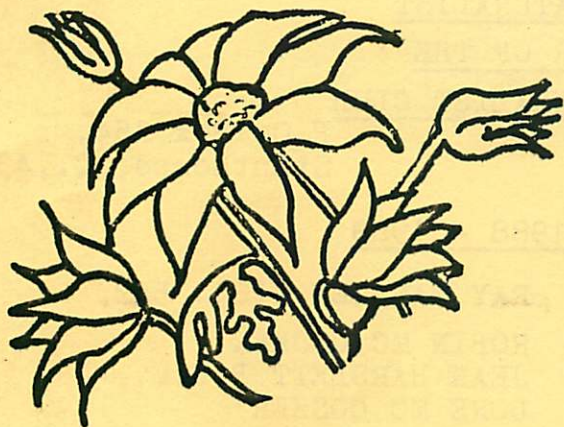


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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
STANTHORPE FIELD NATURALIST CLUB

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Stanthorpe, Q., 4380.

OFFICERS OF CLUB FOR 1988 - 1989

PRESIDENT	RAY MARSDEN (811 593)
VICE-PRESIDENTS	ROBIN MC COSKER JEAN HARSLETT B.E.M. DORE MC COSKER
SECRETARY	DOT ARCHER (811754)
TREASURER	JOAN STEVENSON
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	MILLIE MARSDEN
NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE	DORE MC COSKER AILS A WILKINSON FRANK WILKINSON
PUBLICITY OFFICER	TOM ARCHER
FLORA & FAUNA OFFICER	BRIAN MCDONAGH
GEOLOGY OFFICER	COL HOCKINGS
YOUTH OFFICER	ROBIN MC COSKER
BUSHWALKING OFFICER	ERROL WALKER
HON. AUDITOR	JOAN FERRIS

MEETINGS - 4th WEDNESDAY of each month in the Q.C.W.A. Rooms
at 8 p.m.

OUTINGS - The Sunday PRECEDING the 4th Wednesday of the month

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Single \$6.00 Family \$10.00

Rent donation per family per meeting

AIMS OF THE CLUB

1. To study all branches of natural history.
2. Preservation of the Flora and Fauna of Queensland.
3. Encouragement of a spirit of protection towards native birds, animals and plants.
4. To assist where possible in scientific research.
5. To publish a monthly Newsletter.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held in the Q.C.W.A. Rooms, July 28, 1988

Present 18

Apologies 7

Opening - President Ray opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Minutes - Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on July 22nd, 1987 were read by Secretary Dot and it was moved by Dore McCosker and seconded by Errol Walker that they be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence - Nil

Treasurer's Report - was read by Treasurer Joan and shred

Cr. Balance 30/6/87 44.21

Total receipts for year 546.86 591.07

Expenses for year 507.56

Credit Balance at 30/6/88 \$83.51

Treasurer Joan moved her report be received, seconded by Jean Harslett and Carried.

Presidents Report

President Ray read his report of the activities of the Club for the past year which was a very successful one. The outings and meetings were well attended. The Campouts catered for those hardy Souls who love to camp and enjoy fellowship around the campfire after the evening meal. He felt it had been a successful year with outings catering for all tastes. Thanks were extended to all leaders of outings and all who presented programs. President Ray also thanked all who attended meetings and outings for no matter how well an outing is planned or how much time goes into preparing a program - it all falls flat if there are no participants. He also thanked the Secretary and Treasurer for their support saying it was wonderful knowing that when he came to a meeting everything was in order. He also thanked all officers and Committee members for their help and support - also those who prepared and assembled the Newsletter. The Newsletter plays an important part in the success of the Club. He thanked Tom Archer for the Publicity in the paper each month.

President Ray wished the new executive every happiness in their respective positions and hoped the club would continue to pursue the ideals as set down in the Magazine.

Ray moved that his report be received - this was seconded by Roy Werner and carried.

(I would like to add our thanks from Tom and the Club for the pictures supplied for the newspaper publicity which were taken by Ray and Millie - they also play a very important part in publicising our club. -

Sec.Dot.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice President Jean took the chair for the election of Officer for 1988-89.

PRESIDENT - Ray Marsden was nominated by Tom Archer - accepted.

VICE PRESIDENTS

Robin McCosker nominated by Ray Marsden - accepted.

Jean Harslett, nominated by Ailsa Wilkinson - accepted.

Dore McCosker, nominated by Ray Marsden - accepted.

Dot. Archer, Nominated by Frank Wilkinson - accepted.

TREASURER - Joan Stevenson nominated by Jean Harslett - accepted.

Election of Officers continued -

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Millie Marsden, Nominated by Dot Archer, accepted.
NEWSLETTER SUB COMMITTEE - Dore McCosker, Nominated by Ailsa Wilkinson
 accepted.

Frank Wilkinson) volunteered to be on
 Ailsa Wilkinson) this committee.

PUBLICITY OFFICER - Tom Archer nominated by Brian McDonagh, accepted.

FLORA & FAUNA OFFICER - Brian McDonagh, nominated by Ray Marsden,
 accepted.

GEOLOGY OFFICER - Col Hockings nominated by Tom Archer, accepted.

YOUTH OFFICER - Robin McCosker nominated by Jean Harslett, accepted.

BUSHWALKING OFFICER - Errol Walker nominated by Jean Harslett, accepted.

COMMITTEE - Moved by Rob McCosker that nominated officers become the
 Committee with power to co-op if necessary. Seconded by
 Joan Stevenson, Carried.

Hon. Auditor - Joan Ferris nominated by Joan Stevenson

GENERAL BUSINESS - moved by Joan Stevenson and seconded by Jean Harslett
 that the Secretary write a letter of thanks to our Auditor, Joan Ferris
 Carried.

Subscriptions, Rent Collection and 'Bring & Buy' were all discussed and
 Subscriptions will remain \$10.00 per family and \$6.00 single. Rent
 Collection will remain 50c family or single per night. We will also
 continue to have a 'Bring & Buy Table' each meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05 p.m.

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, July 27th, 9.05 p.m.

MINUTES - Moved by Ailsa Wilkinson and seconded by Dore McCosker that
 the minutes of the General Meeting held on June 22nd, be taken
 as read in the July Newsletter. Carried.

Correspondence - Inward received from - 1. Fred Simpson; 2. Copy of
 Granite Grapevine; 3. Letter from Chinchilla Nats Club re Campout to
 Mt. Moffatt. Journals and Newsletters received from - 1. Chinchilla
 Field Naturalist Club; 2. Toowomba Bushwalkers Club. 3. Richmond Valley
 Naturalists; 4. Queensland Naturalist Club; 5. Darling Downs Naturalist.
Outward sent to - 1. Q.R.C. Warwick Office; 2. 4 Q.S. re outing & meet-
 ing notices. Moved by Frank Wilkinson and seconded by Errol Walker
 that the Inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed.
 Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT - Balance as at 22/6/88

\$104.73 Cr.

Receipts - Subs 12.00

Room Rent 5.00

Bank Int. 5.63

22.63

127.36

Expenditures -

Room Rent 8.00

Mag Postage 15.75

" Duplication 6.00

F.D.T. April 1.05

May .30

June .75

31.85

Cr. Balance as at 27.7.88

\$ 95.51 Credit

Treasurer's Report continued -

Moved by Treasurer Joan that her report be received and the accounts listed passed for payment plus additional Mag. Postage for August so that the Mag. Committee are paid a month in advance. Seconded by Colin Hockings and carried.

Accts for payment - Room Rent \$8.00; Stanthorpe Show Society \$3.00; Mag. Postage July \$15.75; Mag. Duplication \$6.00; Mag. Wraps \$41.00 - plus \$15.75 Aug. Postage in Advance.

JULY OUTING REPORT - was given by Millie Marsden. This was a popular and interesting outing to Leyburn following their Historical Trail. 17 members were on the outing and were joined by Mr. Russel Hopkins, Local School Principal and other local people. Many interesting items and places were seen. Our thanks to Millie for organising this outing.

AUGUST 21st OUTING - to Amiens area to see wild flowers. Tom Archer will lead.

AUGUST 24th MEETING - Guest speakers will be John Walker and Nancy Aiken and their subject will be 'Birds'.

SPECIMENS - Col Hockings spoke on the dangerous White Tailed Spider Brian McDonagh spoke on some Rock Specimens and wild flowers. Dore McCosker spoke on wild flowers that she feels can be grown in gardens.

PLANNING MEETING for Outings and Programs for 1988/89 will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 2nd at 7.30 p.m. at the home of Dot & Tom Archer.

General Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

After Meeting program "Remember last Year" was viewed and enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Rob McCosker for organising this.

Evening closed with a Cuppa.

Dot Archer, Hon. Sec.

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JULY OUTING by Organiser Millie Marsden

The club became involved with Recreation Week July 24 to 31, by organising a visit to Leyburn to follow their Heritage Trail on July 24. This outing also tied in with the Bi-Centennial year with the delving into the history of that segment of the Downs. Seventeen members left Weeroona Park on a perfect winter morning, the first stop was made at Cunningham to inspect two historical cairns in the village. One erected to the memory of Patrick Leslie who established the first sheep station in Queensland there in 1840 (unveiled in 1959) and the other in honour of pioneer families erected in 1978.

On arrival in Leyburn the group assembled at the school playshed which was built 105 years ago at the cost of £151, the shingle roof of 10,000 shingles was replaced by the P&C in 1973-74, but the floored playshed is mostly still in original condition. Principal of the Leyburn school Mr. Russell Hopkins, joined the group and took the lead in the Heritage Trail. Enid Armstrong (Rauchle) a pupil of the school in 1922 rang the school bell which dates back to 1871.

Outing Report(continued)

Other sites visited in the morning included the first permanent school(used from 1865-1934), Henry Kirby's grave(Henry died in 1854 and was buried on a high spot overlooking the township which he had helped create). The post office was viewed as was the St. Matthew's Catholic Church, built in 1900 and still used for weekly mass. Sites of the Court House, Police Reserve and the cottage connected with the Owens murder, Leyburn's original school and the Police Magistrate's residence.

The cemetery was visited and the old graves caused a lot of interest, especially that of James Murray who built the Royal Hotel in 1863 and died in August of that year of "intemperance". St. Augustine's Anglican Church, constructed and dedicated in 1871(and still used for services) has a shingle roof and is patterned on the typical English village church of that time. Enid Armstrong told the group that her father was baptised in the church in 1890.

During lunch on the banks of Canal Creek, a number of birds were noted and, in particular, turquoise parrots caused much interest. Was the activity in the water that of a platypus? Wattles were the main wild flowers seen on the outing.

After lunch, the trail continued with a viewing of the old cheese factory site, Kirby's store, butcher shop, Bathams store, QCWA hall(constructed in 1928), the memorial to the men of 200 flight and Z Special Unit - unveiled by Sir Walter Campbell in 1987.

The Royal Hotel was inspected and, while looking at the CoffeeRoom/Boarding House on the opposite side of the street, the owners Mesdames Ann Doran and Elva Simmons invited the group to "step inside and take a look around". This unexpected hospitality was the icing on the cake, the ladies have embarked on a massive renovation programme and the results of their labours created a lot of pleasure. The house was built by James Murray in 1858 and has a marvellous amount of history having been used as a temporary Court House and for church services before the Roman Catholic Church was built. It is today, Leyburn's oldest building and houses the works and treasures of a pair of talented ladies.

The last inspection was that of Howitz Brothers sawmill where cypress pine from state forests near Inglewood is cut. The mill uses steam to power most of the operations, the industrial boiler fuelled by pine offcuts, supplies the steam to the engine of a 1926 Ruston and Hornsby 30HP twin cylinder steam engine.

The group returned to the school where conversations with Russell Hopkins continued, he was thanked for his leadership and for the enthusiasm with which he imparted his local knowledge. The group left Leyburn and proceeded back to Warwick through the old road to Leslie, pausing to inspect the Sandy Creek Hotel. All voted it a great day.

PROPOSED PROGRAMMES FOR 1988-89

August 24	Nancy Aiken and John Walter	Birds
September 29	Brian McDonagh	1770
October 26	Jean Harslett	Stanthorpe and District History.
November 20	Errol Walker	Birdsville Track
January 25	David Hocking	Top End
February 28	Wal Cathcart	Central Australia
March 22	Tom Archer	TBA
April 26	R. Hill	Mount Isa
May 25	Colin Hockings	TBA
June 28	National Parks	Visitor Programme
July	"Remember last year."	
August	Jean Harslett	Mystery Programme

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PROPOSED OUTINGS FOR 1988-89.

August 21	Wildflowers at Amiens	Tom Archer
September 25	Wildflowers at Lyra	Brian McDonagh
October 23	Racecourse Creek area	
November 19-20	Camp out to Forfotten Country	Dore McCosker
December 4	Christmas Party at Harsletts	
January	Brittania Street to Petrie's Crossing	
February 19	Beehive Dam Valley	Ray Marsden
March 19	Sun Valley	Rob McCosker
April 23	Hunters Hill	Errol Walker
May 21	Sugarloaf	Hewen Gibson
June 25	Mt. Mitchell	Val White
July	Camp out Mt. Maroon	Ray Marsden
August	Swanfels area	Rob McCosker
		Peter Kerr.

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OUTING TO AMIENS.

Leader Tom Archer said that this outing will be a 6 out of 10 hardship outing. Cars will leave from Weeroona Park at 9.30am. Travel to Amiens and walk through to Harsletts where arrangements will be made for the drivers to be taken back to pick up their cars. Lunch will be at the dam and those who wish may stay in this area to birdwatch etc. The more hardy will proceed on another walk to see the extensive range of wild flowers in the area. No need to carry food but some may like to take fluids. Outing August 21.

NEXT MEETING. Guests speakers at the August meeting will be Nancy Aiken and John Walters with a programme on "Birds." Those who know the speakers will know that it will be an excellent presentation as both are avid bird watchers and well versed on their subject. Meeting August 24 at 8pm in CWA Rooms Victoria Street.