

Vehicles on Field Trips

For the 40th Seminar of the Australian Mineralogical Societies a number of field trips to areas of mineralogical interest have been organised.

All these sites are on private land.

Property owners have requested that there be strict limits on the number of vehicles entering their property.

To limit the number of vehicles one (maybe two) mini buses will be organised to provide transport for those without vehicles and also to reduce the number of private vehicles 'tagging on in convoy'.

A transport co-ordinator will be available to work out transport arrangements for all participants on these excursions.

Places on the hire buses will be filled initially, with the overflow of participants being allocated to private vehicles, likely 4 wheel drive vehicles. These vehicles may, on occasion, be required to ferry participants from where the bus stops, up to the collecting site. Depending on the daily situation, most vehicles will be required to carry a minimum of 3 to 4 people.

The daily trip fee per person (to cover both transport and site fee) is the same irrespective of whether the participant uses the provided bus or travels by private car.

Due to the limit on numbers on the fields trips, only usually those people registered for the seminar will be offered the opportunity of participating in the fields trips.

While a few people may not agree with the above constraints, this is the new reality. If we do go on somebody else's property, we comply with their wishes. One area we intended visiting has, only in the past few months, been closed because of an excess of vehicles on the station roads.

There will be a transport co-ordinator to see that everybody has a ride in either a bus or private car. Not everybody will be able to use their own vehicle. There will be no convoys of 20 or 30 cars.