



## **NAPFA News**

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

### **Dear members –**

I thought I would update you after the Annual General Meeting at Hill End earlier this month.

At the AGM, the current committee was returned by the members. Some changes to the constitution were also carried unanimously. The main one is our membership year is now Calendar year.

The 2016 NAPFA Committee is:

**President, Stephen Dangaard**

**Vice President, Paul Barker**

**Secretary, Stephen Reilly**

**Treasurer, Veronica Dench**

**Public Officer –Sean Ashcroft**

**Committee members: Sean Ashcroft, Peter Hart and Sean Johnson.**

**Thank you members for your ongoing confidence in NAPFA.** The committee will work hard to continue to get a better deal for fossickers in NSW throughout 2016.

In my last newsletter I said I was hopeful that we would have all the EL Fossicking District stuff sorted by the AGM – but alas bureaucratic forces conspired to delay what appeared to be simple matter. However, I am confident we will be able to resolve it over the next few months.

This has been instructive – even when we want to go quickly it is not always possible due to the slow way government works. In the big scheme of things the delay is not an issue, when the changes will last far into the future. We will communicate more on this via email as soon as possible.

We also have several meetings we need to organise with NSW Government departments that will have outcomes for us.

## Membership Renewals

Thank you to all the members who have already sorted out their membership renewals for 2016, including those who did it at the AGM as shown by the membership table in the photo below.



**The mail has been flowing but there are still many members who have not responded to the mail out that was sent at the beginning of November.**

It is very important that you continue to support your NAPFA. A healthy membership serves two purposes: firstly it shows government that we are serious. Secondly, it ensures we have the finances to operate effectively without additional fundraising.

When we went to renewals we had about 1000 members on our books and it is our goal to get close to that by the end of the 2016 renewal period.

**So the message is, if you have not done your renewal, please locate the letter we sent you with your personal details in it, complete it and return it by mail or email as soon as possible.**

## SDC 2300 FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR NEW MEMBERS

Thanks to Minelab Australia, who have donated an SDC2300 to us, we have an excellent incentive when you renew your membership, or join up friends or members of your family who might not be members already.

As a BONUS, any RENEWAL or NEW MEMBER received between 1 October 2015 and 15 January 2016 will have a chance to win a Minelab SDC2300, drawn after 15 January 2016. Your membership number (financial members only) will be used for the draw.



**This will only apply for renewals or new memberships received before 15 January 2016.  
So if you want to be in with a chance, you need to renew. So do it now!**

There will be no extra tickets sold. It will rely fully on the renewals so the odds are excellent.

However the main reason you should renew is that the NAPFA committee is working hard to improve things for you and needs your ongoing support.

**For the work we are doing, and the representation we provide NAPFA is fantastic value for your \$25.**

### **Successful Prospectors' Auction!**

One of the fun things we did at the AGM was to have a Prospectors' Auction as a fundraiser for NAPFA. Sean Ashcroft did a fantastic job as the auctioneer and yours truly displayed the merchandise!



***Photo: The Prospectors Fundraising Auction was conducted by Sean (Right) with President Stephen showing off the merchandise. (All photos by Vice President Paul).***

**The support of the following donors was essential to the success of the Auction. Thank you one and all!**

**Minelab Australia** – for an XTerra 705 Gold Pack

**Nugget Finder Australia** – for a 12 inch evolution coil and a 17x11 Nugget finder advantage

**Central West Prospecting Supplies** – for a 17 x 11 Nugget Finder Advantage Coil

**CC Picks** – for two excellent picks, including “the Prospector” for the GPZ7000 deep holes!

**Goanna Gold** – for pick cover, pick and CC Picks Dolly Pot set

**Doug Stone** – for several Gold Atlases including the NSW one published last year

**Johnny Hoeboer** – Hobo’s Gold – for a portable smelting unit

**Double D leather** – for NAPFA branded SDC2300 cover and GPX5000 Cover. **(If you want one of these and you order your covers from Double D, they will put it on for you, no extra charge. Just talk or email Dean.)**

**George Coleman** – special pick

Some individual members also put items into the mix – thank you **Siggy, Tony, Stephen, and George. Thanks guys – your support is much appreciated.**



***Photo: The Xterra 705 gold pack donated by Minelab went to a member who will be using it to recover lost jewellery.***

**The auction will be on again next year. If you have anything you can donate for us, please get in touch.** There were some good deals had by the buyers, and hopefully word will travel and we will have a bigger crowd as well.

**Reminder about the Central West Prospecting GPZ7000 promotion.**

If you are in the market for a new GPZ7000 and you are not committed to a particular dealer then please consider buying it from Central West Prospecting Supplies.

If we can get another half dozen GPZ7000s committed through the joint promotion, Central West Prospecting Supplies will give NAPFA an SDC2300 that we can use in our fundraising. **We have already received one machine that will be used in membership promotion next year but we are now close to getting a second one.**

**ALSO If you have bought your GPZ 7000 there, and you are a NAPFA member then please inform Lucinda Hook as soon as possible that you would like it recorded on the NAPFA promotion list.**

It would also be good if you can send an email to [Treasurer@napfa.net](mailto:Treasurer@napfa.net) so we can monitor how many more we need to rustle up!

The deal winds up at the end of December and for NAPFA's sake it would be a pity to fall short by just a few.



***Photo (left) shows NAPFA President Stephen accepting SDC2300 from Central West Prospecting Supplies Manager, Lucinda Hook.***

## **Online membership form has been updated**

Please note that I have updated an online membership form on the NAPFA website. It is for new members, so if you have someone you would like to join, please encourage them to do it online. The web address is: [www.napfa.net](http://www.napfa.net)

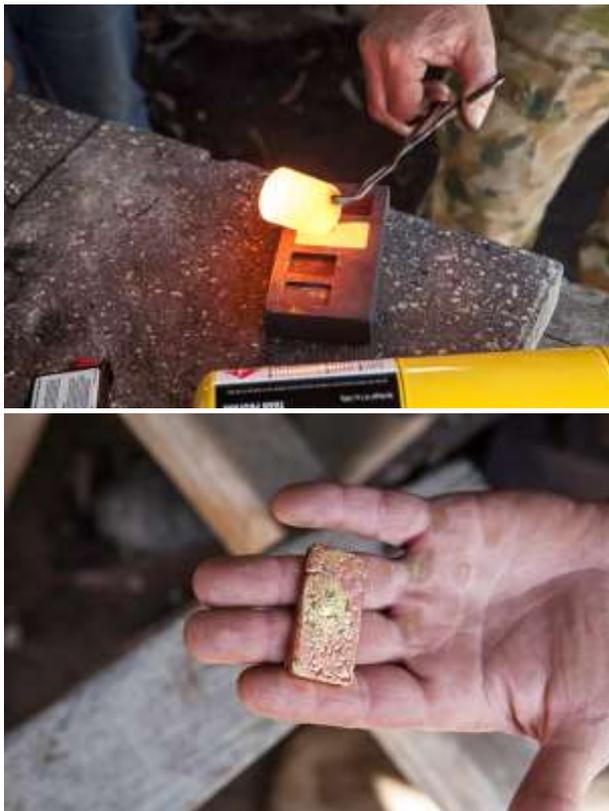
## **And we are finally on Facebook**

Check it out and share it around search NAPFA gold on Facebook.

## **Gold buyer at the AGM was of interest to many**

We were able to organise a gold buyer to turn-up at the AGM for those who wanted to sell some of their hard won gold.

The gold was first melted by Hobo's Gold into one-two ounce bars and then analysed and a price calculated.



The process was popular for participants and onlookers. Many of us enjoyed the feeling of holding some small gold bars for a little while, even if the gold was not ours! It is the closest I have been to an ounce for a while!

## **Last words – Please renew your membership if you have not already done so!**

If you communicate with us or make any payments be sure to use your membership number as well as your name! And carefully follow payment instructions so we can figure out it was you!

Remember also the committee seeks to identify issues of concern to fossickers but relies on members to raise issues associated with the myriad of fossicking locations throughout the state. If you become aware of any issues relating to fossicking (e.g. closure of access to fossicking areas, criticism of fossicking activities in media etc.) please email me at [President@napfa.net](mailto:President@napfa.net)

**Good luck out there in the field. And thanks again you to all those who made the effort to get to the AGM.**

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Dangaard  
President NAPFA

