



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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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 15th October: *Central Qld with Dinosaurs* with John Salini

Sunday 19th October: *Bolivia Nature Reserve* with Kris and Margaret Carnell

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

Pre-Outing Report – Bolivia Nature Reserve – 19th October 2025

Leaders: Kris & Margaret Carnell

We will meet at Weeroona Park at 9.00am and travel to the rest area on Bolivia Hill where we will have morning tea before heading south to the other entrance to the Nature Reserve. There are no facilities in the southern section of the reserve.

We will walk along the track looking for rare plants that only grow at Bolivia, particularly the Bolivia Boronia.

Because we are unable to do a pre-outing as we have to have a key, it will be a bit of an adventure trying to find what we are looking for. There are sure to be other plants in flower at this time of year, so we are hoping to see quite a few different things, including the Bolivia wattle pictured above in bud last year on the pre-outing. It had finished flowering by the time of the outing.



Instead of carrying lunch we will return to the parking area and have lunch there, possibly close to the old shearing shed that has been restored. We will need a bit of shade I expect. After lunch we can explore that area before heading home. It's really a case of playing it by ear. Be sure to carry plenty of water.

Outing Report -Boonoo Boonoo NP -21st September 2025



Exploring Morgans Gully

We met up at Weeroona Park in Stanthorpe at 9.15AM as scheduled. Attendees were: Lynn, Graham, Robyn, John, his daughter and his 3 grandkids. Alison was an apology due to last minute work commitments.

In three cars we left Stanthorpe and underway picked up another car with Leon, Kelly, Rob and Trish.

We arrived for morning tea at Morgans Gully in Boonoo Boonoo NP at about 10AM. We spent about one hour there

exploring the gorge, the watercourse and the various flowers. Leon pointed out the old goldminers excavations to get the water through and the old rock dumps.



Platypus Hole

We drove from there to the second parking area (Platypus Hole Picnic area) It was a short 30m walk from the carpark to the watering hole. Johns grandkids dove in the water to see if there were any Platypus under water, but sadly they didn't find one....

After about 30 minutes we drove on to the Boonoo Boonoo Waterfalls picnic area. There we walked the area and visited the lower rock pools and the higher waterfalls. The amount of water flowing through was spectacular. Graham spotted some white Orchids across the gorge hanging of the vertical rock formation. Well. Spotted! After about one hour or so it was time for lunch and around 2pm we all left.

Martin & Alison



Boonoo Boonoo Falls



Thanks to Graham Rayner for all the photos
Far Left: *Kunzea obovata*
Left: *Patersonia sericea*
Bottom L: *Pomaderris lanigera*
Below: Early Nancy



Minutes of SFN August 2025 Meeting
Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc
Date: Wednesday 17th September 2025

President Robyn Murray opened the August meeting at 7.35pm.

Attendance: Robyn Murray, Martin and Alison Vries, Trish and Rob McCosker, Kris and Margaret Carnell, Kerrie and Leon McCosker

Apologies: Lyn Collins, John Salini, Graham Rayner, Lesley Saunders, Peter Haselgrove

Minutes; Lyn asked that the July Minutes Treasurer's Report have the month June replaced by July. Minutes acceptance moved by Trish McCosker, seconded Martin Vries – carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes; None

Treasurer's Report; There was no report as the treasurer was absent

Correspondence:..... Various emails forwarded to members and urgent replies sent out.

Outing Report for August: Rob McCosker referred members to his detailed report on the outing to Mt Norman which was an excellent outing according to members who attended.

Pre-outing Report: Martin Vries gave a brief summary of the outing to Boonoo Boonoo NP as the outing report was in the newsletter.

Kris Carnell reported that the October outing is planned for Bolivia Nature Reserve. He is to get a key from the ranger and there should be more details in the October newsletter. If we are unable to go to Bolivia the outing will be to The Desert in Basket Swamp NP.

New Business Arising: -

Nil

Specimens: - Tris and Rob brought a pot of Pink Rock Lilies *Dendrobium kingianum ssp kingianum*.

Speaker & Topic: *South Australia* – Rob and Trish McCosker presented many beautiful photos of the landscape and flora of a trip to South Australia, including Flinders Ranges.

Next Meeting: John will present a slide show of his camping trip to Central Qld visiting some of the Dinosaur attractions in the region.

Meeting Closed: 8pm



Orchids On Cliff
Boonoo Boonoo Falls

Spottings



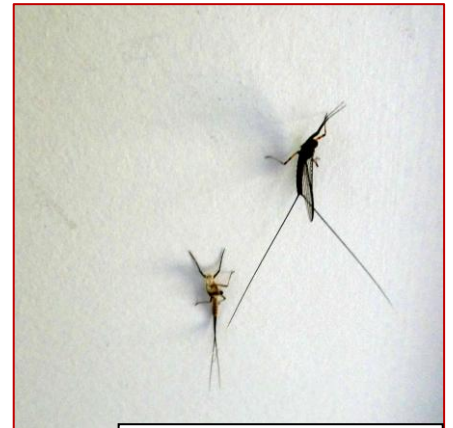
Diuris sp. Double Tails or Donkey Orchids. Thanks to John Salini for all the orchid photos.



Glossodia Major



Pterostylis rufa



Above: This wasp? Had just shed its skin on the kitchen wall. It appears to have two ovipositors.



Left: A Satin Bower Bird's bower and some treasures in our daughter's garden in suburban Toowoomba.