



# THE GRANITE BELT NATURALIST



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Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club**

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Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each Month at Q.C.W.A. Rooms at 8 p.m.

Outings: The Sunday preceding the 4th Wednesday of each Month.

Annual Subscriptions: Single \$8.00 Family \$15.00 per annum July to June

Rent: Donation per family per meeting.

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### SCALE OF DIFFICULTY FOR WALKS ON NATS OUTINGS

1. Flat walking road or track.
2. Road or track gentle hills.
3. Track some hilly sections
4. Track some steep sections
5. Cross country easy open forest, gentle slopes.
6. Track steep section common, with steps.
7. Cross country some hills, some thick undergrowth.
8. Cross country steep section with scrambles over rocks etc. Some thick undergrowth.
9. Cross country steep, hilly, rough, thick undergrowth.
- 10 Mountain climbing, hard going, higher level of fitness or plenty of time required.

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### 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 & plants.
4. To assist where possible in scientific research.
5. To publish a monthly newsletter and post it to members.

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### ADDRESS CHECK

Could all members please check that their address is correct, and if not notify the secretary immediately.

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OUTING REPORT FOR 21ST JULY 1991

Leaders Kris &amp; Margaret Carnell

About 60 people in 17 cars participated in the outing to the Tenterfield district on 21st July. After leaving Weeroona park we proceeded to Ghost Gully, just west of Tenterfield. Quite a number of people went down into the gully and explored the spectacular formations caused by erosion. Pardalotes were sighted in the trees and the banks of the gully.

Our route to Mt Mackenzie from Ghost Gully was via the Sunnyside Loop Road and then on to Kildare Road, along which we saw a variety of landforms, including horizontal stratarising and a small balancing rock. We stopped briefly to admire and photograph the draining rock which is second in size to Bald Rock in the Tenterfield district. There were beautiful views down to The Mole River and Wallangarra township and the ranges beyond.

Morning tea at Mt Mackenzie was the latest it's ever been at 11.15a.m. Most of us had our "cuppa" before looking at the panorama in front of us. Wilson's peak at Killarney was identified, as well as Wellington Rock.

On the way to The Scrub we paused to admire the cork oak tree which was planted in 1861. There were large numbers of acorns collected, along with twigs covered in bark. I wonder if the Granite Belt is going to be filled with cork producing trees in 20 year's time.

As we passed by the dam three black swans and numerous ducks were sighted. All cars survived the rather rough gravel road.

A few minutes after arriving at The Scrub picnic area Geoffrey Walker had a fire going for a barbeque which several of us made use of. Fred thought his billy was never going to boil, but it did eventually, with a bit of encouragement.

Lunch over, we headed for the walking track and admired the tree ferns in the gully. Where the track started to climb on the far side of the creek there were four nodding greenhoods in bloom. We all paused to marvel at the size of the tree that has been burnt out at the base so that only a shell remains, but the tree still stays alive. Past that we entered the vine scrub. Some of the vines grow for many metres and form quite grotesque shapes. Everyone admired the huge eucalypt trees in the picnic area.

As a group of us were looking for birds in the tree tops, Patrick spotted "something" in the sky. It looked like a star and the most popular verdict was that it was Venus, although a few of the less romantic thought it was a weather balloon. We could always settle for Patrick's U.F.O.

Our next port of call was a small dam a few kilometres further on, where there were quite a number of hairpin banksias in bloom, and where we saw a small flock of New Holland honeyeaters on the other side of the dam. They were not very impressed by such a large number of people invading their territory and kept their distance.

From the dam we made our way home - some retracing their steps and a number with high clearance vehicles returning via the Jondol Forest Road. All in all the day was a fairly relaxed and enjoyable day.

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We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a commodity to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.

Aldo Leopold (1886-1948)

MINUTES IF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE STANTHORPE FIELD NATURALIST CLUB INC.  
HELD IN THE C.W.A. ROOMS, VICTORIA STREET, STANTHORPE ON 24TH JULY 1991 at 8.00pm.

OPENING: President Kris Carnell opened the meeting and welcomed all present, with a special welcome for visitors Carmie Seley, Pam Quirk, and Nancy Holley (From Canada)

PRESENT: and apologies as per attendance book. Present 36; Apologies 10.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous annual meeting were confirmed on the motion of Dore McCosker, seconded by Millie Marsden and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: President Kris Carnell presented his report and moved its adoption. Patience James seconded this motion which was carried. Secretary Desley McDonagh moved a vote of thanks to Kris for his work as president and this was carried by acclamation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President: Kris Carnell was nominated by Ray Marsden. He accepted and was declared elected.

Vice President: Jean Harslett - nominated by Desley McDonagh. As Jean had made her acceptance known although away, she was declared elected.

Vice-President: Rob McCosker - nominated by Gordon Davis - accepted - declared elected.

Secretary: Desley McDonagh - nominated by Millie Marsden - accepted - declared elected.

Treasurer: Julia Brown - nominated by Gordon Davis - accepted - declared elected.

Newsletter editor: Margaret Carnell - nominated by Desley McDonagh - accepted - declared elected.

Newsletter sub-committee: Val White nominated by Kris Carnell - accepted - declared elected. Dore McCosker - nominated by Val White - accepted - declared elected.

Librarian: Esme Colley - nominated by Kris Carnell - accepted - declared elected.

Publicity Officer: Patience and Frank James were nominated by Kris Carnell - they were accepted and were declared elected.

It was agreed that these positions filled at this election would constitute the officers of the club.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Moved Gordon Davis, seconded Frank Wilkinson that the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer be the members of the management committee. Carried.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING OF THE STANTHORPE FIELD NATURALIST CLUB INC. HELD IN  
THE C.W.A. ROOMS ON WEDNESDAY JULY 24TH AT 8.00 P.M.

The meeting was opened by the President Kris Carnell after the Annual General Meeting.

Attendance and apologies as per attendance book.

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as a correct record on the motion moved by Ray Marsden and seconded by Patience James and carried.

Correspondence: Inward:

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| 1. Geeves & Thomas Sub 1991-92            | 2. Carmen Veivers Sub 1991-92                       |
| 3. Z. Newman " " "                        | 4. Foresto - enquiry regarding sub paid in December |
| 5. Q.N.C. Newsletter                      | 7. Chinchilla Nats Urimbirra                        |
| 6. Aust. Democrats - Environmental Report | 9. Dept. of Justice - Incorporation return          |
| 8. C.B.A. Bank Statement                  |   |



## Correspondence: Inward (contd)

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| 10. Gibson Sub 1991-92                                | 11. Moulds Sub 1991-92                   |
| 12. Richmond Valley Nats Newsletter                   | 13. Langdon Sub 1991-92                  |
| 14. Toowoomba Bush Walkers Footprints                 | 15. Luck Sub 1991-92                     |
| 16. Bingley Sub 1991-92                               | 17. Deutscher Sub 1991-92                |
| 18. Vic. JF. field Nats Logo Design                   | 19. Info Aust. newsletter & brochures    |
| 20. Q.N.C. Newsletter                                 | 21. Dianna Holley & Eric Dale Subs 91-92 |
| 22. U.Q. Eco-tourism Newsletter.                      | 23. Chinchilla Nats Urimbirra            |
| 24. Walter (Pittsowrth) Resignation and go od wishes. |  |

## Correspondence: Outward:

1. Stanthorpe Shire Council - Request to remove car bodies at the "red bridge".
2. John Bingley Membership details.
3. Vic Torrens (QAS) appreciation for his part in the June meeting.
4. 4 QS Round the bridges

Business arising: A letter was to go to Mrs Foresto advising her that the membership subscription is from July to July of each year.

Frank James moved and Errol Walker seconded that the inward correspondence be received and the outward adopted. carried.

Outing Report: Kris gave a verbal report of the outing on the 21st. There were 17 cars and 50+ people who went to Ghost Gully at Tenterfield; then to Mt Mackenzie on a route which had quite spectacular views and changes in rock formations; then to the cork tree. Members then moved along scrub road to a rainforest 1400m above sea level - the highest rainforest in NSW. Lunch was at the picnic area then we moved on to a small dam where there were a number of New Holland honeyeaters as well as a very good showing of banksia collina. Venus was observed in the sky by some members. After the visit to the ddam, some members came home via the fire trail, while some retraced the route to Tenterfield and came home that way. A very pleasant outing.

Next Outing: will be Wildflowers to the west. Peter Hazelgrove will lead the outing and Frank James will co-ordinate it this end.

Meeting for committee to arrange 1991-92 programme will be held on Wednesday 7th August at 7.30 p.m. at 4 Pierpoint Street, Stanthorpe.

Specimens: Rod Hutchin brought a pot of Greenhoods which he had grown in his greenhouse.

Kris Carnell brought some acorns from the cork oak tree as well as some cork.

Programme: Remember last year. Rob McCosker and Errol Walker arranged and showed slides and prints from outings from the past year. The members of the club showed their appreciation of their work in this area.

Supper followed the meeting and programme.

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### GREENHOODS

For our last meeting on 24th July, Rod Hutchin brought along a pot of nodding greenhood orchids that he has growing in his glass house. Rod said that the orchids multiplied easily and he had given some to a friend who also now has a pot full.

The greenhoods belong to the PTEROSTYLIS family. The name is derived from the Greek "petron" meaning wings and "stylos" which refers to the wing-like extensions on the column. The pollination method is very interesting. The labellum (little lip) is hinged and very irritable returning quickly against the column at the slightest disturbance. Small drops of nectar at the base of the column attract

Greenhoods (condt.)

isnects. When an insect lands on the lip it is thrown into the hood and trapped. The only way out is to crawl up the "tunnel" formed and pollen is deposited on the insect's back and carried to the next flower.

The Nodding Greenhood (*P nutans*) is one of the commonest greenhood and is found in all Australian States and New Zealand. Judging by the pot Rod had, it seems that anyone with a glass house or bush house could do well to try a pot or two.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with much pleasure that I present this Annual Report of the Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc. During the year we became an incorporated club. Luckily for us this was achieved with a minimum of fuss, and we now have the protection and benefits of an incorporated body.

Our outings over the last twelve months have covered many aspects of our district and beyond. They have covered everything from leisurely motoring to quite serious bush walking. We also enjoyed two camp-out weekends during the year. I would like to congratulate the organizers of all our outings on a job well done. The roll-up that we are getting at the outings is an indication of the appreciation of our members.

The programmes for our meeting nights have been enjoyed by all. As I have said many times before, there is a wealth of photographic talent in our community and we are very grateful that we are able to share in the results of this talent. Many thanks to those who provided the programmes, and we hope to enjoy many more.

I would like to make a request that more members consider providing articles for the magazine. The editor would welcome articles of general interest to members no matter how small. Articles may not necessarily be used immediately, but it is helpful if the editor has a few on hand.

All in all we have had a very successful year, and hopefully next year will be just as good.

Kris Carnell

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OUTING REPORT FOR 25TH AUGUST

The outing on the 25th August will be to the new environmental park near Coolmunda Dam. Because the roads are rather dusty it has been decided to meet at the old Greenup store on the Inglewood Road at 10 a.m.

Peter Haselgrove will be leading the outing.

Lunch will be at a picnic area at Coolmunda Dam.

The following is an extract from an article in the Toowoomba Chronicle of March 11th.:

The Queensland Government has declared a new environmental park to protect rare ironbark species near Inglewood, three kilometres south-west of Coolmunda Dam.

Apart from the stand of several hundred ironbarks protected in the new environmental park, the species (*Eucalyptus virens*) is limited to small populations north-west of Injune and Tara.

Approximately half of the new park has been donated by Mr and Mrs D.G. Dean. The donated land hosted the stand of rare ironbarks.

The remaining section is well known for its diversity of wildflowers.

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STANTHORPE FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1991.

Balance b/fwd 30.6.90 248,24

Receipts:

Subscriptions	803.00	
Room Rent Collecitons	124.19	
Bring'nBuy	9.50	
Bank Interest	12.97	
Change Postage	6.68	
	<u>956,34</u>	
	\$1204.58	

Expenditure

*Magazine Postage	248.00
*Magazine Duplication	60.00
*Magazine Registration	75.00
*Paper for Photocopy	69.80
*Cartage for Paper	4.95
*Magazine Covers	115.63
*Photocopy Labels	34.25
Application for Incorporation	54.50
Public Liability	77.00
P.O. Box Rental	35.00
Room Rent	102.50
Federal Govt Tax	6.35
Petty Cash	30.00
Presentation Book	17.00
	<u>929.98</u>
Balance as at 30.6.91	274.60 cr

\$1204.58

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Bank Reconciliation Statement

Cheque book balance 30.6.91	274.60
Add O/s cheques:	
No 120187	75.00
No 120188	24.00
No 120190	6.00
	<u>105.00</u>
Agrees with Bank Statement at 30.6.91	<u>\$379.60</u>

\*Cost of Magazine

Julia Brown  
Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 26/6/91 to 24/7/91

Balance at 26.6.91 219.68

Receipts

SJubscriptions	199.00	
Room Rent Collection	11.50	
Change Postage	2.40	
Bring'nbuy		
Bank Interest	12.97	
P.O. Box Rental	17.50	
	<u>243.37</u>	
	468.05	

Expenditure

Room Rent	10.00
Magazine Duplication	6.00
Magazine Postage	24.00
Magazine Registration	75.00
Fed Govt. Tax	1.95

Balance as at 24/7/91

\$ 468.05

116.95  
346.10  
\$468.05

Accounts to be passed for payment: Room Rent \$10.00; Magazine Duplication \$6.00  
 Magazine Postage \$26.00 Minute Book \$9.85 Val White \$2.71.

Julia Brown  
Treasurer

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There are people who think that everything one does with a serious face is sensible.  
 Georg Christoph Lichtenberg.

STANTHORPE FIELD NATURALIST CLUB INC.PROGRAMME 1991 - 92

AUGUST	Outing	25th	Coolmunda Dam	P. Hazelgrove
	Meeting	28th	Geology of Sundown Area	P. Hazelgrove
SEPTEMBER	Outing	22nd	Girraween Mystery Tour	R. McCosker
	Meeting	25th	To the Gulf and Back	E. Walker
OCTOBER	Outing	6th	Wildflowers at Amiens	F. James
	Outing	20th	Camp Out - Main Range	E. Walker
	Meeting	23rd	Japan	F. James
NOVEMBER	Outing	24th	Mallee Ridge Mt Norman	J. Harslett
	Meeting	27th	... Mt. Moffatt	K. Dominy
DECEMBER	Outing	8th	Christmas Break-up	C. Hocking
		1992		
JANUARY	Outing	19th	Boono Boono River Crossing	T. Archer
FEBRUARY	Outing	23rd	Murphy Creek, Ballandean	E. & H. Colley
	Meeting	26th	Reflections	D. McDonagh
MARCH	Outing	21st 22nd	Moogerah Dam Camp Out	P. Kerr
	Meeting	25th	Mr & Mrs Benny	J. Benny
APRIL	Outing	26th	Poverty Point	C. Hocking
	Meeting	29th		G. Davis
MAY	Outing	24th	Wellington Rock	K. Carnell
	Meeting	27th	Western Australia	E. Walker
JUNE	Outing	21st	Environment Day	F. & P. James
	Meeting	24th		J. Harslett
JULY	Outing	19th	Half Moon	R. Marsden
	Meeting	22nd	Remember Last Year	
AUGUST	Outing	23rd	Bald Rock to Sth Bald Rock	Bill Goebels
	Meeting	26th		F. Wilkinson

Extra copies of programme are available from the editor.

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MEETING ( 28TH AUGUST

Peter Hazelgrove will be our guest speaker for the August meeting. He will speak of the geology of the Sundown area, and show slides.

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COPY FOR NEWSLETTER

Could all contributors to the newsletter please have their copy in the hands of the editor by the second Sunday of the month if at all possible. Copy may be sent to P.O. Box 33, Severnlea 4352, or left with Sylvia Murphy at Chelsea House and Garden at the Stanthorpe Plaza.