



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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**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 16th July: AGM and *Remember Last Year* followed by supper. Please bring your own cup

Sunday 20th July: *Uncle Tom's Cabin* with Rob McCosker

**Deadline for next newsletter
11th August 2025**

***AGM and Remember Last Year
Followed by supper
Wednesday 16th July at 7.30pm
Please bring your own cup and some food to share***

Pre-Outing Report - Uncle Tom's Cabin Plant Lane July 20th 2025

Leader Rob McCosker 0410024383



Meet at Weeroona Park for 9.00am start. Car-pooling is necessary due to the limited parking space at the Cabin. We plan to look around the cabin and have morning tea there before walking along some of the tracks on the property and return to the cabin for lunch. We will walk another track in the afternoon, hoping to see some rare and endangered Boronias, and some early spring wildflowers around a granite slab, returning to the cabin by about 3.00pm. The tracks are vehicle tracks so walking is relatively easy grade 2.

The property is called Kurrajong Place and was owned by the Plant family since the early 1920s. It is about 229 acres and is bordered by the Broadwater State Forest and Canon Creek. The cabin was built originally for weekend stays when vegetable farming was undertaken on the property and is now something of a museum with various other buildings added for the convenience of weekend visitors. The property was made over to a Nature Refuge by agreement with the State Government some 15 years ago but remains privately owned. Current owners Terry and Michelle live in Brisbane and they hope to be with us for the outing.

Outing Report – Inglewood Heritage Centre & Australian Tobacco Museum – 22nd June 2025

Leaving Weeroona Park at 8.30am, it was a pleasant drive to Inglewood turning left at Greenup and driving along Tobacco Rd through areas of acacias about to bloom. The rich farming areas including Inglewood Farms, a leading producer of organic free-range chickens, there were several central pivot irrigation systems drawing water from the McIntyre Brook. This was the tobacco growing areas in the 1930s.



Jeff and Kerrie beside George Brown's Sulky

Arriving in Inglewood we were met at the Museum by volunteers Beth and Jeff Brown. There was a large display of the tobacco industry which started in the 1880s and lasted to the 1980s. There were displays of the Bodumba Run, Coolmunda Run, Glenelg Run, Terrica Run and Warroo Run for the pastoral industry. A display of the construction of Coolmunda Dam completed in 1968 and a display of the old hospital equipment used. There was a wool press, buzz saw and other farm equipment.

The Buggy room had restored buggies and a sulky owned by George Brown, who is Jeff's Dad and Kerrie's Uncle. The museum has QR codes at the various displays which gives a detailed description of the display, given by a knowledgeable volunteer.

Outside there was

a replica tobacco barn, share farmer's two room cottage and various old tractors and machinery.

Beth had prepared a wonderful morning tea for us which we all enjoyed.

Beth and Jeff were thanked for giving up their time to open the museum and showing us around. We went to Coolmunda Dam picnic area for lunch where there was plenty of bird life.



Our Group in front of the Replica Tobacco Barn

Kerry and Leon McCosker

Bird list from Rob: Torresian Crow, Grey-crowned Babbler, Little Black Cormorant, Pelican, Dusky Moorhen, Little Corella, Galah, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Willy wagtail, Whistling Kite.

Minutes of SFN June2025 Meeting
Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc
Date: Wednesday 18th June 2025

Meeting opened: Vice President Robyn opened the meeting at 1930h

Attendance & Apologies: As per Attendance Book, Leslie Saunders

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

Confirmed John....

Seconded Kris

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 Alison

Carried

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

Subscription renewals \$90; Expenditure of \$125 for 5 months hall hire

Total \$ 2,740.79

Moved.....Lyn

seconded Leon

Carried

Outing Report for May: John Salini referred members to his report in the June newsletter

Pre-outing Report: Leon McCosker referred to his note about the visit to the Inglewood Tobacco Museum in the June Newsletter. Meet at Weeroona Park at 0830h allowing for a 90minute drive via Tobacco Road.

New Business Arising: -

Kris Carnell asked that members contribute photos for the AGM 'Year in Review' slide show at the July meeting. He reminded members to bring a cup and supper; Nominations are needed for Office Bearers at the AGM.

Lyn mentioned the Sunnyside Bridge will be conserved with funds being sought for this purpose.

John played 2 video clips that captured the appearance of the Fireball and then the ensuing Sonic Boom from a house security video camera near Quart Pot Creek.

Michael Mueller asked about the circumstances surrounding Holly Patti's resignation.

Peter Haselgrove had an enquiry from Liz Bourne about sightings of the 'Underground Orchid'.

July Outing: This will be hosted by Rob and Trish McCosker, going to 'Uncle Tom's Cabin', on private property. Meet at Weeroona Park 0900h

Presentation:-

Speaker & Topic: *Uluru* – Kris and Margaret Carnell

Kris and Margaret Carnell showed slides of their brief visit to Uluru National Park. They were blessed with clear weather and enjoyed a helicopter sight-seeing flight over the area.

Specimens: - None

Next Meeting: Wednesday 16th July 2025. Speaker Kris Carnell 'Remember Last Year'

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



Does anyone know what sort of pine tree this is Graham saw the trees at Coolmunda Dam and was interested in the swollen trunks just above ground level. I suspect it is an exotic.

This is the only *Spottings* item this month. We have seen an Eastern Spinebill in our garden where we have grevillias in bloom but haven't been able to get a photo. We are a bit excited to have them in town as they were our friends at Severnlea.

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