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**Next Meeting:**

Monday  
10 September 2018  
Mareeba Leagues  
Club 12:30pm

## NOTICE

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

A reminder to all members that the NQMA Annual General Meeting is being held at the Mareeba Leagues Club on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September.

I am encouraging any members who can attend to come on the day. We sum up the year gone by and most importantly elect the committee for the coming year. The function of the committee is to keep the organisation running, to make financial decisions and to continue to liaise with government to ensure the continuation of mining at all levels in Queensland.

This year, I am sorry to say that we are losing a few of our mainstays on the committee due to various personal reasons and business commitments. With that we will have room for other interested members to join the committee and have their say on how the organisation should proceed.

Remember this is your NQMA, we represent your interests in mining.

### **Don't forget these important dates!**

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 – All mining lease rent is due**

Late payment of rent will incur a 15% penalty on unpaid amounts and may incur a non-compliance action against the holder

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 – Lead Performance Indicators reporting**

SSE's - End of Financial Year Reporting of Lead Performance Indicators required by Midnight 31 August 2018

**28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Statistical returns due for lodgement**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 – Royalty Returns due for lodgement**

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# Land Access and Negotiating Agreements

It's no secret that from time to time, landholders and miners or explorers may end up in dispute over issues such as boundaries, access and compensation agreements (amongst other things).

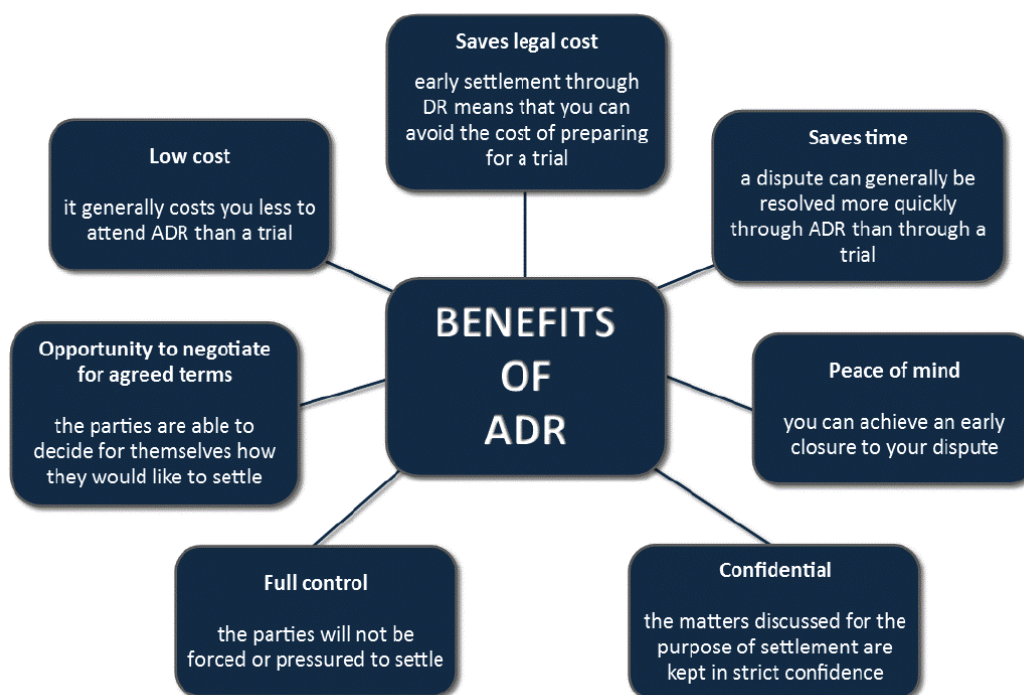
Ideally both parties will sit down over a cuppa and come to a mutually beneficial arrangement, and often this is the case. There are exceptions to the rule of course and this is where resources and references come in handy.

The Business Portal has some great information online at <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/mining-energy-water/resources/landholders/accessing-private-land> which steps you through the minimum requirements for accessing properties in Queensland. Most of these requirements are specific to exploration permits but the principles are transferrable to mining lease negotiations.

Two documents every explorer, or person otherwise entering a property for the purpose of carrying out resource related activities should view are the [Land Access Code 2016](#) and the [Guide to Land Access in Queensland](#).

If negotiations have failed and Land Court is looking to be your next option, there is now and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process available as an option to going directly into court hearings.

Information, including a list of mediators and which areas they service can be found online at <https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/courts/land-court/resolving-disputes-without-a-hearing/alternative-dispute-resolution> or by contacting the Land Court on (07) 3406 7777 or by emailing [ADRPANEL.Landcourt@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:ADRPANEL.Landcourt@justice.qld.gov.au).



## Who needs a Ute? A lesson in logistics

By Michele Mobbs

At the last committee meeting, a request was made to purchase a gazebo for use by members at various events, such as the Cairns and Atherton Gem Festivals, where we promote our Gold Panning Championships and sell tickets for our gold nugget jewellery raffle.

I searched around and found a good quality brand, UV protection, etc. I thought it *may* fit in the boot, but wasn't sure of the size of the box, anyway if that was no good, I was sure it would go in the car with the passenger seat laid down. My car is a Peugeot 207CC - Coupe/Cabriolet, so while there are 2 back seats, they are pretty squeezey, they aren't really seats... Put it this way, Graham Byrne *might* fit, but not Graham Steine!!

The guys in the shop took one look and laughed! At the time I went in, the sky was cloudy and threatened rain. I had more shopping to do in town, so by the time I was ready for home, it had cleared enough for me to be confident I could put the roof down and take the gazebo home, the **ONLY** way it was going to fit in my car! But it just shows, you don't need those great big, fuel thirsty cars to pick up gear, as long as it isn't raining!



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# NQMA Gold Panning Championships 2018

The NQMA would like to thank all sponsors, volunteers, stallholders and competitors at this year's event. Without these valuable contributions the Annual Gold Panning Championships would not be the success that they are every year.

Each year we have people travel from as far as NSW to attend the event and this year we had two competitors come from Brisbane who are no strangers to World Panning Championships.

Some of the competitions were so close that there were literally seconds between the front runners. You probably imagine that sitting at the registration desk and recording the results is boring but in a strange nerdy way, I find it quite exciting watching the results come in, knowing who is going to be on top early in the piece and watching newcomers take the title. Of course, it's just as exciting when some of my favourite miners win each year. We hope to see all of you again next year!



Regular Competitors Sisters Ellen Hellmuth and Sue Shearer. Both were winners this year!



Newcomer to our event and world championship competitor Robert Rolle



Image to the left is of John Cuffe being presented first prize of a Minlab Gold Monster Metal Detector donated by Leading Edge Electronics Mareeba for the Open event. John has been attending the NQMA Gold Panning event for the same period of time that I have been involved with the day. He was absolutely chuffed to win, as he should be with the spectacular time of 2:43, beating Robert Willes by a mere 5 seconds!

John is flanked by our compere for the day Vicky Lake and Darcy May of Leading Edge Electronics Mareeba.

# 2018 NQMA Gold Panning Championship Results

## Panning

<b>Event:</b>	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
<b>Specialty Panning</b>	<b>Robert Rolle</b>	<b>Scott McKowen</b>	<b>Jay Santacatterina</b>
<b>Time</b>	1:48	5:23	5:45
<b>Pieces of gold: 5</b>	5/5	4/5	4/5
<b>Junior (under 12)</b>	<b>Jack White</b>	<b>Jack Czygan</b>	<b>Zac Painter</b>
<b>Time</b>	2:55	5:14	6:44
<b>Pieces of gold: 4</b>	4/4	4/4	4/4
<b>Junior (under 16)</b>	<b>Jack White</b>	<b>Toby Ryan</b>	<b>Alyssa Ryan</b>
<b>Time</b>	3:44	5:10	5:51
<b>Pieces of gold: 7</b>	7/7	7/7	6/7
<b>Womens Novice</b>	<b>Ellen Hellmuth</b>	<b>Michelle Ryan</b>	<b>Donna Wilson</b>
<b>Time</b>	5:57	6:09	9:50
<b>Pieces of gold: 5</b>	5/5	4/5	5/5
<b>Mens Novice</b>	<b>John Cuffe</b>	<b>Patrick Willes</b>	<b>Toby Ryan</b>
<b>Time</b>	2:45	2:50	3:20
<b>Pieces of gold: 5</b>	5/5	5/5	5/5
<b>Womens Skilled</b>	<b>Ellen Hellmuth</b>	<b>Kathy Billing</b>	<b>Sue Shearer</b>
<b>Time</b>	5:30	5:41	6:48
<b>Pieces of gold: 8</b>	8/8	8/8	8/8
<b>Mens Skilled</b>	<b>Robert Rolle</b>	<b>Jay Santacatterina</b>	<b>Toby Ryan</b>
<b>Time</b>	3:22	3:27	3:47
<b>Pieces of gold: 10</b>	10/10	10/10	10/10
<b>Veterans (over 60)</b>	<b>Robert Willes</b>	<b>Jay Santacatterina</b>	<b>Tess Willes</b>
<b>Time</b>	3:03	5:57	8:34
<b>Pieces of gold: 7</b>	7/7	6/7	7/7
<b>Open Event</b>	<b>John Cuffe</b>	<b>Robert Willes</b>	<b>Jay Santacatterina</b>
<b>Time</b>	2:43	2:47	2:58
<b>Pieces of gold: 7</b>	7/7	7/7	7/7
<b>Teams Event</b>	<b>Toby's Latecomers</b>	<b>Scrappers</b>	<b>Queenslanders</b>
<b>Time</b>	2:19	3:08	3:41
<b>Pieces of gold: 8</b>	7/7	7/7	7/7

### Jewellery Raffle

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Bronwyn Dwyer (ticket 02689)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Harvey Lovewell (ticket 00029)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Anastasia Triantafillou (ticket 01318)  
 Silver Keyring – Max Fisher

### Photo Competition

Judged by Councillor Mary Graham

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Lyn Byrne  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Graham Byrne  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Vicky Lake

### Gold Quest

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Rodney Taylor (D87)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Sue Shearer (D40)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Ellen Hellmuth (D48)  
 4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Tiger Brooks (D95)  
 5<sup>th</sup> Prize – Phil Barwick (D4)  
 6<sup>th</sup> Prize – Peter Wilson (D79)  
 7<sup>th</sup> Prize – Linda Willes (D14)

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CEDRIC.....by Douglas Tainsh



★ "OH, not another one! D'you realise how much that stuff weighs?"

# Mining sector welcomes new leadership in government

Source: [Australian Mining](#)

The mining sector has responded to the recent change in Australia's leadership that sees Scott Morrison's appointment as Prime Minister.

Queensland Resources Council chief executive Ian Macfarlane said, "Scott Morrison knows what makes regional Queensland tick, and he understands the importance of our most valuable industries – like resources.

"As Treasurer he's seen the revenue roll in from our resources sector."

Macfarlane highlighted Morrison's multiple visits to "some of our resources heartlands" in Central and North Queensland, adding that, "We know he's a fan of the coal industry, which he proved on the floor of Parliament."

The QRC's warm welcome was also extended to the former Resources Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Josh Frydenberg.

Meanwhile, the Minerals Council of Australia emphasised the need for a stable government and economic reforms to Australia.

"This includes a competitive investment environment and less red tape," said chief executive Tania Constable.

Constable underlined the need to combat skills shortages and high input costs in the evolving mining equipment, technology and services (METS) and mining sectors.

She called for more engineers, tradespeople and geologists to the sectors' employment field.

Constable said, "We will also need many highly-skilled young people to fill the jobs of tomorrow including drone pilots, data specialists, environmental and social scientists, because our mining industry is rapidly adopting new technologies, demanding a different skills mix for a future workforce."

She emphasised the need for government to lower business input costs such as electricity, and to ensure a flexible workplace relations system.

The QRC echoed the priority of keeping power costs low, saying, "We look forward to the new leadership team turning their attention to implementing a policy to provide affordable and reliable energy for households and industry."

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Have you visited our website recently?

Historical copies of the Miners Right can be found online dating back to 2014. For copies of issues prior to 2014, please contact a member of the committee.

Upcoming events are also listed in our calendar and under the links tab you can find the current CPI increases for the state supported ILUA's with the Western Yalanji, Ewamian and Djungan people. Copies of the ILUA's can be found on the Mines departments website.

Also, under the links tab is the NQMA rule book and membership application form and a series of links directing you to information relevant to mining in Queensland.

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### **Editors Notes:**

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Email: [MineralHub@dnrme.qld.gov.au](mailto:MineralHub@dnrme.qld.gov.au)

## Coal Assessment Hub

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Corner of Bruce Highway and Yeppoon Road  
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## Petroleum Assessment Hub

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Brisbane QLD 4000

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Phone: 07 3199 8118  
Email: [PetroleumHub@dnrme.qld.gov.au](mailto:PetroleumHub@dnrme.qld.gov.au)

## Small Scale Mining Assessment Hub

The Small Scale Mining Assessment Hub administers all mining claims and mineral mining leases for opal, gemstones, and corundum or other precious stones predominately located in the Quilpie, Emerald and Winton districts.

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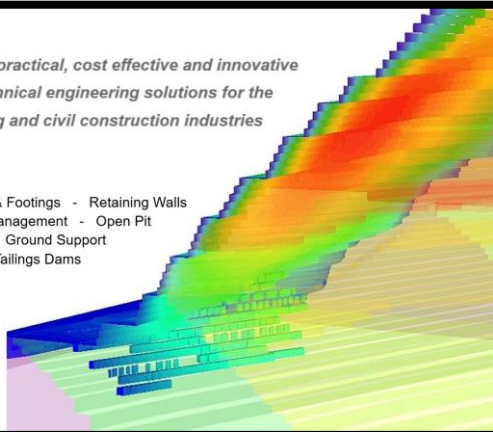


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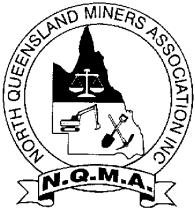
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