

# You're invited!

## Detecta Den and NAPFA 'Open Day' in Canberra Saturday 1 November

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**Detecta Den Superstore Canberra has offered to host a Sausage Sizzle and store 'Open Day' for NAPFA members and their mates. You are invited.**

### **Where?**

1/74 Townsville St Fyshwick, in Canberra.

### **When?**

Sizzle is on from 12:00 Noon until 2:00pm but the Shop will be open from 9.00am until 5.00pm.

Terry and his team of Peter, Kara and Darren will be on hand to talk detectors.

NAPFA will also be there to talk to members about our activities, to sign up new members, and to sell NAPFA tickets in the big raffle that will be drawn on November 15 in Dubbo at the "Unlock the Bush" Muster.

There will be a modest cost for sizzles (\$2.00) and drinks (\$1.00) with any profits after costs going to charity.

With the closure of the Bateman's Bay Detecta Den, the range in the Canberra store has been expanded. It is also presenting a range of gem fossicking equipment. They have a wide selection of hire detectors as well, so if you want to check it out, this is a good time to do it.

It will also be a great chance to network with other fossickers and start planning some trips! Bring your gold for some show and tell!

Also get your new NAPFA members sticker. (See the Attachment for what it looks like).

### **RSVP**

Please tell Detecta Den if you are coming -- Toll Free - 1800 127 717 – so they can get the catering right. Or you can email them with your name and number of people coming to: [candetectaden@gmail.com](mailto:candetectaden@gmail.com)

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# NAPFA at the Laanecoorie Gold Bash – 35 new members welcomed

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Recently (October 11,12) I went to the Laanecoorie Gold Bash in Victoria for what was a very enjoyable weekend.

It was great to see so many NAPFA members there, and also that 35 others signed up to the cause. We are now almost 900 strong, which is excellent. It was great to be side by side with the PMAV and everyone is encouraged to support both groups if they can.

Our membership target is to reach 1000 by the end of the 'Take Back the Bush Muster' on 15<sup>th</sup> November in Dubbo.

I also had a chance to see a proof of Doug Stone's new "Gold Atlas for NSW" which is planned for release sometime in mid-November. It looks great and will boost fossickers' profile in NSW.

Both Doug and his wife Julie are NAPFA members and keen supporters of what we are doing.

The overall event raised almost \$20,000 for the Peter McCallum Cancer Foundation. This is a fantastic effort for this great cause. Well done to the organisers.

## Unlock the Bush Muster 15<sup>th</sup> Nov at Dubbo

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This event will bring together many groups such as prospectors, fishers, shooters, 4WDers who are concerned about diminishing access to the bush. It was inspired by the Goanna Gold musters and has now grown into a larger event.

Shooters and Fishers Party will be there, and it will be opened by the Mayor of Dubbo. Our big NAPFA raffle will be drawn that afternoon.

Plan your trip now! There is a prize for early birds.

The event has a website so check it out: <http://www.unlockthebush.com>

## Tickets closing soon in the big one

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Our major raffle is critical to ongoing finances. Please get behind it. It is drawn on 15<sup>th</sup> November and you now only have a few weeks to get tickets by mail.

Information on getting your tickets here: <http://www.napfa.net/Massive-2014-raffle.html> and we have previously mailed out order forms.

Remember that we have not sought annual renewal dues from members to date, so support of the raffle is a way that you can make a contribution this year.

# Tourism in local communities

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The NSW Government has now released its response to the report of the NSW Legislative Council General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3 entitled *Tourism in local communities* tabled in the Legislative Council on Thursday 6 March 2014.

The bit that is relevant for us is Recommendation 19, which is “supported in principle” by the Government.

The recommendation notes that:

- National Parks is now considering how fossicking could be brought into park activity on a sustainable basis.
- State Forest Corporation has improved its fossicking permit system, and
- Destination NSW will include appropriate fossicking information where it can in websites and other material.

I will keep you informed about progress on these points as it occurs. I've put a copy on [www.napfa.net](http://www.napfa.net) under submissions if you want to see the whole thing.

## Exploration Lease representation – reply still pending

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I am still waiting for a response from the Minister for Resources and Energy on our request to change the requirement to seek permission to fossick in non-Fossicking Districts, where there is an Exploration Lease in place. A detailed email was sent to you several weeks ago.

The main obstacle would appear to be what I consider unreasonable objections by the mining industry, represented by the Minerals Council of NSW.

Stay tuned & good luck on the gold.

Cheers  
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