



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 - 2019/2020

President	Kris Carnell	46835268
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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

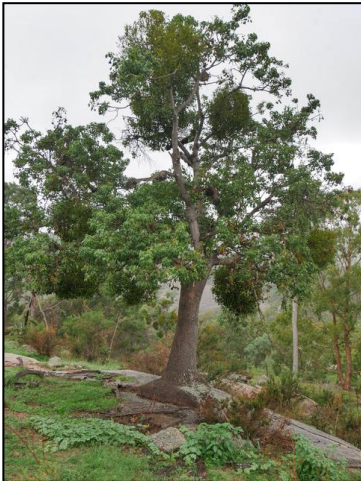
Sunday 23rd February: Visit to *Maybe*
west of Tenterfield with Peter
Haselgrove

Wednesday February 26th: *Faroe*
Islands with Sue Francis

**Deadline for next newsletter
10th March 2020**

Pre-Outing Report – “Maybe”, Mt McKenzie – 23rd February 2020

Leader: Peter Haselgrove.



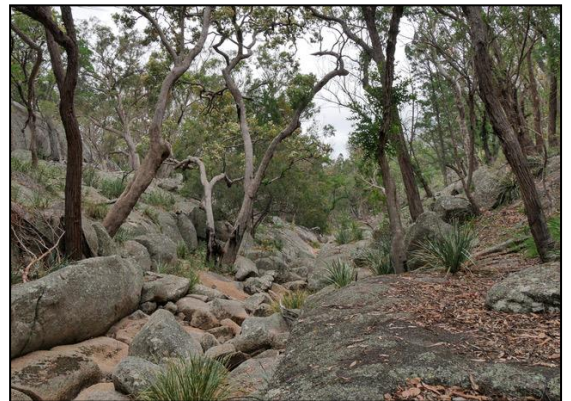
The February outing has been changed from Aztec Temple to the back of Mt McKenzie west of Tenterfield. Neil and Janet of the Tenterfield Nats have generously offered their property, “Maybe” to us for a visit. There is good clear walking down a small gorge and up over hills with views across the Mole River. Walk Rating – 5.

The pre-outing showed the property to have responded to the recent rain with a good body of native grasses and some flowering shrubs.

Because of the distance to be travelled we should leave Weeroona Park at 8:00am. The road into their property is steep and needs 4WD so we should carpool. It is possible to return by a different route out to the

Bruxner Highway if time allows.

We will have BYO morning tea at the Maybe cabin (there is a flash pit toilet) then go exploring. Carry lunch. Bring your own water.



Break-Up – December 8th 2019

The break-up for 2019 was held at Peter and Lynette Haselgrove’s place on 8th December. We assembled in the covered area for a cuppa before going for a walk around the garden and admiring the vegetables and a few flowers. Everything is very well mulched and doing better than might have been expected with the dry weather.

We lit the barbeque later in the afternoon and really enjoyed each other’s company. Trish had brought a couple of scrapbooks with reports of past outings, going back many years. It was

interesting to read of some of the places the Nats had visited and we considered going back to some of them. Old photos of members from years ago caused a lot of comment.

It was a very relaxed pleasant way to end our year's activities.

50th Anniversary Meeting

Stanthorpe Field Naturalists celebrated 50 years on Wednesday 27th November with a photographic presentation depicting some of their activities held over the years and the people who were part of the club. This was followed by supper and cutting the Anniversary cake by four original club members Errol and Annette Walker, Rob and Trish McCosker and long-time member Millie Marsden.



Cutting the Cake –
Millie Marsden, Rob
McCosker, Trish
McCosker, Errol Walker
Annette Walker



The Whole Crew at the Meeting
Thanks to David Wilson for the
photos.

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

Held in QCWA Rooms, Victoria St, Stanthorpe on Wednesday 27th November 2019

Meeting opened: 7.30pm

Attendance: 22 - 3 Apologies as per attendance sheet

Minutes of the previous meeting:

confirmed by Rob McCosker seconded by Lesley Saunders Carried

Business arising from the minutes: nil

Correspondence: as per folder

moved by Rob McCosker seconded by Trish McCosker Carried

Financial Report: Account Balance \$1913.44

moved by Gunter Maywald seconded by Kris Carnell Carried

Outing Reports: Jeff reported that 7 members enjoyed the drive to Glenlyon Dam instead of the proposed trip to Basket Swamp due to closure since the bushfires. Unfortunately the day was marred by thick smoke haze.

Pre-outings: Christmas Breakup at Peter and Lynette Haselgrove's 8th December

General Business: Jeff gave a brief report to bring members up to date with progress on planning for the ANN Get-together.

Specimens: nil

Next Meeting: 26th February Faroe Islands with Sue Frances

Meeting closed: 7.50pm.

Presentation: Rob McCosker provided a well-received presentation of 50 years of Stanthorpe Field Nats followed by cutting the anniversary cake and sharing fellowship with supper.



Bandy-Bandy Snake

One night in January I went out the front door and found a Bandy-Bandy just in front of the deck looking as intimidating as possible. He stayed in that position for quite some time while we took photos, before moving off out of sight. We've only seen one previously and it was dead beside the road.