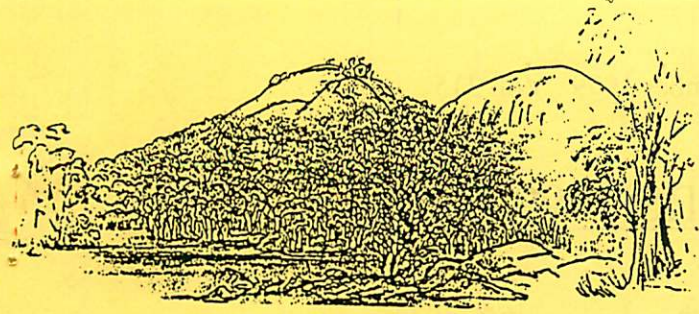
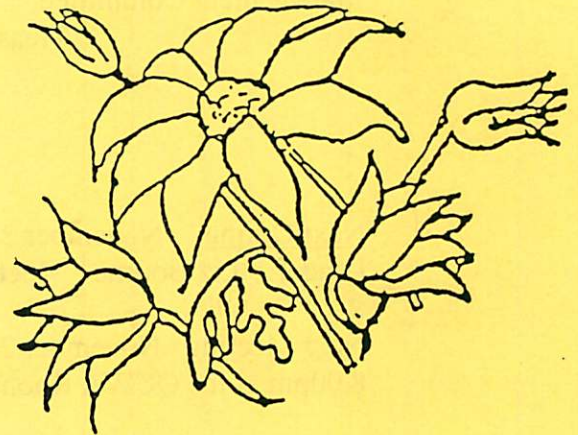


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Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club

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 at 8.00pm.
Outings: The Sunday preceding the 4th Wednesday of each Month.
Subscriptions: Single \$8.00 Family \$15.00 per annum July to June.
Rent : Donation per family per meeting.
Address: Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc., P.O. Box 154, Stanthorpe Q 4380.

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Management Committee	President , Vice-Presidents , Secretary , Treasurer	

COMING UP

Next Outing November 21st Tony and Megan Walker's property Ballandean
Leader - Liz Bourne **Meet at Weeroona Park at 9.00am**

Next Meeting November 24th Slide Program by Peter Andrewartha
8.00pm at the QCWA Rooms, Victoria Street, Stanthorpe.

Christmas Breakup - December 12th at Mary Walter's Home, Thorndale.
4.00pm for a walk or 5.00pm for just the B B Q .

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER 6th February 2000

Mail contributions to The Newsletter Editor, P O Box 24, Severnlea Q4352
Fax to 4683 5371, e-mail robinmcc@halenet.com.au
or leave with Mrs Dore McCosker, 58 Railway St., Stanthorpe.

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.



MINUTES OF MEETING OF STANTHORPE FIELD NATURALIST CLUB INC.
held in Q.C.W.A. Rooms, Victoria St., Stanthorpe on 27th October, 1999

Opening: The meeting opened at 8.05pm with President, Desley McDonagh, welcoming members and visitors, Geoff and Rose McDonagh.

Attendance: There were 18 present at the meeting and 5 apologies as per the attendance book.

Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 22nd September, 1999 were received as a correct record of the meeting on the motion of Jean Harslett, seconded by Herb Colley. Carried.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

1. Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club - *Footprint* - Oct '99
2. Toowoomba Field Nats - *Darling Downs Naturalist* - Oct '99
3. Samson Total Technology - invoice for \$24.16 for photocopier
4. Aust. Conservation Foundation - invitation to become a member
5. Membership renewals - Margaret Compton; Langdon family
6. Chinchilla Field Nats - *Urimbirra* - Oct. '99
7. Mrs Paulsen - return of newsletter, address unknown
8. Gillian Scott, Toowoomba Field Nats - *A Guide to the Mistletoes of SE Australia* - advice of availability of this new publication
9. Senator Andrew Bartlett - Senate Inquiry into Global Warming
10. Invitation to International Year of Older Persons Dinner Dance
11. Nature Search - information about launch of program on Darling Downs on 3rd November

Outwards:

1. Community service announcements for outings and meetings

Financial Statement:

There was no financial statement due to the absence of the Treasurer, Julia Brown. It was agreed to give the President, Desley McDonagh, \$15 petty cash to cover the cost of phone calls and other expenses associated with the Club. Moved: Millie Marsden Seconded: May Prentice. Carried.

Outing Report:

Brian Dodd reported that seven people attended his outing to Wallangarra Ridge in Girraween National Park on 24th October. Despite the predicted rain, they only had one brief shower during the day. They saw lots of wildflowers but little wildlife.

Pre-outing Report:

The next outing on Sunday, 21st November will be to the Walker's property on the Severn River at Ballandean. This will be a very easy ramble beside the river with an excellent swimming hole beside the proposed lunch spot.

Next Meeting:

Peter Andrewartha will be giving a slide presentation on one of his outback trips.

General Business:

1. Millie expressed members' condolences to Desley on the death of her mother that day.
2. Desley apologised to any members who had made suggestions for outings next year as some of the details of these had been mislaid.
3. The Committee has accepted Mary Walters offer to host the Club Christmas party at her house on Sunday, 12th December.
4. The January 23rd outing will be to the Stanthorpe Museum.
5. The May long weekend campout will be to the Crows Nest area and Desley suggested that people stay at the caravan park at Crows Nest.
6. There will be a Committee meeting at 7.30pm on 24th November, prior to the general meeting.
7. At the recent public meeting in Stanthorpe to discuss the lack of swings in the parks, Millie raised the issue of the lack of public toilets in the Heritage Park area and it was agreed that the Club should write to the Shire Council requesting their consideration of this. Moved: Millie Marsden Seconded: Patience James. Carried.

Specimens:

1. Rob McCosker brought in an unidentified bird's nest he found on the ground in his garden.
2. Jean Harslett presented a photo to Rob McCosker, of him leaping across some boulders, taken on the recent Stanthorpe Forestry Outing.
3. Liz Bourne showed members the recently released "*Native Plants of Queensland- Volume Four*" by Keith Williams. The Club has ordered a copy for their library.
4. The Andrewarths reported finding a koala in their yard.
5. Geoff McDonagh thanked members for marking the track on his property and reported seeing a pair of wedge-tailed eagles there recently as well as a koala near the junction of Nundubbermere Road with Texas Road.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Millie Marsden then provided members with a very enjoyable and nostalgic slide presentation of trips she had taken to Salvator Rosa National Park in Central Queensland some years ago.

Outing to the Severn River at Ballandean - 21st November 1999

The final outing for the year will be to Megan and Tony Walker's property, on Bents Road, Ballandean near the third crossing of the Severn River.

We will meet as usual at Weeroona Park in Marsh Street, Stanthorpe at 9am and the drive out to the Walker's property should take about 30 minutes. If you are coming from the south side of town, you could meet us at the turn-off the New England Highway into Bents Road at Ballandean at 9.15am or follow Bents Road for 11km to the Walker's property, "Jerrilderie".

As it is likely to be hot, there will be a very easy 15 minute ramble along a track from where we will leave the cars to a superb swimming hole on the river. This will be both the smoko and lunch spot so those who are not feeling very energetic can enjoy the water here. Others may care to explore the river further upstream before lunch. Departure time will depend on peoples' various inclinations and the state of the weather. If you can't afford to spend a whole day out, why not just come for a couple of hours and join us for lunch and a swim?

Make certain you bring your togs, towel, sunscreen and hat as well as lunch, camera and binoculars.

For further information about the outing, please contact me on 4683 6374.

Liz Bourne



Management Committee Meeting - 7.30pm 24th November 1999

All Committee Members Please Note - your attendance is required at a brief Management Committee Meeting to be held prior to the November Monthly Meeting.



First Outing for the Year 2000

We plan our first outing for the year 2000 by borrowing and learning from the past
This will be a half day outing to the Stanthorpe Museum, on Sunday the 23rd January.

Meet at the Museum in High Street, near the Showgrounds at 2.00pm. Admission Charge is \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children, while financial members of the Historical Society are admitted free.

We will be conducted over this museum, one of the best in Regional Queensland, by a Historical Society Guide. If you have never visited the museum, I can assure you that you'll find plenty to interest you there. If you haven't been for some time, you will be amazed at the changes there!

Bring your smoko to enjoy in the grounds.

Mark the date on your calendar, as this is the last Newsletter until February next year.

Desley McDonagh Phone 4681 3074

Coming Attractions

NOVEMBER 21st Outing - Walker's Property on the Severn River at Ballandean -
Leader Liz Bourne
24th Meeting - Slide Program by Peter Andrewartha

DECEMBER 12th Christmas Breakup at Mary Walter's Home at Thorndale

JANUARY 23rd Half Day Outing to the Stanthorpe Museum - meet at 1.00pm.

Outing Report - Wallangarra Ridge

Only 7 starters fronted for the 24th October walk to Wallangarra Ridge from Castle Rock Camping area via Turtle Rock. The small number was attributed to either the distance (10-12kms) or the weather or a combination of both. Following the heavy rain and the hail of the previous night, the day dawned with a promising break in the West and a moderately optimistic weather report from the ABC at 8.00am. Apart from a small shower as we approached Wallangarra Ridge, the day was fine, the tracks were in good condition, the rocks comparatively dry and the going underfoot when bush bashing surprisingly good, all told good walking conditions.

The little wildlife we saw included 3 Wedge-tailed eagles, an odd lizard, a wallaby, some Crimson rosellas at Castle Rock Camping area and a mob of kangaroos which have taken up grazing there. However, there were stacks of wildflowers in bloom with over 60 species being recorded.

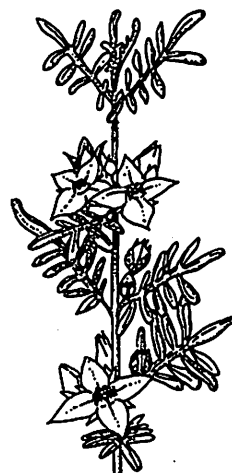
By chance, I returned to the same area 6 days later and was surprised at the change in flora in that period. Whereas the stars on the first trip were Dodonaea (hop bush) and Boronia, on the second it was Prostanthera and a wide range of colourful peas.

My thanks are due to Jean Harslett and my son, Ian, in assisting with the identification and to support from Sue Kenna.

Brian Dodd.

Wildflower List from October Outing

Actinotus helianthi (flannel flower)
 Amyema (mistletoe)
 Baeckea densifolia
 Billardiera scandens (common apple berry)
 Boronia amabilis
 Brachyscome
 Caladenia
 Callistemon pallidus (lemon bottle brush)
 Calytrix tetragona (heath myrtle)
 Choretrum candollei (sour bush)
 Comesperma retusum (match heads)
 Craspedia uniflora (billy buttons)
 Dampiera stricta (blue dampiera)
 Daviesia latifolia (hop bitter pea)
 Daviesia sp.
 Dillwynia (parrot pea) - several species
 Dodonaea hirsuta (hairy hop bush)
 Dodonaea triquetra (large leaf hop bush)
 Dodonaea viscosa (sticky hop bush)
 Drosera (sundew)
 Eriostemon myoporoides
 Erythrorchis cassythoides (climbing orchid)
 Gompholobium latifolium (broad wedge pea)
 Goodenia
 Grevillea linearifolia (narrow-leaved spider flower)
 Haemodorum planifolium (blood root lily)
 Hakea propinqua (needle bush)
 Hardenbergia violacea (false sarsaparilla vine)
 Helichrysum bracteatum
 Helichrysum elatum
 Hibbertia (guinea flower) - 2 species
 Indigofera australis (Australian indigo)
 Isotoma anethifolia
 Jacksonia scoparia (dogwood)
 Kennedia rubicunda (red kennedy pea)
 Kunzea bracteolata
 Kunzea obovata (pink kunzea)
 Leucopogon (goat's beard)
 Leptospermum (tea tree) - 2 species
 Lobelia
 Lomandra (mat rush) - 2 species
 Micromyrtus sessilis
 Patersonia sericea (wild iris)
 Pimelea linifolia (swamp rice flower)
 Prostanthera lasianthos (christmas bush)
 Prostanthera sp.
 Pultanea hartmannii (Stanthorpe pea)
 Pultanea retorta
 Solanum amblyerum
 Sphaerolobium vimineum
 Stylidium graminifolium (grass trigger plant)
 Stylidium laricifolium (tall trigger plant)
 Stypandra glauca (nodding blue lily)
 Stypandra grandis
 Tricoryne elatior (yellow rush lily)
 Utricularia (bladderwort)
 Wahlenbergia sp. (bluebell)
 Xanthorrhoea johnsonii (grasstree)
 Zieria aspalathoides



Boronia amabilis



Christmas Break-up 12th December 1999
At Mary Walter's Home

If you would like to walk for an hour or so please come at 4.00pm, otherwise 5.00pm. Park anywhere on the grass.

A barbeque will be provided so bring along some sausages to sizzle.

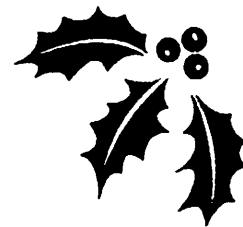
How to get there :-

Via Glen Aplin - Turn west off the New England Highway at the Glen Aplin Service Station on to Mount Sterling Road. Cross over the railway line, turn left and go over the bridge. Take the first turn right on to Thorndale Road for 5.3km. Turn left on to Hoey Lane then 300 metres up Hoey Lane turn left on to a blue metal drive-way.

Via Texas Road - Turn left on to Thorndale Road and drive for 4.6km to cross-roads. Turn left (still on Thorndale Road) for 0.9km, and turn right on to Hoey Lane then 300 metres up Hoey Lane turn left on to a blue metal drive-way.

Looking forward to meeting up with old friends,

Mary.



Reminder - This is the last Newsletter for the year, and also your final Newsletter if Annual Subscription has not been paid.

Stanthorpe Field Nats 1999-2000 Proposed Program

<u>October</u>	24 Outing - Girraween 27 Meeting - Salvator Rosa NP	Brian Dodd Millie Marsden
<u>November</u>	21 Outing - Walkers' Ballandean 24 Meeting - Central Australia	Liz Bourne Peter Andrewartha
<u>December</u>	12 Christmas Breakup	Mary Walters
<u>January 2000</u>	23 Outing - Stanthorpe Museum	Desley McDonagh
<u>February</u>	20 Outing - Undercliff Falls 23 Meeting - Slide Program	Glen Crossman Errol Walker
<u>March</u>	18/19 Campout - Sundown NP 22 Meeting - Slide Program	John and Sue Kenna Kris Carnell
<u>April</u>	16 Outing - Stanthorpe State Forest 26 Meeting - Slide Program	Mel and Judith Jurgensen Tom Archer
<u>April</u>	29/30/May 1 Campout - Lake Moogerah	Desley McDonagh
<u>May</u>	21 Outing - Baldwin's 4WD Safari 24 Meeting - Slide Program	Roger Logan Frank James
<u>June</u>	25 Outing - Emu Vale / Steamers 28 Meeting - Slide Program	Alan & Diane Jones Jean Harslett
<u>July</u>	23 Outing - Tenterfield Area 26 Meeting - Slide Program	Helen Hartmann David Wilson
<u>August</u>	20 Outing - Warwick - SGAP Gardens 23 Meeting - AGM followed by Slides and Prints of Past Outings	Robin McCosker
<u>September</u>	3 Extra Outing- Girraween Wildflowers 24 Outing - Amiens Forestry 27 Meeting - Quiz or Slide Program	Brian McDonagh Liz Bourne Desley McDonagh

This is the proposed program and subject to changes. Please watch your Newsletters for full details and changes.