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Monday
10 November
Mareeba Leagues
Club
12:30pm

PRESIDENTS REPORT: By Ralph De Lacey

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The September 2014 NQMA AGM saw two of our long serving and hardworking executive Terry Edwards and Lyn Byrne step down and ask not to be nominated this year. Terry Edwards has been an integral part of NQMA for over sixteen years and has always been involved in management and steering committee decisions, always bringing a great deal of thoughtful common sense to any discussion. In recent years Terry has been NQMA Treasurer and has done this with impeccable honesty and transparency. In appreciation for his contribution to the association we are very pleased to make Terry a Life Member of NQMA.

Lyn Byrne has been Editor of The Miners Right for more than a decade and also the NQMA Gold Panning Championship principal organiser for many years. On behalf of all NQMA members I thank Lyn and Terry for their tremendous contributions to NQMA over many years. It is people like Terry and Lyn that make NQMA the great associations it is today. It is enlightening to see younger people volunteer to fill these positions and take the association forward.

MINING CHAMPION:

This coming year I ask the members to get behind the concept of a Queensland 'Mining Champion'. Our plan is to establish someone who will become the 'face' of mining in Queensland. This is not about someone who represents small mining, or just mining in north Queensland. The 'Mining Champion' will represent all mining throughout the whole of Queensland. This concept is to address the now entrenched bad public image of the mining industry.

Mining was once a very highly respected industry, today mining and miners rate the lowest of all industries in public image. Yet mining is still the cornerstone of the Queensland economy and Australian mining innovation, implementation and technology is at the cutting edge of the global mining industry.

What went wrong? My view is vested interest, particularly organised vested interest, like the well organised and funded environmental groups, took advantage of the situation and deliberately demonised the mining industry to achieve their own goals. When is the last time you saw anything positive about the mining industry in mainstream media? When did someone with high public profile step up and defend the lies and propaganda that is constantly fed into the media? We need to change that. We need a honest, non-political, credible, high profile, independent 'voice' that becomes recognised as the source of genuine mining facts and information. When the media quotes cleverly misleading information on mining, the 'Mining Champion' must step in and correct them. The 'Mining Champion' will have to be honest and genuine, but at the same time unashamedly proud of our mining industry and mining history and heritage.

Presidents report – continued..

How do we find such a person?

We need to present the position in such a way that it will attract the best and brightest in Queensland. The position will have to be funded by the mining industry. It will need to provide an attractive wage, a car and pay all travel expenses. The 'Mining Champion' will have to be constantly mobile and will be expected to visit every mine and meet every miner in Queensland, plus visit every school and university and attend every media opportunity. The position will appeal to a young ambitious person with high energy and vitality, and with an eye to a long term career in the media and public life. We need to make the position attractive enough to bring a large volume of nominations to choose from. The 'Mining Champion' then has to 'win' the position from the very best we can find. We need a contest along the lines of the TV shows like 'Master Chef' or 'X Factor'.

The 'prize' will be a three year contract as Queensland Mining Champion. The winner should be selected by a panel of Queensland miners. The winner should be awarded at a huge Gala Dinner to be held late next year. The first part of this is to get support from everyone with an interest in mining in Queensland. We need every miner to get behind this to make it happen!

Ralph De Lacey

SECRETARIES REPORT: By Claire Mackney

The NQMA AGM held in September saw a reshuffle and some changes to the executive committee. We welcome aboard to the committee Tom Saunders and Michelle Ryan and thank the members who continue to donate their time to the committee and the NQMA for the benefit of all members. Ralph De Lacey continues as the President, Frank Markert as Vice President, myself as the newly elected secretary and Michele Mobbs as Treasurer. Fiona Abbey, Vicky Lake, Graeme Steine and Paul Crossland also remain on the committee.

DNRM: All signs point to the implementation of the Common Resources Act changes being enacted in the very near future. Application forms have been changed and the website to download them on has been shifted. Please visit <http://www.business.qld.gov.au/industry/mining/applications-compliance/forms-fees/minerals-coal-forms> for the most up to date forms and fees list.

Mr Dean Barr, Manager of Operational Policy and Legislation, and Mr Luke Croton, Regional Director – North, have advised that they will be attending the general meeting on 10 November 2014. They will also be discussing the draft Departmental Policy in regards to pegging requirements. This will be an important opportunity to attend the meeting and have your say in person on what you believe to be correct pegging procedures or how the boundary is defined moving into the future.

EHP: There has been a lot of controversy recently over changes to the process for public notification of mining lease applications. For small scale, low impact projects, the general public will not have an opportunity to object to the proposed mining lease, however adjoining properties will have limited objection rights. The amendments remove some of the duplication of requirements and to further refine the objection criteria to avoid abuse of the court process.

EMFRL: A major issue of note this year has been the Emergency Management Fire and Rescue Levy (EMFRL) for which we are still trying to get a satisfactory response from the Government. We have been advised that David Kempton is following up the issue with the Minister on behalf of the NQMA and we hope to have a response soon.

See you at the meeting on 10 November at 12:30pm!

NATIVE TITLE ROUND UP: By Paul Crossland**Update – NTA Section 29 – Right to Negotiate**

RTN Batch 3 Ewamian Peoples Area - The negotiations were finalised during the last week of July 2014.

RTN Batch 3 Djungan Peoples Area - The public advertising and notification date for this RTN batch was 14 December 2011. 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. The NQLC has advised that discussions have been conducted with the Djungan People's Registered Native Title Body Corporate for the negotiation of the ancillary agreements in the Djungan RTN batch. The NQLC has advised that they will progress this RTN batch as soon as they can.

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. There is one Small Scale Miner remaining 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.

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. The NQMA has a Standard Ancillary Agreement that is available to mining applicants. This purpose of this agreement is to save time and costs of drafting an agreement from scratch and it has been based on the new Small Scale Mining ILUAs.

Update – Small Scale Mining Indigenous Land Use Agreement (SSM ILUA)

Western Yalanji People SSM ILUA - The new Western Yalanji Small Scale Miner ILUA has enabled a number of mining tenement applications to proceed to grant, since it became available for miners to opt into in April this year. Mining applicants who wish to utilise the provisions of the new SSM ILUA should contact the Department of Mines and Energy regarding deeding 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-
C/ The Principle Legal Officer
North Queensland Land Council
PO Box 679N Cairns North, Qld 4870 Phone: (07) 4042 7000

Western Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation at contact address -
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Postal: PO. Box 2682 Mareeba, QLD 4880
Phone: (07) 4092 6712 Email: admin@westernyalanjiCorp.com

NATIVE TITLE ROUND UP - continued..

The Ewamian Peoples 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 deeding 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 Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation.

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Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation at contact address -
9 Hort Street Mareeba Qld 4870
Phone (07) 4092 2555

Djungan Peoples SSM 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. The NQLC had advised that the community meeting and authorization meetings were expected to be held in late October 2014. Apparently the meetings did not go ahead as planned.

To avoid any confusion, 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 ILUA. There will still be several months required for the registering of the ILUA 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.

Contact: Paul.E.Crossland- (07) 4095 3324 Email- pc403@big pond .com

GOVERNMENT LINKS:

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POETIC PONDERERS: **The Roaring Days – Henry Lawson**

*The night too quickly passes
And we are growing old,
So let us fill our glasses
And toast the Days of Gold;
When finds of wondrous treasure
Set all the south ablaze
And you and I were faithful mates
All through the roaring days!*

*Then Stately ships came sailing
From every harbour's mouth
And sought the land of promise
That beacons in the South;
Then southward streamed their
steamers,
And swelled their canvas full
To speed the wildest dreamers
E'er borne in vessel's hull.*

*The rough bush roads re-echoed
The bar-room's noisy din,
When troops of stalwart horsemen
Dismounted at the inn
And oft the hearty greetings
And hearty clasps of hands
Would tell of sudden meetings
Of friends from other lands
When puzzled long, the new chum
Would recognise at last
Behind a bronzed and bearded skin
A comrade of the past.*

*And when the cheery camp-fire
Explored the bush with gleams,
The camping-grounds were crowded
With caravans of teams;
Then home the jests were driven,
And good old songs were sung,
And choruses were given
The strength of heart and lung.
Oh, they were lion-hearted
Who gave our country birth!
Oh, they were of the stoutest sons
From all the lands on earth!*

*Oft when the camps were dreaming,
and fires began to pale,
Through rugged ranges gleaming
Would come the Royal Mail.
Behind six foaming horses,
And lit by flashing lamps,
Old "Cobb and Co.s" in royal state,
Went dashing past the camps.*

*Oh, who would paint a goldfield,
And limn the picture right,
As we have often seen it
In the early mornings light;
The yellow mounds of mullock
With spots of red and white,
The scattered quartz that glistened
Like diamonds in the light;
The azure line of ridges
The bush of darkest green*

*The little homes of calico
That dotted all the scene.*

*I hear the fall of timber
From distant flats and fells,
The pealing of the anvils
As clear as little birds,
The rattle of the cradle,
The clack of windlass-boles,
The flutter of the crimson flags
Above the golden holes.*

*Ah, then our hearts were bolder,
And if Dame Fortune frowned
Our swags we'd lightly shoulder
And tramp to other ground.
But golden days are vanished,
And altered is the scene;
The diggings are deserted,
The camping-ground are green;
The flaunting flag of progress
Is in the West unfurled,
The mighty bush with iron rails
Is tethered to the world.*

Editors Notes:

The above poem was sent in by Frank Markert, however I would like to dedicate it to Mr Bob Mackay of Coen who has sadly passed away recently and gone mining in the heavens. The NQMA offers their condolences to his family, friends and daughter Janene. Bob and his spirited conversations will be missed.

Thank you to all that have contributed to the Miners Right for the November Issue – although this a new look – there will be a NEW LOOK in 2015. All contributions are welcome over the summer months before the next issue in March. Please send to fiona.abbey@spmining.com.au Also is there anything that you want to see in the MR?? Suggestions are welcome.

2015 Calendars will be sent to all Members in the near future! They will be worth waiting for.... ☺

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone and see you at the meetings in 2015!

ODDS AND BOBS FOR SALE AND WANTED:

FOR SALE: BACKHOE LOADER, MF50E, shuttle shift, good tyres, new battery, new slew motor kit, seals & O rings thru rams, ROPs, excellent condition, \$19900 ONO PHONE: 0429598293 or 0434870302 Photos available. Dayle Tame or Bino Sabin.

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OUT AND ABOUT INFORMATION:

Have you forgotten to explore our own backyard in North Queensland? Fossicking is a great way to introduce the kids/grandkids to the mining industry and also gets them away from the xbox, ipad, playstation etc to kick a rock and get dirty! Also good practice for the NQMA Gold Panning Comp in August... ☺

Fossicking areas available include:

- Mount Gibson – 5km north-west of Innot Hot Springs
- Agate Creek – 70km south of Forsayth
- O'Briens Creek – 38km north-west of Mount Surprise
- Moonstone Hill - 90km south of The Lynd (Kennedy Development Road)
- Young's Block – 15km east of Charters Towers

For more information including getting a Fossicking Licence and maps of the above areas visit

<http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/fossicking/north-qld/>

Fossicking Licences start from \$7.25 individual and \$10.45 family for 1 month...

Plan a great weekend out in the Great Outdoors – don't forget your picnic and water!

LOL MOMENTS:**Getting ready for Broadband in the bush!!**

LOGON: Adding wood to make the barbie hotter

LOG OFF: Not adding any more wood to the barbie.

MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the barbie.

DOWNLOAD: Getting the firewood off the ute.

HARD DRIVE: Making the trip back home without any cold tinnies.

KEYBOARD: Where you hang the ute keys.

WINDOWS: What you shut when the weather's cold

SCREEN: What you shut in the mozzie season..

BYTE: What mozzies do

MEGABYTE: What Nth Qld mozzies do.

CHIP: A pub snack.

MICROCHIP: What's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips.

MODEM: What you did to the lawns.

LAPTOP: Where the cat sleeps.

SOFTWARE: Plastic knives and forks you get at Red Rooster.

HARDWARE: Stainless steel knives and forks - from K-Mart.

MOUSE: The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.

MAINFRAME: What holds the shed up.

WEB: What spiders make.

WEBSITE: Usually in the shed or under the veranda.

SEARCH ENGINE: What you do when the ute won't go.

CURSOR: What you say when the ute won't go.

YAHOO: What you say when the ute does go.

UPGRADE: A steep hill.

SERVER: The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.

MAIL SERVER: The bloke at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.

USER: The neighbour who keeps borrowing things.

NETWORK: What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.

INTERNET: Where you want the fish to go.

NETSCAPE: What the fish do when they discover a hole in the net.

ONLINE: Where you hang the washing.

OFFLINE: Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough.

To get you in the mood for Christmas....

What did Mrs Claus say to Santa when she looked in the sky? "Looks like rain, dear"

The TV game show was really close. One contestant was asked to name 2 of Santa's reindeer. The contestant gave a sigh thinking that he had finally been given an easy question, "Rudolph and Olive!"

The host asked the contestant, "We'll accept Rudolph but can you explain Olive?"

The man looked at the host and said, "You know, 'Olive,' the other reindeer, used to laugh and call him names..."

A THANK YOU...

On a recent trip to the Mine Vicky Lake came across smoke/fire heading towards the road. Vicky stopped at the Memorial site for Lisa and Matthew Markert to ensure it would be preserved. Whilst deciding what to do and taking some action a Water Truck came along which Vicky flagged down to assist. The water truck driver Mr Rob O'Sullivan assisted and sprayed water on and around the memorial to keep it well quenched and preserved. A big THANK YOU goes out to Mr O'Sullivan and to the caring nature of Vicky Lake.

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