

Members wanted for a Field Trip sub-committee



Objective: To form a Field Trip Committee to assess and evaluate various mineral localities and administer the Society's field trips, including social outings.

Under the current laws of NSW, the Society is a **"fossicking" club** with the benefits, limitations, rights and responsibilities it provides. The committee would consider changing the status of The Society to that of a **"compliant organisation"** capable of collecting mineral specimens at commercially managed mine sites and quarries **"unsupervised"**.

To do this, the society would have to develop its own Work, Health and Safety (WHS) protocols, have formal Work Safety Method Documentation (WSMD) and Safety Operations Procedures (SOP). It would assess members as being competent in following these documents.

Fortunately, many models and guidelines already exist. They need to be re-written to be "Society Friendly".

Please consider participating in the Field Trip Group in one of the following roles:

1. Field Trips Committee (The core group - hands on everything for field trips)

Report to the Management Committee, set guidelines for Field Trip protocols and procedures, assess and evaluate WHS/SOP documentation.

2. Technical Adviser (you have the option to respond by email)

Be part of the field trip and WHS/SOP practices and protocols evaluation.

3. Expedition Group (be part of or lead an expedition to your favourite locality)

Visit, assess and evaluate potential sites for potential formal visits

4. Helpers, mentors, local area experts, knowledge gurus or just those with a general interest, i.e. you would like to be on the Field Trip email list and apart from the occasional optional email response, the only formal response required is to unsubscribe.

Make the occasional comment; identify any missed item, concern or issue

If interested in participating in the Field Trip Committee, e-mail Edward Zbik at etzed@optusnet.com.au



Members wanted for MinSoc Web Database sub-committee

Objective: To evaluate the potential of establishing a Society Web Database of the mineral occurrences of NSW and areas of interest.

The database holds information about locations: 29,000 occurrences in NSW, Mindat records some 1,900 mineral sites in NSW. The aim of the database is to confirm minerals at locations and then add them to the Mindat site. The database will also contain the property and attributes of over 4,500 plus IMA and non-IMA recognised minerals.

The Committee will be three layered. The Core Committee, technical advisors and beta testers/members.

The work on both Committees will be largely based on e-mail communication.

If interested in participating in MinSoc Web Database committee, e-mail Edward Zbik at etzed@optusnet.com.au

Field Trip: OBERON

13th and 14th September 2014



13th September: Apsley Mine, between Rockley and Bathurst - a reclaimed abandoned mine site. A walk-in of about 1km from the car park area. The road to the mine washed away during heavy rain earlier this year and the remaining track has ruts a metre or more deep.

14th September: visit to the Phoenix, Mabel and Lund Mines south of Wisemans Creek. Those with 4WD are kindly asked to drive members with 2WD for the last 3 km to the mines.

Both mines are copper mines that had smelters (now demolished) and slag heaps.

To register: e-mail Edward Zbik at etzed@optusnet.com.au or call (02) 9638 6586 until 10:00pm for further details. We will be staying overnight in Oberon and there will be an option to have Saturday night dinner at the Oberon RSL.