

# **Gem and Mineral Clubs Association of South Australia Incorporated (GMCASA Inc.)**

## **Article 14, Of Constitution - Code of Ethics**

- (a) This Code of Ethics must be adhered to by all member clubs, Associate and Honorary Life Members and visitors of the Association.
- (b) All persons shall display good manners, respect other people's property and at all times conduct themselves in a manner which will add stature to the public image of gem and mineral collecting everywhere.
- (c) All persons shall comply with all safety rules and precautions in the interest of personal safety. Hard hats are necessary in all underground or cliff workings or as requested by property owners / managers / operators / and Field Officers.
- (d) All children must be closely supervised by a parent or guardian.
- (e) No club member shall enter private property without obtaining the prior consent of the landowner, lessee, or manager, and shall conform in all regards with the Mining Act in force at the time.
- (f) Due care shall be taken not to damage property, crops, flora, fauna, Aboriginal art or natural monuments; stock (including domestic animals) shall not be disturbed.
- (g) Gates of properties must be left as found, or as requested by the owner.
- (h) Water supplies in many areas are essential to life itself; care must be taken not to contaminate or waste water in any way.
- (i) Camp sites and fossicking areas must be left clean, all rubbish removed from site and holes filled in. Camp sites must be situated a minimum of 200 metres from any watering place so as not to deny stock and animals access to that water.
- (j) Discretion must be used when collecting mineral specimens, leaving some for future collectors.
- (k) All fire bans must be observed. If fires are permitted, they must be extinguished thoroughly before departure.
- (l) Fire-arms and explosives are not permitted on field trips.
- (m) Permission must be obtained from the Field Officer before any pet is taken on a field trip. Pets on field trips must be controlled at all times.
- (n) All club members must carry membership cards/identification on all field trips.
- (o) All persons attend all activities at their own risk.
- (p) No club member shall use their club's name to gain entry to fossicking areas for personal gain without their club's permission. Any club member returning to a field trip site without the Field Officer's and owner's permission shall be liable to expulsion from the club and to any legal action pressed by the landholder; their club accepting no responsibility for any such action.
- (q) Any club member who willfully infringes any of the above rules shall be liable to expulsion from their club. Any club member who willfully infringes the above rules shall be personally liable for any legal action pressed by landholders as a result of their non-compliance with the above rules. Their club will not accept any responsibility for any such action.