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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 and post it to members



| Meetings | 4th <u>Wednesday</u> of each month at QCWA Rooms, |
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| | Victoria Street, Stanthorpe, at 7.30pm |
| Outings: | The Sunday preceding the 4th Wednesday of each month |
| | (<u>Saturday outings</u> as pre-arranged) |
| Subs: | Single \$20.00, Family \$30.00 per annum, July to June |

CLUB OFFICE BEARERS - 2017/2018

| President Vice-presidents | Jeff Campbell Kris Carnell | 46811420 46835268 | The Club thanks the Queensland Country Credit Union for their donation that enabled us to buy a printer. |
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| Secretary Treasurer | Halina Kruger Rob McCosker Leslie Saunders | 0427835206 46835371 | The Club acknowledges the support of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund in the purchase of a data projector. |
| Newsletter Editor Publicity Officer Librarian | K & M. Carnell Errol Walker Trish McCosker | 46835268 46812008 46835371 | 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 walking, road or track
- 2. Road or track, gentle hills
- 3. Track, some hilly sections
- 4. Track, some steep sections
- Cross country, easy open forest, gentle slopes
 Track, steep sections common, with steps
- 7. Cross country, some hills, some thick undergrowth
- Cross country, some mills, some mills undergrowth
 Cross country, steep sections with scrambles over rocks,
- etc., and some thick undergrowth
- 9. Cross country, steep, hilly, rough, thick undergrowth
- 10. Mountain climbing, hard going, higher level of fitness or plenty of time required

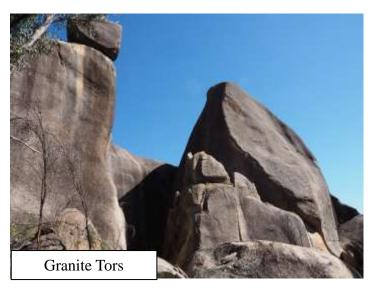
Coming Up

Sunday 20th August: Girraween with Rob McCosker Wednesday 23rd August: *Iceland* with Jeff Campbell

Deadline for next newsletter 12th September

Pre-Outing Report to Girraween 20th August 2017

Leader Rob McCosker 46835371.



This outing is to some spectacular granite tors behind Bill Goebel's house that some of us visited the last time we had an outing to this area. On that trip we made a steep climb up to the tors from the northern side but this time we will do a much more gradual walk from the south, crossing several expansive granite flags and a couple of pretty creeks on the way. We will emerge onto a granite platform with excellent views of the Wyberba skyline before descending to explore the ferny caverns below. It is then just a short walk down to an old cultivation paddock and a service track which will take

us back past the house and along the road to the cars. The area suffered a severe burn several years ago and is recovering well now, so it is easier to walk through and there are many plants starting to flower. On our pre-outing we saw Rupp's wattle and Showy Mirbelia, as well as Phebalium and Pomaderris.

We will leave Weeroona Park at 9.00am as usual and meet up at the Girraween Day Use Park for a brief walk to the creek, then return to the cars for morning tea. We will then continue along Pyramids Road to park on the roadside before the turnoff to Bill Goebel's house. Carry a packed lunch to have on the way and plenty of water. I rate this walk Grade 6 as there are no formed tracks and we will be doing a little scrub bashing, but as it is a short walk and not terribly strenuous, I expect to be back at the cars by 3.00pm.

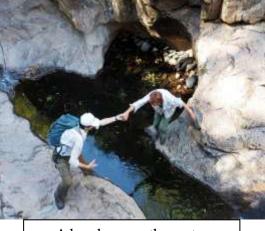


where we located the small hidden chasm.

Outing Report Gap Creek Chasm Sun 23. July 2017

After a good morning tea at the rainforest picnic area west of Cunninghams Gap, four members managed to finish what was one of the clubs longest and most adventurous walks. A brisk walk to Gap Creek Falls for a start and we continued through a small scenic gully before ascending a cleared hill from which we had a 360 degree view from the Scenic Rim and Mt Barney all the way to the Ranges near Brisbane. From here we descended into the horseshoe shaped valley

We continued along the long flat rocks lining the creek bed where we soon found our progress blocked by at times challenging obstacles, before reaching the large pool at the bottom of the falls. A short backtracking and it was up a steep slope to the narrow graded track which continued all the long way uphill. Luckily we had a 7:30 start because on our way back to Stanthorpe it already got dark.



A hand across the water

Michael Mueller

Annual General Meeting Stanthorpe Field Naturalists' Club Inc. 26th July 2017

Meeting opened: 7:43pm Attendance: Present 14 Apologies 4 as per attendance sheet Minutes of the previous meeting: H Kruger moved minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record seconded J Campbell Business arising from the minutes: nil Correspondence: Associations Incorporation Form 12-1 Presidents Annual Report: R McCosker Financial Report: Balance \$1144.47 L Saunders moved seconded E Walker **Election of Office Bearers:** President: R McCosker Nominated J Campbell seconded E Walker accepted Vice Presidents: R McCosker Nominated E Walker seconded J Campbell accepted R McCosker Nominated H Kruger seconded L Saunders accepted Secretary: H Kruger Nominated R McCosker seconded L Saunders accepted

Treasurer: R McCosker Nominated L Saunders seconded M Mueller accepted Newsletter Editor: H Kruger Nominated K Carnell seconded L Saunders accepted Publicity Officer: R McCosker Nominated E Walker seconded L Saunders accepted Librarian: H Kruger Nominated T McCosker seconded L Saunders accepted Business for AGM Changing office bearers signatures at the bank and then completing the Form 12-1 Meeting Closed: 7:35pm

Minutes of the Meeting of the Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc.

Held in QCWA Rooms, Victoria St, Stanthorpe on Wednesday 26th July 2017

Meeting opened: 8:03pm Attendance: 14 Apologies 4 as per attendance sheet Minutes of the previous meeting: T McCosker confirmed J Campbell seconded carried Business arising from the minutes: nil

Correspondence: as per folder H Kruger moved seconded M Carnell carried

Financial Report: Balance \$1144.47

L Saunders moved seconded H Kruger carried

Outing report:

23rd July M Mueller report on outing to "Gap Creek Falls" 5 attended L Sunders wished to thank members that helped her when she got ill on the walk back to the cars.

Pre outing report:

20th July R McCosker "Goebels property" at Girraween NP

General Business:

R McCosker gave short overview of proposed SDRC Mountain bike track at Mt Marlay and suggested the Club should write to the Council to express our concerns with the tracks. R McCosker to investigate and price Projection Screen and hand held UHF radio for the club.

Specimens: R McCosker showed two rock specimens with different quartz inclusions and a piece of smooth timber which had been "tumbled" in the Gap Creek Falls. **Next Meeting:** 23rd August 2017 **Next Month's Presentation:** J Campbell – Iceland

Meeting closed: 8:28pm

Tonight's Presentation: K Carnell - Remember Last Year