



# 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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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 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Bald Rock with Kris and Margaret Carnell

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April: African Wildlife Frank Dalgity and Lesley Clark

May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>: Camp out to Black Rocks, Bunjalung NP with Jeff Campbell & Glenys Mathison

**Deadline for next newsletter  
April 22nd**

**Pre-Outing Report Camp-Out – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> May – Black Rocks Bunjalung National Park**

**Leaders: Jeff Campbell and Glenys Mathison**

Set behind the dunes amongst tuckeroo and banksia trees, Black Rocks campground is perfectly positioned right by Ten Mile Beach and near Jerusalem Creek. Not far from Evans Head, it is a great place for a family camping holiday, with campsites for caravans, camper trailers and motorhomes. Getting to the beach is easy along the short walking track that leads you north along creek banks and through wetlands to the mouth of the ocean. Jerusalem Creek paddle route offers excellent opportunities for paddling—you can launch your canoe or kayak from the pontoon and camp the night at Jerusalem Creek or return to the main campground. Go at dawn or dusk to increase your chances of spotting animals and birds.

Proceed to Woodburn. From Woodburn travel approx 5 km south and turn left onto The Gap Road (signposted) and almost immediately turn right. Follow the bitumen to the end and continue on the gravel road, passing Olive Gap Road on the left and Minyumai Road on the right. Turn right on The Gap Road (the main gravel Road) at the intersection with South Gate Road, continue past the next intersection with South Gate Road on the left, passing Jerusalem Trail on the left. Ignore RB Trail on the right. At the 3 way intersection with Black Rocks Trail either turn left and follow around to the campsites or turn right and then left continuing past trail on left and turn left to the campsites.

Saturday afternoon's walk will be along the road to the Jerusalem Creek walk down to the junction and then back to the pontoon, up to the road then along the Miranbah Trail and back along the road. On Sunday the walk will be the same as the start of yesterday's walk to the junction of the two Jerusalem Creek tracks then continue north to the mouth of Jerusalem Creek then back along the beach. High tide is about 1 pm so should not be a problem, carry lunch. Monday morning we will probably walk along the road and turn left on to the Esk River Trail, returning the same way.

Campsites have to be booked and paid for prior to arrival. Either book online or phone Alstonville on (02) 6627 0200. Each campsite has a table, fireplace and clothesline. No drinking water, showers or firewood available. Brackish water may be available from Jerusalem Creek at the pontoon. Cost per site is \$24 per night (2 adults) plus \$8 per day car fee. All bookings incur a 2.5% levy.

<http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/camping-and-accommodation/campgrounds/black-rocks-campground>

**SPECIAL OFFER**

Stay 3, pay 2

Stay 3 nights, pay only 2 nights. Valid for stays between 29 April and 20 September 2018. Online bookings only.

**Pre Outing Report - Bald Rock 22nd April 2018**

Leaders:- Kris and Margaret Carnell 46835268

Meet at Weerona Park at 9 a.m. and car pool. There is a day use fee for Bald Rock National Park unless you have a concessional parks pass so the fewer cars the better.

We will travel via Sugarloaf Road to Mt Lindesay Road and then along to Bald Rock. Morning tea will be at the day use area in the park. The day's walk will be along the border track heading south. Carry your lunch and water. Rob has the co-ordinates of a gnamma that is not far off the track and we hope to locate it. We have not planned a turn-around point so we'll stop for lunch at a convenient spot and then turn back along the track.

After another cuppa at the cars anyone who likes can climb the rock, either track or meander north along the border. The day can take as long as you like.

**Outing Report :- Condamine Gorge March 25<sup>th</sup>**



Brown Ringlet

A small group of Nats met at Weeroona to start our outing. We travelled along Amosfield Road to get to the Mt Lindesay Road. It was a pleasant drive as we passed through Liston and a few k's further along turned into Cullendore Road. Shortly we reached the Maryland river crossing and Karen and her friend from Dirranbandi were waiting for us. The Nats "explored" the area around the bridge and dodged the traffic which was more than I had expected. We then heard a Cooee from up the road and David called out that there was a nice spot on the river for smoko where the old crossing used to be so we moved to there.

After a longish break we drove along Cullendore Road and then turned towards Killarney. There was a short comfort stop in Killarney and we received a message that Rob and Trish were at Queen Mary Falls waiting for us. Killarney was extremely busy with hundreds of tents and motor bikes for the trail bike ride.

We picked up Rob and Trish at the Falls which made our group of 16 Nats complete. The drive up to The Head is always worthwhile with some magnificent rainforest trees through part of it. The visitor from Dirranbandi, coming from an area where a 3 meter high tree is a large one, was amazed at the size of the gum trees.



Typical Gorge



Lunch Break

At the head of the Condamine Gorge we turned onto the Gorge Road and made our way down the very picturesque road towards Killarney. All the river crossings already had visitors enjoying the day so we found a wide property entrance and stopped for lunch. After a Nats length break we continued on to Killarney. While there was a fair bit of traffic from the trail bike ride, we had a pleasant drive back.

After some discussion the Stanthorpe contingent decided to return home via Legume which was a pleasant drive. As we weren't travelling in convoy

the lead car (driven by Kris) didn't realize that the rest of the group stopped at the Maryland River Bridge for a cuppa. A good way to finish off a pleasant day sightseeing.

*Kris Carnell*



Wanderer Butterfly



Condamine River

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc.  
Held in QCWA Rooms, Victoria St, Stanthorpe on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Meeting opened: 7.40pm

**Attendance:** 17 present 3 Apologies as per attendance sheet

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**

confirmed by E. Walker seconded by M. Carnell Carried

**Business arising from the minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence:** as per folder moved by R. McCosker seconded by P. McCosker Carried

**Financial Report:** Acting Treasurer R. Murray reported a bank balance of \$1284.37  
R. McCosker moved financial report be accepted, seconded by G. Maywald Carried

**Outing Reports:** Kris Carnell reported a total of 16 people attended the outing to the Condamine Gorge with stops at Cullendore for a river walk and morning tea, then Queen Mary Falls before continuing to the gorge for lunch and then on to Killarney and home.

**Pre-outings:** The outing on 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Bald Rock will be led by Kris Carnell, 9.00am start, morning and afternoon tea at the cars but carry lunch.

**General Business:** Secretary to send a letter of support to the Stanthorpe library re Seed Library.

Kris and Margaret called for someone to do the next newsletter as they will be away.

Rare Wildflower Consortium have proposed their walk dates for this year.

Jeff noted that people wishing to attend the Campout at Bundjalung NP on the 5th-6th May should book online to secure a site.

Leon advised members interested that the NASA International Space station would be visible, weather permitting, at about 5.00am next morning.

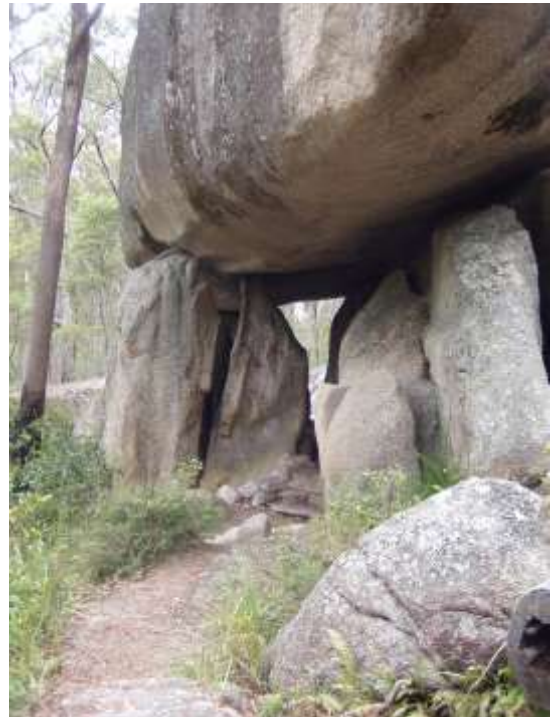
**Specimens:** A booklet of the plants of the Rosenthal Scrub by Warwick members of Native Plants Qld.

Jeff had a booklet on Flora of King Island.

**Next Meeting:** A presentation of African Wildlife by Lesley Clark and Frank Dalgity.

**Meeting closed:** 8.10pm

**Presentation:** Jeff and Glenys gave most informative presentation of life on King Island, taken over several visits.



Bald Rock Boulders