



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

Subs: Single \$20.00, Family \$30.00 per annum, July
to June



The Pyramids, Girraween National Park

CLUB OFFICE BEARERS – 2020/2021

President	Peter Haselgrove	46837255
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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 22nd May: *Bundanoon* with Peter and Lyn Haselgrove

Wednesday 25th May: *Eucalypts* with Gunter Maywald.

**Deadline for next newsletter
10th June 2022**

Pre-Outing 22 May 2022 – Bundanoon

Leaders: Peter and Lyn Haselgrove

Phone: 4683 7255

We will meet at Weeroona Park at 8:30 a.m. We will not drive in convoy but will meet up again in Arcot Road just after we leave the Texas Road. Carpooling will be a good idea.

Directions: Drive 59km from Stanthorpe along the Texas Road, turn right into Arcot Road / Silver Spur Redgate Road.

We will have smoko when we arrive and Ade, the owner, will tell us a bit about his property and surrounds. Take morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.



Fungi at Iluka and Gibraltar Range

Fungi at Orana and Gibraltar Range

As there was no outing last month we have no outing report, so I decided to do an article on fungi at Gibraltar Range last February. However, we are flood bound at the moment (13th May) and Kris went to photograph the creek and found on his way back that we had a number of fungi growing in the Land Care Block which we planted in 2006. Most of them seemed to be growing on tree roots. Unfortunately I cannot identify any of these, so we just have to make the most of the photos. I'll start with the ones at *Orana*. The orange bracket fungus in last month's magazine is still going strong.



The old



and The New





Gibraltar Range – February 2021 – Following Fire



Gel Fungus





**General Meeting
Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club Inc.
27th April 2022**

Meeting opened: at 7:30pm with Vice President Leon McCosker presiding.

Attendance and Apologies: as per Attendance Book

Minutes of the previous meeting:

confirmed: Lyn seconded: Teresa carried

Business arising from the minutes: Kris reported that the printer has now been disposed of, in a proper manner.

Correspondence: read as per folder

moved: Lyn seconded: Gunter carried

Financial Report: Bank balance \$2,040 + Petty Cash \$102.25.

moved: Gunter seconded: Kris carried

As Gunter is spending more time in Brisbane now, he will not be in a position to carry on as Treasurer. Lynette Haselgrove has agreed to take over from July.

Outing Reports: No outing this month, Bundanoon being postponed.

Pre-outings: Bundadoon outing re-scheduled to 22nd May – meeting at Weeroona Park at 8:30. More details in next month's Newsletter.

General Business: Notice of Discontinuation of *granitenet.com.au* email services on 25th June. Kris moved that we take steps to create a new email address. He will contact Andrew and arrange a date for our email address to be changed to *gmail.com* sec: Robin. We will then need to advise all our contacts of the new address.

Specimens: None, but Robin reported on hearing 2 Frogmouths calling one night, and also came across a young hare in the grass after mowing.

Next Outing: 22nd May - Bundadoon

Next Meeting: 25th May

Meeting closed: 7:50 pm

Presentation: Gunter's presentation was of a recent trip he and Laura did in their trusty 'Matilda', across the centre of Australia to Western Australia, down the coast, and back along the Nullabour. By also getting off the 'beaten track', they managed to catch some amazing sights, as well as many of the iconic wildflowers of WA, and we were treated to lots of spectacular hilltop vistas, thanks to Gunter's penchant for climbing.

SPOTTINGS



Above: The Granite Street Bridge on the morning of 13th May. – G Rayner

Right: An unnamed tributary of Back Creek at *Orana* the same morning

Below: Graham Rayner saw magpies escorting this echidna across Tyrell Street. They seemed very curious.



