



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 Uniting Church, Small Hall, 113 High 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

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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 29th Nov.: *Maybe* with Peter Haselgrove. **Note change of date.**
Wednesday 25th November: *Severnlea to Cape Hillsborough & Back* with Kris and Margaret Carnell.
Sunday 6th Dec: Break-up at Peter & Lynette Haselgrove's place

**Deadline for next newsletter
February 10th 2021**

Pre-Outing Report – “Maybe”, Mt McKenzie – 29th November 2020 : Note change of date

Leader: Peter Haselgrove.

There has been a change of destination for the November outing. We were to go to Nundubbermere but a pre-outing visit has shown that the track down to the falls is badly washed out. We could find a way to the river but there is also the possibility that the water level will be too high to negotiate a path along the bank and it could also be too hot to enjoy the day.

Neil and Janet of the Tenterfield Nats have generously offered their property, “Maybe” to us for a visit. We were planning to go last February but the trip was cancelled due to rain. The property is west of Tenterfield and south west of Mt Mackenzie. There is good clear walking down a small gorge and up over hills with views across the Mole River. Walk Rating – 5.

Neil and Janet have been very active in getting plants identified and now have a good list for the place.

We will have BYO morning tea at the Maybe cabin (there is a flush toilet) then go exploring. Carry lunch. Bring your own water. Note: there is virtually no cover at the cabin in case of rain or hot sun.

We will meet in Tenterfield at the public toilets just north of the swimming pool at 9.00am Qld time and travel in convoy to *Maybe*.

Any vehicle can get some distance into the property but there is a steep section and needs 4WD. So, if necessary, we can easily get people and their gear down the last bit to the cabin.

It is possible to return to Stanthorpe by a different route out to the Bruxner Highway if time allows.

NOTE: Every person going on this outing will need to obtain their own Queensland Border Declaration Pass at this website - <https://www.qld.gov.au/border-pass>. The process is simple and straight forward, but you should only do this a few days before the outing because the passes only last a limited number of days. Having a printed pass on your dash may allow a faster re-entry into Qld.

Please register for this outing by Friday 27th so that we can notify people if the outing needs to be cancelled for any reason (i.e. rain) and also so that we know who we are waiting for at the meeting place in Tenterfield. Please email us at pely95@gmail.com or phone on 0409 006 063.

Pre-Outing Report – Xmas Break-up –6th December 2020 – Peter & Lynette's Place

The Break-up this year will be held at Peter and Lynette Haselgrove's property at Storm King. There is no specific walk planned but there a number of strolls you can take depending on the weather. We can wander around our block. And we can walk down and admire the slowing filling Storm King Dam. We will have the kettle boiling for afternoon tea at 3.30 p.m. and the (BYO) BBQ will start around 6 p.m.

Bring tucker and a chair. We will provide tea, coffee etc. We do have some undercover shelter if we get a storm.

Outing Report Broadwater State Forest 25th October 2020

Five of us risked threatening skies and rain predictions to meet and then carpool to the State Forest off Ellwood Road, Applethorpe. The day turned out to be muggy and quite warm at times, but fortunately free from any rain the whole walk. We walked along a quiet dirt road for a short time before reaching a wide fire trail boarding the State Forest. On the way we saw a group of small pigs in the neighbouring property. The recent rain had wet the ground nicely so the steep descent into the park was not as dusty and slippery as on previous walks.

Morning tea was on a rocky outcrop which allowed us to see how high we actually were, before continuing downhill all the way down to the creek at the bottom. We passed a heathy area filled with lovely lemon coloured Alpine bottle brush. Unfortunately, the recent rains had not filled the waterholes as much as I was hoping but it was still a beautiful spot to sit for lunch and do a bit of birdwatching. The frogs sounded to be plentiful and were squeaking contentedly. We agreed that it would be a great birdwatching spot in the early morning or late afternoon. On the walk after lunch we saw a climbing orchid that was next to what looked like several years' worth of its predecessors on the same tree (see photo). A pleasant walk and a lovely day.



Smoko- Rob McCosker



Erythrorchis cassythoides – H. Patti

Holly Patti

Plants: *Podolepis arachnoidea* Clustered Copper Wire Daisy, *Chrysocephalum apiculatum* Yellow Buttons, *Ozothamnus diosmifolius* Rice Flower, *Xerochrysum bracteatum* Golden Everlasting, *Brachyscome* sp., *Jacksonia scoparia* Dogwood, *Dillwynia sericea* Hairy Parrot Pea, *Pterostylis rufa* Ruddy Greenhood, *Erythrorchis cassythoides* Climbing Orchid, *Leucopogon muticus*, *Melichrus procumbens* Jam Tarts, *Melichrus urceolatus* Urn Heath, *Leptospermum arachnoides* Prickly Tea Tree, *L. polygalifolium* Common Tea Tree, *Pimelea linifolia*, *Hibbertia linearis* Grey Guinea Flower, *Goodenia bellidifolia* Daisy Goodenia, *Stackhousia viminea* Slender Stackhousia, *Comepserma sphaerocarpum* Broom Milkwort, *Dampiera purpurea*

Mountain Dampiera, *Wahlenbergia* sp., *Callistemon pityoides* Alpine Bottlebrush, *Hakea macrorrhyncha* Needlebush, *Stylidium graminifolium* Grass Trigger Plant, *Dianella longifolia*, *D. revoluta* Flax Lily, *Lomandra multiflora* Many flowered Matrush, *L. filiformis* Wattle Matrush, *Xanthorrhoea johnsonii* Grasstree, *Mitrasacme paludosa*, *Hybanthus monopetalus* Lady's Slipper, *Harmogia densifolia* Baeckea, *Brachyloma daphnoides* Daphne Heath.



Above left: Dianella - Photos by Rob McCosker
Above right: Pterostylis rufa (Ruddy Greenhood)



Birds: (Seen) White Throated Treecreeper, Crimson Rosella, Eastern Rosella, Wattlebird, Magpie, Dollarbird, Rufus Whistler, Common Bronzewing, Sacred Kingfisher, White Eared Honeyeater, Noisy Friar bird, Leaden Flycatcher (male and female), Grey Butcherbird, Grey Fantail, Superb Fairy Wren, Currawong. **(Heard)** White Throated Gerygone, Grey Shrike Thrush, Spotted Pardalote, Cicada Bird, Crow, Fan Tailed Cuckoo, Olive Backed Oriole.

Thanks to Rob McCosker for help with plant identification and photos.

Callistemon pityoides (Alpine Bottlebrush. Photo by Holly Patti

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc.
held in the Uniting Church Hall, Stanthorpe on Wednesday 28th October 2020**

Meeting opened: 7:35 pm

Attendance: Present and Apologies: as per attendance book

Minutes of the previous meeting: held in September, sent out with newsletter,
Confirmed by Lyn seconded by Lesley Carried

Correspondence: As per folder

Moved by Lyn seconded by Lesley Carried

Financial Report: In Gunter's absence, Peter reported on income and expenditure,
with our Bank Balance showing \$1,909.04.

Moved by Peter seconded by Kris Carried

Outing Report: Holly reported on the outing to the Broadwater State Forest.

General Business: Peter reminded members of the Christmas Break up on 6th December
at the Haselgrove residence near Storm King Dam. A reminder will be in the
November newsletter.

Specimens: Holly brought in the nest of a yellow-faced honeyeater containing shell
fragments, which had fallen out of a tree.

Next Outing: 22nd November - Nundubbermere with Peter and Lynette Haselgrove.

We will meet at Weeroona Park at 9:00, drive out to Nundubbermere for morning tea, and carry our lunch with us on the walk.

Next Meeting: 25th November

Meeting closed: 7:45 pm

Presentation: David showed us the highlights of his trip to Wales with Narelle, taking in canals, viaducts, castles, and the foggy heights of Mt Snowdon.



Above left: Happy Valley Bottlebrush, *Callistemon pungens* (now *Melaleuca williamsii* or *Callistemon williamsii*) from tributary of Back Creek, Severnlea

Above Right: This was identified as the same species by the Herbarium in Brisbane. It is consistently this colour and larger than the Happy Valley Bottlebrush. From Limberlost Road, Glen Aplin. There is also a darker form

Photos by Kris Carnell

Above: Cream flowered *Callistemon* with Blue Tiger Butterflies. There must have been 50 butterflies on this bush.

Right: The pink form of this *Callistemon*. It is very dainty and flowers prolifically.

Originally from Red Gate Road.

Photos by Kris Carnell





Left: Callistemon viminalis

Below Left: Callistemon. Don't know the name.

Below Right: Callistemon showing difference in colour on same twig.

Photos by Kris Carnell



Left: Melichrus procumbens (Jam Tarts)
Photo by Holly Patti - Broadwater State Forest

Above: Hakea sp. Photo by Graham Rayner