



THE GRANITE BELT NATURALIST



Monthly Newsletter of the
Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club

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 and post it to members.

Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each Month at QCWA Rooms at 8.00pm.
Outings: The Sunday preceding the 4th Wednesday of each Month.
Subscriptions: Single \$8.00 Family \$15.00 per annum July to June.
Rent : Donation per family per meeting.
Address: Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc., P.O. Box 154, Stanthorpe Q
4380.

Officers of Club for 1993-94

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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.



Looking down Blue Gorge
towards Rats Castle.

Outing Report for 25th July 1993

As we waited at Weeroona Park on 25th July for Nats to arrive Kris's hair turned greyer by the minute, as the first half dozen cars were conventional vehicles. However, matters improved with the arrival of more four wheel drives, and 22 vehicles containing 71 people headed for Sundown National Park and Blue Gorge. We stopped at the Farndale gate where we had morning tea and met Peter Hazelgrove, the National Parks Ranger and his family, bringing the total to 75 people.

Peter led the convoy a short distance to where we left the conventional drive vehicles and transferred to 4 W.D. The track wound through fairly open bush for a start where quite a number of trees had hollow limbs - "bird holes" according to Juric.

Lincoln stopped to check on his bees in the neighbouring paddock and when he set off again he ran into trouble with the loose rocks on the steep track. His utility had to be pulled to the side of the track and picked up on the way back.

After some distance there was more undergrowth and we were in wilderness. A couple of grass trees, about ten feet high with grass skirts which hung to the ground were growing close to the track. They had obviously not been burnt. The Subarus were left before a steep creek crossing and some of the occupants struggled along the fence, where the going was very rough. The rest travelled in "comfort" till we picked them up.

Eventually we stopped at a gully where we had lunch, before setting out for our trek to Blue Gorge. The track, where there was one, followed the gully and we saw Red Flowering Mugga (*Eucalyptus sideroxylon* var. *rosea*) along the banks. There were Lemon Scented Tea Trees (*Leptospermum petersonii*), with bright green leaves growing in one section of the gully. They start and end quite abruptly and are not found in other parts of the park. There were smokey looking bushes the gorge, growing in the rock crevices, which were *Olearia canescens*, and one Blue Flowering Alpine Daisy (*Olearia canescens*). There was quite a lot of *Acacia leiocalyx* - formerly *Ac. glaucescens* - which has a very broad leaf, seen on the outing.

A couple of members decided to stop to admire the view when the rocks became too steep and slippery for their liking, but most of the group walked to the top of blue gorge. We had one mishap when a rock moved under Desley's foot and she grazed her arm badly on a tree trunk. The view from the lookout made the trek worthwhile as it was very beautiful, with Rats Castle in view, looking deceptively close. Peter told us it would take a day to walk along the bottom of the gorge from there to where we were. By climbing onto a rocky outcrop nearby Red Rock could be seen "hanging" high in the hills.

We had afternoon tea at the vehicles before heading back. On the way two half-grown feral pigs crossed our path and ran away through the fence. It was obvious that the roots of Yellow Jackets are a favourite food, by the amount of rooting around the trees.

Just as the last vehicles gained the road the rain started and fell quite heavily. We were very fortunate in the timing of our wilderness outing.

Margaret Carnell

I do the best I know how, the very best I can; and I mean to keep on doing it to the end. If the ends brings me out all right, what is said against me will not amount to anything. If the end brings me out all wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference.

Abraham Lincoln

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANTHORPE FIELD NATURALIST CLUB INC. HELD AT 8.00PM ON WEDNESDAY JULY 28RD 1993.Opening:- The July general meeting followed the Annual General Meeting.Present and Apologies:- as per attendance book.Minutes:- Dot Archer moved that the minutes of the June meeting be accepted as a correct record of that meeting. This was seconded by Alyson McCall and carried. Correspondence :- Inward

1. Return of members of the Management Committee from the Dept of Consumer Affairs. 2. Qld Naturalist Club - Q.N.C. News 3. Qld Naturalist Club - Queensland Naturalist - Journal. 4. Dept of Environment and Heritage - Coastal protection Bill - draft Public Consultation. 5. Greg Parsons from Bloomfield - suggesting we buy land for sale there. 6. Subs from - Doris Spence, Kevin Seaby, Joanne Kuestner, Don Bingley, M.S. Moulds & Alyson McCall 7. Chinchilla Nats - Urimbirra 8. C.B.A. Bank Statement 9. D.D. Naturalist - July 9. Alexander Motel - advertising accommodation.

Outward

1. & 2. Broadcast notes to 4QS and 4WK for July. 3. Patience & Frank James - condolence.

Moved Desley McDonagh seconded Ailsa Wilkinson that the inward correspondence be received and the outward adopted. Carried.

Treasurer's report

Balance as at 23/6/93

\$ 30.28c

Receipts

Subscriptions	307.00
Room Rent Collect	24.90
Bring 'n' Buy	15.70
Bank Interest	5.05
	352.65

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382.93Expenditure

Room Rent	12.50
Fed Govt Tax April	.45
	.45

\$ 13.4013.40

369.53

Balance as at 28/7/93

369.53

Julia Brown moved and Neil Donges seconded the adoption of the Treasurer's report and the following accounts for payment - Room Rent \$12.50; Magazine Postage - \$90.00; Kris Carnell (Postage) \$45.00; Julia Brown (Journal & Receipt Book) \$3.05.

Carried.

Outing reports:- Reporting on the recent outing to Blue Gorge, Kris Carnell said that there were 75 present on an outing that everybody enjoyed. He expressed thanks to Peter Hazelgrove for taking us to where not too many people are able to go. A letter of thanks was to be sent to Peter.

Next outing:- The next outing will be to Girraween (The Sphinx) on Sunday 22nd August, leaving Weeroona Park at 9.00am.

Specimens:- Gordon Davis had a series of Scats to be identified.

Next Meeting:- The programme for the August meeting is yet to be arranged.

President Kris welcomed the Land Care people who had joined the meeting.

Programme:- Rob McCosker and Colin Hockings (who had been working behind the scenes during the meeting sorting the slides) presented the programme - Remember last Year - slides from last year's outings. There were also prints of these outings to be viewed. Kris thanked Colin & Rob for putting on the programme.

Following the programme the meeting closed and supper was enjoyed by all present.

**Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc.
President's Report 1992-93**

It is with much pleasure that I present this President's report for 1992-93. The Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club has had a very successful twelve months. The monthly outings have been very well attended and I would like to thank those members who have organized the outings.

We had three camp-outs in this past twelve months, all of which were well organized and attended. I think that increasing the number of camp-outs from two to three, and having one camp-out close enough to allow members to attend for part of the weekend, is an idea that should be continued. There have been some comments about having so many 4WD outings in the latter part of the year. This was not envisaged when the programme was planned and these concerns will have to be considered when planning future programmes.

I would especially like to thank Colin and Janet Hockings for allowing us to go to their place for our Christmas break-up.

Our meeting programmes have been varied, enjoyable and educational. A special thanks to those who have contributed in any way to these programmes.

The photocopier purchased last year, has made the work of the editor much easier, and has resulted in a magazine that is easier to read. Thank you to all contributors, but we do need more contributions.

I would like to thank the office bearers for their co-operation during the past twelve months. All of you have contributed to the smooth running of the club and I believe that the results of our year's work speak for themselves.

I have enjoyed my term as president and I believe that the club has a bright future ahead.

Kris Carnell
President.

Outing for 22nd August 1993

As there is not enough water in Herding Yard Creek to make an outing worthwhile the next outing will be to The Sphinx at Giraween National Park. Cars will leave Weeroona Park at 9.00 a.m. and travel to the main Picnic Area for morning tea. From there we will walk to The Sphinx carrying water and lunch. Please bring a torch as there are caves to explore.

Programme for 25th August 1993

The programme at the meeting on Wednesday, 25th August will be presented by Jean Harslett, and will be "Local Nature".

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

Calvin Coolidge

STANTHORPE FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1993.

INCOME:

Bring & Buy	16.70
Photocopying	18.00
P O Box Rental (Half)	37.00
Room Rent Collection	137.10
Subscriptions	745.00
Bank Interest - Commonwealth	<u>5.05</u>
	958.85

LESS: EXPENSES:

Federal Government Tax	4.85
Incorporation Fee	19.00
Incorporation Insurance	76.88
Magazine Postage	266.45
Petty Cash	35.00
Photocopy Rights	140.00
Photocopy Paper	78.04
P O Box Rental	37.00
Repayment of Photocopier Loan	300.00
Room Rent	112.50
Staples & Envelopes	<u>6.83</u>
	1076.55
Net Deficit for the Year	<u>\$117.70</u>

REFER TO AUDITORS REPORT

ACCUMULATED FUNDS STATEMENTS

AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1993.

Balance as at 30th June, 1992	425.23
Less: Deficit for the Year	<u>117.70</u>
Accumulated Funds at 30.6.93	<u>\$307.53</u>

Represented By

ASSETS:

Commonwealth Bank Cheque Account	<u>307.53</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$307.53</u>

DECLARATION BY EXECUTIVE

We, the duly elected executive of Stanthorpe Field Naturalists Club Inc., do solemnly and sincerely declare that the statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1993 and the Balance Sheet at 30th June, 1993 of the Association are, to the best of our knowledge and belief, correct.

We make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of "The Oaths Act of 1867 to 1960".

Declared at Stanthorpe this 28th day of July, 1993.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

[Signature]
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TREASURER

Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Programme 1993-94

<u>Date</u>				<u>Leader</u>
August	22nd	Outing	The Sphinx	
	25th	Meeting	"Local Nature"	Jean Harslett
Sept.	5th	Outing	Jolly's Falls - half day	Desley McDonagh
	19th	Outing	Goomburra	M. & R. Marsden
	22nd	Meeting		Gordon Davis
October	23/24th	Camp-Out	Basket Swamp	K. & M. Carnell
	27th	Meeting		N.S.W. National Park Ranger
November	21st	Outing	Mole River	Robin McCosker
	24th	Meeting	National Parks of N. America	Rod Hutchin
December	12th	Outing	Christmas Break-up	Gordon & Noor Davis
January	23rd	Outing	Braeside	Tim Murray
February	20th	Outing	Wylie Creek	Leila Hermanssen & Ralph Fletcher
	23rd	Meeting		Errol Walker
March	19/20th	Camp-Out	Rocky River	Geoffrey Walker
	23rd	Meeting	Tasmania	M. & R. Marsden
April	24th	Outing	Swan Creek	Peter Kerr
	27th	Meeting		Narelle Crawford
May	22nd	Outing	Kitchen Caves	Bill Goebel
	25th	Meeting	South Africa	Mary Walters
June	11-13th	Camp-Out	Woody Head	Fred Simpson & Lincoln McPhee
	22nd	Meeting		Qld National Parks
July	24th	Outing	Clean-up & Scott Jamieson	Kris Carnell
	27th	A.G.M.	Remember Last Year	
August	21st	Outing	Texas - Inglewood	Bob Clarke
	24th	Meeting	Natural History Quiz	Gordon Davis

Spare Outings: 1. Red Rock Gorge 2. Queen Marys Falls
3. Turners Creek

Spare Programmes 1. Desley McDonagh

This is the suggested programme and may be changed or rearranged.