



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 – 2018/2019

President	Jeff Campbell	46811420
Vice-presidents	Kris Carnell	46835268
	Peter Haselgrove	
Secretary	Rob McCosker	46835371
Treasurer	Gunter Maywald	
Newsletter Editor	Margaret. Carnell	46835268
Publicity Officer	Jeff Campbell	46812008
Librarian	Laura Maywald	46810674

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

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 25th August 2019: Wyberba
with Jeanie Wylie and friends
Wednesday 28th August: *ANN Victoria*
with Geoff Campbell

**Deadline for next newsletter
6th September 2019**

Pre-Outing Report – Wyberba – 25th August 2019

Leader Jeanie Wylie.

Sorry but there is a change to the planned event. The outing will now be to a private property at Wyberba. The walk is off track and along the creek with some climbs to lookout rocks with good views. There is a waterfall but it and the creek are dry. Although off track it's not very difficult terrain. The property owner will take us around. There are usually many wildflowers but no guarantees with the drought. Pack morning tea and lunch.

Meet as usual opposite the police station at 9.00am. For those who live south of town please be at or close to the used furniture business located on the left as you turn from the New England highway into the road to Girrawean NP. (Pyramids Road).

Pre-Outing Report -Black Rocks Campout - 2 to 6 September 2019

Leader: Geoff Campbell

Black Rocks is 25 km south of Woodburn, approximately 25 to 30 minute's drive. The individual campsites are set in the bush, screened from each other. Each site has a fireplace, table and seats and a clothesline. A long drop toilet is located each end of the campground and another about in the middle. Water and firewood have to be brought in with you. The Jerusalem Creek water is unfit for drinking due to possible feral pig contamination. Motel and hotel accommodation is available in Woodburn if any non-campers are interested. Birds and wildflowers should be in abundance.

From Woodburn turn south for approximately 2 km and turn left into the rest area access near the start of the road works, turning immediately right at the T-junction. Follow through to the end on to Gap Road. The southern entrance to Gap Rd is permanently closed. The initial section of this road is bitumen, the remainder gravel. Follow the well-used gravel road to the campground.

NSW Parks currently have a stay 3 nights pay for 2 deal. To get this deal you need to pick a site from the online campground map (Google Black Rocks campground NSW) and then ring 1300 072 757. Vehicle access fees are additional to the camping fee. The northern access to the beach is still closed due to storm erosion.

Outing Report - The Junction - 21st July 2019

The outing to The Junction in Girraween NP attracted 13 members on a perfect winter day. We met at the Picnic Area for morning tea then walked along the Junction track observing the sad state of the bush in the extreme drought. We noticed many Orange gums, *Eucalyptus prava*, were so distressed all their leaves were brown while some Stringybark *E.youmanii*, were putting out epicormic shoots along their trunk and had lost most leaves from their canopy. Where the track passed through low shrubs of wattle and she-oak, growing on shallow rock shelves, the vegetation was completely dead. Upon reaching the granite slabs of the Junction there was a trickle of water running only as far as the cascade pool whereas on my pre-outing trip just 10 days before water was trickling well below the junction with Ramsay Creek.



We stopped for lunch then nine of us continued for some distance downstream through some pretty rough scrub to avoid the boulders in the creek bed. At one spot we passed a clump of White Mintbush, *Prostanthera nivea*, which looked healthy and still had the remnants of flowers from its last blossom. I was surprised to see the extent of Spinifex growing along the creek bank having only seen it in a couple of isolated spots previously. When we reached the bend in the creek where it turns north we decided to turn back to the lunch spot then continue to the cars for afternoon tea and the end of a pleasant day.

Flowering plants

Wallangarra wattle *Acacia adunca*, *Acacia latisepera*, *Banksia spinulosa*, *Bursaria spinosa*, Snowbush *Leucopogon melaleuroides*, New England beard heath *Leucopogon neoanglicus*, Urn heath *Melichrus urceolatus*, *Mirbelia speciosa*, *Cryptandra amara*, Pepper and Salt *Spyridium scortechinii*, *Callistemon sp. (flavovirens?)*, *Correa reflexa*,



**Annual General Meeting
Stanthorpe Field Naturalists' Club Inc.
24th July 2019**

Meeting opened: 7.35pm

Attendance: Present Rob and Trish McCosker, Lesley Saunders, Glenys Mathison, Gunter and Laura Maywald, Margaret and Kris Carnell, Col and Jenny Hockings, Peter and Lynette Haselgrove, Sue Francis, Lyn Collins, Graham Rayner, Jeff Campbell, Robyn Murray, Michael Mueller

Apologies: Leon and Kerrie McCosker, as per attendance book

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Rob McCosker moved minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record seconded by Kris Carnell
Carried

Business arising from the minutes: nil

Presidents Annual Report: Jeff Campbell gave a report outlining the club's activities for the last twelve months.

Financial Report: Lesley Saunders presented her Financial Report which showed a balance of \$1490.04 and moved that it be accepted, seconded Lyn Collins Carried

Election of Office Bearers:

President:

Jeff Campbell Nominated by Rob McCosker seconded by Kris Carnell accepted

Vice Presidents:

Kris Carnell Nominated by Margaret Carnell seconded by Lesley Saunders accepted

Peter Haselgrove Nominated by Kris Carnell seconded Gunter Maywald accepted

Secretary:

Rob McCosker Nominated by Kris Carnell seconded by Lesley Saunders accepted

Treasurer:

Gunter Maywald Nominated by Lynette Haselgrove seconded by Peter Haselgrove accepted

Newsletter Editor:

Margaret Carnell Nominated by Lyn Collins seconded Rob McCosker accepted

Magazine Committee: As there are so few posted Newsletters it was decided this Committee was no longer required.

Publicity Officer:

Jeff Campbell Nominated by Lesley Saunders seconded Col Hockings accepted

Librarian:

Laura Maywald Nominated by Rob McCosker seconded Gunter Maywald accepted

Business for AGM: nil

Meeting Closed: 7.48pm

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc.
Held in QCWA Rooms, Victoria St, Stanthorpe on Wednesday 24th July 2019**

Meeting opened: 7.50pm

Attendance: 18 Apologies 2 as per attendance sheet

Minutes of the previous meeting:

confirmed by Kris Carnell seconded by Lynette Haselgrove Carried

Business arising from the minutes:

Gunter Maywald reported that he will open a second Bank Account, under the Club's existing Comm Bank account, to operate the ANN finances.

Correspondence: as per folder

moved by Rob McCosker seconded by Lesley Saunders Carried

Financial Report: Bank Account balance \$1620.04

moved Lesley Saunders Seconded Lynette Haselgrove Carried

Outing Reports: Rob McCosker reported that 13 members enjoyed a walk along the Junction Track at Girraween NP, in spite of the dry conditions and some rough going.

Pre-outings: There was no information about the proposed outing to the Amiens Forestry on June 25th so members were asked to check the next newsletter.

General Business: Due to unforeseen circumstances the Camping trip to Dirranbandi has been cancelled and it was suggested the club instead have a campout at Black Rocks in Bundjalung N P from 2nd to 5th September. Members intending to attend should book their own site by phone.

Specimens: Rob and Trish showed a couple of Boab tree nuts collected from their recent trip to the Kimberleys. Two were opened and members were invited to try the edible white pith surrounding the seeds inside.

Next Meeting: August 28th Jeff Campbell will show photos taken on the last ANN Get-together in Victoria.

Meeting closed: 8.15pm

Presentation: Kris Carnell showed photos submitted by members from the last years outings to "Remember Last Year" followed by a pleasant social supper.

**Stanthorpe Field Naturalists Club
Annual General Meeting 24 July 2019
President's Report**

The drought, bushfires and controlled burns had a marked impact on our programme this past year, although given the conditions there were a surprising amount of wildflowers on some of our field trips. We had two camp outs cancelled due to weather conditions, one too dry and the other because of a bushfire. In August Kris led us from Creek to Peak in Girraween and he and Margaret took us to the Flinders Ranges at the meeting. September saw us climbing Mt 'Patti' with Holly followed by Central Australia with Rob and Trish at the meeting. October's field trip was to Girraween and we learnt a lot about beetles from Gunter at the meeting.

November saw us driving Spirabo Forest Way to Drinkwater, returning via Stannum, under the leadership of Trish and Rob. Kris and Margaret took us to Canberra and the Floriade and Cowra. The December breakup was held at Kris and Margaret's place. Guntur took us insect collecting around Bookookoora and showed us more Australian insects at the meeting. The March field trip was swapped to June and the trip to Goomburra was cancelled due to inclement weather there. Rob showed Stanthorpe and surrounds at the meeting. The field trip to Timbarra N P was replaced by a walk in Sundown due to the recent bushfire. Paul Knox entertained us with some amazing facts about fungi. David Wilson led a group to the Spicers Gap area and took us to The Gulf and back. In June we climbed Mt Ferguson and Sow and Pigs led by Kris followed by Kris and Margaret's trip to Western Australia.

I thank Rob for all his assistance as Secretary, Leslie for looking after the treasury, Margaret for producing our newsletter, Kris for his ongoing efforts with putting together the pictorial review of the past year, and committee members and members of the club who either led field trips or entertained us at the meetings. Finally I would like to thank members for their support in turning up for field trips and meetings.

Preparations for the ANN 2020 get together are well underway with various members of the committee working hard to sort out their particular section of the get together, reporting the results back to the committee for further discussion where needed. Expressions of interest will be sent out soon to allow planning both by the committee and participants.

Jeff Campbell,
President

REMINDER

Subs are now due for 2019/20

Subscriptions for 2019-2020 : Family \$30.00 – Single \$20.00

PAYMENT METHODS

1. **By Direct Debit** to Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc. BSB 064-431 Acc. 00902063
2. **Present with your subs.** to the meeting in an envelope with your name on the outside.
3. **Post to:** Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc, PO Box 154, STANTHORPE Q 4380.

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Financial Statement 1/7/2018 to 30/6/2019

Balance c/f 1/7/2018		\$1,337.87
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INCOME

Members subscriptions	\$650.00	
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Donations	\$20.00	
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Total Income	\$670.00	\$670.00
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EXPENDITURE

Rental of CWA room	\$250.00	
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Border Landcare Membership	\$60.00	
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P.O. Box Rental (half-share with Camera Club)	\$65.00	
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Fair Trading Certificate	\$55.35	
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Gift for Errol Walker (half-share with Camera Club)	\$27.00	
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Postage & Stationery	\$60.48	
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Total Expenditure	\$517.83	-\$517.83
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<u>Balance at 30/6/2019</u>		<u>\$1,490.04</u>
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BANK RECONCILIATION as at 30/6/2019

Balance as per Commonwealth Bank Statement on 30/6/2019	\$1,490.04	
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Balance as per Cash Book above	\$1,490.04	
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Nats Program 2019-2020

	Outing	Meeting	Campout
October	20 th Amiens State Forest Teresa Clifford	23 rd K&M Carnell- The Murray/Coorong to Mt Kosciusko	
November	24 th Bolivia National Park K & M Carnell	27 th Celebrating 50 years of Nats	
December	8 th Breakup P & L Haselgrove		
February	23 rd Aztec Temple P & L Haselgrove	26 th Sue Frances Faroe Islands	
March	22 nd Sherwood Arboretum R & T McCosker	25 th R & T McCosker Kimberleys	7-8-9 Torrington K & M Carnell
April	19 th Warwick Outing D Wilson	22 nd D Wilson Iceland	
May	24 th Woolloomoolli Basket Swamp N.P. K & M Carnell	27 th G Maywald	
June	21 st Blue Mountain – Dalcouth L & K McCosker	24 th J Campbell Norway	
July	19 th The Desert Gunter Maywald	22 nd Annual Meeting Remember Last Year	Baracoola N.P. Truscotts
August	23 rd Coolmunda Dam P & L Haselgrove	26 th J Campbell Bibbulmun Track	
September	20 th A.N.N	23 rd D Wilson Wales	