



The Granite Belt Naturalist



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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 and plants
4. To assist where possible in scientific research
5. To publish a monthly newsletter



The Pyramids, Girraween National Park

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at
Uniting Church, Small Hall, 113 High Street
Stanthorpe at 7.30pm

Outings: The Sunday following the 3rd Wednesday
of each month

Subs: Single \$20.00, Family \$30.00 per annum, July
to June

CLUB OFFICE BEARERS – 2024/2025

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Vice-presidents	Robyn Murray	0488515311
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Stanthorpe Field Naturalists is a group member of
Granite Borders Landcare.



Management Committee: President, Vice-
Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer

**SCALE OF DIFFICULTY FOR WALKS
ON NATS OUTINGS**

1. Flat, well-formed track, no steps, 5km or less. Clearly signposted. Suitable for wheelchairs with assistance.
2. Formed track. May have gentle hills and some steps. Clearly signposted. No experience required
3. Formed track, some obstacles, 20km or less. May have short steep hills and many steps. Some experience recommended.
4. Rough Track. May be long and very steep with few directional signs. For experienced bushwalkers.
5. Unformed track. Likely to be very rough, very steep and unmarked. For very experienced bushwalkers with specialised skills.

Coming Up

Wednesday 21st May: *Cape York* with John Salini

Sunday 25th May: *Bald Rock* with John Salini.

**Deadline for next newsletter
9th June 2025**

Remember Last Year

If any members have photos for our *Remember Last Year* program in July could you please arrange to get them to Kris. (not available 17th – 26th May.)
Email: carnellkris@gmail.com
Phone: 0407165031

Pre-outing Report - Bald Rock National Park – 25th May 2025

Leader: John Salini

As the outing did not take place in April I have reprinted the pre-outing report. Editor



On a drizzly Thursday morning, I collected Graham Rayner and drove to Bald Rock National Park. Fortunately, it was no longer drizzling during the 2 hours of our visit.

We walked from the picnic grounds along a bitumen path to the start of the Bungoona Walk skirting the southeastern side of the rock on an easy path; you can find a description of the walk at <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/walking-tracks/bungoona-walk>.

Although conditions were wet, the track was easy and safe for walking. All gutters and creek lines contained flowing water with many groups of wallabies and kangaroos seen along the way. These were clearly not intimidated by walkers and could be approached for photographs.

Large New England Blackbutt, Grey Gum and Sugar Gum trees lined the beginning of the path, along with many Acacias and other smaller native shrubs. We saw one Callistemon flower in total. The path brought us on a gradual rise to some rock formations referred to as 'Granite Titans' similar to Granite Arch in Girraween NP. One large rock formation hosted a 'Lily



Rock Garden' that featured many clusters of King Orchids and other orchids and plants growing on the rocks. Eventually, we reached the main rock face but decided against walking the last 50 metres due to the risk of slipping on the wet granite. The view to the east was restricted by mist and low clouds. With good clear weather on the 20th April, this view should be strikingly different. We encountered one other walker during the 2 hours or more of our visit.

Minutes of April 2025 Meeting
Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc
Date: Wednesday 16th April 2025

Meeting opened: 1940h with Robyn chairing the meeting.

Attendance & Apologies: *As per Attendance Book; 16 members attended.*

Minutes of the previous meeting: - Any amendments? None

Confirmed John

Seconded Kris

Carried

Business arising from the minutes: None

- Sue Francis mentioned the requirement for Not For Profit clubs to now lodge a 'self-review' to the ATO!!

Correspondence:.....John forwarded many emails from other clubs to members. He also received a notice from the QWaLC that our club (as noted by Sue above) must submit a 'self review' to the ATO each year.....

Moved John

Seconded Lyn

Carried

Financial Report: Lyn reported the Current Balance unchanged at: \$2,934.79 as at 16April 2025

Total

\$2,934.79

Moved Lyn

seconded Sue

Carried

Outing Report: **Kris Carnell** reported on the Creek Trail (Girraween NP) walk on Sunday 23rd March 2025; It was a pleasant day with lunch at Bald Rock Creek on the rocks. There was a great attendance of around 13 people.

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This outing was changed during the meeting, see below

New Business Arising: - Vice President Robyn Murray raised the issue of the President's resignation during the previous week. Kris suggested the status quo be retained with Robyn taking on the responsibilities of President for the next two months. The AGM in July will enable nominations for the position of President as well as the normal planning of talks and outings for the coming year.

Motion: John moved a motion that the Bald Rock National Park outing be moved from Easter Sunday to the 25th May, since few members would attend on Easter Sunday due to family commitments.

Motion seconded by Kris, passed.

Kris also suggested I approach Tony Dutton for his talk on Lunar geology.....

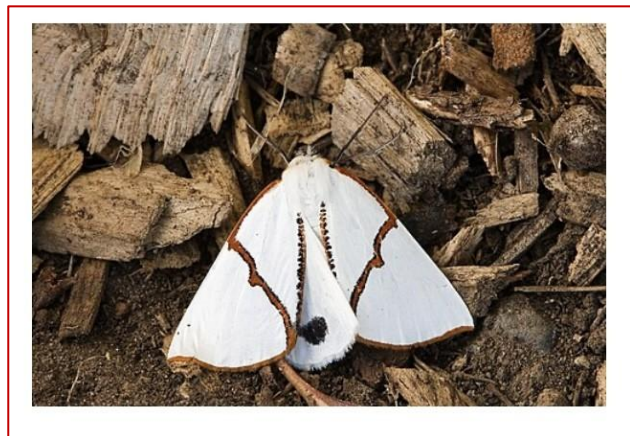
Speaker & Topic: - **David Wilson** "Strezlecki Track, Cameron Corner and Birdsville". David showed many beautiful photographs of wildflowers, landscapes and rock formations along the route he followed. The inland appeared well vegetated during the period of his travels. Robyn thanked David for his excellent presentation.

Specimens: - Rob commented that the March meeting minutes listed the dead bird he presented as a specimen, was not a cuckoo but a bar-shouldered dove that had crashed into their house window.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 21st May 2025; To be arranged.

Meeting Closed: 2000h, followed by David's slide show talk.

Spottings



Above Left: Holly saw the underside of this Orange Rimmed Satin Moth on the window last month.

Above: The upper side (from the internet.) *Thalaina selenaea*

Left: Kris saw this turtle sunning itself while walking along Quart Pot Creek.



Above: Kris and I have been watching this pair of Eastern Rosellas feeding in the back yard. We were intrigued by the way the female, in particular, seemed to be digging into the dirt.

Below: There have been a couple of St Andrew's Cross spiders in the garden. The one on the left was there for weeks and at the beginning of May, disappeared. The one on the right was guarding its egg sack.



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The committee once again asks for your assistance to provide a wide range of outing activities and meeting programs for the coming twelve months.

Please jot down your suggestions below, and indicate if you would be prepared to lead an outing or provide a meeting program. All suggestions will be considered at a special committee meeting to be held shortly after the AGM.

Name: Outing: (Place or area, duration, time of year)

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Campout: (Place, duration and dates)

Meeting subject: (Title and brief description)

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Other comments and suggestions:

Thank You