

THE MINER'S RIGHT

The North Queensland Miner's Association Incorporated
Representing Miners, Prospectors and Associated Industries

September 2023

NQMA Annual General Meeting 1PM, Monday 11th Sept 2023 – Mareeba Leagues Club

Presidents Report:

We have entered into the season of spring also known as 'the busy season'. When does this season even start and finish!

The NQMA annual general meeting is coming up next Monday 11th September at the Mareeba Leagues Club from 1pm. This will be an important meeting to support as there will be a number of vacant positions to be filled to keep the association running for a further 12 months. Due to work and upcoming family commitments I cannot be available for re-nomination of the President or other positions for another 12 months. You will notice emails and updates have been a bit limited over the last few months. For anything when work gets busy the volunteer roles are the ones that are sacrificed. NQMA still needs a voice in Queensland. We do need more members supporting this and putting a hand up to give some time to read documents, contribute to meetings, have an opinion on matters of concern. This is not a one-person job. My current roles include The President, Miners-Right newsletter, web-site and facebook page. If any tech savvy people want to take on the on-line positions pretty please put your hand up. If you can't come to the meetings but can work with the committee through email also put your hand up! We need you! Amanda has also indicated that due to family commitments, she cannot be available for re-nomination of the Secretary role.

Miners must have a continued voice in Queensland, however we need more members to support Executive Committee positions.

Note that paid members only are allowed to vote and be nominated. Membership reminders have been send out, if you are unsure if you have yours please send an email to: Terry Edwards treasurer@nqma.com.au

I wish the future committee all the best. I will look forward to life settling down over the next 12 months and hope to come back to offer my support (if wanted 😊) at the end of 2024 into 2025.

After the September meeting there is one more for the year in November, then on break until February 2024. Any new committee members will have time to ease into the role so please consider taking on some parts. Yep, if you have read this far I'm now down to begging – have a great next 12 months! 😊

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Upcoming dates to note:

Royalty Returns – your annual mineral royalty return is due soon! Royalty Returns are reported for the term 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 and must be lodged by and pay any royalties due by Tuesday 3rd October 2023. If you have not worked the mining lease you still must lodge a NIL return. Penalties may apply if overdue and not lodged. RR's are lodged with the Queensland Revenue Office and any queries or lodgement can be directed to royalty@treasury.qld.gov.au or call on 1300 300 734.

Mineral Annual Statistics – All mineral mines must submit their annual production and sale statistics covering all their mining lease via the Geological Survey of Qld (GSQ) lodgement portal before 30 September each year. Due to the delay in aligning the system with the reporting entities used by QRO, an extension is given to 13 October 2023 for 2022-23 statistics. For all questions or requests for help please email Coal and Mineral Statistics CoalandMineralStats@resources.qld.gov.au or call 07 3199 7915



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"No, you can't drain the spaghetti in it!"

Important Notice from Department of Resources:

Rent reduction for minerals exploration permits

As part of Queensland's Critical Minerals Strategy, government has committed to reducing rent for eligible mineral exploration permits to zero for five years.

New and existing mineral exploration permits (other than coal) that are payable within **1 September 2023 to 31 August 2028** will be reduced to **zero**.

How the rent reduction works

You do not need to do anything to receive the rent reduction.

Invoicing is based on the date your permit is due to be paid – also known as your anniversary date.

A five-year rent reduction will only apply to permits that fall due any date within 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2028.

If the due date for your rent payment falls prior to, or on 31 August 2023, you must pay the outstanding rent owing, as your invoice remains due and payable for the year ahead.

More information

To help you understand if and when you may be eligible for zero rent, further information on the operation of the requirements is provided below.

Note: The zero rent for five years includes both new and existing exploration permits for minerals other than coal.

If you have pre-paid the rent for a new permit application and it is granted within 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2028

- A refund will be processed using your details registered in MyMinesOnline.

If your existing permit anniversary date is within 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2028, and you have already paid your rent invoice

- A refund will be processed using your details registered in MyMinesOnline.

If you have not paid your rent invoice and your permit anniversary date is within 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2028

- Please do not pay. Your invoice will be adjusted accordingly.

If you have not paid your rent invoice and your permit anniversary date is on or before 31 August 2023

- Your invoice remains due and payable. Overdue rental owing from previous years remains due and payable and must be paid.

For more information about the rent reduction, please visit [Zero rent for EPM](#) or contact the Mineral Assessment Hub on (07) 4447 9230 or email mineralhub@resources.qld.gov.au.

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Turning Tyres into a Resource

Kal Tire's innovative method of recycling Mining Tyres is helping to create a more environmentally friendly Mining Industry.

In many ways, off-the-road (OTR) tyres can be seen as the lifeblood of a resources operation. They have been used for decades to help move the thousands of tonnes of ore that come in and out of mines. In fact, they're such a staple on-site that many don't give them a second glance - or consider what is a fundamental question within the sector: what happens to mining tyres once they have reached the end of their use? It turns out this question poses a number of issues regarding landfill, recycling, safety and more.

From a physical point of view waste tyres are chemically inert, (but) there are still risks associated with storing them. Waste tyres can store water-borne pests and diseases. If those waste tyres need to be moved at any point, they also pose a safety risk to employees. Tyres are also flammable, and tyre fires can be hard to control and extinguish if an incident were to occur.

A report published by Tyre Stewardship Australia showed that the Australian mining industry generated over 68,000 metric tonnes of waste tyres in 2019. Just one per cent of these were recycled. Tyres don't degrade naturally over time, but they are made from many different products that are worth recovering, including oil, steel, carbon black and syngas. These products can be used to replace virgin fossil fuels and reduce future resource extraction.

Kal Tire's tyre recycling plant in Chile is one way the company is helping to make tyre recycling easier. Kal tire has developed a unique thermal conversion process that uses heat and friction in the absence of oxygen to convert the tyres back to their base elements and one hundred percent of the material can be repurposed.

Kal Tire's Mining Tire Group opened an OTR tyre recycling facility in Antofagasta in 2021 which can now handle up to 20 tonnes of tyres per day, including ultra-class products. The process of thermal conversion recovers bulk oil, carbon ash and high-grade steel from the tyre. Bulk oil can be used as is or refined and used as diesel, while carbon ash, when purified and pelletised, can be refined into high-quality recovered carbon black to suit end market use.

Just one tyre conversion can recover more than 1600kg of carbon ash, 900kg of steel and 2000 litres of petroleum-based products. Over eight million metric tonnes of carbon black is produced worldwide each year, and 90 per cent of that is used in rubber applications. Imagine the impact mining could have on the circular economy if it worked to turn its waste tyres into a source of value. The steel contained within a large OTR mining tyre is some of the highest quality bio-based products that can be refined and used to create new tyres or used as biofuel or in applications such as ANFO (ammonium nitrate and fuel oil) for blasting.

Kal Tire hopes the mining industry will continue to push ahead on tyre recycling.

*Courtesy
Australian Mining*

The following was sourced from [Mining injects billions into Queensland businesses - Australian Mining](#) dated 05/09/2023

Mining injects billions into Queensland businesses

A new report released by the Queensland Resources Council (QRC) shows 77 per cent of all purchases by QRC member companies during 2021–2022 was spent locally, totalling \$26.8 billion.

The data shows more than three in every four dollars of purchases made by Queensland mining and energy companies was spent with a business located in [Queensland](#).

“There’s no better way to build a strong social license to operate with the Queensland community than for resources companies to provide opportunities for local businesses to be part of our industry’s extensive supply chain,” QRC chief executive Ian Macfarlane [said](#).

“Local suppliers are absolutely critical to the long-term success of the resources sector because they understand our needs and can collaborate with companies on improvements, often at lower cost than other suppliers.”

Overall, QRC member companies spent \$34.9 billion on goods and services over the 12-month period, with \$7.6 billion (22 per cent) spent with interstate or New Zealand vendors and \$0.5 billion (1.5 per cent) on overseas purchases.

“Using local suppliers reduces transport costs, minimises greenhouse gas emissions and offers better supply chain resilience, which we’ve seen the value of during periods of global disruption due to the pandemic,” Macfarlane said.

“Buying locally also benefits regional economies and communities by creating new business opportunities, employment and sustainable growth.”

The report also said nearly half of all QRC members ran programs to increase opportunities and build on the capabilities of local suppliers through pre-qualification workshops, support in upgrading safety systems, training and mentoring programs and contractor forums.

Additionally, mining and energy companies spent \$93.8 million with 108 Indigenous businesses in Queensland in 2021–2022, representing a 13 per cent increase in expenditure on the previous year.

“This is a clear sign local suppliers who rose to the challenge during Covid are using their increased capabilities to push for new opportunities to provide goods and services to Queensland’s mining and energy sector,” Macfarlane said.

“This is a fantastic outcome for resources companies and for Queensland suppliers.”

The following is sourced from QRC web site: [2021-22-QRC-Qld-Statewide.pdf](#)

Q What are resources worth to QUEENSLAND?

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resources
COUNCIL

2021-22
FINANCIAL
YEAR

DIRECT SPENDING

\$8.6 BILLION
in WAGES

61,471
JOBS 

TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION*

\$94.6
BILLION TO QLD
ECONOMY

\$27 BILLION
spent across

14,303 Queensland
BUSINESSES
1,415 Charities &
SPORTS CLUBS

\$9 BILLION in
ROYALTIES to help fund:

 EDUCATION  ROADS  HEALTH  LAW & ORDER

450,807
JOBS SUPPORTED BY
SECTOR

1 in **\$4**
every
of Queensland's
ECONOMY

1 in **6** JOBS
every
in Queensland



Total spend by COMMODITY

72% COAL
12% METALS
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