



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
Vice-presidents	Kris Carnell	46835268
	Gunther Maywald	
Secretary	Rob McCosker	46835371
Treasurer		
Newsletter Editor	K & M. Carnell	46835268
Publicity Officer	Jeff Campbell	46812008
Librarian	Laura Maywald	46835371

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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 19th August: *Peak to Creek*
(Girraween) with Kris Carnell
Wednesday 22nd August: *The Flinders Ranges* with Kris Carnell

**Deadline for next newsletter
1st September 2018**

Pre-Outing Report Peak to Creek 19th August 2018

Leader: Kris Carnell



We will meet at Weeroona Park at 9.00am. Four wheel drives will be needed for the day so we will work out the transport before we leave. The drive to our first stop will be via Eukey Road, Breens Lane and Pyramids Road before turning into Mount Norman Road. At the first access point of the trail, we will leave a vehicle or two before driving up to the Paling Yard Creek crossing for morning tea.

We will then continue along the Mount Norman Road to the day use area to start the walk. The outing will be a one way walk from the day use area along a shared bike/walk trail to the first access point. According to a ranger that I spoke to, the trail will show three different stages of vegetation management. The left hand side

has been unburnt for a number of years. The first section of the right hand side was burnt two years ago and the second section was burnt last month. There were a few wattle trees flowering in July but I don't expect much else because of the dry. I estimate the walk to be about 7 km. When we reach the cars left at the first access point we will have to ferry some drivers back to pick up their vehicles. Carry your lunch and water.

Kris Carnell 46835268

**Please Note: The Camp-out to
Apsey State Forest has been
cancelled due to dry weather.**

Outing Report – Amiens State Forest – 22nd July 2018

We had a very nice day for the walk – sunny and not much wind. We collected two more people at Amiens then reduced the number of cars and parked in the state forest. We walked around 11kms on roads and rough tracks.



Acacia adunca

Aduca wattle was just starting to bloom and we saw and smelt some shrubs that were ahead of the others. We stopped at two homestead sites. One had only a chimney left and it was dated 14921 (in its concrete). The second site had plaques on some rocks about members of the Sealey family.

We passed the hill where the old fire lookout was. The track is now hard to find and the tower has fallen (or been taken) down. We had lunch on a big open rock with great views across farmland and the hills to the North and West.

One member showed us the tracks/diggings of echidnas, goats, pigs, deer, cats and a very big dog. We heard lots of birds but they proved difficult to sight.

Jeanie Wylie

Bird List: spotted pardalote, striated pardalote, welcome swallow, yellow-tailed black cockatoo, grey shrike thrush (heard), eastern spinebill (heard).

Plant List: *Plectranthus suaveolens*, Wallangarra wattle *Acacia adunca*, Prickly Moses *Acacia ulicifolia*, White banksia *Banksia integrifolia* subsp. *compar*, Five corners *Styphelia viridis* subsp. *Breviflora*, Urn heath *Melichrus urceolatus*, Snowbush *Leucopogon melaleucoides*, Round-leaved phebalium *Leionema rotundifolium*, Mountain dampiera *Dampiera purpurea*, Cough bush or Dead finish *Cassinia quinquefaria*, Granite heath *Micromyrtus sessilis*,



Dampiera purpurea



A tree damaged by deer

Annual General Meeting Stanthorpe Field Naturalists' Club Inc. 25th July 2018

Meeting opened: 7.40pm

Attendance: Present 13, 4 Apologies as per attendance book

Minutes of the previous meeting: After amending the nomination of K Carnell as Vice President in lieu of E Walker as shown in the minutes, R McCosker moved minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded by K Carnell

Business arising from the minutes: nil

Presidents Annual Report: presented by J Campbell

Financial Report: in the absence of the Treasurer no report was presented. It will be published in the next newsletter. The bank statement showed a balance of \$1307.87

Election of Office Bearers:

President:

K Carnell **Nominated** J Campbell **seconded** R McCosker accepted

Vice Presidents:

M Carnell **Nominated** K Carnell **seconded** C Hocking accepted

K Carnell **Nominated** G Maywald **seconded** L Mayweld accepted

Secretary:

M Carnell **Nominated** R McCosker **seconded** L Collins accepted

Treasurer:

R McCosker **Nominated** L Saunders **seconded** K Carnell accepted

Newsletter Editor:

R McCosker **Nominated** M Carnell **seconded** T McCosker accepted

Publicity Officer:

R McCosker **Nominated** J Campbell **seconded** C Hocking accepted

Librarian:

L Maywald Volunteered **seconded** R McCosker accepted

Business for AM

Secretary to forward Form 12-1 Annual Return to Office of Fair Trading with Cheque for \$55.35

Meeting Closed: 8.00pm

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc.
Held in QCWA Rooms, Victoria St, Stanthorpe on Wednesday 25th July 2018**

Meeting opened: 8.00pm

Attendance: 13 and 6 Apologies as per attendance sheet

Minutes of the previous meeting:

confirmed by R McCosker seconded by G Maywald Carried

Business arising from the minutes: nil

Correspondence: as per folder

moved by R McCosker seconded by T McCosker Carried

Financial Report: No report due to absence of Treasurer. Bank Balance \$1307.87

Outing Reports: Jeanie Wylie reported that 13 people enjoyed a very pleasant day along about 11kms of tracks in the Amiens forestry.

Pre-outings: 19th August - Mt Norman Creek to Peak track from Mt Norman end with Kris Carnell departing Weeroona Park at 9.00am

8-9th September - Apsey State Forest Campout with Peter and Lynette Hazelgrove.

General Business: Newsletter deadline 3rd September

A reminder that the first Rare Wildflower Consortium wildflower walk will be at Foxbar Falls Amiens 2nd September

There will be a total lunar eclipse at 3.30am Saturday 28th July

Committee meeting to prepare annual program at Jeff and Glenys's at 2.00pm Wednesday 1st August.

Specimens: One member noted that they had been held up on the highway near Cottonvale while workers repainted the Rabbit Fence "grid" on the bitumen road. You have to wonder at the efficacy of this.

Next Meeting: August 22nd Flinders Ranges with Kris and Margaret Carnell

Meeting closed: 8.40pm

Presentation: Kris Carnell gave a presentation of photos from all outings held through the year, followed by fellowship over supper.

STANTHORPE FIELD NATURALIST CLUB INC				
<u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1/7/2017 TO 30/06/2018</u>				
Balance c/f 1/7/2017				\$974.47
Members subscriptions	\$680.00			
Donation	\$150.00			
Camera Club Rental	\$63.50			
TOTAL INCOME	\$893.50			\$893.50
				\$1,867.97
EXPENDITURE				
Rental	\$200.00			
Insurance				
Fair Trading	\$53.50			
Fair Trading Certificate				
P O Box Rental	\$127.00			
Stamps & Stationary	\$60.00			
Handheld Radios X2	\$89.60			
	\$530.10			\$530.10
Total Expenditure				
Cash Book Balance and Bank Balance as at 30/06/2018				\$1,337.87
Signed by.....President		Date		
Signed by....Treasurer		Date		

	Outing	Meeting Program	Campout
September	23rd 'Mt. Patti' Holly Patti	26th Central Australia Rob and Trish McCosker	
October	21 st Joint Outing with Queensland Nats	24th Eucalypt Beetles Gunter Maywald	
November	25th Scenic Drive NP's of N. England Rob McCosker	28th Canberra & Floriade Kris Carnell	
December	9th Christmas Breakup Kris and Margaret Carnell		
February	24th Insect Collecting Gunter Maywald	27th Insects of Aust. Gunter Maywald	
March	24th Mt Ferguson / Sow & Pigs Kris Carnell	27th TBA Kris Carnell	8-10th Lionsville-Solferino Rob and Trish McCosker
April	14th Timbarra N P Gunter Maywald	24th Fungi Paul Knox	
May	19th Spicers Gap David Wilson	22nd The Gulf and Back David Wilson	
June	23rd Goomburra Lesley Saunders	26th Stanthorpe Rob McCosker	
July	21st Butterleaf NP TTFD Nats/Rob McCosker	24th Annual Meeting Remember Last Year	
August	25th Amiens Forest Jeanie Wylie	28th ANN Victoria Jeff Campbell	
September	22nd Basket Swamp Jeff Campbell	25th African Safari Gunter Maywald	1st-7th Dirranbandi Karyn and Len