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EDITORIAL

Welcome to winter and another record-busting climate effort. Hope you and yours weren't badly affected by the new rounds of flooding. Something that didn't make the news is the disruption floods caused to mining and mineral transport across NSW and southern Queensland. Despite this, there were donations from BHP (\$2 million), Glencore (\$2 million) and Rio Tinto (\$1.5 million) to flood relief agencies. Spare a thought also for the loss of heritage across the flood-affected regions, with personal family records and community archives gone or damaged beyond saving. Let's hope those regions finally get a dry season.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear AMHA Friends,
Our September conference is now in sight, after two years of disappointment, and I hope your plans to attend are well advanced.

In the recent Survey which many of you completed, the Journal, and Conferences, came high on the list of top preferences. I agree entirely, as do your Exec and Advisory Committee members, but for both these to happen, there must be extensive member input. Please register for the conference, as soon as possible

(see links under the heading 'Conference').

As far as the 2022 Journal is concerned, only two papers have been submitted so far. We welcome short, interesting papers, as well as longer ones, and of course book reviews as well. Please send your contributions to me. (See links under the heading 'Journal').

We do want the AMHA to recover from the effects of COVID, and continue as the friendly, interesting organisation we all know.

But, to do this,

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

All the very best to you all, and look forward to seeing, and hearing you, in Burra.

Nick Williams (President)

JOURNAL

We're still looking for that angel of mercy, a new Editor. Academics are reminded that not only do they have an opportunity to be angelic, but being editor for a refereed journal is a useful item for their CVs. The main tasks are: finding referees for articles; editing the articles with referees' comments and authors'

responses in mind; proof reading articles; pulling the journal together; sending it off to the printer; distributing to members (some by post, some electronically); ensuring National Library and the State Library in which the editor resides get a copy each. Assistant editors can help with the first few tasks but we need an Editor in chief who can take care of pulling the issue together and everything after that. Former editor Mel is there to help and advise.

Currently editing is a team effort, and the editorial team for the JAMH is still seeking more copy for the upcoming issue. This includes articles for the refereed section of the Journal, shorter articles for the general section and particularly some book reviews. You can find information about how to prepare an article on the AMHA website under Journal Information <https://www.mininghistory.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/Style-Guide-JAMH-2020c.pdf>.

The co-editors for this year can be contacted at EditorJAMH@gmail.com

Ken McQueen says: The Journal has also recently appointed Eric Nystrom as a new member the Editorial Board. Eric is Associate Professor in the College of Integrative Science and Arts at Arizona State University. Eric is also the current President of the (American) Mining History Association. More detailed information about Eric and his interests can be found at <https://ericnystrom.org/about/>

We also need people willing to be referees! If you have expertise in any area of mining history (and which member doesn't?) and you're willing to evaluate articles in that area, please contact the co-editors, naming your area/s of expertise. It saves the editors a lot of work to have a pool of referees from which to choose. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

BITS & PIECES

Lucky find celebrated: A message from Tully Richards: October 19, 2022 marks the 150 year anniversary re the discovery of the "Holtermann Nugget" at the legendary Hill End Goldfield (still the largest sample of reef gold recorded globally I believe).

There will be celebrations at Hill End on Saturday 22nd October 2022. Contact Tully Richards on 0419 966-274.

*Disclosure, as a director of recently listed Vertex Minerals Limited ("ASX:VTX") we will look to contribute in some way re the above.

Clearly our main focus at Hill End will revolve around our activities as outlined in our prospectus (available on the company's website <https://vertexminerals.com/>)

David Branagan: Former member David Branagan, who died in January this year, has been inducted into the Australian Geology Hall of Fame by the Earth Sciences History Group. See his entry and those of other historically important geos at https://www.gsa.org.au/Public/Specialist/Earth_Sciences_History_ESHG/ESHG_Biographies/Public/Specialist_Groups/ESHG_Sub_Pages/ESHG_Biographies.aspx?key=1bfc25ca-efd5-4f91-9536-dabf175139ce

Geotourism: The Australian Geoscience Council has welcomed the Australian Government's THRIVE 2030 Visitor Economy Strategy. This strategy will assist the tourism industry and governments in planning for sustainable long-term growth of the visitor economy over the next decade.

The vision includes the delivery of high quality geotourism experiences for local and overseas visitors and support for sustainable ecotourism businesses that are globally competitive and provide jobs and infrastructure that will benefit regional Australian communities. It will support

the orderly development of major geotourism projects. Glen Innes Highlands, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park and Northern Beaches coastline of NSW and the outback Murchison region of Western Australia are the Australian GeoRegions to be nominated as an 'Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark'.

Geothermal: The latest 'gold rush' in WA is for geothermal prospecting. 21 areas totalling 81 square km have been released by the WA government.

God Vs Mine Trucks: further to our story last newsletter, an article in *Resources Review* explains that lightning strikes on mine trucks are relatively common, and that they can cause pyrolysis in a tyre (heating of the inner lining) which releases hot gases into the air chamber of the tyre. Of course it explodes, with a force that can lift the vehicle or send debris into the body of the vehicle or the surrounding area. This can happen hours after the lightning strike. The thunder (which is basically a pressure wave) from a close strike can also bust an eardrum or if close enough, prove fatal. Who knew.

CONFERENCE

Conference organiser Ross Both advises: **Burra Conference registration reminder.** Please note the following dates.

22 July: last date for Early Bird registration rate.

12 August: last date for excursion and minibus bookings.

Following an excellent response to the call for papers, the Organising Committee can assure delegates of a full and varied program of interesting papers. In addition to general papers, the program will include 3 keynote addresses, a half-day symposium on 'Geotourism – celebrating mining heritage' and a

workshop on mining history research, as well as excursions around Burra and Kapunda and a post-conference tour to Moonta and Wallaroo. It is anticipated that a preliminary program of papers will be available on the AMHA website before the end of July and the final program by the end of August.

You can find the registration details on the AMHA website at <https://www.mininghistory.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/Burra-2022-Registration-1.pdf> which is also attached to the end of this newsletter, and the Register Now website link is <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=46876>

If you're giving a paper, please refer to Advice for Speakers, including suggestions for preparation of Powerpoint slides, under Conference Organisation on the Members page on the AMHA website at:

<https://www.mininghistory.asn.au/conference-organisation/>

There will also be the opportunity for poster presentations and time for presenters to talk to their posters. Posters should be designed to fit an area of ca. 0.9x1.2m. Poster boards will be provided.

NEW LOGO

Calling artistic members...Our current logo is fine for some things, but we need something smaller and 'punchier' that will fit into a smaller space such as the corner of web pages. Anyone with an flair for design?

FACEBOOK

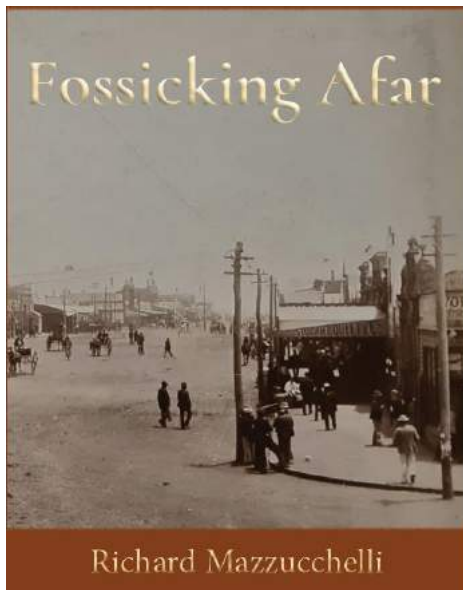
If you're not a Facebook aficionado, Robert Barnes would be happy to post mining history material on the AMHA FB page for you. If you have something suitable - photos, a story, My Holidays on Goldfield X, please email it to him: barnesrg112@hotmail.com

SURVEYS

Ken McQueen has the results of the membership survey (99 respondents) and no doubt will share those to members who are interested. Contact him at ken.mcqueen@canberra.edu.au. Dr Lyndon Megarity of Townsville won the book prize, a history of the Cobar Goldfield

PUBLICATIONS

Richard Mazzucchelli, *Fossicking Afar*.



Richard says: 'Fossicking Afar is a story based on historical research relating to my great-grandfather's life as an immigrant, prospector and miner. The known events in my great-grandfather's life, and as much anecdotal material as I have been able to obtain, have all been included in the story. I have filled the many and substantial gaps by imagining a narrative, drawing on my own experiences in mineral exploration, and mining industry characters I have met in the course of more than fifty years. My aim has been to tell a story about the excitement and romance of prospecting and mining. With that intent, I have unashamedly invented some adventures that make my great-grandfather's life seem less mundane than it probably was. The mining industry, then as now, needs

more positive stories and this, I hope, is one.

I have copies for sale at \$20 each. If anyone is interested in buying, send me an email (mazzrich@bigpond.net.au) with your postal address and I will advise how to make payment (including packaging and postal costs). Be aware however that this is creative non-fiction - not all of it is researched fact, but it is not far-fetched and might just have happened in the way described.'

Check out the list of mining publications on the AMHA website <https://www.mininghistory.asn.au/books/> and let the Newsletter Editor know if you'd like to notify members of a forthcoming book. Reviews of books are also welcome – send them to Ken McQueen for a link from the website. Mel Davies would also appreciate publishing details of any new publications. Details are required to keep up to date the AMHA's *Bibliography of the Mining History of Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea*. Email Mel at mel.davies@uwa.edu.au

AMHA SEMINARS

Our Vice-President and Zoom expert, Edward Zbik, has been busy sending out invitations to the Zoom seminars to members.

Edward asks that you email him to register your attendance:

edward.zbik@bigpond.com

Here are the future seminars:

	SPEAKER	TOPIC
Saturday, 13 th August 2022	Lee Spencer (NSW)	Emperor Gold Mine, Fiji
18 – 25 th September 2022		NO ZOOM Lecture in September
Burra 2022		

Conference		
Sunday 16 th October 2022	TBA	<i>TBA – could be your slot</i>
Sunday, 13 th November	Susan Lawrence (Vic)	Mining Waste in Victorian Rivers

Our thanks to Ed for organising these and setting up the Zoom links.

If you missed John Taylor’s talk on Cornish technology, it’s recorded and available on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHtYi2X7AI9ijyHf6MSCXglCyNVy-lyGZ>

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES

Lost Mines - The Troubled Legacies of Former Mining Landscapes Monash University has a scholarship for a PhD student with Master of Engineering, Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering or Water Resources Engineering (or equivalent) with 1st Class Honours. The program is to undertake strategic sampling of Victorian rivers and analysis of samples for mercury content. The candidate will finally produce a model of the impact of abandoned gold mines on mercury levels in creeks and streams. You won’t be surprised to hear that the PhD Adviser for the historical and archaeological component of the thesis is Susan Lawrence. Please contact Dr Anna Lintern (anna.lintern@monash.edu.au), with a CV, academic transcript and statement of interest in the project.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you are uncertain of your membership status, please email Mel the treasurer at: mel.davies@uwa.edu.au

To make the process of payment painless and quick, you can consider using the following link to Register Now:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Registrar.aspx?E=45901> .

Otherwise, you can access the membership form on the web page: <https://www.mininghistory.asn.au> or at the end of this newsletter.

MINING HERITAGE

In the June 2021 newsletter, we looked at some heritage trails including the Wee MacGregor copper mine tramway remains near the mining towns of Ballara and Hightville, abandoned by 1926, near Cloncurry. You’ll be pleased to know the tramway and towns were placed on the Queensland Heritage Register in 2019, nominated by Wendy and Gary Baker. For more information on the Bakers’ efforts, check the ABC story at <https://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2022-04-17/mission-to-save-lost-outback-queensland-towns-ballara-hightville/100969756>



The Bakers in front of the Wee MacGregor ore transfer stage – mine tramway above, railway below

More information on the sites is available from the Queensland Heritage Register website at

<https://apps.des.qld.gov.au/heritage-register/detail/?id=650084#>

LOOKING FORWARD

John Taylor sends this link to a doco about Reefton, NZ, our conference venue for 2023: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/travel/destination>

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more-west-coast-than-the-coast-itself](https://www.facebook.com/nz/west-coast/300570586/reefton--more-west-coast-than-the-coast-itself)

AMHA COMMITTEE

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Webmaster: Stephen Imrie. Website administration: Dr Ken McQueen, Ms Jenny Scott, Mr. Stephen Imrie.

Newsletter editor: Jan Wegner

Facebook co-ordinator: Robert Barnes.

Early Career representative: Still vacant

JUST FOR FUN



PHOTO TIME



Microsleep wakeup time – scarier at the top of a pit!

Jan Wegner
(Newsletter Editor)



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26th Annual Conference Burra, SA

18 to 23 September 2022

Post-conference tour 24-25 September

For information on the conference and post-conference tour, please refer to Information Circular No.1 and Call for Papers (<https://www.mininghistory.asn.au/next-conference/>)

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Delegate: Title Surname.....First name.....

Preferred name (for name tag)

Accompanying Person: Title.....Surname.....First name.....

Preferred name (for name tag)

Address.....

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Post Code..... Tel.

Email:

If you are registering an Accompanying Person and require a separate receipt for your personal tax requirement, please photocopy this document and submit a separate form to the Treasurer. We are GST exempt.

Please tick if you **DO NOT** wish your address and email to be included in the conference delegate list (circulated on a separate sheet in the satchels.)

REGISTRATION

Registration fees for delegates, accompanying delegates and students, unless otherwise indicated, cover all presentation sessions, including lunches and morning and afternoon teas, and Council reception. Excursion charges, excursion lunches and the conference dinner are extras.

Fees per person. Early bird rates until 22 July 2021

Full delegate (Early Bird) **A\$200**

Accompanying person (Early Bird) **A\$175**

Full delegate from 23 July **A\$240**

Accompanying person from 23 July	A\$215
Unwaged Student	A\$120
One-day registration (Please nominate one day only)	A\$40

PROGRAM AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Please indicate number of people.

Sunday 18 September:

Registration from 4.00 pm, Town Hall.

Reception from 6.00pm, Town Hall. (Drinks at own cost). **No....**

Monday 19 September:

9.00am – 5.00pm Conference papers, Town Hall.

Tuesday 20 September:

9.00 – 5.00. Bus and walking tour of Burra mine and town. (Buy own lunch).

Entry to heritage sites operated by National Trust included.

**No.....
\$A65**

Wednesday 21 September:

9.00am – 5.00pm Conference papers, Town Hall.

Thursday 22 September:

9.00 - 5.00. Bus and walking tour of Kapunda mine and town. (Buy own lunch)

..... **\$A60**

No.....

Friday 23 September:

9.00am – 5.00pm. Conference papers Town Hall

Conference Dinner, 7.00pm, Burra Hotel. \$50 per person.

.....**\$A50**

Three course meal including main course choice of steak, chicken, fish or vegetarian. Drinks extra.

No.....

Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September: Post-Conference Tour to Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo, staying overnight in Kadina or Wallaroo.

.....**A\$110**

No.....

TOTAL FEES

\$

EXCURSION BOOKINGS

To enable us to book buses, **we will need your excursion and minibus bookings by 12 August.**

TRAVEL OPTIONS

Please indicate number of people.

Sunday 18 September:

Minibus departing Adelaide Airport not later than 3.00pm to Burra.

No.....

Please advise arrival time into Adelaide airport.....

Saturday 24 September:

Bus Burra to Adelaide Airport arriving at about 12 noon. **No.....**

Sunday 25 September

For those on the Post Conference Tour please indicate if you require transport.

Bus Kadina to Burra, arriving by 5.00pm. **No.....**

Or

Minibus Kadina to Adelaide Airport, arriving by 5.00pm. **No.....**

PAYMENT METHODS

The preferred method is to register and pay on-line with '**Register Now**' Overseas members in particular will find this method of payment advantageous in terms of cost and ease of registering. Click on:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=46876>

Participants **paying by cheque** return this form & payment to Mel Davies, Treasurer AMHA, Business School, Economics, M251, Univ. of Western Australia, Crawley 6009, West Australia. Email:

mel.davies@uwa.edu.au

Tel. +61 8 6488 2926. Fax. +61 8 6488 1016. Make all cheques **payable to AMHA**.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

Please advise the Treasurer of any special needs when booking, at: mel.davies@uwa.edu.au

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL 2022

This form is a tax invoice. No GST is applicable.

Membership Fees:

Full memberships	\$45	Please only pay the current year's fee
Joint Family Membership	\$55	as subscription rates may change.
Unwaged Student	\$15	Note: a copy of the annual volume of JAMH is included in the
Institutions:	\$60	fee for all memberships.

Overseas members: Please **add \$A10** to the above to cover journal postage costs and an **additional \$15** if paying by overseas cheque to cover bank charges.

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr., Prof. etc.)

Surname.....First Name.....

Address for correspondence..... Post Code.....

Telephone Email:

Distribution of the newsletters by email results in significant savings in printing and postage costs as well as reducing the Secretary's workload. Note that current and past newsletters are available on the website at <https://www.mininghistory.asn.au/newsletters/>

AMHA Privacy Policy:

AMHA members contact details are securely maintained and used for AMHA business. The Association may use email to communicate with members so please ensure you print it clearly on this form. Please indicate any contact details you do not wish to be used by AMHA officials.

Signed date

My Mining History interests are:

Annual Membership fee \$.....

Voluntary donation \$.....

Please send me copies of:

1) Patrick Bertola & Karen Miller (eds), *Proceedings of the Australian Mining History Association Conferences 1997-2000* (AMHA, Crawley, WA, 2001). \$.....

2) *Journal of Australasian Mining History*, V.2 2004; V. 3 2005; V. 4 2006; V 5, 2007; V. 6, 2008; V. 7 2009; V. 8 2010; V. 9 2011. V. 10 2012, V. 11 2013; V. 12 2014; V. 13 2015; V. 14 2016; V. 15 2017; V. 16 2018; V. 17 2019; V. 18 2020; V.19 2021. Please Circle choices: \$.....

Price per copy for items in 1 & 2: Aus \$20; NZ \$27; Elsewhere \$30. (includes postage)

3) Mel Davies (Compiler), *Bibliography of the Mining History of Australia, New Zealand & Papua New Guinea ,2002, updated to 2020 (In CD only)*. Copies including postage: Aus \$11; NZ \$12; Elsewhere \$13 \$.....

Total \$.....

I would like digital access to the For Members page of the AMHA Website (included in fee) (tick)

Send me: A. a print copy of the JAMH; B. A digital copy only Both A & B (tick applicable)

NEW MEMBERS – For our records, please advise how you learned of the AMHA: (a) through the AMHA webpage; (b) through a member of the AMHA; (c) through attending an AMHA conference; d) through other source (please provide detail) [please circle answer]

Return form to:

Mel Davies, Treasurer, AMHA, Business School, Economics MBDP M251, University of Western Australia, Crawley 6009, Western Australia. mel.davies@uwa.edu.au

Payment by Cheque: Cheques should be made payable to AMHA. If sending a **personal** cheque, **overseas members** should add the equivalent of **A\$15** to cover bank charges (note: if you send a bank cheque or draft made out in Australian dollars then only send the relevant fee).

Electronic Payment: The Association uses online payment through *Register Now*. Overseas members should find paying online to be cheaper and more convenient than using other systems. Please note that *Register Now* allows payment by Pay Pal but does not support AMEX Credit cards. You can enter the portal at: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=41906>

The link can also be found on the AMHA website under the Membership tab.

Australasian Mining History Association Privacy Policy

The Australasian Mining History Association (AMHA) respects the privacy of its members and is committed to protecting their personal information. This privacy policy details how AMHA manages members' personal information and safeguards their privacy.

The National Privacy Principles

From 21 December 2001 it has been obligatory for private sector organisations to manage personal information relating to individuals in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth)* and the National Privacy Principles (NPPs). AMHA has chosen to implement a privacy policy that is reflective of the National Privacy Policy Principles (NPPs) as a form of best practice in the management of membership information.

Collection of personal information

AMHA only collects personal information which is necessary to perform the objectives of the Association, namely to:

- promote and co-ordinate national activities and programmes related to mining history;
- encourage the study, discussion, writing and publication of mining history;
- encourage the identification and preservation of records, sites, relics and materials relevant to Australasian mining;
- act as a focus for correspondence between those persons within Australasia and elsewhere interested in mining history; and
- disseminate information of interest to members through a website, newsletter and/or journal.

The Association receives information including name, address, telephone, email and facsimile contact details from members and non-members on membership applications, membership renewal forms and conference registrations. AMHA maintains and uses this information in written and/or electronic form.

Website

The AMHA may collect some information from you when you use our website www.mininghistory.asn.au. Your use of the facilities and services available through our website will determine the amount and type of information which we collect about you. The only personal information the AMHA collects about you when you use our website is what you tell us about yourself, for example, by completing an online form when you complete a questionnaire. As with most websites we do track usage. Each time you visit our website a web server makes a record of your visit. It records your date of visit and the pages accessed and documents downloaded.

Use of personal information

Personal information collected by AMHA is essential to its organisational activities and is used for:

- managing membership and membership renewals
- fulfilling subscription requests and member services
- registrations for conference
- organising conferences
- distribution of publications
- notifying AMHA members via the website, regular mail or email about important news and announcements.

Normal communication with members will be conducted using the email address provided in the membership application/renewal form, unless a request is made to use a different email address.

Disclosure of personal information

Information collected by AMHA will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected or to provide members with additional information about the Associations services. AMHA does not share or sell membership information to third parties.

Access to personal information

Members may request access to their personal information held by AMHA. Requests will be responded to as quickly as possible. Members may request to be removed from the mailing list at any time. Members wishing to access their personal information or to raise a query or make a complaint about AMHA's use of their personal information should contact the Secretary.