



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 – 2025/2026

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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 20th August: Ranger Jo McLellan

Sunday 24th August: *Mt Norman* with Rob and Trish McCosker

Deadline for next newsletter
8th September 2025

Pre-Outing Report, August 24th 2025 to Mt Norman



We will meet at Weeroona Park for a 9.00am departure for the Mt Norman Day Use area for some botanising and morning tea. The road into the park from the entrance gate has some deep washouts with running water since the last rain so slow down and take care. Also take note of the Showy mirbelia along the way. After morning tea we will carry lunch and walk along the track to Mt Norman and the Eye of the Needle, then if time permits, return to the Creek to Peak track and follow it to the large flag rock with views of Mt Norman and hopefully some wildflowers.

Please RSVP in case there are changes.

Rob McCosker 0410024383 mccoskerr@gmail.com

Beware of livestock on the road from Wallangarra to the park entrance gate. I saw cattle and camels on the pre-outing trip.

Outing Report Uncle Tom's Cabin 20.7.2025



Our group of 9 Field Nats members drove out the short distance to the end of Plant Lane to meet up with our hosts Terry and Michelle at the old Log Cabin on their property Kurrajong Place. We spent some time looking through the cabin with its rustic stone and timber slab walls and large stone fireplace which would need a roaring fire to keep warm on a cold night with all the cracks in the walls. A display board with historic photos, some dating back to the 1920's, included one of Tom Plant with renowned singer Johnny Cash. Lots of vintage machinery

and cooking pots were discovered around the cabin and kept members interested for some time. We had morning tea at the outdoor covered table, with its assortment of hanging pots and pans as well as amusing notices, and then walked down a track to a dam. On the way Terry pointed out the old cultivation paddock now well overgrown with wattle and Tea-tree scrub, showing how quickly these *Acacia* and *Leptospermum* "pioneer" species can reclaim cleared areas. I noticed that the track we were on also had Tea-tree growing up to 1m high but was mostly clear a little over 12 months ago.



We returned to the Cabin for lunch and then we walked along the Lookouts track, visiting another small dam along the way. At a place called Boronia Corner we saw a few *Zieria* plants with a few flowers and also lacking some leaves – some native critter had taken a liking to this Rare and Endangered species. A little further along the track we came to a large granite flag rock with several shallow Gnammas full of water from the recent rain with tadpole and mosquito



Zieria Sp.

larvae

Gnammas

inhabitants. There were also several plants in bloom including *Hovea*, Flannel Flower, the showy *Acacia latisepala* with its golden flowers and bright red stems, as well as more *Zieria*, Prickly tea-tree and Snowbush. We returned to the Log Cabin by about 2.30pm for an early finish to the day and allowing our hosts an early start for their return to Brisbane. We were very grateful to Terry and Michelle for allowing us their time for the outing and we hope to be able to return for future outings.

Note: The Zieria was identified as Boronia repanda on the outing but it was noticed that it only has four stamens, not eight so it is a Zieria species. Hopefully it will be identified and we can let you know which one it is.

Plant List: Snow bush *Acrothamnus melaleucoides*,
(*Leucopogon m.*), Wattle matrush *Lomandra filiformis*,
Woolly matrush *L. leucocephala*, Long-leaved matrush
L. longifolia, *Zieria sp.*, Common correa *Correa reflexa*,
Granite hovea *Hovea graniticola*, Wattle *Acacia latisepala*,
Flannel flower *Actinotus helianthi*, Urn heath or Ten
corners *Melichrus urceolatus*, Fireweed *Senecio*
madagascariensis, (we removed several plants of this
invasive weed), Staghorn *Platyserium superbum*, Rock felt
fern *Pyrrosia rupestris*, Leafless climbing orchid
Erythrorchis cassythoides, (with several flower buds),
Monkey rope vine *Parsonsia straminea*, White burr daisy *Calotis dentata*.



Bird list: White-eared honeyeater, Yellow-faced honeyeater, Brown thornbill, White-throated treecreeper, Magpie, Eastern rosella, Superb Fairy-wren, Noisy Friarbird.

Rob McCosker

Minutes of SFN July 2025 Meeting Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc

Date: Wednesday 16th July 2025

AGM:

Vice President Robyn Murray opened the meeting at 1945h.

She invited Kris Carnell to present his slide show "The Year in Review" to allow the Secretary to arrive in time for the AGM.

Leon gave a vote of thanks to Kris. The Secretary was delayed and arrived during the slide show.

Attendance & Apologies: As per Attendance Book, 15 in attendance.

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

Confirmed John....

Seconded Kris

Carried

Business arising from the minutes: None

Robyn declared the Office Bearer positions open.

Rob McCosker nominated Robyn for **President**, seconded Allison, carried

Kris Carnell nominated Martin Vries for **Vice President**, seconded by Trish, carried

Robyn nominated John for **Secretary**, seconded Rob, carried.

John nominated Lyn Collins for **Treasurer**, seconded Trish, carried.

Robin nominated Margaret Carnell for **Newsletter Editor**, seconded Kris, carried.

Kris explained that he upgrades the SFN Facebook page and Website.

Treasurer's Report;

The account received \$500 in subscription payments:

Credit as at 30th June 2025 was \$2,770.79

Lyn moved her report be accepted, seconded by Margaret, carried

Robyn closed the AGM at 2030h.

OGM: following the AGM

President Robyn Murray thanked the newly elected Office Bearers for accepting their nominations.

Minutes; Robyn referred to the Minutes of the June meeting as presented in the July Newsletter.

John moved that the Minutes be accepted, seconded Lyn, carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes; None

John moved there was no further business arising from the June Minutes, seconded Robyn, carried

Treasurer's Report; Balance as of 18th June 2025 \$2,865.79

Income; from subscriptions and Donations \$130.00

Expenditure, Meeting Room rent x5 months -\$125.00

Current Balance CBA account at 16th June 2025 \$2,870.79

Lyn moved that her report be accepted, seconded by John, carried.

Correspondence:.....PO Box contained a 2025 Certificate of Membership of the QWalC. Several emails were forwarded to Members since the June meeting.

Moved...John

Seconded Alison

Carried

Outing Report for June: Leon reported on the outing to the Inglewood Tobacco Museum. He scanned some of the QR codes listed on the Museum display boards and was able to find further information about the displays .Kris reported that Liz Bourne had contacted him about the unusual Pine trees photographed by Graham at the Coolmunda Dam picnic grounds where Members enjoyed their lunches.

Pre-outing Report: Rob McCosker suggested meeting at Weeroona Park at 0900h before driving to Uncle Tom's Cabin on Sunday. The cabin is on private land at 295 Plant Lane.

New Business Arising: -

Robyn reported that she had communicated with Ranger Jo to arrange her talk at the August meeting. At this stage it was uncertain whether Ranger Jo would talk about Wombats in particular or about Girraween National Park in general.

Robyn suggested a Planning Meeting of Office Bearers at her house on Friday, 25th July. This will organize Speakers and Outings for the forthcoming year (2025/2026). John will send out an email reminder to the relevant members.

Specimens: - None

Speaker & Topic: Remember Last Year – Kris Carnell, the slide show was presented at the start of the AGM, while waiting for the Secretary to arrive.

Meeting Closed: 2100h

Reminder

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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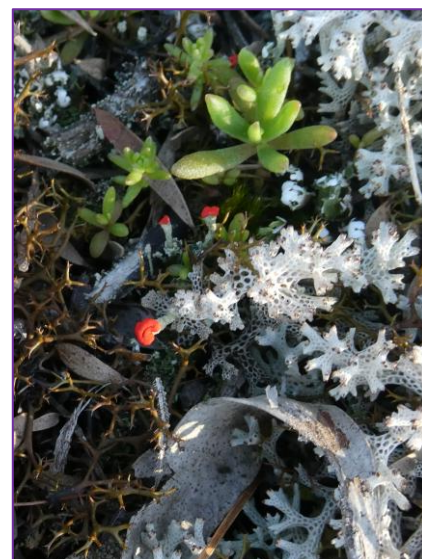
Spottings



Acacia Floribunda by John Salini



Above: *Acacia Pruinosa*
Left: *Hovea linearis*
Below L.: *Acacia venulosa*
Below middle: Lichen
Below Right: Lichen
 fruiting body
 All on Twin House Road



Below Left & Right: Moss,
 Lichen and Fungus on Twin
 House Road – *M Carnell*



Suggested Program for 2025/26

Month	Date	Meeting Speaker	Subject	Date	Outing	Leader/s	Comments
August	20 th	Ranger Jo		24 th	Mt Norman	R and T McCosker	
September	17 th	K & M Carnell	Grampians	21 st	Boonoo Boonoo	Martin and Alison Vries	
October	15 th	R & T McCosker	South Australia	19 th	Bolivia Hill	K & M Carnell	
November	19	Paul Revie	Quolls	23 rd	Billy Goat Hill	R and T McCosker	
December				7 th	Break-up	Martin & Alison Vries	3.00pm
February	18	John Salini	China Eclipse	19-23?	McIntyre Falls	Rob & Trish McCosker	Camp Out
March	18	David Wilson	Norway	22	Pyramids Rd Winery	Martin & Alison Vries	
April	15			19	Mt Norman	John Salini	
May	20	Rob McCosker	Bird Nests	24	Ooline Creek	Peter Haselgrove	
June	17			21		Ranger Jo	
July	15		Remember Last Year	19	West of The Summit	Kris Carnell with Tom Dunn	
August	19	Tony Dutton	Lunar Geology	23	The Desert	K & M Carnell	Suggestion for either August or September

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