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"Fights for fairer access to land in NSW and represents the interests of prospectors and fossickers"

Fossicking now allowed in the Nuggetty State Conservation Area!

National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) have finally adopted a management plan for the Crookwell Reserves.

NAPFA are pleased to announce to members that the Nuggetty State Conservation Area (SCA) now has fossicking approval.

NAPFA has worked on this since the early days of our association – and a special thanks must go to Ernie Mollenhauer (past secretary) for the first submission lodged in 2013.

Both Steve Dangaard (past President) and Sean Ashcroft (current President) have continued to lobby with NPWS - many times in the last few years, regarding the operation of SCA's without any officially approved management plan, and focussing on getting fossicking as an approved activity.

In recent times NAPFA have been involved with access to the creeks and defining what is "not owned" by NPWS when they queried fossicking activities. It then came down to the fact fossickers were accessing the creek by way of the SCA, which they are allowed to do.

Since the recent issues with Monga and Copeland Tops lobbying and submissions, this may have helped NAPFA's past work to get Nuggetty SCA fossicking approved.

Please read the notification and note the number of submissions requesting fossicking which is a big help to get this approval.

NAPFA stresses that all prospectors must do the right thing!

Some people will not be happy about this decision and will look for any evidence to knock back fossicking the next time the plan comes up for review, and use it against our requests and lobbying for fossicking access in other areas of interest.

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