



# THE MINER'S RIGHT

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July 2017

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**Next Meetings:**

Monday  
11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017  
Mareeba Leagues  
Club 1:00pm

## Gold Panning Event

There are only 4 weeks left until our annual Gold Panning Championships! The event will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at Centenary Park, Mareeba.

The Gold Panning Championship is our major fundraiser and publicity event of the year. An opportunity to let the community know that mining is still alive and well in the area and for the public to participate in the fun that is gold panning.

This year's jewellery raffle offers 3 prizes being two pendants and a pair of earrings featuring Palmer River gold nuggets and sapphires set in Argentium™ silver. We are looking for ticket sellers and buyers! If you contact Fiona or Claire they can organise tickets for you, we will accept cash, bank transfers or cheque payments (prior to the event date).



Each year the success of the event relies heavily on the contributions of volunteers to assist with setting up on the Friday, assisting with time-keeping, fun panning and kids sandpit, registration and the pack up. We are still short a few bodies this year in all areas, if you are able to lend us some time and take the opportunity to catch up with other miners and interested industry members.

See you there!



### *Photo Competition*

Don't forget our photo competition held each year at the Gold Panning Championships. With only 1 month to go before the big day, now is the time to get snap happy to ensure you have lots of great photos to choose from!

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LEVY

By: Claire Mackney

It's now been 3 ½ years since the implementation of the reformatted Emergency Management Levy. In February 2016, NQMA were invited to make a submission to QFES regarding changes we would like to see implemented. A submission was lodged and largely went unaddressed until November 2016 when we held a teleconference with the Ministers office. A change of Minister shortly thereafter saw our submission shelved yet again.

On 18 May 2017, Vicky and I flew to Brisbane to meet with Minister Mark Ryan, Deputy Commissioner (QFES) Doug Smith and others to discuss our concerns in regard to the EML and the cost to the small operator in Queensland.

The outcome of the meeting was the formation of a working group to review the EML categories, that the revenue remains neutral and that a recommendation for amendments be presented to the Ministers for approval by 30 June 2017. Vicky and I provided a recommendation that the existing levy structure be replaced with the following:

- Levy Group 1 - Industry (mining) Mining Claims (hand tools only)
- Levy Group 2 – Industry (mining) Mining Claims (prescribed)
- Levy Group 2 - Industry (mining) Mining Leases (Resource Activity Standard /Variation)
- Levy Group 12 – Industry (mining) Mining Leases (Resource Activity Site Specific)

We also requested that the option remain in place for mining leases not being worked to be reduced to vacant land.

On 22 June 2017, Vicky and I attended the first Miners Policy Workshop in Brisbane with QFES. Following lengthy discussion on how the proposed categories could be easily evidenced and calculations to ensure that the cost would come out revenue neutral, the above amendments were provisionally approved by the working group.

Further research and consultation with stakeholders is required in relation to how a sliding scale could work for non-standard operations and QFES with the assistance of NQMA would make sure that the categories could be easily evidenced so that there would be no confusion as to which category tenure belongs in.

The draft proposal will provide clarity of the definitions for the new categories and provide separation of mining claims (non-prescribed), mining claims (prescribed), mining leases (standard/variation) and mining leases (site specific). Site specific operations will be levied according to scale of operation rather than locality.

Deputy Commissioner, Doug Smith confirmed QFES's commitment to the regulatory administration process and will present the proposal to Minister Mark Ryan for approval.

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## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LEVY (continued)

By: Claire Mackney

From the beginning of discussions, QFES have maintained that the outcome would have to be revenue neutral. NQMA have opposed the revenue neutral push but with the quick calculations provided in the working group meeting, it is workable with a positive outcome for the majority of tenure holders in Queensland.

Doug Smith asked that we remind industry that it is a criminal offence to make a false declaration. If miners are found to be making a false statement and work is being carried out on land declared as vacant, a task force may be convened to investigate all leases currently listed under vacant land (per local council records). False declarations may lead to prosecution.

Update as at 7 July 2017 - QFES are holding discussions with stakeholders such as DNRM and EHP to ensure that the categories are easily evidenced and how larger operations can be identified. Once the proposal is in place, consultation with local government will commence to ensure that the new categories will be easily introduced to their systems. The proposal will then be presented to the Minister for approval to progress through the regulation change process. The timeframe for change is unknown at this stage but I can say with some confidence that QFES are progressing this matter as a priority.

### A little laugh...

Q. How do you turn soup into gold?

A. You add 24 carrots

Q. What element is derived from a Norse God?

A. Thorium

### NQMA Membership

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Members seeking assistance with their native title matters, can contact Paul Crossland to discuss their specific requirements.

## Key Contacts for Native Title Matters:

### Native Title Unit - DNRM

#### Department of Natural Resources and Mines:

Field and Land Access North Region

Address: Level 9, Verde Tower, Flinders Street

Postal: PO Box 1752, Townsville Qld 4810

Phone: 07 44479227

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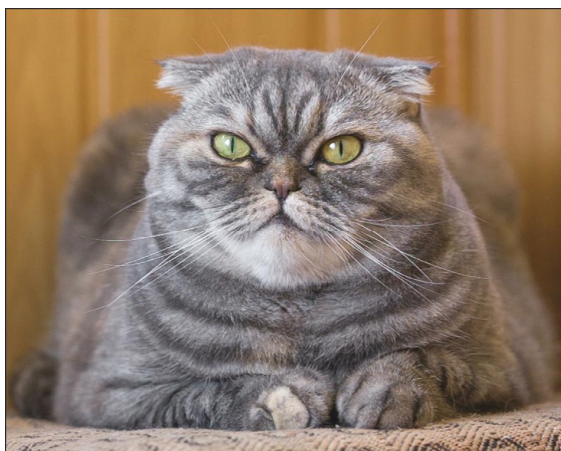
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Type	Amount	Type	Amount
<b>Rent</b> – Exploration Permit (Mineral) per sub block	\$150.50	<b>Rent</b> – Mining Lease per Hectare	\$58.15
Application for Exploration Permit (Minerals)	\$945.00	Application for Mineral Development Licence	\$2530.00
Renewal for Exploration Permit (Minerals)	\$630.00	Renewal for Mineral Development Licence	\$884.00
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Annual Compensation per Tenement							
Financial Year	CPI Index	Exploration Permit	Prospecting Permit	Mineral Development Licence (up to 50ha)	Mining Lease (up to 50ha)	ML & MDL additional hectares (per ha)	Mining Claim
2017/18	110.5	*NTPC	\$ 55.31	\$ 553.05	\$ 553.05	\$ 11.06	\$ 77.43
2016/17	108.5	NTPC	\$ 54.30	\$ 543.04	\$ 543.04	\$ 10.86	\$ 76.03
2015/16	106.7	NTPC	\$ 53.40	\$ 534.03	\$ 534.03	\$ 10.68	\$ 74.76
2014/15	105.2	NTPC	\$ 52.65	\$ 526.53	\$ 526.53	\$ 10.53	\$ 73.71
2013/14	102	NTPC	\$ 51.05	\$ 510.51	\$ 510.51	\$ 10.21	\$ 71.47
2012/13	99.9	NTPC	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 70.00
2011/12	99.9	NTPC	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 70.00

Cultural Heritage Protection Activities							
Financial Year	CPI Index	1. Site Inspections		2. Mileage Allowances		3. Accommodation	4. Meals
		(a) up to 15ha	(b) Additional Hectares (per ha)	(a) ATO allowance	(b) Off Road Allowance is 15% of (2.a)	(a) Camping (per person/per day)	per person/per day
2017/18	110.5	\$ 1,659.16	\$ 88.49	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.10	\$ 11.06	\$ 55.31
2016/17	108.5	\$ 1,629.13	\$ 86.89	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.10	\$ 10.86	\$ 54.30
2015/16	106.7	\$ 1,602.10	\$ 85.45	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.10	\$ 10.68	\$ 53.40
2014/15	105.2	\$ 1,579.58	\$ 84.24	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.11	\$ 10.53	\$ 52.65
2013/14	102	\$ 1,531.53	\$ 81.68	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.11	\$ 10.21	\$ 51.05
2012/13	99.9	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.11	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00
2011/12	99.9	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.11	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00

### Please support our Associate Members

Aust Mining & Exploration Title Services AMETS – 07 40926431	Mining & Resource Permit Services (Reuben Thomas) – 07 40566516
Mining Tenure Management (Michele Mobbs) – 07 40930052	Anson Advisory (Business, Agri and Enviro Services – 0438 877 856
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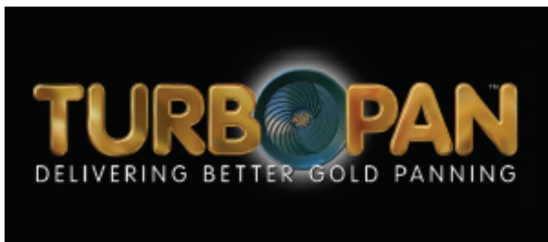
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### Editors Notes:

The Miners Right gets published every couple of months and usually in time for the upcoming meeting. The MR is a great way to get information out to the Mining public. We are constantly asking for contributions to make the newsletter interesting and informative. If you would like to see something in particular or you can contribute in stories, historical information or general mining info please send an email to [fiona@miningrpservices.com.au](mailto:fiona@miningrpservices.com.au) or phone through on 07 4056 6516.

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Sunday 6th August

7am to late afternoon



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- Hand Made Jewellery
- Wire Wrapping
- Mineral Specimens
- Polished Stones (Cab's)
- Gem Trees

### KIDS FOSSICKING

- With real Gem Stones & fossicking equipment and shaking sieve.
- Some real treasures to be found

### TAIL GAITERS & STALLS

- Cabbing Slabs
- Rock Specimens
- Jewellery & Gemstones
- Lapidary Equipment
- Gold Panning
- & Other Lapidary

### FOOD & DRINK STALLS

- (BBQ) Sausage Sizzler
- Cakes & Bikkies
- Soft Drinks
- Coffee & Tea

Talk to our members and make yourself known - We all love to have a chat with other members and the enquiring public.



**North Queensland Miners Association**  
**Presents**  
**Annual Gold Panning Championships 2017**

**When:**

**Saturday**

**12 August**

First Event 9am –

Registration from  
8am and up to  
event time

**Where:**

Mareeba  
Heritage Centre,  
100 Park  
(next to the Markets)



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**2<sup>nd</sup> \$60**

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**Schedule of Events**

09:00am	Specialty Panning **
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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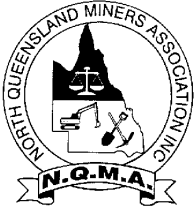
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# NORTH QUEENSLAND MINERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

ABN 76 525 585 093

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/We.....  
the undersigned, being an eligible person, partnership, or company, hereby apply for Membership of the North Queensland Miners' Association Inc. (See eligibility clause below)

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.

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SIGNED .....

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