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Next Meetings:

Monday
13 November 2017
Mareeba Leagues
Club 1:00pm

BOOK LAUNCH

“You’d never believe!... the life and work of Donald Robin Walker”

Introduction provided by Ivan Searston, Historian.

Don first came to North Queensland in 1946. By 1948 he had moved into the saw milling business in Herberton. In 1953, he moved into mining and by the end of 1953 he had purchased the tin battery (Herberton) while maintaining his other interests including holding a position of Councillor on the Herberton Shire Council for 25 years.

Don continued developing his mining interests, eventually moving out of timber to focus on the mining ventures. He was one of many people heavily impacted by the collapse of the tin industry in 1985, however he never lost faith that mining would revive in North Queensland.

Don anchored the launch of North Queensland Metals (NQM) in 2005 based upon his accumulated knowledge, records and archives he had amassed over time. NQM fully subscribed when launched on the stock exchange. The company has since morphed into the company now known as Evolution Mining which is still listed on the stock exchange and is one of the top four gold mining companies in Australia. This revived Don's fortunes after the effects of the tin crash.

Don now lives quietly in retirement in Malanda. He has just passed his 90th birthday and still has an active interest in anything to do with mining and local events. It was only with some reticence that he was persuaded to record his memoirs whilst still alive. Don accepted well known mining author, Felicity Jack to carry out the task.

The resulting book will be officially launched by Joe Paronella, Mayor of the Tablelands Regional Council at midday on Saturday 18th November 2017 at the Mining Museum in Herberton followed by drinks at the Yungaburra Hotel. Don, his family and Felicity Jack will be in attendance and would like to invite industry members and interested parties to attend.

Please RSVP attendance to Allison Cram by phoning 0418 684 885

2017 wrap up.

It's been a busy year for the NQMA Committee with the many challenges mining has faced this year by way of bills for proposed amendments to legislation, rises in local government rates, the EML discussion being stalled and the new compensation proposals put forth in relation to the Palmer Goldfields Resource Reserve to name a few.

Vicky and Claire flew to Brisbane to meet with representative of QFES including Deputy Commissioner Doug Smith in May and June to discuss the changes to the levies that we would like to see. We were assured that action would be taken however to date we are still awaiting a positive response.

Fiona prepared and lodged a submission highlighting the NQMA's concerns in relation to the Mining and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 with DNRM in July. The amendments are proposed based upon the recommendations of the Gasfield Commission Review, one of our key arguments is that Mineral Resource Exploration should not suffer for the findings of the Coal and Gas Review.

At the September meeting DNRM advised the committee that upon legal advice they have altered their view as to the definition of adjoin landowner as previously advised after February's information session. The new advice is that the applicant for a proposed ML give documents and information relating to the ML to each of the following affected person(s):

- The owner of each lot over which the proposed ML is to be granted on; and
- The owner of each lot that shares a boundary with the lots where the proposed ML is located.

A copy of this advice is available upon request. If you require specific information in relation to the above advice or any other tenement matter, the Mineral Hub can be contacted by email to MineralHub@dnrm.qld.gov.au or by phone to (07) 4447 9230.

With Christmas and the wet season almost upon us again, we can look forward to some time off to reflect on the year and spend time with family before getting back into full swing next year.

The ongoing support and feedback from our members is greatly appreciated and we look forward to seeing you at next year's meetings and events.

Off to the polls we go....

With Annastacia Palaszczuk calling the election for the 25th November 2017, we have to decide which party is the best placed to support the needs of our industry. In the last few years we have seen some alarming bills presented to parliament for consideration and the introduction of legislation changes that have negatively impacted on mining in this state on a number of levels.

It's interesting times in politics with political commentators tipping a swing to minor parties such as the Katter Australia Party and One Nation. The results of this election may well give the rest of Australian politics a much needed shake up.

Vale John C. Hay

We would be remiss not to pay homage to John C. Hay, author and founder of the Palmer River Historic Society. John spend time with Miner Sam Elliot in what is now known as the Palmer River Goldfields Resource Reserve and authored nine books including *The Lone Wolf: last of the old-time prospectors* and *Beyond Hell's Gate: the return journey*.

John passed away in Mareeba in October after a battle with cancer.

NQMA Membership

Members should have received the 2017/2018 membership invoices via mail or email by now. If you have not received your invoice, please contact Claire to ensure your details are up to date.

Your continued support is appreciated as we continue to represent miners to ensure future of mining in Queensland.

Amazing Mining Facts

- Most modern devices (iPads, phones etc) contain over 35 minerals.
- Copper and gold were the first metals to be discovered by man around 5,000 BC.
- The chemical symbol for gold is **Au**, from the Latin **aurum**, which means “shining dawn”.
- Zinc is 100% recyclable with over 80% of the zinc available for recycling currently being recycled.
- Archaeologists have unearthed copper drain pipes from as far back as 3,500 BC that are still in good condition.
- After gold has been mined, approx. 63% is used in jewellery, 21% as coins, 15% in industrial uses including electronics and 1% in dental.
- “The luck of the Irish” is an old mining expression that came out of the gold and silver rush in the second half of the 19th century.
- Petroleum is used to make over 6,000 items, including ink, golf bags, deodorant, footbalss, DVD's, crayons and dentures!
- It's believed that more than 80% of the worlds gold is yet to be discovered.
- If you can't grow it, it must be mined or recycled!



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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

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

At the last NQMA general meeting, the current SSM ILUAs and their expiry date was discussed. It was decided to publish a notice to miners who are utilising the SSM ILUAs for their Native Title agreement obligations. The issue is that once a SSM ILUA reaches its expiry date, the Queensland government will not grant a mining application even though a miner had opted into the ILUA. This had occurred with the previous SSM ILUAs where a number of mining applications were not granted by the time the ILUA expired. The miners then had to go through the Right to Negotiate process.

Due to the time that it generally takes for the government to process a mining application, it is advisable for a mining applicant to opt into an ILUA at least 12 months before the ILUA expires. The current SSM ILUA expiry dates are as follows:

- 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

Address: Level 9, Verde Tower, Flinders Street

Postal: PO Box 1752, Townsville Qld 4810

Phone: 07 44479227

Email: FLANorth@dnrm.qld.gov.au

North Queensland Land Council

FAME Unit

61 Anderson Street, CAIRNS QLD 4870

Phone: (07) 4042 7000

Fax: (07) 4042 7070

Email: reception@nqlc.com.au

Ewamian People:

Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation

9A Hort Street Mareeba Qld 4870

Phone: (07) 4092 2555

Fax: (07) 4092 2555

Email: Sharon@Ewamian.com.au

Djungan People:

Nguddaboolgan Aboriginal Corporation

C/- Post Office

Yarrabah Qld 4871

Phone: 0473 614 508 (Judulu Neal)

Email: NguddaboolganPBC@gmail.com

Western Yalanji People:

Western Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation

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Postal: PO. Box 2682 Mareeba, QLD 4880

Phone: (07) 4092 6712

Email: admin@westernyalanjicorp.com

What's making headlines in Queensland Mining...

New Century raises \$53M to restart zinc mine.

The Century Zinc mine was the third largest zinc mine in the world before it closed in 2016 and still hosts large quantities of resources. The mine could be up and running again soon with \$nearly \$53M raised by owner New Century Resources.

BHP believes copper's time has arrived.

BHP are looking to add more copper resources to its global portfolio to meet what it predicts to be an increased demand in the coming years. As of October 30, prices for copper has increased by 24% since the start of the year.

Capricorn Copper Mine set to start production in November.

The joint venture between EMR Capital and mining group Lighthouse Minerals, expected to produce 25,000 to 35,000 tonnes of copper concentrate a year is scheduled to begin production this month. The global copper market is expected to be in deficit next year for the fourth year in a row.

New report shows challenging outlook for gold industry

A report by MinEx Consulting looking at the forty-year outlook for the Australian gold industry indicates that only 4 out of 71 large operating mines today will remain in 2057 with most closing down over the next two decades. New mines will be largely dependent on exploration successes.

First production from Dugald River, mine officially opened

The first production of finished zinc concentrate left MMG Limited's (MMG) Dugald River mine near Cloncurry in Queensland's North West last week. When fully operational, the Dugald River mine will be a top 10 global zinc mine.



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DNRM FEES – as of 1st September 2017
(for full list see Mineral Resource Regulations)

Type	Amount	Type	Amount
Rent – Exploration Permit (Mineral) per sub block	\$155.80	Rent – Mining Lease per Hectare	\$60.20
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
Application for Mining Lease Alluvial Gold/Tin	\$789.00	Application for Mining Lease – any other mineral	\$1579.00
Renewal for Mining Lease Alluvial Gold/Tin	\$789.00	Renewal for Mining Lease - any other mineral	\$1579.00
Application for Transfer for Alluvial Gold/Tin	\$393.50	Application for transfer for any other mineral	\$615.00

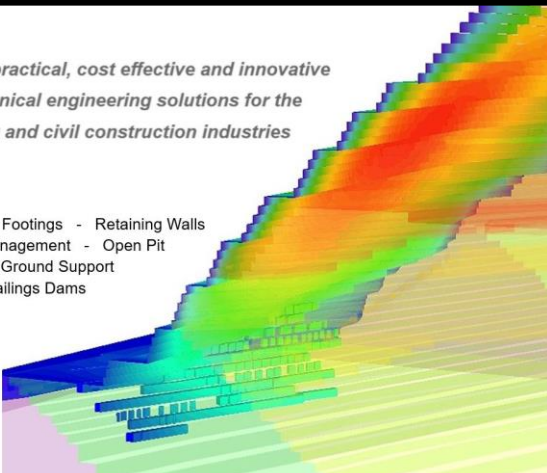


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Dad jokes about mining.

Q. What are the three rules of finding gold? A. Mine, mine, mine...

Q. What do you call the diggers with no clothes on? A. Strip miners....

Q. Why does everyone love gold? A. You can't help but dig it...

Q. Why did the miner take a balloon ride in a thunderstorm? A. He heard that every cloud has a silver lining...

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Small Scale Mining ILUA - CPI Adjustments

Provided by the North Queensland Land Council

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

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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
Palmer River Roadhouse – 07 40602020	Tableland Analytical (Assaying) – 07 40962185
HEH Pty Ltd (EarthMoving) – 07 40922477	Cooktown Earthmoving & Quarrying – 07 40695340
Bolwarra Enterprises (EarthMoving and Quarrying) – 07 40916 666	Drill North Pty Ltd (Drill Rigs) – 07 40951199
Boundary Mining Carbon Services – 07 40914905	Tolga Traders (Trailers & Heaters) – 07 40954296
BJ Training & Mine Services (incl Explosives Training – 0428 877 940	Tilly's Crawler Parts Pty Ltd – 1800TILLYS10
Bremar Minerals (Tin Buyer) – 0428 440 604	Kim Hillier Turbo Pans – 0428 250 364
Marano's Fuel (All Fuel & Oil Needs) 07 40988222	Nth Qld Metlabs – 07 40976110
Atherton Mower and Chainsaw Services – 07 40917499	Cairns Mineral and Lapidary Club
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FOR SALE

Please contact Graham or Lyn Byrne on 07 4091 4905 in relation to the below listed items.

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- Gardner Denver Hydratrack 3500 Hydraulic Drill Rig. 12 ft rods will drill to 5” hole
- Cat V8 motor. Air con cab. Many spares - \$35,000.00 + gst
- 6x6 K&L Water Pump & pulley. GC - \$200.00
- 4 ft sluice suit 3” dredge - \$100.00



WANTED

10 Meter light mode duty conveyor – complete

Contact Graham or Lyn as above

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Contact Buddy Kelly 07 40602245

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- Minelab 2100 Metal Detector 2 coils, all accessories & case \$1000

WANTED

- Impactor to crush 12 – 15 tph quartz
Phone: 07 40914905 or 0429 959 459

FOR SALE

Dry Blower 50 tph capacity - \$10,000

10 meter Conveyor with three phase electric, brand new - \$8,000

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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



Collection Hoppers



6 inch feed cyclone



Collection Hoppers



6 Hutch Inverell Jig with Ragging

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Hopper and Plate feeder, 3.9m height at back, 3.4m height in front.
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Editors Notes:

The Miners Right is published each 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. Memembs can also advertise their business, items for sale or wanted items without charge. Please send requests via email to Claire.Mackney@bigpond.com or phone through on 0488 299 296.

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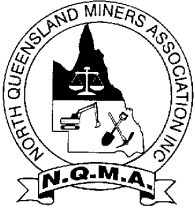
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/We.....
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BUSINESS NAME.....

POSTAL ADDRESS.....
.....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.'

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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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