



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 and the ACT. Our goals are consistent with similar associations around the country and promote prospecting and fossicking for minerals (especially gold), gemstones and fossils; as well as for coins and relics.

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.

In November 1854 a flag, representing the Southern Cross, with white stars on a dark blue background, was flown at Bakery Hill. The diggers took the 'Oath of the Southern Cross'. They knelt, and with heads uncovered pointed to the banner and said:



"We swear by the Southern Cross to stand truly by each other and fight to defend our rights and liberties"

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.

FOSSICKING DISTRICTS - NAPFA's initiative to create more Fossicking Districts and ongoing lobbying of Local Governments has now added 27 more Fossicking Districts to NSW, and we haven't finished yet.

FOSSICKING in NSW PARKS - For the first time in history fossicking is now included in NSW Parks state policy. Since then, new management plans for the Nuggetty State Conservation Area (SCA) and the Cells SCA in the Cottan-Bimbang National Park were both amended to allow fossicking. The first in over 20 years.

LAND ACCESS: NAPFA have had many illegal restrictions removed, such as locked gates, and clarified access in several areas, including Tambaroora where others failed. Recently NAPFA were instrumental in lifting the Nundle Fossicking Ban and removing the requirement for Crown Land Permits to Fossick on "unmanaged" Crown Land.

HIGH BANKING PUMPS and POWERED EQUIPMENT – NAPFA continue to demonstrate the wrongful actions of the Dept. and NAPFA has made positive progress on resolving the "powered equipment" issue in the legislation and this is ongoing. Join us now to help win this battle !!!

As a specialised body, we 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 restrict our activities if we are not there to represent our members.

Don't sit on the fence with these important issues. If you want better access, rights, and conditions, you need to fight for them. [Join NAPFA now to make us stronger](#): [Join NAPFA online](#)

*** Membership categories

NAPFA has 3 types of Memberships: Children's, Individual and Family with options. NAPFA introduced a Children's Membership category in 2024 to allow children to become a member at a reduced cost.

Children's memberships

Previously children were included in Family Memberships, however, if parents or carers did not want to become a member, a child would have to pay the \$25 fee for an Individual Membership yet could not vote or stand for committee. The only benefit was to be included in the annual membership draw.

Now a child can join in one of 3 ways:

For a \$5 fee get a Children's Membership and get their own membership card and stickers;

For \$25 get a full Individual Membership; or

Be included in a \$40 Family Membership and an option for \$5 extra (\$45 total) for all children to get their own membership cards and stickers.

For further information please ring the Treasurer on 0422 260 535 and we can mail the complete information to you.

Payment Options Please Tick how you have paid below:

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque or money order: <i>(Enclosed)</i>	Please make payable to NAPFA. Mail with application to NAPFA PO Box 4529 Dubbo NSW 2830
2. Direct deposit: <input type="checkbox"/> I have paid by EFT online or <input type="checkbox"/> I have deposited at a Westpac branch	NAPFA's bank details are: NSW & ACT Prospectors and Fossickers Association Inc Westpac BSB: 032 282 Account Number: 000272392 <i>YOU MUST PUT YOUR SURNAME & INITIALS IN THE DESCRIPTION or REFERENCE FIELD (that appears on NAPFA's statement)</i> <i>Otherwise we don't know it's you!</i> I have included the following in the Description/Reference field: <input type="text"/>

NEED HELP Ph: 0422 260 535 or SEND EMAIL to member.enquiries@napfa.net Form updated Nov 2025



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

Please tick Membership type/s:*

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership - \$25 per year	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Child - \$5 per year	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Children - \$10 per year	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Children - \$15 per year	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Children - \$20 per year	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Children - \$25 per year	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family membership (2 adults + all children) - \$40 per year	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family + Children Option (All children receive cards) - \$45 per year	
	SUB TOTAL \$
	Number of Membership Years* (1, 2 or 3)
	TOTAL FEES Due \$

Member's details can be entered here:

Name			
Spouse/ Partner Name (Family Membership only)			
Occupation(s)			
Children's Name(s) (Family Membership only)			
Address			
City		State	
Phone		Postcode	
Email address (for newsletter and updates)			
2 nd Email address (Family Membership only)			

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

Signature(s) Date
(Adults only)

All applications are subject to approval of the NAPFA Committee

Additional Children's details can be entered here:

Name			
Email address <i>(for newsletter and updates)</i>			
Address			
City		State	
Phone		Postcode	

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