



Prospectors and Fossickers

Join NAPFA now to fight for better access to public land in NSW

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

The NSW and ACT Prospectors and Fossickers Association Inc (NAPFA) was formed in December 2012 to improve fossicking access to public land on behalf of all prospectors and fossickers in NSW. Our goals are consistent with similar associations around the country, and promote prospecting and fossicking for minerals (especially gold) and gemstones; as well as for coins and relics.

NAPFA is actively involved in educating the public to the importance that prospectors have played in the past to building our great nation and for maintaining our future lifestyle by the discovery of mineral resources. NAPFA is a peak industry group in NSW, and is well recognised nationally as a key player in the prospecting and fossicking industries for representing our needs to Government.

Join NAPFA now to help undo the unfair NSW environmental legislation and regulations that have locked us out of many productive areas.

The prospectors who took the Oath at Eureka in 1854 swore before the Southern Cross to '**Stand Truly by Each Other**'. This is your opportunity to do just that. We seek to restore fair balance through better access and to improve regulations, and NAPFA has made a lot of progress to keep prospectors and fossickers access in the field. Our continued work has paid off. Recent developments are:

FOSSICKING DISTRICTS - NAPFA's initiative to create more Fossicking Districts and ongoing lobbying of Local Governments has now added 40% more Fossicking Districts to NSW in 2 years, and we haven't finished yet.

FOSSICKING in NSW PARKS - For the first time in history fossicking is no longer banned, and is now included in their state policy. This allows future application in parks not specifically restricting fossicking, and for us to submit applications when park plans come up for review every 5 years. A great start !!!

SLUICING and HIGH BANKING - The sluicing issues continue to be at the forefront of NAPFA's lobbying and the single most important issue to Prospectors and Fossickers in NSW. Our work has forced the Dept. to admit that their interpretation of the 2010 and 2016 Mining Regulations are not justified and has unfairly affected fossickers for years. We now have questioned the compliance regulator of how they can target our equipment with no valid regulation? We await answers. Meanwhile the Dept. is trying to rely on the 2003 Regulations! Talk about going backwards. NAPFA are making very strong progress here.

We don't replace clubs, or internet forums, or Facebook pages, just as they don't replace us. However, as a specialised body, we can present a strong, professional and focussed presence on improving our rights as fossickers in NSW and make the necessary representations. The volunteer Committee works hard for your cause, and to do this we need the support of all prospectors and fossickers operating in NSW and the ACT, as many competing interests threaten to impact if we are not there to represent our members.

NAPFA is an honorary and voluntary organisation. Don't sit on the fence with this important issue. If you want better access, rights and conditions, you need to fight for them. With your help, new areas will become available so more nuggets and gems can be found!

Join now to make us stronger:

Online:

<http://www.napfa.net/Join-the-rebellion.html>

OR

Please complete the following form.



Application for membership of the NSW & ACT Prospectors and Fossickers Association Inc. www.napfa.net *(incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009) INC 1200398*

I (Full name)

of (Address)

Town State Postcode

Email address
(vital for news updates and receipt)

Phone number: Home Mobile

Occupation

hereby apply to become a member of the above named incorporated association. In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the constitution of the association and its code of conduct for the time being in force.

Your Signature Date

All applications are subject to approval of the NAPFA Committee

WHAT TO DO NOW

Mail your form, along with payment of **\$25** or a bank reference for online payment to:

**NAPFA
PO Box 4529
Dubbo NSW 2830**

You can also scan your **signed** document and email it to: **Membership@napfa.net**

Payment options

1. **Direct deposit:** please add your surname and initials in the reference field
(this is to ensure we can identify your payment easily) Our bank details are:
NSW & ACT Prospectors and Fossickers Association Inc
Bank: Westpac - BSB: 032 282 Account Number: 000272392

YOU MUST INCLUDE YOUR SURNAME AND INITIALS ON THE EFT – Otherwise we don't know it's you!

2. **By cheque:** please make payable to NSW & ACT Prospectors and Fossickers Association Inc. Send cheque to address above.

Please Note: Overseas Members Due to charges/bank fees/conversion fees/postage rates it is necessary to charge AU\$50.00 per overseas member. Membership year is January to December.

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