



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



The Pyramids, Girraween National Park

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*Management Committee: President, Vice-Presidents,
Secretary, Treasurer*

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

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.



**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 14 April Sundown N.P.
Gunter Maywald
Wednesday 24 April
Fungi with Paul Knox

**Deadline for next newsletter
9th 2019 May**

Outing 14th April Sundown National Park Leader Gunter Maywald

The outing for April is a week earlier because of Easter. The walk is in Sundown National Park along the NSW border at the northern end of the park. The route is along fire access tracks and the 4WD track. It is approximately 8km in the taller wetter section of the park. There are some hills, but they are not too steep, and we should have time to pause to catch our breath.

The access requires 4km of 4-wheel driving in high clearance 4WD vehicles so it will be necessary to car pool.

We should meet at Weeroona Park ready to leave by 8:30am. Bring lunch, smoko etc and wear good boots as some the walk is rocky.

We hope to be back at Weeroona Park by about 4pm. Scale 3-4.

The intended outing for April was to Timbarra NP, east of Tenterfield, however it has been closed due to damage by 4WDers. (Ed.)

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc.
Held in QCWA Rooms, Victoria St, Stanthorpe on Wednesday 27th March 2019**

Meeting opened: 7.40pm

Attendance: 6 Apologies 4 as per attendance sheet

Minutes of the previous meeting:

confirmed by Peter Haselgrove seconded by Laura Maywald

Carried

Business arising from the minutes: nil

Correspondence: as per folder

moved Rob McCosker seconded Lynette Haselgrove

Carried

Financial Report: nil

Outing Reports: nil as the proposed campout to the Clarence Gorge was cancelled due to the drought and the outing to Goomburra was cancelled due to heavy rain – 200mm overnight and still showering in the morning.

Pre-outings: Gunter Maywald reported that on the pre-outing he found the gate to the Timbarra NP locked and was told by NP staff that it is permanently closed due the actions of some visiting 4WDers. Peter Haselgrove suggested Sundown as an alternative and offered to help Gunter with a pre-outing.

General Business: Laura Maywald asked if she could have her email address added to the Newsletter list.

Lynette Haselgrove asked for a copy of the last newsletter to be sent to her.

Specimens: Rob McCosker showed photos of a snake seen when visiting Glenrock Gardens at Tenterfield, and has yet to get a definite identification.

Next Meeting: April 24th guest speaker Paul Knox to speak about fungi – the different types, their uses and how to grow them.

Meeting closed: 8.05pm

Presentation: Rob McCosker provided the program for the night with a selection of pictures showing Stanthorpe, district industries and local National Park features.



This is the snake seen at Glenrock Gardens, as you can see it is about 1.5m long quite brown and thin with a dark head and the neck narrowing behind the head. It was quite docile and unconcerned about a group of us watching it for some time as it first made its way along the top edge of the rock wall before going down to the rock pavement then turning around and going to the tree and attempting to climb it. Obviously not a good tree climber, it reached only about a metre above the ground before falling back. It has been identified as an Eastern brown snake and we were amused because the owner had told us before we set off to explore the magnificent gardens that they often see Red-bellied black snakes when mowing etc, but never Brown snakes.
Rob McCosker.