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MEETINGS - 4th WEDNESDAY of each MONTH at the Q.C.W.A. ROOMS at 8pm.

OUTINGS - The Sunday PRECEDING the 4th Wednesday of each Month.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

SINGLE \$8.00.

FAMILY \$15.00 per annum

Rent: donation per family per meeting.

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 to members.

Members of the "Histerical" Society on route to Gatton and a seminar for those involved in Small Museums were temporarily halted by a large carpet snake on the road, at least 8 feet long. It was strategically placed across each wheel-track so that we could not go on without either moving it, or running over it and killing it.

Jean Harslett got out of the car to encourage the snake to move - I got out too - not too sure if I was helping Jean or the snake. This creature did not like being disturbed and made that quite plain. We were left in no doubt of what it thought of us - and what a pity, for we were only trying to save this 'beautiful animal' - apologies to Harry Butler - we know snakes are reptiles!!!!

Desley McDonagh

P.S. We did manage to make the carpet snake give us enough road to go on our way without damaging it.

PPS It was histerical!!!

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANTHORPE FIELD NATURALIST CLUB HELD 26/9/90Present: 14 Apologies: 9

President Kris Carnell opened the meeting, welcomed those present, particularly John and Ruth Walter from Pittsworth.

Ray Marsden introduced the Walters before they gave the programme "Birds in Kenya", which was magnificent. It was exciting to see the birds and animals that we often do not know exist - and obviously John and Ruth were fortunate to get some of their "scoops". We were enriched by their sharing their good fortune, interesting commentary and excellent photography with us. We thank them for coming all the way here and back to Pittsworth for the evening to give us such an outstanding programme.

The General Meeting followed the programme.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on the motion of Millie Marsden, seconded Mrs James and carried.

Correspondence - Inward:

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| 1. ACF Ad for diaries 1991 | 9. J. Wylde - Sub for 1990-91 |
| 2. Darling Downs Nats - magazine | 10. S.G.A.P. Samford - Excursion to Giraween |
| 3. Zadie Newman - Sub 1990-91 | 11. Carmen Vievers - Sub for 1990-91 |
| 4. Queensland Nats - Magazine -
Moreton Island Edition. | 12. Tasmanian Environment Centre -
Ecology Courses |
| 5. Max Moulds - Sub for 1990-91 | 13. Greenhope - Network. |
| 6. A.M. Deutscher - Sub for 1990-91 | 14. Urimbirra |
| 7. Information Australia - Director's
Listing. | 15. Don Lightfoot - best wishes to club
and resignation. |
| 8. Foowoomba Bushwalker's Club -
Footprints. | |

Correspondence - Outward

1. 4QS - Around the Ridges
2. Letter to John Cusack - thanks for help at outing.
3. Letter to Alan Wanstall " " " "
4. Walters re programme for this meeting.
5. Info. Aust - directory listing.

Desley McDonagh moved and Colin Hockings seconded that the inward correspondence be received and the outward adopted. Carried.

Business arising - 1. S.G.A.P. letter - this was apparently resolved.
2. Greenhope - ignore.

Treasurer's Report. Moved Julia Brown, seconded Mrs Walters that the report be adopted. Carried.

Statement for 22 August 90 to 26th September 1990.

Balance at bank as at 22nd August 516.14

Receipts:

Subs	100.00	
Room Rent collected	6.50	
Bring 'n Buy	4.50	111.00
		<u>\$627.14</u>

Expenditure:

Room Rent	10.00	
Magazine Duplication	6.00	
Magazine Postage	23.00	39.00
Bank Balance 26th September '90		<u>\$588.14</u>

The following accounts were moved for payment on the motion of Julia Brown, seconded Mrs Walters:

Account for Room Rent 410.00; Magazine Duplication \$6.00; Magazine Postage \$26.00; RAM Paper Distributors \$69.80; Kris Carnell \$4.95 for cartage on Railway for paper; D. McDonagh 4.15.00 Petty Cash.

Outing report: 26 including 4 children - 4 adult newcomers and 2 children.
54 species identified. Letters of thanks to go to Ivor Morton and Trevor Hopkins.

Half day outing October 7th Details in last magazine. Leaving Weeroona Park 1.30pm.

Full day outing 21st October - details will be in Magazine

Programme for next meeting will be Marsden's N.T. trip.

Specimens - Photos of pig nests and pig jawbone from Dore McCosker.
Flowers from the Sunday outing.

General Business: Some discussion was held on address labels for the magazine.
Further discussion on this will be held amongst those involved.

Signatures were required for the submission for incorporation.
The meeting was then closed.

Desley McDonagh
Hon. Sec.

NOTES FROM WILDFLOWER OUTING TO THE SUMMIT DISTRICT FROM LEADER,

Ray Marsden

The wildflower outing to venues at The Summit on September 23 was attended by a total of 28 people including 2 visitors and 4 children.

Beginning at the later time of 10.15 a.m., the group travelled to the Jolly's Falls area where the cars were parked. A leisurely stroll along a bush path yielded a great array of wildflowers in bloom. Without leaving the track, more than 50 varieties were seen in bloom, the wattles were quite spectacular and the baronias a delight to behold.

Members meandered along the path, pausing to admire the flowers and seeking identification from fellow members. On descending into the creek level, most crossed the stream to admire the excellent natural swimming hole (or is it a fishing hole?) which is surrounded by a wealth of native shrubs and trees, many in full bloom.

The return journey followed the creek upstream where many interesting rock formations caused a lot of interest. One stop was called to inspect pegmatite, a very coarse igneous rock containing quartz crystals, feldspar and mica.

Some of the party explored a little further and crossed the creek near the falls to take a look at the water sculptured rocks on the face of the falls and to marvel at the shapes created.

After lunching at the picnic area, where notes were compared, the group drove on to the Graham's property from where Trevor Hopkins lead the group to another wildflower area. The cleared section where the cars were parked was the site of the former King home of Kings Music Shop in Queen Street Brisbane. Built around 1915-16 the family home was one of the early ones in this locality, the crop under cultivation was carrots. Relics of an old homemade tractor, using the motor from a rugby car were of interest.

From this point, the group walked across private property to an area known locally as Mt Pisgah. Named by another pioneer of the area, Mr Lionel Longhurst (grandfather of Ray Marsden), because of the wonderful views seen - as Moses viewed the promised land from the original Mt. Pisgah. Landmarks pointed out included Passchendaele repeater station, the Bapaung Ridge, Amiens, Mt Fergusson and the mountain to the south of the Sundown area. This area was rich in wildflowers and some different species from what were seen at Jolly's Falls.

On returning to the cars, Trevor took the group down the western side of the hill and came back around the base, this enabled a few more flowers to be seen on the moist sections of the western slope, including some very fine green hood orchids.

Unfortunately there is much evidence of feral pigs in this part of the country and John Graham showed two 'pig nests' which he had discovered, complete with pig families, on a previous visit to the area.

Once again the outing combined a slice of history with the pleasure of seeing Australia's heritage of native flowering shrubs and trees, with a short geology lesson thrown in.

I would like to thank the landowners for allowing access to their properties and Trevor Hopkins and John Graham for leading the afternoon segment.

LIST OF THE FLOWERS SEEN IN BLOOM ON THE OUTING TO JOLLY'S FALLS AND MT. PISGAH IN THE SUMMIT DISTRICT.

Acacias (8) including the dainty brownii which attracted a lot of attention

Criptandra (2)	Bossiaea	Daviesia
Gylcine	Hovea (2)	Mirbelia
Pultenaea (2)	Helichrysum (2)	Mauve Daisy
Olearia	Calythrix	Hibbertia
Leucopogon (3)	Melichrus (2)	Stackhousia
Baechea	Baronia (2)	Notelaea
Epacris	Pimelea	Pomaderris
Hardenbergia	Stypandra	Stylidium - trigger plant
Leptospermum	Drosera	Actinotus - Flannel Flower
Correa - Native Fuchsia	Zieria (3)	Choretrum
Logania	Stenanthemum	Anguillari - Early Nancy
Patersonia	Phetanium	

NEWS FROM ANOTHER VERY AMATEUR BIRD WATCHER

We have two small, shallow bird baths which attract a wide variety of little birds. During dry, hot spells other visitors to the baths have been: a beautiful red bellied black snake; a bearded lizard; wallabies and kangaroos. Large birds use the baths too. One of the most amusing things to watch is our pair of crimson rosellas who insist on bathing together in the same small bath.

Claude & Mary Walters

OUTING FOR 21ST OCTOBER

Our outing this day will be to Hewan Gibson's property, "Hunters Hill" at Cement Mills.

We will leave Weeroona Park at 8.30 a.m. to allow us to start the day's proceedings at 10.00 a.m. at Hunter's Hill, with morning tea in the garden. Our programme will then go something like this:

Stop and look at a 1920 Arsenic mine, a little later the site of one of the old Glenelg shepherd's camps, probably a walk along a creek, and a walk through a spotted Gum forest (there should be lots of birds). Have a look at extensive timber clearing in various stages. We will have lunch during our trip around.

We will probably get back to the homestead about 2.30 to 3.00 p.m. and then return to Cement Mills and have a look at the quarries, and ruins of the crusher and hydrators, where lime stone was mined up till about 1940.

The road around the property is not suitable for cars. Four wheel drives and high clearance utilities will be needed. We should have enough four wheel drives to cater for those who don't own one, so look forward to a large roll-up on the day.

Bring field glasses if you have them to look at the birds.

Below is a map to follow to "Hunters Hill". Stanthorpe to "Hunters Hill" is 90k.

There is a "Hunters Hill" sign at Cement Mills.

