contacting the NQMA Native Title Officer.

Update on the Small Scale Miner Area Indigenous Land Use Agreements

by Paul.E.Crossland.

Western Yalanji Peoples SSM ILUA

The Western Yalanji Small Scale Miner ILUA was registered by the National Native Title Tribunal on the 23rd of April 2014. Mining applicants who wish to utilise the provisions of the new SSM ILUA should contact the Department of Mines and Energy regarding deed in into the ILUA.

Miners who need to have land clearance inspections carried out in order to comply with their obligations regarding Aboriginal Cultural Heritage protection should send a copy of the inspection notice to the North Queensland Aboriginal Land Council and the Western Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation.

North Queensland Aboriginal Land Council at contact address-
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Western Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation at contact address -
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Phone: (07) 4092 6712
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The Ewamian Peoples SSM ILUA

The Ewamian Peoples Small Scale Miner ILUA was registered by the National Native Title Tribunal on the 24th of April 2014. Mining applicants who wish to utilise the provisions of the new SSM ILUA should contact the Department of Mines and Energy regarding deed in into the ILUA.

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Djungan Peoples SSM ILUA

In August 2012, four Djungan native title claims were determined by the Federal Court and the Djungan People formed their Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC) in 2013. Under the NTA1993 s30 24 CD, the RNTBC is required to become a party to the proposed Small Scale Miner ILUA. I have been advised by the North Queensland Land Council future act lawyer that the Djungan people's RNTBC and other native title claimants have considered the new Small Scale Miner ILUA at a community meeting. The RNTBC has instructed the NQLC to proceed with the authorization meeting process with a view towards authorization of the new SSM ILUA. Authorization of the new Djungan SSM ILUA is reliant upon the North Queensland Land Council to schedule the authorization meeting.

To avoid any confusion, I advise that once the new Djungan SSM ILUA has been authorized by the native title parties, there are other stages required in the process for the new ILUAs. There will still be several months required for the registering of the ILUAs by the National Native Title Tribunal before the ILUA will be available for miners to deed into to satisfy the native title obligations for their mining tenure applications.

Contacts: Paul.E.Crossland- (07) 4095 3324 Email- pc403@big pond .com
Graham. Byrne -(07) 4091 4905

A copy of the Western Yalanji SSM ILUA and the Ewamian SSM ILUA will be available for viewing at the General Meeting of the NQMA on Monday May 12th.

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best of the way things turn out.**

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He would then make sure any services to the wall such as plumbing etc were locked out with a personal lockout lock or, if multiple locks were needed, then a group isolation would be required.

To carry out a group isolation, old Humpty would need an authorised permit holder to check his isolation before starting the job.

It takes old Humpty an hour to get the permit initiated.

Humpty gets his ladder and climbs up the wall only to have an occupational health and safety supervisor shout at him because he is higher than 2m off the ground and isn't wearing a harness and doesn't have a working-at-heights permit.

Finally, Humpty has had enough and jumps landing in a big mess on the floor.

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Please send Application Form to:

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Ph 07-40965094 email : tezzedwards@gmail.com

Coins of the
Qing 清
Dynasty 1644-1911

The obverse of the coin has four characters. The right and left hand characters (reading in that direction) together read "tongbao", meaning "common currency". The top and bottom characters show the common name of the emperor ruling at the time the coin was minted. The reverse has two characters in Manchu (not Chinese) script saying "the fountainhead of currency", meaning the Beijing mint.

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嘉慶	Jiaqing 1796-1821 Emperor Renzong 仁宗	宣統	Xuantong 1909-1911 Emperor Xuantong 宣統

Editor's comment

Thanks to Duncan Ray for researching this interesting information on identifying Chinese coins. Miners working on many different goldfields will no doubt have a collection of coins that they have found over the years. It is nothing to find a coin that could be up to 300 years old. Coins from the more recent Emperors are the hardest to find.

Organisation is already underway for the NQMA Annual Gold Panning Championships on Saturday 9th August.

Help is always needed on Friday afternoon to set up and on Saturday to run events, time keep etc. This a major event for the association . It provides an opportunity for colleagues to catch up on the day, get up to date information on the latest mining equipment and also to promote the mining and associated industries. It is a great day out for the whole family. See you there.

Regards
Lyn Byrne

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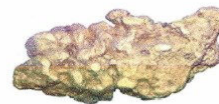
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