

Hi Everyone,

Here are the promised details about the **Federation Weekend – October 11, 12 & 13**

After reading this, you might realise that we want the weekend to be as sociable as possible. It is likely that members in most clubs are involved in many other citizen science activities as well as field nats. So maybe there is something that field nat. clubs have that is unique? *Please get back to me A.S.A.P so I can help you with your plans. Contact details below.*

Friday night 11 OCTOBER

Arrive Bridport, informal barbeque at 31 Elizabeth Street, Bridport. Our club will provide meat – visitors provide salads or makings of. Come any time!!

Saturday 12 OCTOBER

Outing to Waterhouse Conservation Area with Leader Mike Douglas. This is an easy 6km walk over heathlands and through woodlands in the One Tree Hill area beginning and finishing at Blizzard's Landing. Mike is a qualified leader who can cover geology, botany and is also able to talk about the travels of George Augustus Robinson and his observations of aboriginal life.

Saturday night meal at 20 Edward Street, Bridport - Our club members will be catering.

Saturday night entertainment: Opportunity for members and visitors to make short presentations either about the citizen science their members are engaged in or perhaps a precis of club activities. Work it out amongst yourselves. Laptop and T.V available for pictures. An informal night.

Sunday 13 OCTOBER

In the morning, we will visit Scott Bell's property within which is an enclosure created by the Save the Devil Program. This enclosure may or may not be occupied – it is managed by the DPIPWE, but it is accessible and Scott can give information. His covenanted property of 240 hectares has 17 different vegetation types including some rare species. Lunch will be at the site of Scott's house overlooking Noland and St. Alban's Bay.

Accommodation

Our club members will host visitors. This will be on a first-to-book-with-me basis. This is what we can offer.

- Lou Brooker: One cottage with a double bed and a single bed. Plenty of flat space for tents or campervans with access to toilets and showers.
- Ann Scott: one queen bed in one room, twin singles in another room, two separate singles in a third room.
- Scott Bell: a cottage in Bridport with two bedrooms, one with a single bed, another with two single beds.
- Debbie and Craig Searle: 15 minutes from Bridport, double bed in one room, bunk beds and possibility of one on the floor in the other room.
- Penny and Lloyd: Winnaleah – 50 minute drive away. Have two rooms with double beds.

Below is a list of accommodation places in the town in case people want to make their own bookings.

Suggest make bookings early.

- Seaside Lodge and Backpackers. 6356 1585. Dorm /Rooms \$28 and various other combos leading up to a self-contained until for up to six people \$110.
- Platypus Park. 6356 1873 . five self-contained units, various prices from \$110 through to \$180.
- Bridport Bay Inn 6356 1238 – Motel rooms and self-contained units. From \$115 upwards.
- Bridport Beach Cottages. 6356 0200 and 0400 340 270. Range from \$135 to \$155.
- Barnboughe [6356 0094] Lost Farm Dunes [6356 1124] Prices from \$180 upwards.

If you are interested in extra activities – there is the 10km Bridport Walking Track. It has its own website. There is the wildflower reserve and [if you are interested] you could walk along the foreshore and look at the way it has been ‘managed’ by Dorset Council. We are looking forward to sharing time with you.

Lou Brooker, N.E. Field Naturalist Club. brooker@vision.net.au or Ph: 0417 149 244

BIRD AND OTHER WILDLIFE OBSERVATIONS

- Barry Dudman reported a pair of Masked lapwings and four chicks at his property at Somerset.
- Caroline Ash reported a pair of Masked Lapwings at Umina Park Burnie setting four eggs.
- June Risdon reported Eastern Spine Bills feeding on the flowers of her Pineapple Sage, Masked Lapwings in her garden produced chicks some months ago. June reported on a recent trip to Sydney that Brush Turkeys were common at a Chatswood area she visited.
- Lillium Williams reported seeing Fantails and Swallows on the Table Cape walking track.
- David Cooper reported a pair of Blue Wrens in his home garden at Wynyard
- Geoff Wickham reported hearing Magpies and Yellow Wattlebirds at the Pet Dam 4th August 2019. On the same date reported seeing one Sea Eagle and much bandicoot sign in the same area, which species of bandicoot was responsible not known.
- Caroline Ash reported seeing a platypus in the upstream end of the Penguin Creek pond.
- Barry Dudman reported seeing a large black cat on the walking track between Gowrie Park and Mt. Vandyke some 20 or so years ago believes it was a large feral cat. Geoff Wickham recalled a trapping programme for feral cats carried out in a NSW national park in the late 70’s, the largest cat trapped weighed 17.5kg and the average weight was around 15kg. Feral cats this size could be responsible for some of the panther sightings reported.



SPECIMAN TABLE

Barry Dudman showed specimens of tropical orchids he has raised inside two species exist in Australia, most originate from South East Asia.

Note – Sincere apologies to those who contributed items for this edition and they have not been included. We have limited space due to the length of articles regarding the Federation Weekend and Australian Naturalists’ Network Get-together in September 2020. Your contributions will be appearing in the next newsletter!

Australian Naturalists’ Network Get-together in September 2020

Dear Naturalists

Australian Naturalists’ Network Get-together in September 2020 which will be held in Stanthorpe on Queensland’s Granite Belt.

The information sheet and registration ANN2020 EOI FORM.pdf is [attached to this newsletter](#)

If you prefer you can [print, complete and post back to us](#) or [print, complete, scan and email back](#).

Lynette Haselgrove - Secretary - ANN 2020 Get-Together

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Expression of interest

Please reply by 30th September 2019



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I am interested in attending the 2020 ANN Get-Together in Stanthorpe, Queensland

Friday 11th to Sunday 20th September 2020

Name/s:

Email:

Postal address:

Phone/Mobile:

Your Field Naturalist Club:

Preferred Accommodation:

- Stanthorpe Showgrounds
- Top of the Town Tourist Park (adjacent to Showground)
- High Street Motor Inn (opposite Showground)
- Other caravan park
- Other

Travel Arrangements:

Will you require pick-up / drop-off from / to Brisbane Domestic Airport? Yes No

On the rest day would you prefer a half day tour:

- * Winery tour Yes No **OR**
- * District tour Yes No **OR**
- * No tour (free day) Yes No

AUSTRALIAN NATURALISTS' NETWORK GET-TOGETHER

Stanthorpe, Queensland

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Dear Naturalists,

This is a preliminary notice about the next ANN Get-Together in September 2020 in Stanthorpe on Queensland's Granite Belt. The ANN organisation has provided the email addresses for affiliated Clubs and for individuals who attended ANN 2018 in Victoria. If you do not wish to receive future correspondence about ANN 2020 please let us know by return email or Australia Post mail and we will remove your name from our list. Would all affiliated Clubs please forward this notice to their members?

Hopefully many of you will be considering a trip to Queensland for the ANN Get-Together and the following information may help you to make some plans.

Stanthorpe is located on the New England Highway halfway between Warwick in Queensland and Tenterfield in New South Wales, two hours by road south of Toowoomba and three hours southwest of Brisbane. It is in the Granite Belt, which is the northern extension of the New England Tableland. The town is 850m above sea level. Many Queenslanders come to Stanthorpe to experience the very cold temperatures and four distinct seasons. The district is noted for agriculture (fruit & vegetables), grazing, viticulture and tourism. There are two major national parks north of the border, Girraween and Sundown, and two south of the border, Bald Rock and Boonoo Boonoo, and State Forests with abundant wildflowers and rock pavements. The main geological types in the district are granite and traprock.

The Get-Together will be based at the Stanthorpe Showgrounds located on the northern edge of town.

TRANSPORT

A coach will meet participants at Brisbane Domestic Airport at 1pm on Friday 11th September and return to Brisbane Domestic Airport arriving before 1pm on the 20th September.

All outings will be in coaches and will depart from the Showgrounds. For those not staying in the Showground vicinity, parking will be available during the day within the grounds.

ACCOMMODATION

All forms of camping are welcome at the Stanthorpe Showgrounds. ANN participants who choose to camp at the Showgrounds will be camping as a group and booking details will be provided in the next letter and on the website. There may be flexibility in arrival / departure dates for those camping at the Showgrounds.

The Stanthorpe Showgrounds is 1.8km from the town centre and the closest accommodation (for those not camping at the Showgrounds) is:

- The Top of the Town Tourist Park (<http://www.topoftown.com.au>), adjacent to the Showgrounds, which offers a large range of accommodation to suit all budgets including caravan and camp sites, cabins, motel and a lodge with 9 bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom (suitable for groups or those looking for a cheaper option).
- The High Street Motor Inn (<http://highstreetmotorinn.com.au/>) opposite the Showgrounds offers a pleasant motel environment with restaurant on site.

We strongly recommend you do not book your accommodation until you receive more detailed advice in the next mail-out as we will be able to obtain discounts for you at the above accommodation places. At this stage please indicate your preference on the attached sheet for planning purposes. Further details, including discounts available, will be forwarded later.

There are several other motels, hotels and Bed and Breakfasts throughout the Stanthorpe district which you can check out at <https://southerndownsandgranitebelt/accommodation/>. Be aware that you will need your own transport to commute from any other accommodation to the meeting point at the Stanthorpe Showgrounds.

If you wish to discuss accommodation options prior to making a selection, please call Sue Frances on 0474 342 995 or email anngb2020@gmail.com.

MEALS

All meals, except breakfast, will be provided. The booking form will indicate the cost of each meal and you will be able to nominate which meals you require.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Outings will be to local protected areas with high botanical diversity including those on granite soils, traprock soil and basalt.

Areas we hope to visit include:

- Girraween National Park – noted for its wildflowers and striking granite features.
- Sundown National Park - containing box/ironbark woodland which provides excellent birdwatching.
- Amiens State Forest – a great diversity of flowers and birds.
- Queen Mary Falls at Killarney – spectacular area in rainforest.
- At least one outing will concentrate on geological aspects of the district.

Half day outings will be offered on the rest day to local wineries or a district tour.

NIGHT PROGRAM

There will be an interesting program of speakers most evenings at the Showgrounds.

NEXT STEP

We will be sending out more information regarding costs etc after we get some feedback as to how many people will be attending. We will then ask for your registration and a deposit. At that time, we will also attend to dietary requirements and other issues.

Please complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) form if you are thinking of attending the Get-Together in Stanthorpe and return, as soon as possible but before the 1st October, to the ANN 2020 Committee secretary, Lynette Haselgrove, via email (preferably) or postal address as above.

Yours sincerely

Lynette Haselgrove
(Secretary, Stanthorpe ANN 2020 Committee)