



# NSW & ACT Prospectors and Fossickers Association Inc.

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Please note our new postal address: PO Box 4529  
DUBBO NSW 2830

“Fights for fairer access to land in NSW and represents interests of prospectors and fossickers”

Dear Member,

## **28 April, 2016 – Important Update on matters of interest**

### **1. Minelab SDC 2300 for sale – NAPFA Fundraiser.**

We have a new SDC2300 courtesy of the GPZ7000 promotion that we did late last year with Central West Prospecting Supplies.

The Committee has determined to sell the machine via best offer (above reserve) to [SDC2300@napfa.net](mailto:SDC2300@napfa.net)

If you are in the market for one of these excellent machines, then please make a good offer. It will come with full Minelab Warranty.

**DEADLINE FOR OFFERS IS 10.00 am ON 6 MAY 2016 – SO PLEASE ACTION IT STRAIGHT AWAY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. CALL ME ON 0427 487 441 IF YOU WANT TO DISCUSS IT.**

In the event more than one person puts in an offer of the same amount, you will be contacted to check if you wish to increase your offer.

Revenue raised will go towards NAPFA's operating budget, including a planned series of membership advertisements.

### **2. National Parks draft policy open for comment.**

NSW National Parks have released a draft policy on fossicking in some National Park lands for public consultation. This has been the result of NAPFA efforts over the past two years and is a milestone of sorts for fossicking in this state.

NAPFA will be putting together some comments about the draft policy, but all fossickers are encouraged to put their personal views forwards about the draft policy.

**The deadline for contributions is 5 May 2016 – so please get onto it if you want to be involved more directly. I have posted this information on internet forums – Prospecting Australia and Gold Detecting and Prospecting, and there has been some online discussion about it and I am aware that some individuals have put in submissions.**

I also alerted some retailers in NSW and PMAV in Victoria and I am aware that they are all putting their views forward.

The Draft NPWS Fossicking in Parks policy maintains the current position that fossicking is generally inappropriate in national parks. Fossicking generally involves disturbing soil, rocks and vegetation to find and potentially remove minerals, gemstones and historical objects. These activities are prohibited in parks without consent under the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009.

The draft policy identifies areas where fossicking is allowed and proposes that consideration of any additional areas will be subject to an appropriate level of environmental assessment.

Please take the time to read through the policy and to have your say. You can be sure that various environmental groups and others will be doing just that. From NAPFA's perspective the more supporting responses, the better.

If the policy is enacted, it will mean that access to some areas of additional national parks will be achievable but the arrangements will be tightly controlled and could be withdrawn if there is significant environmental impact.

So if you get permission recognize that it is a privilege and FILL IN THE HOLES and follows regulations to the letter.

My quick take is that it will be very controlled and restrictive but it is better than nothing and realistically it's all we are likely to get for the time being.

I see it as a good step forward for fossicking in NSW, so let's see where it takes us. Here is the link to the policy:

[http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/polic ... policy.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/polic...policy.htm)

### 3. **SLUICING.**

We are still awaiting feedback and additional meeting with the Department of Resources and Energy (DRE) from a meeting in February. As the prospecting season is upon us and about half of the NAPFA Committee is heading bush, it is unlikely there will be any progress on this until about September.

In the meantime, NAPFA stresses that it is critical fossickers follow directives from the staff of any NSW government agency regarding their activities until such time as the issues are resolved. Please advise us the details of any such exchanges.

### 4. **OTHER GOINGS ON.**

I had the chance to catch up with some members at the Goanna Gold Muster that was held at Mookerawa Waters several weeks ago. As always Bob and Judy Buss gave me the chance to update people on the various areas that NAPFA has been progressing on.

It was an excellent week-end and if you've never attended one of the Goanna Gold Events, consider doing it as it is a good way to meet with other fossickers and to learn new skills or acquire information about products and locations.

### 5. **NEW POSTAL ADDRESS.**

Please note that we have a new postal address:

PO Box 4529  
DUBBO NSW 2830

So if you are sending us mail for some reason, please use the new address and always use your membership number.

Regards and Good luck out there!

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