



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

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

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, well-formed track, no steps, 5km or less. Clearly signposted. Suitable for wheelchairs with assistance.
2. Formed track. May have gentle hills and some steps. Clearly signposted. No experience required
3. Formed track, some obstacles, 20km or less. May have short steep hills and many steps. Some experience recommended.
4. Rough Track. May be long and very steep with few directional signs. For experienced bushwalkers.
5. Unformed track. Likely to be very rough, very steep and unmarked. For very experienced bushwalkers with specialised skills.

Coming Up

Sunday 24th October: Signboard and Underground River with Rob McCosker.
Wednesday 27th October: *Small Things*
Gunter Maywald

Deadline for next newsletter
10 November 2021

Below left: *Micromyrtus* and *Calytix* on rock slab

Below right: *Ozothamnus diosmifolius*

Bottom: Scattered boulders



Outing report to Jayn's place 19 September 2021

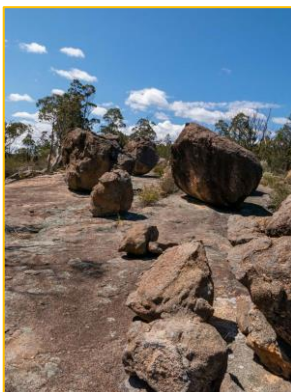
Eight Nats attended the outing at Jayn's place at Greenlands on a beautiful warm spring day. We had smoko at the parking spot whilst Jayn gave an overview of the area we were visiting and her management of it. We then followed Jayn along a walking track observing the many wildflowers as she pointed them out. A short stretch along her access track took us past some beautiful *Ozothamnus* which had delicate pink coloured buds before flowering

white. A great many of the plants were in flower, particularly around the rock pavements where *calytix* and *micromyrtus* made a wonderful showing and *stackhousia* were quite thick in damp patches. In many places on the track the sundews were so thick it was difficult to walk without treading on them. The results of a wet winter after such a dry period

were pretty impressive. Ground orchids included wax lip orchid, purple beard orchid, copper beard orchid in flower. Jayn showed us another one which had finished flowering.

After a couple of hours, we arrived at Jayn's house for a relaxed lunch in amongst the wildflowers in her garden. We returned to our cars via a different route Although the wildflowers were extremely plentiful, birds were very quiet and not willing to be seen. Even those occasionally calling were difficult to see and we only ended up with a list of 20 species.

A very nice day, in very pretty country, in good company.



Peter Haselgrove

Birds:

Brown Goshawk, Noisy Friarbird, Noisy Miner, Spinebill, Rufous Whistler, Striped Honeyeater, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, Spotted Pardalote, White-eared Honeyeater, Grey Fantail, Grey Thrush, Kookaburra, Musk Lorikeet, Grey Butcherbird, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, White-throated Warbler, Brown, Thornbill, Superb Fairy Wren, Wattlebird, Magpie.



Wildflower list for September Outing to Jayne Hobba's property

Heath myrtle *Calytrix tetragona*, Granite heath *Micromyrtus sessilis*, Snowbush *Leucopogon melaleuroides*, *L. muticus*, Rice flower *Ozothamnus diosmifolius*, Grey everlasting *O. obcordatus*, Pomak *Pomax umbellata*, Tall sundew *Drosera peltata*, Bronze mistletoe *Amyema miquelii*, Granite wattle *Acacia granitica*, *A. latisepala*, Mountain violet *Viola betonicifolia*, *Poranthera corymbosa*, Twining glycine *Glycine clandestina*, Kangaroo apple *Solanum amblymerum*, Grass tree *Xanthorrhoea johnsonii*, Prickly broom heath *Monotoca scoparia*, Guinea flower *Hibbertia cistoidea*, Candlesticks *Stackhousia viminea*,



Broom *Choretrum candollei*, Wax lip orchid *Glossodia major*, Purple beard orchid *Calochilus robertsonii*, Copper beard orchid *C. campestris*, Prickly mirbelia *Mirbelia pungens*, Granite daisy *Brachyscome stuartii*, Common tea tree *Leptospermum polygalifolium*, Twiggy midge bush *Zieria laevigata*, Granite boronia *Boronia granitica*, *B. repanda*, Tree trigger plant *Stylidium laricifolia*, Mountain dampiera *Dampiera purpurea*, Long-leaf matrush *Lomandra longifolia*, Broad-



leaved bitter-pea *Daviesia latifolia*, Round-leaved phebalium *Leonema rotundifolium*, Narrow-leaved mock olive *Notelaea linearis*, Nodding blue lily *Stypandra glauca*, Urn heath *Melichrus urceolatus*, Ladies slipper *Hybanthus monopetalus*

Left: *Boronia granitica*

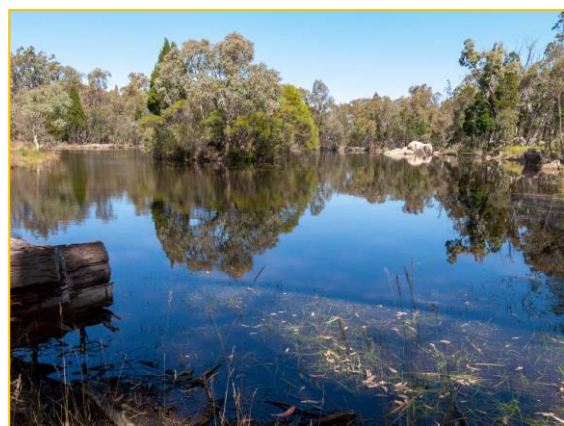
Above right: *Calochilus robertsonii*

Above left: *Ozothamnus obcordatus*

Below left: Sleeping monster

Below right: The dam near Jayn's house.

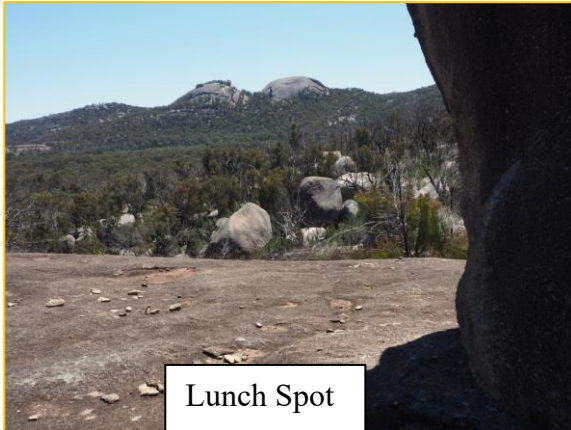
Thanks to Rob and Graham for the photos.



Pre-Outing Report – Girraween -24th October 2021

Leader: Rob McCosker 46835371

Although advertised as The Cascades, we won't be going there. Instead we are planning to walk from Pyramids Road cross country to Bald Rock Creek, a couple of kilometres west of Dr Roberts Waterhole. We will be walking off track and since the fires the undergrowth has been cleaned up a lot, but there is also lots of regrowth, particularly *Acacia rubida*, which although very dense in places, is very soft and pleasant to walk through. We have done a couple of pre-outing walks and have found a suitable route. The wildflowers have been excellent and there should be plenty of *Boronia*, *Phebalium whitei* and Trigger plants in flower but the magnificent display of *Sarsaparilla* will be finished. We will cross Bald Rock Creek at the bottom of a large waterhole then continue up the bank to a large flag rock where we will have lunch. For those interested in a strenuous walk after lunch we



will continue up the ridge to the south for some distance with views across Bald Rock Creek and the Wyberba Falls with Bald Rock on the horizon to the east and the Pyramids to the north west.

This will be a grade 4 walk although there is no track or direction markers and though steep in places it is only relatively short so we will have plenty of time and should be back to the cars by 3.00pm. We will meet at Weeroona Park for a 9.00am start as usual and we will park beside Pyramids Road and have morning tea at the cars before setting off on the walk and we will carry lunch.

General Meeting
Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc.
held 22th September 2021 at the Stanthorpe Uniting Church Hall

Meeting opened: 7:33 pm

Attendance and Apologies: As per Attendance Book

Minutes of the previous meeting:

confirmed: Lyn seconded: Kris carried

Business arising from the minutes: Nil

Correspondence: As per folder

moved: Lyn seconded: Peter carried

Financial Report: Gunter's presented his Financial Report. After paying our share of the plaque for Millie Marsden, our bank balance will be \$2,186.49.

moved: Peter seconded: Trish carried

Outing Reports:

Jane Hobba's property at Amiens: In Sue's absence, Peter reported on the outing.

Barakula State Forest campout: Peter also gave a short report on the campout with the Qld. Nats., Barakula being the largest State Forest in the Southern Hemisphere. There will be a full report in the Newsletter.

General Business:

Gunter reported that the Account we opened for the ANN Get-together is now empty. Do we need to keep it or close it? Following some discussion:

It was moved that as we no longer need CBA Account No 10254311, styled Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Society Inc., we would ask that the Commonwealth Bank close it. Moved: Kris seconded Gunter all agreed.

Specimens:

A dead Pardalote found on the ground with no apparent injuries.
A piece of firewood with quite a bit of fungus through it.

Next Meeting: 22nd October

Next Outing: 27th October

Meeting closed: 8:05 pm

Presentation: Kris showed us how he did away with his orchard, due to too many years of hail and drought damage, and developed acres of native and exotic gardens, with the help of Landcare. It took years of work, with much tractor work, plantings, grafting and propagation. He also brought along a photo album Margaret has put together, showing the transition over the years.

Spottings



Top Left: Waxy scale attended by ants on an *Acacia adunca* (Wallangarra Wattle)

Top Right: Interesting clouds as a change came through.

Left: Yellowspot Blue butterfly. The first time I'd seen one. They feed on *Pimelea*.

Photos by Kris & Margaret Carnell



Left: Graham Rayner saw these *Glandularia aristigera* (formerly *Verbena*) with white and purple flowers. Also known as Mayne's pest

We recently saw these orchids at *Orana* on a walk to the creek. We had never seen sun orchids here before but there were quite a few in very shallow ground. There was also a *Glossodia major* not pictured.

Right: *Thelymitra nuda* Plain Sun Orchid

Below Left: *Pterostylis praetermissa* Mt Kaputar rustyhood

Below Middle: *Diuris chrysantha* Granite double-tail

Below Right: *Caladenia* sp. Green comb spider orchid

