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

Dear Member,

1st April, 2017 – Members’ update

Dear Members,

A BIG ‘thank you’ to all those who have renewed their memberships or recently joined. Your support is much appreciated as NAPFA works to better the fossicking environment in NSW on your behalf.

There will be a draw of the Minelab GPX4500 incentive prize for renewals and new members as soon as possible after the end of March. If you win, you will be contacted by either me or Veronica Dench, our Treasurer.

By now you should have received your new membership card. If you have not then please enquire, with details, at Membership@napfa.net

What are your EASTER Plans?

Please consider the inaugural Cooyal Gold Rush Expo which will be held on Saturday 15th April at the Cooyal Hall (near Mudgee). This is being organised by our supporters at the Central West Prospecting Supplies shop in Mudgee. The whole day is shaping up to be a great family outing.

The Expo will feature Minelab tuition and demonstrations. This may include the new Minelab Gold Monster 1000 which I am very keen to get a look at. Andrew Grech (a.k.a Greckie), who is the owner of Central West Prospecting

Supplies and NAPFA member, said Minelab are trying to get one there so you can play with it.

There will also be sluicing demos by Sluicy Sluices, gold panning competitions, token hunt, Easter Egg hunt and kids events through the day, with prizes.

Our VIP NAPFA member Doug Stone will also be there with a range of his popular publications including the NSW Gold Atlas and his excellent new book 'Coin and Relic Detecting in Australia'.

After dinner there will be a Q&A with Doug Stone, Greckie and NAPFA. Following that, a Charity Auction with lots of good items will be held with all proceeds being donated to the Cooyal Hall Trust. (Commendation to Central West for excellent initiative). More details here:



The poster for the Cooyal Gold Rush Expo features a background image of a gold mine. At the top left is the Central West Prospecting Supplies logo, and at the top right is the Minelab logo with the slogan 'GO MINELABBING!'. The main title 'Cooyal Gold Rush Expo' is in a large, bold, yellow font. Below the title, the date 'April 15th 2017', time '10am', and location 'Cooyal Hall' are listed. A central table lists activities and stalls, and a 'Kids!' section lists face painting, Easter egg hunt, and competitions. The bottom section details a 2-course baked dinner from 6:30pm, followed by a Q&A with Greckie, NAPFA, and Doug Stone, and a charity auction with proceeds going to the Cooyal Hall Trust. Contact information for camping is also provided. The footer contains logos for Doug Stone Gold Maps, a cross symbol, TLP Magnet Finder, NAPFA, and Coiltek.

Central West Prospecting Supplies + Minelab **MINELAB**
GO MINELABBING!

Cooyal Gold Rush Expo

April 15th 2017 10am Cooyal Hall

Minelab Tuition + Demonstrations	Kylie from Sluicy Gold Demonstrations
Gold Panning Comp 11am to 1pm	Detector Token Hunt 2pm to 4pm
Doug Stone Stall	CC Picks Stall
CWPS Stall	NAPFA Stall

Kids! Face Painting . Easter Egg Hunt . Competitions

From 6:30pm
2 Course Baked Dinner - Bookings Essential
followed by
Q+A with Greckie, NAPFA & Doug Stone
Charity Auction Proceeds to Cooyal Hall Trust
Camping available on site - Call to book - 6372 0082

DOUG STONE GOLD MAPS  TLP Magnet Finder NAPFA COILTEK

In other news –

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to the almost 100 people who turned up at Hill End for the Annual General Meeting. It was a most enjoyable event!

Following the usual process, I am pleased to say that the Committee for the current year is as follows:

- President -Stephen Dangaard
- Vice President -Paul Barker
- Treasurer -Veronica Dench
- Secretary -Stephen Reilly
- General Committee member/Public Officer -Sean Ashcroft
- General Committee members -Doug Spindler & Peter Hart.

Thanks to Sean Johnson who vacated his position on the General Committee. Sean has provided committee input over the past couple of years and been a good source of support and ideas.

The meeting also endorsed a Motion to bestow upon the immediate past President of the Prospectors and Miners Association of Victoria (PMAV) Rita Bentley, Honorary Life Membership of NAPFA in recognition of her outstanding achievements and effort to support fossickers in Victoria, and Australia, and for supporting NAPFA. Well done Rita!

Fossicking Districts

We have been making progress on new fossicking districts in NSW. Since August last new Gazetted LGAs include: Narrabri, Cootamundra, Upper Lachlan and Guyra, Bathurst (which covers Hill End) and Walcha.

Bega, Brand and Goulburn-Mulwaree Shires have also indicated they want to become fossicking Districts, and there are others with whom we are in contact to promote the idea.

We are pleased with progress but it has required a lot of intensive follow up with the councils. These are the first new fossicking districts in NSW since 2001.

Glen Innes and gemstone fossicking

I also went to the Minerama Show at Glen Innes several weeks ago and was very pleasantly surprised by the numbers of gem fossickers and of all the goodies they find – like sapphire, zircon, and topaz. I outlined NAPFA's work at the official Minerama dinner as well.

Next time you are in the area, take the time to spend a few days and you just might get lucky!

There are lots of public lands you can get onto and many property owners allow camping and fossicking for a fee. Fred at the Tourism Visitors Centre is a fantastic source of knowledge and location advice for you.

It is great to see a whole district behind fossicking.

Also check out the new edition of: 'The Fossickers Way' for tips on where to go in the area.

https://issuu.com/adventuresgroup/docs/fw_001-024_visitorsguide_final_for

Cheers

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