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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
STANTHORPE FIELD NATURALIST CLUB

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STANTHORPE, Q. 4380.

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MEETINGS - 4th WEDNESDAY of each MONTH at C.W.A. ROOMS at 8p.m.  
OUTINGS - Each SUNDAY PRECEDING the FOURTH WEDNESDAY of the  
Month.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

SINGLE - \$4.00

FAMILY - \$6.00

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 NEWSPAPER.

ANNUAL MEETING 22.7.1981.

Attendance 15..... Apologies 12 (As per attendance book)

The meeting opened at 8.25 pm.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 23rd. July 1980 were read and it was moved by Mrs. Millie Marsden, seconded by Mr. Colin Hockings that the minutes be confirmed..... Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:-

STANTHORPE FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR, July 1st.1980 to June 30th. 1981.

July 1st.,1980. Bank Balance Cr. \$100.31

Receipts for year.

Subscriptions	\$231.00	
Rental Monies collected	\$57.39	
Bank Interest	\$6.38	\$294.77

\$395.08.

Expences for the year.

General- Room rent	61.50.	
Projector Hire.	5.00	
P.O.Box Rent	16.00	
Speakers Travell.		
-ing Expenses.	10.00	
Sec.Petty Cash	10.00	\$102.50.

Magazine-

Postage:-	53.16.	
Duplicatin	55.00	
Stencils	26.00	
Magazines Covers	49.22	
Magazine wrappers	32.89	
Magazine registration	20.00	\$236.27. \$ 338.77

July 1st. 1981 Credit Balance \$ 56.31.

Bank Statement Cr.Bal. \$87.31

Outstanding Cheques.

No. 670595- Stanthorpe C.W.A. \$6.00

No.670597-Rover Scouts \$25.00

\$31.00

\$56.31.

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I move that my Financial Statement be adopted, and that a letter of thanks be sent to our Auditor, Mrs. Joan Ferris. She sent us congratulations on a successful year and we do appreciate the time she spent auditing the books.

This motion was seconded by Mrs. Dore Mc.Cosker.

President's Report. Presented by Mr. Rob Mc.Cosker. Moved by Mr. G. reenup and seconded by Mr Don Lightfoot that the presidents report be received and adopted.

Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

NAME	NOMINATED BY.	Accepted	Elected.
PRESIDENT. J.O'Donnell	Nom.Mrs.Marsden	Accepted	... Elected.
VICE-PRES. R. Mc.Cosker	" Mrs Wilkinson	"	"
	F.Wilkinson	"	"
SECRETARY. D.Pfrunder	" G.Greenup	Declined.	
	Mrs J.Stevenson	G.Greenup.	Accepted Elected.
	C. Hockings	" R.Mc.Cosker	Declined.
TREASURER. Mrs.D.Archer	" R.Mc.Cosker	Accepted	Elected.
NEWSLETTER Editor Mrs J.Harslett	J.O'Donnell	Accepted	Elected.
Newsletter COMM.	Mrs.J.Hockings..	C.Hockings.	Accepted Elected.
	Mr.Ian Jackson..	R.Mc.Cosker.	" "
Publicity OFFICER. Mrs.J.Stevenson.	Nom.Mrs A.Wilkinson	"	"
LIBRARIAN. Mrs.M.Marsden	" J.O'Donnell	"	"
FLORA OFFICER. Mrs.D.Mc.COSKER..	J.Stevenson	"	"
FAUNA OFFICER. Mr.B.Mc.Donagh	F.Wilkinson	"	"
GEOLOGY " Mr.M.Passmore...	D.Lightfoot	"	"
YOUTH " Mr.E.Walker...	G.Greenup.	"	"
BUSH WALKING... R.Marsden ...	M.Marsden	"	"
<u>COMMITTEE</u> C.Hockings..	Mrs.A.Wilkinson	"	"
	D.Pfrunder	Mrs.J.Stevenson	" "
	T.Archer	Mr. G.Greenup.	" "
	G.Greenup	M.Passmore	Declined.
	Mrs A. Wilkinson ..	Mrs.M.Marsden	Accepted. "
	Mr.Lyle Thompson..	M.Passmore	" "
	Mrs.Jean Harslett..	C.Hockings	" "
<u>AUDITOR</u> Mrs.Joan Ferris	Nom.Mrs A.Wilkinson		"
	97 High St.Stanthorpe.		

COMMITTEE MEETING A committee meeting will be held on Thursday Aug.6th. at the residence of Mr.and Mrs.Frank Wilkinson.

GENERAL MEETING 22:7:1981 (following the Annual Meeting.

MOTION. Moved by R.Mc.Cosker that the minutes of the previous meeting, "taken as read" in the newsletter be confirmed, seconded Mrs.M.Marsden..... Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Inward:-1.Ten Press statements from Minister for Tourism, Nat. Parks, Sport and Arts.

2. Contact No9-2, Newsletter of the Conservation and Bush Rescue Assoc.

3. Aust. Post Office, re registration of Newsletter as Category "B".

4. Letter from Aust Wild Publications re. their new outdoors adventure magazine entitled "Wild".

5. Letter from Doug Binns, formerly of Woodenbong, tending his resignation from the club since he is now a resident of Eden on the far south coast of N.S.W. His attendance from Woodenbong has been appreciated by the club, a considerable effort.

6. Letter from Director of Brookvale Park Foundation requesting flowers for the Australian Heritage Festival Aug. 29th-6th Sept. 1981.



CORRESPONDENCE CONT:

Outwards:-1. Letter to Radio 4QS. requesting broadcast of outing and meeting times.

2. Letter to S.G.A.P. Brisbane, indicating support for the Flower Show at Kelvin Grove State High School.

3. Letter to Aust. Conservation Foundation indicating interest in running an article on rainforest conservation in our newsletter

MOTION:- Moved by Maurice Passmore, seconded by David Pfrunder that the inward correspondence be received and the outward ~~and~~ endorsed.... Carried.

Business From Correspondence

1. Letter to be written to Brookvale Park Foundation to say we can provide a small range of flowers for their show.

2. Regarding the registration of our newsletter the No. is QBH 1824 and it must now appear as part of the inscription on our publication.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

June/July printing Stanthorpe over Scout Group \$10.

July Postage \$6.15.

C.W.A. Rent \$6.00

Moved Mrs. A. Wilkinson seconded by Rob. Mc. Cosker that these accounts be passed for payment... Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. Mrs. Millie Marsden passed on news that Mr. Martin, one of our regular and loyal members was not well, and the wishes of club members were sent.

2. Jack and May Bennie of Chinchilla Nats. would welcome a visit from any club members visiting their area. The Club visited their area a few years ago.

3. The Annual Subscription was discussed; it was decided that they remain the same, but room rent donation is now 50 cents per family per meeting. Members are reminded that subs are now due and payable.

OUTING REPORT. Twenty-six people attended the outing to the Western end of the Sundown National Park at Sundown.

Viewed interesting scenery of the river and gorges with coloured rock faces.

NEXT MEETING:- Ingle wood area, Aug 23rd. (See Details over.)

It was decided to hold an additional outing, half day to Ballandean so that the Blue daisies (*Olearia ramosissima*) could be enjoyed. Bore Mc. Cosker leader.

NEXT MEETING. August 26th. at 8pm. C.W.A. Rooms. We welcome back Tom and Irene Chapman from their extended overseas travel. They will present a programme on the Wildfowl Trust in England.

AFTER MEETING PROGRAMME.

"REMEMBER LAST YEAR", a screening of members slides taken on outings during the previous twelve months, compiled and presented by Robin Mc. Cosker. Mrs Wilkinson thanked Rob for his work for the club this past year, and also all the outing leaders, during the year.

The evening concluded with supper.



SUNDOWN OUTING 19th. JULY 1981.... by ROB McCOSKER..LEADER.

The last Nats. outing for the financial year was attended by twenty-six people; the venue being the newly established camping area at the bottom and western end of the Sundown National Park. There were no facilities provided at the camping ground as yet, since resident Park Ranger, Peter Hazelgrove is at present busily restoring the old "Farnbra" Homestead which will be the Park Headquarters.

The 4km. drive into the camping ground from the Glenlyon Dam road is very scenic, with glimpses of the Severn River, below the high peaks of the 'Pinnacle' and 'Razorback' in the background. The track winds down through a hillside of iron bark trees to emerge on the wide river flat camping ground alongside the "Broadwater".

After a cuppa and an interesting resumee by Peter, of the Parks history and proposed use, we set off upstream on the western side of the river to a gully which joins at the bottom end of the "Permanent" Waterhole. The objective then was to follow the gully to a set of cascades, but although we didn't have time to get that far, we were all suitably impressed.

We returned to the cars for a late lunch and then eight brave souls bared their feet and paddled across the icy water of the river to explore the gorge running in from the east. The strenuous hours walking brought us to a spectacular chasm of rock perhaps 10 m. high and only 3-4 m. wide, with a waterfall entering almost out of sight around a bend to the right. In the background a higher cliff in shadow silhouetted against it. I was reminded of the striking colours of the Standly chasm of Central Australia. We returned again to the cars and headed home in darkness, watching very carefully for the stray marsupial road users.

I can assure readers that there will be another trip to the area, in the not too distant future, as our appetite was wet for further exploration and as Peter Hazelgrove said, we could hardly scratch the surface in one day. I would like to thank Peter for his assistance, in leading this outing for us.

Robin McCosker.

The second 'Spring Special' for enjoying the wild flowers in the form of an extra half-day outing is planned for Sept. 6th. It is proposed that it will be to the Blue Mountain area, and will be led by Dore McCosker or son Leon. Times of departure and meeting place will be announced at the meeting, and over 40S.

NEXT OUTING:-

AREA...Coolmunda.

Leader...Mr. Maurice Passmore.

Date:- SUNDAY 23rd. August. 1981.

Meeting Time 10am. at the corner of the Greenup School and Store on the Stanthorpe -Inglewood road.

NEXT OUTING CONT.

Maurice suggests that after the meeting at Greenup the party will take off along the road to the left around the dam, viewing wildflowers as we go, thence to the Coollunda Dam picnic area for lunch. This may help anyone to find us if they were delayed. Strong binoculars, are suggested for the bird-watching part of the day.

INSECT NOTES.

Maurice also spoke of finding, while doing some excavation a very attractive beetle of Christmas beetle type in colour a lovely soft apple green. He sent it away for identification, and was told it was uncommon and was known from the Snowy Mountain area and enjoys the title of *Xylonychus eucalypti*. Some members may recall seeing two of them on the heights of Aztec Temple on a previous outing and it is interesting it has the Snowy Mountain association too. Last Monday we seemed to have quite an affinity with that area if temperatures are considered!!

MARTIN HENRY DAVIES.

Club members were saddened to learn of the passing of comrade and fellow club member, Martin Davies, on the 3rd. Aug.

Mr. and Mrs. Davies came to Stanthorpe to reside in 1978 soon after his retirement. They soon became regular members of the Stanthorpe Field Naturalist Club, and Martin participated in nearly every activity of the club, and had a lively interest in all its facets. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Davies have travelled widely, in 50 countries throughout the world, and often related interesting stories and experiences.

Martin trained with the Maritime Board in his apprentice years, but after qualifying he joined the Technical Education Branch lecturing mainly in the Sydney area and at Wagga. From 1963-1965 they lived in Malasia where Martin lectured Trade Instructors under the Colombo Plan. Mr. Davies could converse well on a great variety of subjects and was quite a philosopher. He always saw the bright side of life, and enjoyed it to the full.

To his wife Jean, daughter Beverley and grandchildren Helen and Michael, club members extend their sympathy.