



# THE MINER'S RIGHT

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Representing Miners, Prospectors and Associated Industries

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**Next Meeting:**

Monday  
14 May 2018  
Mareeba Leagues  
Club 1:00pm

## NQMA in a Nutshell

The North Queensland Miners Association (NQMA) represents the interest of all professional miners, large or small, throughout the vast area of North Queensland stretching in a line from south of Townsville west to the Northern Territory border and taking in the whole of Cape York.

The role of NQMA is to ensure all miners and the mining industry in general is represented and involved in all matters that affect all miners in North Queensland.

The primary function of NQMA is to be involved in legislation changes and to ensure government mining laws meet modern community expectations whilst maintaining access to minerals for all miners in north Queensland.

A secondary function of NQMA is to promote mining and the mining industry in general in north Queensland.

Anyone involved in the mining industry in north Queensland should be a member of and involved in NQMA to ensure relevant issues are identified and dealt with from a unified position. Involvement will ensure you are kept up to date with issues affecting your mining.

A strong unified position will bring about legislation changes that will never be achieved by individuals. NQMA gives everyone an opportunity to put forward their point of view and have input into decisions. NQMA is a volunteer, not for profit organisation and maintains a non-political position.

For more information in relation to becoming a member, please contact one of the committee members (listed on the left of this page) or complete and return the application form provided with this copy of the Miners Right.

## Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy

### FNQ Mining Roundup

AusIMM are holding their annual FNQ Mining Roundup on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at the Cairns Sheridan Hotel. Guest speakers will provide updates on a number of large projects in Far North Queensland.

Guests are welcome at the day session and the dinner to be held in the evening.

Day Session: \$20 per person – includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea

Dinner: \$50 per person – includes wine

Bookings for the day and the dinner can be made by contacting the Secretary, Graham Reveleigh on 07 4033 1805 or by email to [mining@cairns.net.au](mailto:mining@cairns.net.au)

## Financial Assurance

An issue that appears to be occurring across the state at the moment is the alleged non-compliance of mining operations as it relates to financial assurance.

Once your mining tenure is granted, and before you start mining, you must provide a calculation of your financial assurance (otherwise known as a security or bond) to the Department of Environment and Science (DES) to assess. Your financial assurance covers the likely cost of preventing or minimising environmental harm and rehabilitating or restoring the environment once you have completed your environmentally relevant activity.

For standard (and variation conditions) operations, current and projected disturbance is self-reporting and the onus is on the miner to remain compliant with the conditions of their environmental authority and to ensure that they do not exceed the limitations of their financial assurance. Progressive rehabilitation certification can be provided by DES with the lodgement and acceptance of periodic rehabilitation reports.

The environmental authority annual return should provide a prompt for miners to review what work has been previously carried out, and what portion has been progressively rehabilitation certified to ensure that they are remaining within the limitations of the standard conditions for the operation type.

Further information in relation to lodging a financial assurance application can be found at <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/environment/licences-permits/rehabilitation>.

Eligibility criteria and standard conditions can be found at <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/environment/licences-permits/applying/activities-suitable>.

If you need further information in relation to complying with the conditions of your environmental authority, contact your tenement consultant or alternatively, you can contact the Cairns DES team directly on 07 4222 5352.

## IT vs MANAGEMENT

A man in a hot air balloon realised he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am." "The woman below replied, "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude." "You must be in Information Technology," said the balloonist. "I am," replied the woman, "How did you know?" "Well, everything you told me is technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information and the fact is I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip." The woman below responded, "You must be in Management." "I am," replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?" "Well said the woman, "you don't know where you are or where you are going. You have risen to where you are, due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault."



## Emergency Management Levy

The battle goes on. Vicky Lake has followed up with Queensland Fire and Emergency Services post-election. Ms Gen Wilcox, the Executive Director, Strategy, Systems, Standards and Performance Directorate will be personally reviewing our submissions to the State and conducting further conversations with relevant departments as to how amendments can be made in a fair and equitable way. Gen has been invited to attend our May meetings which will give us an opportunity to discuss our concerns face-to-face.

## Palmer Goldfields Resource Reserve

In late 2017, a number of members contacted the NQMA in relation to concerns over being referred to the Land Court without seeing a proposed agreement and subsequently being presented with what was felt to be unreasonable consent and compensation conditions by the State for both renewal and new applications of mining leases within the Palmer Goldfields Resource Reserve. Given the number of members (including new memberships) affected by the proceedings, the NQMA sought a legal opinion in relation to the proposed agreements.

In December, we contacted Queensland Parks and Wildlife (QPWS) in relation to holding discussions with affected agencies and miners in a forum where we could speak freely. On 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018, members of the NQMA met with delegates from QPWS, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Department and Environment and Science to discuss the proposed compensation and consent conditions put forth by the State. A follow up teleconference was held on 9<sup>th</sup> of February where QPWS provided feedback on the previously requested amendments and further discussions on consent conditions were held.

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018, amended draft compensation agreements were sent to miners with pending renewal applications. Currently we are still awaiting updates to the new application draft agreement.

While the NQMA has facilitated a better understanding from the government in relation to what may and may not work for miners in the Palmer Goldfields Resource Reserve, individuals are encouraged to seek their own legal advice prior to signing agreements presented to them. Regardless of standard templates, an agreement is between the landowner and the miner and can reflect conditions that both are agreeable to. It would pay for persons intending to make applications for resource tenure in any Resource Reserve in Queensland to do a little research into the management statement of the relevant park and ensure that your intended operation aligns with the current key values of the park.

The Palmer Goldfields Resource Reserve Management Statement can be found at <https://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/pdf/palmer-goldfield-resources-reserve.pdf>.

## Conflicting Science

Some of you may have been following the unfolding story of Professor Peter Ridd, a Marine Scientist employed by James Cook University (JCU). In an interview with Alan Jones on Sky News, Peter expressed concerns with the quality and accuracy of some reef science. Subsequently, JCU found Peter guilty of “serious misconduct” and issued a gag order, which Peter has refused to accept and has taken the matter to the Federal Court to defend academic freedoms and free speech.

This looks to be an interesting story to follow, particularly as our industry constantly finds itself defending its position in relation to the Great Barrier Reef. Further information and updates can be found on the following website. <https://platogbr.wordpress.com/>

*“Life is a journey with big rocks to climb, little ones to trip over, and milestones to mark where we have been.” — David Cuschieri*

We recently said goodbye to two of our local mining legends.

Life Member, Donald Robin Walker passed away peacefully on 15 December 2017 shortly after the publishing of his life’s story. He was farewelled by his daughters Minna and Emma, extended family and friends at a service in Herberton on 20 December.

Don’s contributions of industry knowledge, experience and generous sponsorship of the NQMA over the years was greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

Another local legend Campbell Charles “Timmy” Land was called home on 16 January 2018. Timmy was a keen participant in the Gold Panning Competitions for a number of years, often taking home a trophy. Timmy is perhaps better known around the Tablelands as “the bloke who drives the jeep”, a well-maintained WWII Willey’s Jeep.

He regularly participated in the Anzac Parades, VP Day at Rocky Creek War Memorial Park near Tolga and the Ravenshoe Military Muster in his beloved 1940's Willy's Jeep.

Tim was an accomplished bushman and prospector, at home in the scrub fossicking for gold and gemstones while learning about the native plant species. He will be missed by all who knew him. He was laid to rest at the Atherton Lawn Cemetery on 25 January 2018.

**Congratulations to member Les Green for being awarded Citizen of the Year by Tablelands Regional Council at their Australia Day Award Ceremony for two decades of distinguished service to the Rural Fire Service.**



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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](mailto:pc403@bigpond.com)

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

## **Small Scale Mining Indigenous Land Use Agreement notice**

- Western Yalanji People SSM ILUA expiry date is 23 April 2019.
- Ewamian People SSM ILUA expiry date is 23 April 2019.
- Djungan People SSM ILUA expiry date is 18 December 2020.

## **Key Contacts for Native Title Matters:**

### **Native Title Unit - DNRM**

#### **Department of Natural Resources and Mines:**

Field and Land Access North Region

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### **North Queensland Land Council**

FAME Unit

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Fax: (07) 4042 7070

Email: [reception@nqlc.com.au](mailto:reception@nqlc.com.au)

### **Ewamian People:**

Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation

9A Hort Street Mareeba Qld 4870

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## **Editors Notes:**

The Miners Right is usually published every February, May, July, September and November prior to the NQMA general meetings. The MR is a great way to share information within our mining community. We are always looking for contributions to make the newsletter interesting and informative. If you would like to see something included or you can contribute stories, historical information or general mining info please contact the editor. Members can also advertise their business, items for sale or wanted items without charge. Please send requests via email to [Claire.Mackney@bigpond.com](mailto:Claire.Mackney@bigpond.com) or phone through on 0488 299 296.

**Disclaimer:** *While every effort is made to ensure that information provided in the Miners Right is correct, it should not be relied on when making decisions in relation to your business. The NQMA committee recommends that appropriate professional advice should be sought.*

## Gold Catcher

I was walking through the Tolga Markets in February and came across a gentleman by the name of Jeff, a Cairns local, selling his invention, the Gold Catcher, a dry blower.

While Jeff has marketed his dry blower to the “fossicking community”, it may well have application with a very small mining operation. The model can also be manufactured to a larger scale on application.

More information on this unit can be found online at [www.goldcatcher.com.au](http://www.goldcatcher.com.au) where there is a demonstration video. Alternatively, you can contact Jeff on 0412 541 353 or by email to [info@jeffonline.com.au](mailto:info@jeffonline.com.au).



## NQMA Membership

Members will have received the 2017/2018 membership invoices via mail or email in July 2017. If you did not receive your invoice, please contact Claire to ensure your details are up to date.

Unpaid memberships will be forwarded to the committee in the May meeting for recommendation for cancellation. If you have not paid your 2017/2018 membership, please contact Claire to discuss your circumstances. Your continued support is appreciated as we continue to represent miners to secure the future of mining in Queensland.



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Queensland Small Miners Association	Atherton Tablelands Mineral and Lapidary Club
Avoca Tenement Consulting & Administrative Management – 0488 299 296	Joe Vella Insurance Brokers – (07) 4040 4444

***Save the Date – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018***

The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy along with the Department of Environment and Science are proposing to hold an information session with current industry updates and important compliance information. This is an open invitation event; however, RSVP's may be required to ensure the venue is suitable. Further details will be provided to industry once available.

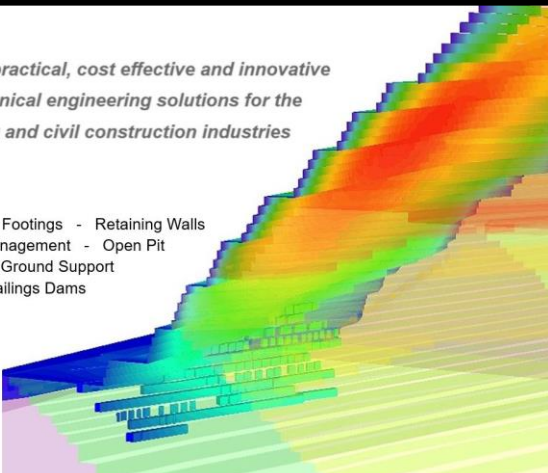


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# FOR SALE

## Plant for Sale

Following a compiled list of photographs of an existing plant for the recovery of Gold, Tin or Heavy metals recovery. Currently this plant is based in Sarina

Plant has undertaken a full refurbishment and is now in better than excellent condition. Ragging for jigs included.

All items have been stripped back to base metal and sand blasted then re painted with two pack paints bring the plant into better than new condition. This plant is ready for production. All portions of this plant have been sized for easy of transport. The individual parts fit upon 3 body trucks for transport. This whole plant was built professionally by the Inverell foundry formerly in NSW. The plant is able to be moved into different positions using any big machine to drag it along on heavy steel sleds for easy set up.

The plant was previously in production in NSW capturing heavy black sands plus fine gold recovery which and for final recovery the gold was recovered across a shaking table. Not included in this offer for sale.

## Plant description is as follows:

Mined gravels are loaded onto a wet shaker screen to remove oversize materials. NOT supplied.

All remaining materials are then pumped via the upper 6 inch Cyclone to remove excess water, (pump Not included ), then dropped onto the leed in plate across a 6 foot by 9 foot Inverell (6 hutch Jig ). This concentrate then drops through the spigots into a collection hopper. This slurry is then drawn into and through a 3 inch by 2 inch Warman gravel pump. This slurry is then pumped into the 3 inch cyclone, which then drops into the leed plate for the clean up Jig. This jig is a 2 foot by 4 foot Inverell 2 hutch jig. Concentrate then drops via spigots into two concentrate tanks. This concentrate is then ready for final clean up. The cleanup can be at a later date, or the concentrate can be continuously cleaned by either a shaker table, or by Knelson concentrator. NOT supplied.

As anyone can see, this unit is made for production. Main frame fabrication is from heavy steel section. This unit is in perfect condition, final sand blasting and professional painting by the Sarina Sandblasting of the last few components is near competition. All parts will be fully reassembled when sandblasting/painting is complete. A number of additional are included such as, approx. 200m of 5" piping . Not shown.

This plant was purchased for a gold project, which is now not going ahead. As you can see from the photographs, the overall construction and operation of this plant would suit a miner who is ready for production with trouble free operation. The costing to build a plant such as this by a professional company would far exceed half a million dollars. This plant is priced to sell. Price available on application. Call 0428980079 now to secure your new plant.



Fine gold recovered.



Warman 3x2 inch Pump

More photos on page 12...



Plant in assembled state



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6 Hutch Inverell Jig with Ragging

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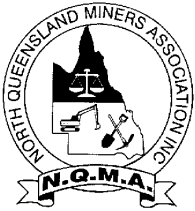
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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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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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