

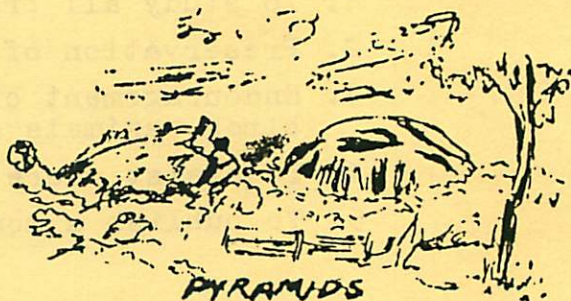
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STANTHORPE FIELD NATURALIST CLUB

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OFFICERS OF CLUB FOR 1988 - 1989

PRESIDENT	RAY MARSDEN (811 593)
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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 of the Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club held in the C.W.A. Rooms, Victoria Street Stanthorpe on Wednesday July 26th, 1989.

Present - 22

Apologies - 6

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

Minutes - The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on July 27th, 1988 were read by Secretary Dot Archer and it was moved by Col Hockings and seconded by Joan Stevenson that they be adopted. Carried.

Correspondence - Nil.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Julia read her report for the past year which showed -

Cr. Bal. June 30th, 1988 83.51

Total Receipts for year	634.65	718.16
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Less Expenses for past	654.65	718.16
year		659.99

Credit Balance	year	859.99
		<u>58.17</u>

o/s/cheques at end of June	6.00	
	18.00	24.00

Bank Statement Credit Balance	<u>18.00</u>	<u>24.00</u>
		\$ 82.17

Julia moved that her report be received, seconded by Kel Dominey
Carried.

Presidents

Report - Ray reported a very successful year with a varied program in the outings and after meeting programs. He thanked all leaders of the outings and all who provided programs. He also thanked Secretary Dot Archer and Treasurers Joan Stevenson and Julia Brown for their work; Newsletter Editor Millie and helpers Dore McCosker and Frank and Ailsa Wilkinson. Lastly he thanked the members for their support to him and the Club. Ray moved his report be received and this was seconded by Ailsa Wilkinson and carried.

Election of Officers for 1989-1990

Vice-President Jean took the chair for the election of officers and called for Nominations

President - Ray Marsden, nominated by Ailsa Wilkinson accepted

Vice-Presidents- Jean Harslett nominated by Tom Archer, accepted.
Rob McCosker nominated by Ray Marsden, accepted.

Secretary - Dot Archer nominated by Frank Wilkinson, accepted.

Treasurer - Julia Brown nominated by Dot Archer, accepted.

Newsletter Editor - Millie Marsden nominated by Dore McCosker, accepted.

Newsletter sub-committee - Dore McCosker nominated by Millie Marsden, accepted.
Frank & Ailsa Wilkinson volunteered to be on the sub-committee.

Librarian - Val White nominated by Esme Lacey. (as Val was absent this is to be confirmed.)

Publicity Officer - Tom Archer nominated by Ray Marsden, accepted.

Flora & Fauna Officer - Brian McDonagh nominated by Tom Archer. (as Brian was absent this is to be confirmed.)

Geology Officer - Col Hockings nominated by Dot Archer, accepted.

Youth Officer - Robin McCosker nominated by Jean Harslett, accepted.

Election of Officers continued -

Bush Walking 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 Tom Archer Carried.

Hon. Auditor - Joan Ferris nominated by Julia Brown, accepted.

General Business

Jean Harslett moved a vote of thanks to Tom Archer for the publicity which appears each month in the Border Post.

Dot Archer moved a vote of thanks to Millie Marsden for the pictures that accompany Tom's publicity in the Border Post.

Secretary was asked to write letter of thanks to Joan Ferris for Auditing our books. Moved by Julia Brown and seconded by Jean Harslett. Carried.

Discussion re - 1. Subscription charges - after some discussion it was decided to review if for the next Annual Meeting.

2. Rent Collection donation at meetings to remain at 50c per family or per person at each meeting.

3. Bring and Buy table to continue.

4. The cover for the Newsletter was discussed and it was moved by Dore McCosker and seconded by Jean Harslett that the cover not be changed until new size of paper is required for the Newsletter. Carried.

Secretary asked to write to Border Post thanking them for keeping the price per sheet for our Newsletter cover down to 5c per sheet.

ANNUAL MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50 p.m.

General Meeting following Annual Meeting - 8.50 p.m. Wed. July 26th, 1989.

Minutes - Moved by Leila Hermansson and seconded by Esme Lacey that the minutes of June 28th be taken as read in the July Newsletter. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - Inward received from -

1. Senator John Coulter - re conservation

Newsletters from - 1.Q'ld.Naturalist Club for July & August; 2.Richmond Valley Naturalist Club July; 3."Footprint" from Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club; 4."Urimburra" from Chinchilla Field Naturalist Club.

Moved by Millie Marsden and seconded by Frank Wilkinson that the Inward be received and the Outward to 4Q.S. Radio Station re Outing and Meeting notices be endorsed. Carried.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Julia gave her report which shows a credit

Balance June 28th	\$ 54.22	
Receipts for month	61.95	116.17
Expenditures for month		<u>40.90</u>

Bank Cr. Balance as at 26th July/89 \$75.27

Julia moved her report be received and the following accounts be passed for payment -

Mag. Duplication \$6.00; Magazine Postage for Aug. \$21.00; Room Rent \$8.00
Dore McCosker \$1.98 (underpayment of Postage for July).
Seconded by Rob McCosker and Carried.

July Campout Report - Leader was Robin McCosker who reported on the Campout held on July 22nd & 23rd to Mt. Maroon. Twenty-five attended with ages ranging from young to old. Most pitched camp on Friday p.m. and the rest arrived on Saturday morning. Only two didn't climb Mt. Maroon.

Views from the top, where the wind was much stronger, was a wonderful panorama of mountain peaks. After lunch on top the climbers returned to the cars and arrived back at camp about 4 p.m. Sunday morning was spent breaking camp and taking an interesting route home.

(Members thanked Rob for a very enjoyable campout.)

August Outing - Sunday, August 20th will be to Bald Rock following a new route to the top. Ray Marsden will be our leader.

August 23rd After meeting Guest Speaker will be Brett Roberts from Girraween National Park.

Specimens - Leila Hermansson brought 2 bird nests and a Gall for identification and Dore McCosker spoke on some flowers she had collected on the Campout.

General Business

Colin Hockings brought his copy of the Q'ld. Field Naturalist Journal to show us. It is a special 'Wallie McKenzie' issue with 'Marchella elata' on the cover. This is a fungus new to Q'ld. and was found on the Hockings property 'Pinaster' in the Stanthorpe area and had been taken back by Wally for identification.

Meeting to be held on August 1st 'Wattle Day' at the home of Tom & Dot Archer at 7.30 p.m. to plan the outings and programs for the year Aug./89 to July/1990.

Joan Stevenson moved that \$3 be sent to the Show Society as a prize for the 'Best Native Bloom' at the Stanthorpe Show. Sec. to send a covering letter to Betty Francis with the cheque. Seconded by Millie Marsden and carried.

Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

After meeting program 'Remember Last Year' was organised and shown by Rob McCosker and greatly enjoyed by all bringing back memories of the happy hours spent on these outings and interesting scenes viewed on them. Thanks were expressed to all who brought slides and to Rob McCosker for organising the viewing of them.

This very happy evening closed with fellowship over a 'cuppa'.

Dot Archer, Hon. Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT BY PRESIDENT RAY MARSDEN

I am pleased to present this annual report of the Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club for the year July 1988-89.

The club has had another successful year with a varied program in the outings as well as the after meeting programs. I would like to thank the leaders of the outings for the time and effort they put into making the outings as interesting as possible. During the year we have had a feast of historical outings as well as those with local interest and an abundance of natural interest. Some of the outings were conducted very close to home and some were several hours of travel away. Two Campouts were organised by the McCoskers and we thank them for their continued interest and support.

We had a number of outings this year, once again, when we had rain but only

Presidents Annual Report continued -

one had to be cancelled altogether because of the weather conditions. We have walked in mist, rain, fog and some of the outings had brilliant sunshine. All were interesting and well attended by a wide age span in members.

Our after meeting programs have been varied, some have been presented by Guest Speakers from other areas and we thank them for sharing their knowledge with us and also for the wonderful photography provided. Many programs have been presented by our own members, I thank them for their expertise in certain fields and for the way they come forward and offer to share with other members. Our programs, I feel, are always of a very high standard.

I would like to thank the secretary and treasurer for their sterling work. The minutes are always correct and our finances looked after. Thank you Dot Archer, Joan Stevenson and Julia Brown. It makes my job very easy when all the details are taken care of by others.

We again provided a prize for the Agricultural Society in the cut-flower section 'Best Native Bloom. The club was represented at the function on Queensland Day in Rotary Park, again despite the weather.

A special thank you to the editor and magazine helpers for their special effort in getting the newsletter out on time. This is a wonderful means of communication and it is shared with other clubs. We are grateful to other clubs for sending us their newsletters and magazines and for our librarian who stores all literature.

Thank you members for your wonderful support over the past year. I hope you have received as much enjoyment from the club as I have. I wish the incoming executive a happy year and all members the best of health and 'happy hiking' in the years ahead.

Ray Marsden, President.

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A meeting of the committee was held at the home of Tom and Dot Archer when a tentative program of outings and meeting topics was drawn up. This will be presented to the August meeting for approval and printed in September Newsletter.

The outing on August 20 will be under the leadership of Ray Marsden and the venue is Bald Rock. The new trail to the top of Bald Rock will be followed on this outing.

Meet at Weeroona Park at 9am, quick cuppa at the picnic area at the base of the rock, the climb will be to the top and back before lunch to avoid carrying food and water. There is plenty of interest to be seen on the lower levels after lunch.

August meeting program. The meeting will be held in the QCWA rooms in Victoria Street Stanthorpe at 8pm on August 23. The guest speaker will be Mr. Brett Roberts who will provide an illustrated talk on Girraween. This program was set down for June but, owing to unforeseen circumstances was not presented. Mr. Roberts has offered the talk for the August meeting.

OUTING REPORT TO Mt. MAROON.
By Rob McCosker Leader.

The July outing of the Stanthorpe Field Naturalists Club was held on July 22 and 23 as a campout to Mt. Maroon.

A total of 25 people turned up to enjoy the campout weekend in fine mild weather. Most people elected to arrive on Friday night to set up camp in the dark and consequently had a relaxing morning on Saturday. We left camp at about 9.30am and drove to the base of the Mt. Maroon for the start of the walk. The small camping area here was being well used - even car parking space was at a premium, so we were grateful to have chosen the more spacious area at Waterfall Gully.

After skirting the reedy lagoon, the track passes through open grazing land and then eucalypt forest. The ridge steepens abruptly and continues to a rocky cliff which we avoided by dropping down into the gully a little to the right and then following its course to the saddle between the mountain peaks. This saddle is similar to the Rum Jungle area of Mt. Barney, although it is smaller and has less tropical vegetation, it does have a small fresh water stream.

We climbed the peak to the north for a brief look at the view and then decided to continue to the top for lunch, as the day was mild with little breeze. Of course, when we reached the top the wind was much stronger and quite cool. The high cloud, which had moved across from the west, obscured the sun but fortunately not Mt. Barney or the main range. We had a wonderful panorama of mountain peaks. We retracted our steps to the cars after lunch and returned to the campsite about 4pm.

The stream at the campsite has a small waterfall which tumbles into a sizeable sparkling clear pool. I had foolishly told the children, in the morning, that we would be going for a swim after climbing Mt. Maroon - boy was that water cold! ! ! !

Next morning we leisurely packed up camp and set off homeward in various directions as desired. One group first drove to Mt. Maroon Dam, then returned to the Burnett Creek Road and followed it through to the White Swamp Road. We had lunch on the roadside and then took the Head Road down to Killarney as the skies opened up and rain followed us home.

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This month we were saddened to learn of the passing of member Bob Lacey and sympathy is extended to Esme and family.

Though Bob was in the first stages of his illness when he joined the club, he was able to join in many of the activities and made it to the top of many a mountain. As he has now climbed the last mountain of all we pay tribute to his patience and interest in all things around during his long illness.

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