

MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING OF THE STANTHORPE FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB HELD IN THE QCWA ROOMS ON JUNE 21st, 1987 at 8pm.

PRESENT 19

APOLOGIES 7

OPENING.

In the absence of President Jean Harslett, Vice President Robin McCosker took the chair. Rob welcomed all present with a special welcome to Lyn Bludhorn.

MINUTES.

It was moved by Dore McCosker and seconded by Colin Hockings that the minutes be taken as read in the May Newsletter and confirmed. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Inward received from- 1. Card from Ailsa, Frank and Esme. 2. Australian Conservation Foundation. Newsletters from - 1. Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club, 2. Queensland Naturalist Club, 3. National Parks Assn, 4. Darling Downs Naturalist, 5. Richmond Valley Naturalist Club. Outward forwarded to 4QS re Outing and Meeting Notices. Moved by Dot Archer and seconded by Millie Marsden that the inward correspondence be received and the outward adopted. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as at 27-5-87

\$137-18 Credit

Receipts

Room Rent

\$5.50

½ Post Office Box

11.50

17-00

154-18

Expenditure

Room Rent

\$6-00

Magazine Postage

15-00

Magazine Duplication

6-00

Mag. Postal Registrar

40-00

67-00

Credit Balance as at 24-6-87

\$ 87-18

Moved by Joan Stevenson and seconded by Millie Marsden that the report be received and the accounts be passed for payment. Carried.

Accounts for payment Room Rent \$6.00; Magazine Postage \$15.00; Magazine Duplication \$6.00.

OUTING REPORT.

Rob McCosker, leader of Arrow Rock Outing in June reported a very good outing with 26 people attending. All enjoyed it very much.

NEXT OUTING.

The planned outing to Spicers Gap has had to be postponed to a later date. After some discussion it was decided to go to the Goat Hole on Mick Aspinall's property at Dalveen. Mick has agreed to lead this outing and cars are to meet at Weeroona Park at 9am

Next Outing(continued).

on Sunday July 19. Lunch is to be carried.

NEXT MEETING. Wednesday July 22nd is the Annual Meeting. Slides of outings over the past year are to be shown for the program "Remember last year". A cup of tea will follow this meeting and members are asked to bring a plate of eats.

SPECIMENS. Dore McCosker spoke on some of the wild flowers seen on the outing and also brought along a species of native rat(frozen of course). Rob also showed a hollowed fruit tree root which he had dug up.

GENERAL BUSINESS. Joan Stevenson spoke about our prize for the "Best Native Bloom" at the Stanthorpe Show. It was decided to give permission to increase the prize to the same level as other prizes in the section.

It was suggested for future outings the Leaders classify them as easy, medium or difficult so that members can choose the ones that suit their capabilities.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm. Rob Introduced our Guest Speaker for the evening Colin Hockings, whose Mystery program took us on a camping trip south to the places of interest en route to the Snowy Mountaines area. A vote of thanks by acclamation expressed out appreciation of a most interesting program. Many thanks Colin.

Dorothy Archer.
Hon. Sec.

REPORT ON OUTING TO ARROW ROCK

by Leader Rob McCosker.

Although the weather looked threatening, 26 people gathered for the walk to Arrow Rock on June 21st. We parked our cars near the Beehive Dam and after smoko, set off along a once well used path, now quite overgrown. The path led, via a sturdy iron fence, to a swimming hole made by damming the creek with a low concrete weir. The waterhole was used for many years by servicemen from the Wallangarra Army Base and locals for swimming.

We followed the dog fence for some distance, then after leaving it and turning to the left, we continued on up a granite slope with a virtual forest of beautiful Wallangarra White Gums growing around it. These trees, Eucalyptus scoparia, were surely one of the highlights of the day, seen in groups, or solitary, amongst the general bush trees or struggling in a narrow crack of granite, but always distinctive with their white trunks and slender drooping foliage. It was obvious why the species has recently become fashionable in commercial nurseries.

After a little more steep climbing, through scrub and over exposed granite, and then up an enchanting gully between rock walls

OUTING REPORT(continued).

with a rich carpet of leaf mulch underfoot, we emerged on the open granite face which has a large white painted arrow, hence the name Arrow Rock.

The arrow was painted soon after the military camp was set up in Wallangarra in 1943. It was used as a target for calibrating range finding and compass equipment- it points due north- and the shed nearest the rock has a large window of optical quality glass to enable an undistorted view of the arrow. The reason for the siting of the military depot at Wallangarra was the different rail guages between the states, and, as equipment had to be transhipped, both guages run into the depot.

We enjoyed the views of Wallangarra, the Beehive Dam and the distant ranges for some time, then found a spot for lunch which was a little more sheltered from the wind.

There was considerable evidence of feral goats, and after lunch a couple of the boys disturbed one from its hide, they let off such an uproar, I'm not sure who got the biggest fright.

The return to the cars was made by the same route and, after examining the concrete wall of the Beehive Dam and enjoying another "cuppa", we made our way home.

Another of the highlights, which our leader does not relate, was the presence of the lyrebirds in the gullies. During the luncheon break, many of the members wandered about close to the edge of the gully and lyrebirds could be heard calling in many different directions. Being a very dull day with rain threatening, their calls were quite distinctive and gave enjoyment to those who had not had the privilege of hearing them before. Ed.

The next program is "Remember Last Year" and Rob would like members to bring their slides of the outings for the presentation program, please do NOT forget to mark the slides. Below is a list of the outings to jog your memory.

September 1986	Murphy's Gully
October 1986	Geology Dalveen area
November 1986	Gibraltar National Park Camp Out
February 1987	Rivertree
March 1987	Torrington Camp Out
April 1987	Hutchin's Hill
May 1987	Nundubermere Falls
June 1987	Arrow Rock
July 1987	Goat Hole Dalveen

NEXT OUTING
NEXT PROGRAM

Meet at Weeroona Park at 9am on July 19
"Remember Last Year" QCWA 8pm on July 22.