

We have had many enquiries about the Seminar, especially the field trips, with people asking how the costings will apply to their specific circumstances.

I hope this summary will answer many of the questions.

The Adelaide Hills and the north east towards Broken Hill is particularly rich in a wide range of minerals.

The aim of the field trips is to provide accessibility to areas rarely visited and rare minerals not usually collectable.

This does come at a cost.

Considerably more than \$1000 has already been spent in organising accessible sites with good minerals.

Property and station owners have been quite specific about conditions of entry, especially limiting the number of vehicles to as few as possible.

Gratuity payments are being made to property owners of the order up to \$10 per person per day. The days of going on to somebody's property and collecting minerals worth potentially many dollars are in the past.

Yes! For day trips the excursion fee of \$20 per person will apply to everybody on the excursion, whether in a private car or on the bus. The only exception will be the driver of any vehicle that is carrying / transporting other participants.

The relegation of the driver's trip fee will offset that vehicles fuel costs. There will, of necessity, be the requirement for ride sharing. Not everybody will be able to take their own car if the vehicle limit for the property is exceeded.

On the Broken Hill excursion the costs are somewhat higher. However, you will have the opportunity of going to places rarely visited, and collecting interesting and rare minerals. Camping on somebody's property, as on the first three nights of the Broken Hill excursion, does come at a cost whether in the shearers quarters or in your own campervan.

As we are not going to work out the cost for multiple situations we considered it fair and equitable to apply an average cost to each participant. Based on the estimated number of attendees, the cost will cover bus hire, fuel, accommodation site fee, gratuities and other outgoings.

To cover costs each participant will need to pay \$360 (i.e. only around \$50 per day) here again the exception will be the driver of the vehicle. While the driver will be required to pay the station accommodation camping fee and the site fee, he/she will not be required to pay the transport cost (budgeted at \$30 per day)

Because many people have different dietary requirements, there will be no catering, but there will be provision made to allow participants to purchase their own requirements and cooking facilities and utensils are available at the Shearers Quarters where we will be camped. Further information available during the Seminar.

For the first 3 night (9th, 10th, 11th October) accommodation /campsite has been organised by Minsoc.

All those camping in the shearers quarters would be advised to bring sleeping bags if at all possible: some may be available for loan locally.

From Thursday evening (12th Oct) onwards each participant will be responsible for their own accommodation in Broken Hill. Information is available on line, while some options will be posted on the website.

On the final evening of the excursion a B.B.Q. is being organised at Broken Hill, which will be catered and is included in the costings.

The field trips have been specifically selected to provide a very wide range of often rare minerals.

Cheaper field trips could have been provided to access common stuff, but that was not our intention.

Re Seminar itself :- (at \$150 per registrants)

What is included in the fee??

2 days in the Lakeview conference centre at the Hahndorf Resort for the presentation of a full days program of papers.

Day 1. Primarily on copper minerals

Day 2. A wide range of mineral species and topics

Morning and afternoon tea/coffee and nibbles as well as a full lunch will be provided on site.

On the evening of the first day there will be a 'get to know' session with a wide range of select local wines and cheese for sampling.

Day3. The micromount session will be held in the Business Function centre, just across from the Lakeview centre. A wide selection of micro specimens will be available at no cost.

A swap and sell session will be held concurrently in the same centre. More details provided later.

Here again, morning / afternoon tea and a complete lunch will be provided.

For all registerants there will be the traditional 'Welcome to Hahndorf' bag with information about the town, the region, 'What to see', as well as mineral information on South Australia and, of course, the complete Seminar program and Seminar booklet.

The MINSOC Dinner (at \$40 per person)

This is purchased separately and there is no limit to those wishing to attend this function, which will be held on the evening of the second day (5th Oct), at the Hahndorf Old Mill, in the Main Street of Hahndorf, approx. 1km from the Hahndorf Resort.

The first drinks are included, with an ample six courses and coffee to follow. We anticipate having a mineral quiz (with prizes) and other entertainment for the evening.