



The Granite Belt Naturalist



Stanthorpe Field Naturalists Club Inc., PO BOX 154, Stanthorpe, QLD 4380

Web Site: www.granitenet.com.au/groups/environment/fieldnats/

AIMS OF THE CLUB

1. To study all branches of Natural History
2. Preservation of the flora and fauna of Queensland
3. Encourage a spirit of protection towards native birds, animals and plants
4. Assist, where possible, in scientific research
5. Publish a monthly newsletter for the information of 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, (Friday outings as pre-arranged).

NOTE; the latest status of any outing is posted to the FieldNats web site as soon as possible.

Subs: Single \$15.00, Family \$25.00 per annum, July to June **DUE NOW**



The Pyramids, Girraween National Park

WEB EDITION

If you have downloaded this from our web site but are not a member of the Stanthorpe Field Nats please let us know by email to fieldnats@granitenet.com.au, so that we can see how well used the newsletter is.
Thank you.

CLUB OFFICE BEARERS - 2008/2009

President	Kris Carnell;	46835268
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	Rob McCosker;	46835371
Secretary:	Halina Kruger;	46835206
Treasurer:	Nanette Jurd;	46837119
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Magazine Committee:	Wendy & Neil Donges;	46812913
Publicity Officer:	Janet Hockings;	46811978
Librarian:	Trish McCosker;	46835371

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

The Club acknowledges the support of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund in the production of this newsletter and the purchase of a data projector.

Deadline for next newsletter: 3 August 2009

COMING UP

Outing: Sunday, 19th July; Rainforest near Dalveen. The Smallwoods

Monthly Meeting: Wednesday 22nd July; The island of Maui, David Wilson

Outing: Friday, 7th August; Property, on Grienke Lane, Horan's Gorge Road, The Carnells

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

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EDITOR'S NOTES

I gather this is the first time in the existence of the Field Nats that all outings had to be cancelled due to the wet weather! May be a very good spring for lots of locals!

Members Notes

Some may have noticed my name appears in an article on the Girraween web site run by the Ryans of Brisbane (<http://www.rymich.com/girraween/>) By way of background Vanessa Ryan has been in contact with a number of local people about the content of the site and is now interested in developing the invertebrate content. She was surprised that there was no list of insect species for the Park (which is not surprising to most entomologists).

I had already had ideas of trying to collate the already known records and am developing a database to put this material in. I also have an idea of specific sources and suggestions of others from Geoff Monteith of the Queensland Museum.

However if there are any readers who have, in the course of outings in Girraween, taken photos of any invertebrate I would be happy to look at a copy, a print or a digital image and have a go at placing it. For this to be useful I would like the location, the more accurate the better! I would also like the same for invertebrates in the Granite Belt area too. Please send or lend to me; Michael Jefferies.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

TO A GOOD HOME: Encyclopaedia Britannica, complete 1962 set. FREE!! contact Michael Mueller.

Does anyone want a free email address that is not tied to your ISP?

Go to <http://www.granitenet.com.au/about/email> and you can have one for yourself like we have for the fieldnats!

Pre-Outings

Sunday 19th July 2009. The July outing will be to a patch of rainforest on Rokeby Station, north of Dalveen on the Old Warwick Road (Mountain Park Road), with a possible afternoon excursion to Elbow Valley, depending on available time.

Meet at Weeroona Park at 9.00am, travel to Dalveen and then follow the Old Warwick Road for about 14km to an entrance gate on the western side of the road, opposite the entrance to “Daybreak”. We will meet the group at that point. From there some of the route is cross-country so it would be advisable to car pool into higher clearance vehicles. It is only a short distance to the start of the walk from there.

We will have smoko at the parking point, thence examine the rainforest, walking through it up onto the ridge and back down a power easement. There are stinging trees and vines and small bushes with thorns, so wear long trousers and long-sleeved shirts.

We can return to the cars for lunch and those who wish to can depart, while the rest of the group can go on to walk into Elbow Valley a little further along the Old Warwick Road. P&C Smallwood.

Friday 7th August. Our outing will be to a property on Grienke Lane which is off Horan’s Gorge road. We will meet at Weeroona Park at 9am and travel to the property. After morning tea at the cars, we will walk to a large rock which looks down on the mushroom farm in Watters road. The circuit walk then continues back to the house where we can have lunch.

The property was devastated in the 2002 bush fire destroying a partly constructed house. It will be interesting to observe how the bush is regenerating. Last year there were some white boronia plants in flower in early August and we had hoped to see them this year. Unfortunately with the unusual weather conditions, they have started flowering already so we’ll just have to wait and see. I’m sure there will be other wildflowers coming into flower on the day. Bring your morning tea and lunch. The owners have a ritual of eating an apple or having a drink at the rock so come prepared. For more information contact Kris or Margaret Carnell on 46835268.

Outing Reports

NONE:- due to the long period of wet weather at particular times the outings scheduled for June could not be undertaken. I am informed that this has not happened before.

July Meeting

David Wilson says “I will be presenting a program on Maui, the second newest of the Hawaiian islands. Maui features the giant 10 000 foot Haleakala volcano with its spectacularly coloured erosion caldera. I will be presenting a program that will highlight this amazing landscape in addition to the remarkable sea level vegetation zones created by Haleakala’s massive volcanic shield.”

Minutes of the Meeting of the Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc. Wednesday 24th July 2009

Meeting opened: 7.40pm

Attendance: 16 **Apologies** 3 as per attendance book

Minutes of the previous meeting: Kris asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be received as true and accurate record confirmed P James seconded P Andrewartha Carried

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Business Arising from the minutes: nil

Correspondence:

1. Chinchilla Field Nats - Newsletter
2. Society for Growing Aust Plants - Warwick Newsletter
3. Darling Downs Field Nats - Newsletter
4. Fassifern Field Nats - Newsletter

Correspondence accepted on the motion of Halina Kruger seconded M Carnell Carried

Financial Report: Balance \$344.52

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for June:- from 27/05/09 to 24/06/09

Cash Book balance as at 24/05/09 \$333.20

Receipts:- Interest \$ 1.32

Expenditure:- NIL

CASH Book balance as at 24/06/09 \$334.52

Plus outstanding cheques hire projector \$10.00

Cash receipts NIL

Agrees with bank balance as at 24/06/09 \$344.52

Accounts for payment NIL

Proposed by: Nanette Jurd Seconded by: Narelle Hill Carried

Outing Reports: The club did not have a weekday outing due to rain. Sunday outing also cancelled due to rain. Kris observed that this was the first time this had happened in the history of the Club.

Pre-outings:

Week day outing: Saturday 4th July Historical Roads with Mark McNichol

Weekend outing: 19th July 2009 Rain Forest Rokeby Station 14km north of Dalveen on the Old Warwick Rd, maybe also Elbow Valley

General Business:

Subs are due again. M Marsden moved that the subs remain the same as the previous year seconded N Jurd. Our September outing again clashes with the Wild Flower Consortium walk at Glen Aplin. Possible plans to maybe incorporate our outing.

Specimens/ Items of interest:

Col and Janet Hockings have recently been over to Lightning Ridge. Some samples of opals and fossils. There were also 3 very well presented information brochures on the area.

Col also brought in a sample of Fungi *Clathrus cibarius* which has sprouted in his garden. He has seen a couple or so from time to time but in a small area this year he has about 20. Condition have been good due to the wet weather. *Ed:- my references give the generic name of Ileodictyon for this species now and there are several species. Said to be uncommon.*

Next Meeting: 22 July 2009 7.30 pm

Meeting closed 7.45pm

Presentation by Peter Andrewartha “ Tasmania in late Winter”; lovely views with regular snowfalls!

Subscriptions and Program for 2009/10.

As subscriptions are now due for the next 12 months, at the July meeting there will be some time allotted for the treasurer to write receipts between the end of the meeting and the beginning of the program.

If paying by **cash** at the meeting please put your **money in an envelope with your name and amount on the outside** to make it easier for the treasurer.

Subscriptions for 2009/2010 : Family \$25.00 – Single \$15.00

Please complete your correct name and address details below and present with your subs. to the meeting in an envelope with your name on the outside, or post to:

Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc, PO Box 154, STANTHORPE Q 4380.

Name (including title please)

Postal Address: Postcode

Payment enclosed \$

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As quite a few of our members have Email we would like to have your email address if you are agreeable. Sometimes it is convenient to contact as many members as possible about a change in arrangements at short notice, and this can be a convenient way to do it.

Email address:-

The newsletter is posted on the website and all members with email notified so that they can download it at their convenience. If you would prefer to have your magazine emailed direct to you please tick the box:-

NEWSLETTER: The Editor welcomes comment on the newsletter format and also is happy to include articles and photos for it AND/OR the web site. If anyone does not want their name mentioned in outing reports could they please advise the editor, Michael Jefferies, at fieldnats@granitenet.com.au

WEBSITE: The Editor welcomes comment on the website and is open to suggestions and material for inclusion. Please in the comments on the next page or by email to fieldnats@granitenet.com.au

PLEASE add your suggestions for next years program overleaf.

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Club Program Suggestions – 2009/2010

The committee once again asks for your assistance to provide a wide range of outing activities and meeting programs for the coming twelve months. Please **jot down your suggestions below**, and indicate if you would be prepared to lead an outing or provide a meeting program. All suggestions will be considered at a special committee meeting to be held shortly after the AGM.

Name:

Outing: (Place or area, duration, time of year, Sunday or weekday)

1)

2)

3)

Campout: (Place, duration and dates)

Meeting subject: (Title and brief description)

1)

2)

3)

Other comments and suggestions:

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