



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

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Management Committee: President, Vice-
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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 18th June: *Uluru and Surrounding Area* with Kris and Margaret Carnell.
Sunday 22nd June: *Inglewood Heritage Centre & Australian Tobacco Museum* with Kerry and Leon McCosker

Deadline for next newsletter
6th July 2025

Pre-outing Report – Inglewood Heritage Centre & Australian Tobacco Museum
Sunday 22nd June 2025

Leaders: Kerry and Leon McCosker

Meet at Weeroona Park at **8.30am** to carpool, it takes approximately 1.5 hours to drive to Inglewood. The Museum is at 3 Victoria St, diagonally opposite the Lions Park at the corner of Albert St (Cunningham Highway) and Victoria St.



Inglewood Heritage Centre &
Australian Tobacco Museum

The Museum has the history of the Tobacco Industry, Squatter's Legacy, Cobb & Co Depot, 100 Year History of the Show Society, Buggy Room, Coolmunda Dam Exhibit, and Hospital Equipment. Beth Brown will be there to serve morning tea and show us around the museum.

The cost is \$5.00 entry and \$10.00 for morning tea, please advise Leon, phone 0488 732 638 of numbers attending, for catering, by Wednesday 18th. Bring lunch to have in the Lions Park or travel to Coolmunda Dam.

Program – Uluru and Surrounding Area

In May our daughter Jenny took Kris and me to Uluru for the first time. We fitted a lot into the four night stay, looking at sunrises and sunsets at Uluru and Kata Tjuta, travelling to King Creek Station and Kings Canyon and doing four walks – one at Uluru, one at Kata Tjuta, one at Kings Canyon and one at Kathleen Springs. Because there had been rain we were lucky enough to fly over the channel country and see the water between the dunes. Where we walked it was green with some wildflowers. We saw a dingo and I was fortunate to see two wild camels on the drive back from Kings Canyon. The weather was good but it was COLD in the morning taking photos. - *Margaret*

Outing Report to Bald Rock National Park – 25th May 2025



Seven people attended the outing. We arrived at Bald Rock NP in time for morning tea. There were numerous vehicles in the carpark. Conditions were fine as we walked along the lower slopes of the Bungoona Walking track. A family of 7 Yellow tailed black cockatoos were feeding in a tall gum tree along the track. Soon, the path veered west as we skirted the granite boulders and passed under three rock formations, referred to as Granite Titans. Clumps of King Orchids were seen on top of various boulders although none were flowering. One wattle species

was

already in blossom. Other wattle species were already forming flower buds.

After about 2 hours, we reached the top and were rewarded with great views towards Mt Norman to the west, the MacIntyre Wind Farm turbines to the north and Mt Wilson to the east. Lunch was enjoyed sitting on the rocks at the peak, after which we started walking back along the same path back to the carpark for afternoon tea.



Acacia ulicifolia

John Salini

Bald Rock Outing wildflower list *Rob McCosker*



Philotheca epilosa

White paper daisy *Coronidium boormanii*, Climbing guinea flower *Hibbertia scandens*, Hoary guinea flower *Hibbertia linearis* var. *obtusifolia*, Stuarts daisy *Brachyscome Stuartii*, Cockspur mint bush *Plectranthus suaveolens*, Waxflower *Philotheca epilosa*, Wild turnip *Trachymene incisa* subsp. *Incisa*. Prickly Moses *Acacia ulicifolia*. False sarsaparilla vine *Hardenbergia violacea*, *Isotoma anethifolia*.

Minutes of SFN May2025 Meeting Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc
Date: Wednesday 21st May 2025

Meeting opened: Vice President Robyn opened the meeting at 1935h

Attendance & Apologies: As per Attendance Book, Kris and Margaret Carnell, Alison and Martin Vries

Minutes of the previous meeting: - No amendments.....

Confirmed John.... Seconded Lyn Carried

Business arising from the minutes: None

Correspondence:.....read as per correspondence book; It was suggested that we check the SDRC website for funding sources.

Moved...John Seconded...Rob Carried

Financial Report: Treasurer's Report: Previous balance \$2,934.79

No income but an Expenditure of \$159 for payment of PO Box fee \$159.00

Petty Cash_\$

Total \$ 2,775.79

Moved.....Lyn seconded Leon Carried

Outing Report for April: There was no outing in April....postponed until May

Pre-outing Report: John referred members to his pre-outing report in the April Minutes (and newsletter).

New Business Arising: -

The June Outing is not finalised, but it could be a visit to the Inglewood Tobacco Museum; Leon will approach the Museum for arrangements.

The June Speaker/Topic may be a talk from Ranger Jo about Wombats; Robyn will contact Ranger Jo. If this fails, Leslie Saunders has agreed to present her photos from a recent trip to the USA.

Presentation:-

Speaker & Topic: *Cape York Camping Trip, 2016* – John Salini

Many attendees mentioned visits to some of the locations shown by John. Apparently, nobody had actually made the trip to the tip of Cape York. John was surprised by the presence of WW2 plane wrecks and a radar installation. Visiting Karumba and Weipa was a nostalgia experience for John as he had worked there over many field trips at the CSIRO Field Stations in both locations.

Specimens: - None

Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th June 2025. Speaker TBA

Leon will contact the Tobacco Museum in Inglewood regarding an outing there on 22nd June. Morning tea is usually provided at the Museum; Lunch can be enjoyed at the park opposite the Museum or at Coolmunda Dam. Leon will inform members by email.

Meeting Closed: 2000h

Spottings



Thanks to John Salini for this month's *Spottings* photos.

Top Left: A Jezabel butterfly on the Post Office steps

Top Right: Stunning rainbow

Centre: A stag and doe and a herd of deer grazing

Left: An adult Wedge Tailed Eagle

Above: A Juvenile Wedge Tailed Eagle.

John also saw a White-breasted sea eagle more than once and also a Pelican taking off from the dam.

John's son-in-law shot 3 foxes that had come to scavenge off a deer carcass and the eagles came to feast off the fox carcasses.

Subscriptions and Program for 2025/26.

Subscriptions are due for the next 12 months from the end of June,

Subscriptions for 2025-2026: Family \$30.00 – Single \$20.00

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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