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Next Meetings:

Monday
11th July and 12th
September
Mareeba Leagues
Club 12:30pm

Secretary Report

IT'S TIME.....

To get out your pans and start practicing – not the cooking pans – the gold pans!
We are on the countdown to the 2016 Gold Panning Championships. Bring one bring all bring young and bring old.. It's a great day out in the Mareeba winter weather and great opportunity to catch up with likeminded people.

Photos for the comp are being gratefully received between now and on the day. Please put your name and contact details on the back of the photo – or email them in to me with a caption and I will print them off and add to the photo board.

The Jewellery pieces are looking great! And Raffle tickets are on sale. The Pics are a couple pages down and would be an amazing addition to anyone's jewellery box! Please let me know if you want tickets sent out or if you give me a ring I can write them out and you can deposit the money to NMQA account – see no excuses ☺

Not many updates on the technical mining side in this edition. EMFRL has gone quite, the MOLA Bill has now become legislation. Any questions directly on these send me an email and I will follow-up/answer where I can.

It is sad to see Mr George Mayer hanging up the boot straps (or the detector straps) and retiring (see next page) but we can acknowledge that it is well deserved and wish him well for his future endeavours. What a great business the Miners Den would be to the Fossicking Enthusiast! hint hint anyone out there. Give George a call. George has always been a tremendous supporter of the Gold Panning event and is once again donating a detector for the major prize in 2016, however at this stage we won't get to see George in person at the event. We will miss you GEORGE!

Would love to hear some more stories from the mining fields – surely you have some curly ones or eureka moments that you would like to share with the world (or Nth Qld) – send them in warts and all and even Anon if need be ☺

Our next meeting is 11th July then Gold Panning on 13th August and then AGM on 12th September – no wonder the year flies past when you break it down to these dates!

SEE YOU AT THE GOLD PANNING.. MAREEBA 13th AUGUST 2016...
REGISTRATION TENT OPEN AT 8AM – (white coffee, with one sugar from Franks
Sausage Sizzle - thanks)

Fiona – Email: fiona.abbey@csdtin.com.au Phone: 40539808

MAPs and More Maps and QTopo

Did you know that everyone now has access to Topographic Maps online. No longer do you need to buy paper maps over many areas to capture the part you need.
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Story Corner.....

Ralph's Magpie story

About 1994 we built a camp on Jessops Creek. It was a great camp, situated overlooking the dam and on a ridge so that all water flowed away from the dam, not into the dam. The camp still exists today with different owners. Not long after we moved into the camp a male magpie arrived, and hung around, as they do, watching everything that went on, as they do.

It wasn't long before someone fed him, as they do, and we then had a friend for life.

They are great friends around any camp and soon become the focal point of the camp, as they do.

He was with us for about 6 or 7 years, and during that time he often brought young fledglings over to visit, or maybe to show off his off spring. They generally hung around for a month or so then moved on.

The 'Old Man' stayed on and hung around the camp most days. He became very tame and would strut around inside the camp and check everything out. Any newcomer to the camp got his special interest as he would survey them up and down and quickly work them out.

He was the boss of the camp, and left no doubt about that as he strutted around inside and out always appearing to be inspecting his property to ensure we were not doing anything that did not meet his approval.

Anyway, about 1998 we got the phone on at the camp and I decided I would ring the ABC program 'Australia All Over' as it was called then, and later changed to 'Macca on Sunday', to tell them about this magpie. We had radios in most of the machines and most of us listened to this program each Sunday with great interest.

I rang the number and sat on the line forever, then a lady came on and asked what I wanted to talk about. I told her the story about the Old Man Magpie, and then said *"I mainly wanted to ask Macca to stop playing those bloody stupid bird calls. We are up to our ears in magpies up here. Put on a bit of city noise on. Pitt Street traffic at peak hour or a pub at 530pm on Friday would be good. The real bush people want to hear a bit of civilisation, not bloody magpies!"* We then lost the connection. I can only think it was a faulty line that dropped out, and didn't bother to call back and wait forever again.

The 'Old Man Magpie' stayed with us for many years and entertained everyone who stayed at the camp- right up until the feral cats arrived. But that's another story.....

A message from George – North Qld Miners Den

George is retiring....

After 28 years in business, it's time to go fishing, play with the grandchildren and perhaps even go metal detecting.

I'd like to thank the many customers and friends in Nth Queensland for their support over the years.

As a result of my decision, the business, Nth Qld Miners Den is for sale as a going concern. Interested persons need to apply directly.

For separate sale: interesting collections of old maps, books and memorabilia from the gold mining days.

Extract from DNRM Qld Mining Journal..

On 24 May 2016 the Queensland Parliament passed legislation restoring community objection rights to mining projects and protect key agricultural infrastructure as restricted land.

The Mineral and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 (MOLA Bill) amends certain aspects of the yet-to-commence Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014 (MERC Act).

Passage of the MOLA Bill delivers on the government's commitments to:

- reinstate public notification and community objection rights to proposed mining projects
- protect key agricultural infrastructure under the restricted land framework
- enshrine the distances for restricted land in the primary legislation
- repeal changes that allowed the Minister to grant a mining lease over restricted land prior to compensation being agreed with the landholder; and
- repeal changes that allowed the Minister to extinguish restricted land where the Minister considers that the activities carried out on the restricted land cannot coexist with authorised activities under the proposed mining lease.

The MOLA Bill also makes amendments to the overlapping tenure framework to improve the efficiency of the framework once it comes into effect. These amendments include:

- reducing requirements to have a joint development plan to only situations involving overlapping production tenures (that is a mining lease (coal) and a petroleum lease)
- replacing the concepts of proposed and agreed mining commencement dates with a single 'mining commencement date' which is identified by the coal resource authority holder
- preserving existing industry commercial arrangements
- strengthening requirements for information exchange between overlapping tenure holders
- clarifying the operation of the dispute resolution process; and
- clarifying transitional provisions and minor miscellaneous provisions.

A supporting regulation and other necessary implementation measures are now being developed to support the commencement of the MERC Act, which will occur on 27 September 2016.

For further information:

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NQMA Native Title Officer and representative for Native Title matters

NQMA contact: Paul.E.Crossland- (07) 4095 3324 Email- pc403@bigpond.com

Small Scale Mining Indigenous Land Use Agreements (SSM ILUA)

There are three SSM ILUAs presently in place in the North Queensland area. The Ewamian SSM ILUA is in the area surrounding Georgetown and Einasleigh. The Djungan Peoples SSM ILUA is in the area surrounding Mt Mulligan. The Western Yalanji SSM ILUA covers an area from Mt Carbine to the Lakeland. These ILUAs are available for miners who qualify under the definition of a small scale miner to deed into to satisfy the native title obligations for their mining tenure applications. A copy of the ILUA may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines or online at - www.business.qld.gov.au/industry/mining/land-access-environment/native-title/indigenous-land-use-agreements/state-iluas

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 as per Schedule 4 of the SSM ILUA to the relevant Native Title Party.

For the Western Yalanji SSM ILUA:

Western Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation -

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Postal: PO. Box 2682 Mareeba, QLD 4880

Phone: (07) 4092 6712

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Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation -

9A Hort Street Mareeba Qld 4870

Phone: (07) 4092 2555

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Email: Sharon@Ewamian.com.au

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Native title Information continued...

NQMA assistance to RTN applicants

Assistance is available to mining tenement applicants in the RTN process who are NQMA members. The type of assistance available is: advice on the process and assistance with interpreting the required documents, advice on "what to do next" with the process and establish a contact point between the applicant and the Native Title Party. 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.

NQMA contact: Paul.E.Crossland- (07) 4095 3324 Email- pc403@bigpond.com

THE POETS POINT

The Palmer Days

By Anon

To Palmer Days! To-night I camp beside a signing stream,
The fire casts a glowing light, and bright the red coals gleam,
And as the long night wanes apace I smoke away and dream.

The goldfields of the North! Upon them now the cattle graze,
The goldfields of the North! Ah, world-wide was their praise,
And who'll forget who ever knew the wondrous Palmer Days?

I see the ghosts of dead men pass who never knew the fears
Of wild and savage blacks who lay with nullas and with spears –
'Tis they who hold the foremost place, our Northern pioneers.

I see the diggers as they go, with dreams of wealth untold,
From every nation of the earth, from new lands and from old;
And the light that leads them, it is the wonder lure of gold.

I watch the pack teams pass, a score of horses in a line,
Their packs are filled with stores for men at many a mine,
They go to Maytown on the Palmer, where golden ingots shine.

The yellow hordes from China, in thousands there were there,
They follow where the white men lead, and where the white men dare,
And on the rich alluvial flats they steal the white man's share.

The police upon the Palmer road who knew the heat and damp,
I see their bright caps all a gleam, I hear the horses tramp,
They fought the wild blacks side by side at far-famed Battle Camp.

The lights and life of Cooktown! All day and all night long
The gold dust flows o'er hotel bars where many miners throng
And music halls are aglow with laughter and with song.

I camp beside the Palmer road where Poincianas bloom and sway
I see the spots where townships stood, and where all is bare today
And gone is Maytown's glory, and Cooktown's fame has passed away

Fossicking in Queensland

The purpose of this article is to provide a brief overview on fossicking in Queensland. Further information can be found online at <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/fossicking/> or by visiting your local authorised agent.

The dry season is upon us and this typically sees people out in droves camping and enjoying leisure activities such as a bit of gem fossicking or metal detecting. This can cause some concern if people inadvertently step outside of what is considered an allowable activity.

Under the provisions of the *Fossicking Act 1994* an individual, family, educational organisation, commercial tour operator or club may apply for a fossickers licence. A fossicker's licence allows you to search for, and collect approved fossicking materials using hand tools for recreational, tourism and educational purposes. Hand tools include the use of picks, shovels, hammers, sieves, shakers, metal detectors and the like. ***Use of machinery is not permitted under this authorisation.***

Surface collection, ground extraction to 2m below natural ground level from the highest point, or up to 0.5m in streams is allowable. Extraction from overhangs and tunnels are not permitted.

A person fossicking under a licence ***must not*** deface, destroy or injure a tree, clear vegetation, pollute a watercourse or other water storage, dig in a way that likely to cause a gully to form or banks to collapse, place material on a slope where water may wash it away or interfere with improvements, a site of cultural heritage significance or domestic stock.

Materials that can be collected are listed as gemstones, ornamental stones, mineral specimens, alluvial gold, fossils (other than fossils of a vertebrate animal). Fossicking materials do not include meteorites, tektite, or impact or ejected material associated with a meteorite impact structure.

A Fossickers Licence does not allow for extraction of minerals as part of a regular income stream or business. Selling or trades as a hobbyist, or selling the occasional piece is generally permissible.

The state of Queensland has several designated fossicking areas, primarily focussed around the collection of gems and other precious stones. More information on these reserves can be found online at <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/fossicking/>.

Fossicking is not permitted in the following areas:

- national parks, conservation parks and high preservation areas
- nominated waterways of wild river areas
- state forests and timber reserves, except in the declared fossicking areas or general permission areas (see below)
- areas where there has been a determination that native title exists, unless there is an Indigenous Land Use Agreement for the land that permits fossicking
- other areas declared by regulation (these will be signposted).

Fossicking is allowable on unoccupied state land (except where there is a determination of native title), which can be found on MinesOnlineMaps. Fossicking is also permitted on road reserves but you may only collect surface specimens and not dig.

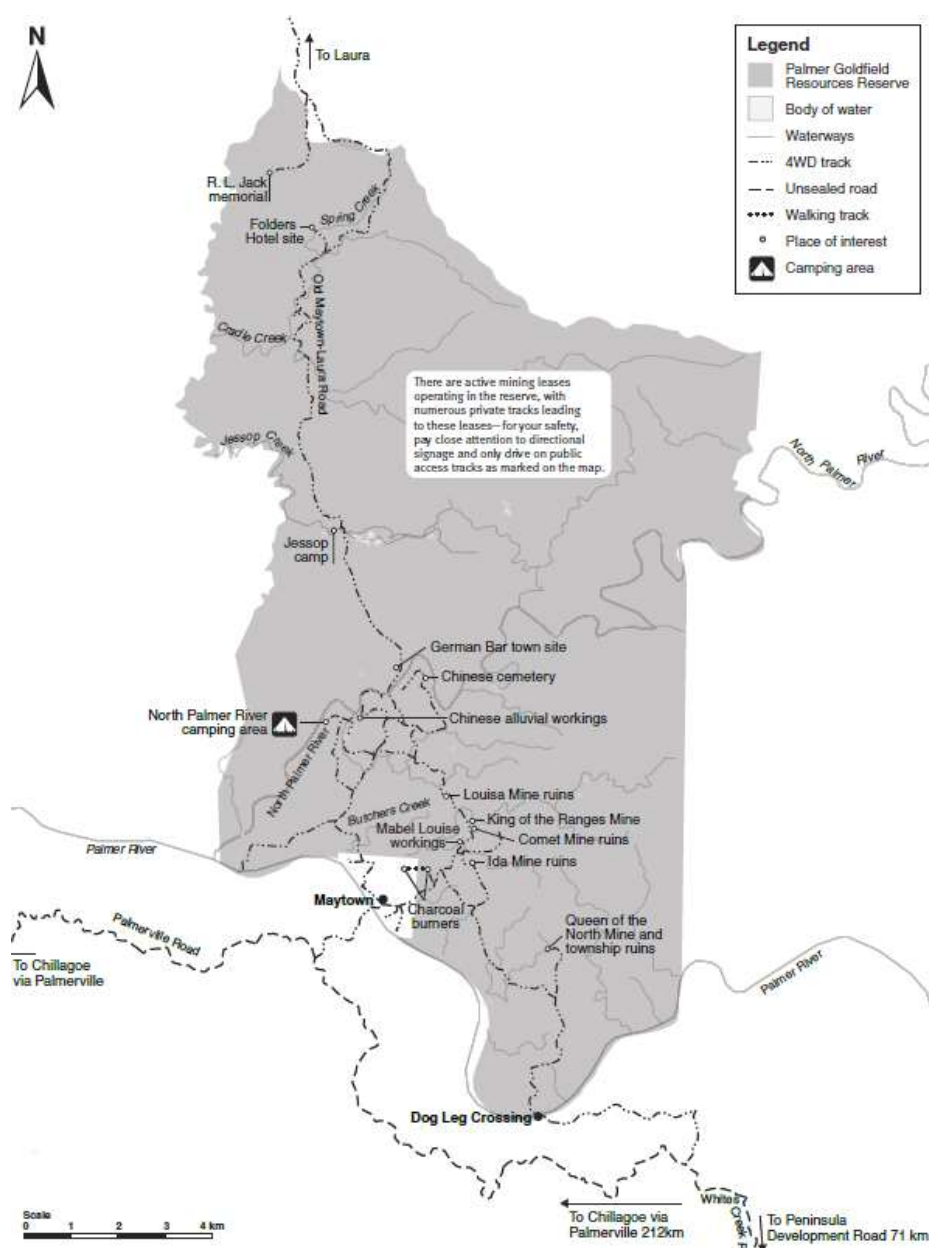
If you wish to fossick outside of these areas, you will need to obtain land holder (pastoral, freehold or otherwise) consent and any conditions. A mining lease holder may also grant you permission to enter the area of their lease for the purposes of fossicking provided you comply with their safety management plan. If you do not obtain land owner consent and enter upon the land for any purpose, you will be trespassing. Consent from an exploration permit holder is not required however, you must maintain a distance of 50 metres from any exploration activities being carried out.

Palmer Goldfields Regional Park

The Palmer Goldfields Regional Park (previously known as the Palmer River Resources Reserve or the R16), was created in 1986 to protect the historically significant remnants of the Palmer River gold era from the 1870's to the 1890's. The park is jointly managed by the Trustees being the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM), and the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing (DNPSR) (Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service).

While mining activity still occurs within the park today, fossicking, panning or metal detecting activities, including the removal of historical artefacts, are strictly prohibited in order to preserve the historical values of the area. Persons found to be undertaking such activities or removing material are subject to penalty in accordance with the Fossicking Act 1994 and/or seizure of tools and equipment.

Further information on allowable activities in the reserve can be found at <http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/parks/palmer-goldfield/about.html#management>.



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BUSINESS NAME.....

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.....POSTCODE.....

CONTACT PERSON.....

Phone No during day:.....Fax No:.....

E-mail address if available.....

NUMBER and LOCATION of MINING TENEMENT/S held or ASSOCIATION WITH MINING
INDUSTRY.....
.....

I/We hereby agree to comply with the Rules and Regulations as prescribed in the Constitution of the North Queensland Miner's Association Inc.

☐ **Full Membership.** Enclosed herewith is Annual Membership Fee of \$100.00.

Eligibility for Membership: *'Any person, partnership or company who: is actively involved in mining or prospecting; holds or has an application for any mining tenure allowable under the Queensland Mineral Resources Act 1989 or any Act that replaces it; has a tenement before the Land and Resources Tribunal; or has a direct professional interest in the mining industry.'*

☐ **Corporate Membership.** Enclosed herewith is Annual Membership Fee of \$250.00.

Eligibility for Membership: *'Any company which: is actively involved in mining or prospecting; holds or has an application for any mining tenure allowable under the Queensland Mineral Resources Act 1989 or any Act that replaces it; has a tenement before the Land and Resources Tribunal; or has a direct professional interest in the mining industry.'*

☐ **Associate Membership.** Enclosed herewith is Annual Membership Fee of \$40.00.

Eligibility for Associate Membership: *'Any person or partnership who has interests in fossicking for gold, gems and metals; or any company or individual providing goods or services to the mining industry but not directly involved in mining'.*

SIGNED

DATE/...../.....

Please send Application Form to:

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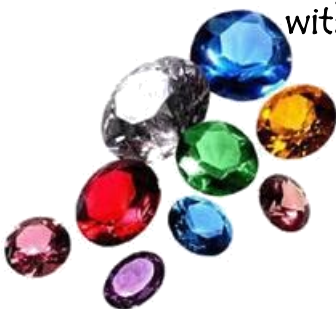
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North Queensland Miners Association
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Annual Gold Panning Championships 2016

When:

Saturday

13 August

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09:30am	Under 12 years
10:00am	Juniors 12 - 16 years
10:30am	Novice Women
11:00am	Novice Men
11:30am	Gold Rush
12 noon	Skilled Women
12:30pm	Skilled Men
01:00pm	Mayor Presents: Photo Comp Winner
01:20pm	Veterans over 60 years
02:00pm	Open
02:30pm	Teams Challenge

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**Amazing jewellery
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