



# Lightning Ridge Miners' Association Ltd.

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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To the Hon. Secretary, Lightning Ridge Miners' Association Ltd.

Application of:.....

Date of Birth..... Telephone:..... Email:.....

Private Address:..... Postcode:.....

Postal Address:..... Postcode:.....

Occupation: .....

I, the undersigned, am over the age of 18 years and I agree, if accepted as a member, to abide by the rules and regulations and by-laws of the Association.

Pension No:..... Signed: .....

Proposer's Name:..... Membership Number: .....

Address: .....

Signed ..... Date.....

Seconders Name: ..... Membership Number: .....

Address: .....

Signed ..... Date:.....

**Joining Fee: \$5.50 (Non-refundable) GST included**

**Annual Subscription \$110.00 GST included**

**Aged Pensioners \$55.00 GST included**

**Associate Member \$44.00 GST included**

**Subscription to be paid once the Board of Directors approves application.**

**Renewable 1st July each year.**

**PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED**

1. Joining Fee Receipt Number: .....

2. Date of posting application on Notice Board: .....

3. Date of application approved by the Board of Directors: .....

4. Membership Fee Receipt Number: .....

5. Date letter of approval sent .....

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PH: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ YES I would like the LRMA's weekly newsletter emailed to me.

☐ YES I would like to be included on the LRMA's list of **Suppliers of Mining Services**.  
Please include me under the following service(s).

NAME YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE LISTED UNDER: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Agitator Hire
- ☐ Drilling Contractors – 9"
- ☐ Drilling Contractors – 3'
- ☐ Earthmoving - Backhoe, Truck, Bob Cat and Loader Hire
- ☐ Rehabilitation Contractors
- ☐ Machinery / Mechanical Repairs
- ☐ Crane Hire
- ☐ Mining Equipment Manufacturer
- ☐ Opal Cutters
- ☐ Opal Wholesalers
- ☐ Surveyors
- ☐ Other – please specify \_\_\_\_\_

☐ YES please forward me enquiries from people wanting to buy opal.

☐ YES please forward my contact details to people wanting to buy opal.

**Please return to the LRMA, PO Box 177, Lightning Ridge NSW 2834  
Email application to [lrma@bigpond.net.au](mailto:lrma@bigpond.net.au) or drop it into the LRMA office**

## ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION...

The LRMA, a non-profit organisation, was established in 1966 by miners for miners and incorporated in 1974.

The Association lobby different Government Departments and bodies to ensure the opal fields of Lightning Ridge remain available for individual miners to work and that we have a say in future industry guidelines, mining legislation and access to new prospecting areas.

The LRMA are currently lobbying heavily for access to new prospecting areas, negotiating access management plans, rehabilitation criteria and environmental and safety standards for the opal industry.

The LRMA promote Australia's National Gemstone and provide the secretariat for the National Opal Miners' Association.

A President and seven Directors, elected annually by the members, administer the Association. The President and Directors are volunteers and do not receive any monies for running the Association.

The current President is Sebastian Deisenberger and the Directors are: Michael Cooke, Tim Jenner, Frederic Mallouk, Darren McCarthy, Joel Price, Shane Saunders and Jason Stone. The Secretary/Manager is Kavitha Barron.

Board meetings are held on a monthly basis.

Our main source of income is derived from providing water for puddling at very competitive prices.

The LRMA owns five puddling tanks, four close to town and one at the Coocoran and special rules apply to these tanks.

Only LRMA members are permitted on the tanks and then only if you own a site, are using a site with the owner's permission, or are in the company of a site holder are you permitted on that particular site and no other.

No specking or noodling is permitted on any of the LRMA Tanks. Members should carry their membership card with them and produce it if asked by the Caretaker or a Director. A full copy of the puddling tank rules is available from the LRMA office and any violation of the rules could result in cancellation of your membership.

The LRMA Security Bond, was developed by then president Drago Panich and introduced in August 2008, and has since proven to be an ongoing success. The Security Bond allows our members to lodge bonds of \$250 per mineral claim and \$350 per Opal Prospecting Licence (however, our policy is a minimum of \$500 to join the scheme), which rolls over onto new titles. The Security Bond Scheme allows for additional funds to be invested in prospecting and mining that would otherwise be tied up in security deposits for current and past titles with the Department.

The success of the LRMA Bond Scheme has resulted in an increase in the LRMA membership from about 250 to approximately 850 members.

At the LRMA, we ensure that our members have a sense of security and peace of mind. Services such as the grading and maintenance of access tracks, the general advice and information we provide, along with the development of compensation agreements and our involvement with the government, exemplify the overall service we provide for our members.

Newsletters are sent to members at different times throughout the year with updates on current issues facing the industry, and details on the services the Association offers.

Free, professional and confidential up to date pricing of up to six cut opals per person by the LRMA Opal Advisory Service established 1983 is available every Saturday morning 9:00am - 11:00am at the Lightning Ridge Outback Resort and Caravan Park.

**The more members we have, the more authority the Association speaks with when making political representations on behalf of the opal miners of Lightning Ridge.**