



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 and post it to members



Meetings 4th Wednesday of each month at QCWA Rooms, Victoria Street, Stanthorpe, at 7.30pm

Outings: The Sunday preceding the 4th Wednesday of each month (Saturday outings as pre-arranged)

Subs: Single \$20.00, Family \$30.00 per annum, July to June

CLUB OFFICE BEARERS – 2017/2018

President	Jeff Campbell	46811420
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Secretary	Rob McCosker	46835371
Treasurer	Leslie Saunders	
Newsletter Editor	K & M. Carnell	46835268
Publicity Officer	Errol Walker	46812008
Librarian	Trish McCosker	46835371

The Club thanks the Queensland Country Credit Union for their donation that enabled us to buy a printer.

The Club acknowledges the support of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund in the purchase of a data projector.

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
5. Cross country, easy open forest, gentle slopes
6. Track, steep sections common, with steps
7. Cross country, some hills, some thick undergrowth
8. 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.



Granite Tors

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.



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

where we located the small hidden chasm.

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.

Michael Mueller



A hand across the water

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 Saunders 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