



URIMBIRRA

Monthly newsletter

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Urimbirra is an Aboriginal word meaning 'to take care of' or 'to preserve'.

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MANAGEMENT MEETING SEPTEMBER 2018

Date: 5TH September 2018

Venue: Truscott Residence

Time: 5.30pm

Present: J and H Mason, F and K Truscott, D Kanowski, L. Plant

Apologies: H and B Rennick

Minutes: L. Plant read the minutes of the previous meeting. J. Mason moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by F. Truscott.....Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- ATO Form completed and mailed.
- Painting of the CWA rooms has been completed. K. Truscott thanked those members who assisted to move the library items to allow painters access.

Correspondence:

Inward:

- Domain Name invoice
- Phone call and email from Birds Queensland
- Newsletters

Outwards:

- ATO Form – Change of Registration Details
- 2017 Urimbirras – State Library of QLD

L. Plant moved the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward endorsed. Seconded by H. Mason...Carried

Business Arising from Correspondence:

Email from Birds Queensland enquiring about camping in the area in 2019. Their first camp out was held 50 years ago at 'Rockwood'. They would like to recognise the event with a visit in 2019. Kath Truscott has suggested accommodation at Possum Park. The dates being suggested are 19th-22nd April.

Treasurer's Report:

H. Mason presented the Treasurer's report and moved her report for adoption. Seconded by D. Kanowski.....Carried

Accounts for payment: Domain Name invoice \$249.00

H. Mason moved the account be passed for payment. Seconded J. Mason.....Carried

General Business:

Denver Kanowski is investigating the outing for October. Proposed dates are 20th-21st October.

H. Mason moved that she advise staff at the Tourist Information Centre that the price of the Wattle book be set at \$14.50 and that the centre add their commission to reach a sale price. Seconded F.

Truscott.....Carried

Program:

20th & 21st October 2018

Outing – Proposed area in the Lockyer Valley – Details to be advised. Leader D. Kanowski

General Meeting – to be held at outing.

F&K Truscott – Ecuador

17th November 2018 Breakup – BBQ at the Mason Residence Chinchilla

Management Meeting 3.30pm

General Meeting 5.00pm

BBQ – BYO Meat and drinks – Salad and dessert to share

19th, 20th & 21st January 2019

- Outing – Bunya Mountains – Leader K. Truscott
 General Meeting and Management Meeting to be held at the outing
- 15th February 2019 AGM – 7.30pm
 CWA Rooms Chinchilla
- 16th February 2019 Outing – local ramble
- March 2019 Management Meeting – date to be advised
 No outing planned for March
- 19th - 22nd April 2019 Possum Park with Birds Queensland
 Details of outing to be advised
- Meeting Closed:** 6.30pm

VALE PETER MC RAE.

Contributed by By Rod and Wendy Smith

What a sad loss Peter's death is to the community and everyone who knew him. Peter, the Bilby man, zoologist, scientist, guitarist, absent minded professor, gentleman and friend spent many a night with us in Windorah on his way to and from Astrebla Downs National Park, where he kept watch over the Bilbies, or when he was a member of The Scary Bears band playing at a function in Windorah.

We camped with Peter at Astrebla Downs N.P. when the bush rats were particularly bad and the Letter-winged Kites were flying above. We shared his open air bath tub at No. 1 flowing bore and saw the Yellow Chats as well as Bilbies and Kowaris.

Peter was a guest speaker at a well-attended C.F.N.C. meeting and after a gentle reminder we were all able to have a close encounter with his precious Bilby. He was absolutely fascinated that we all had a cuppa, homemade bikkies and a chat after the meeting.

DOWN MEMORY LANE – October 1983

By Frank Truscott

The October meeting was held on the 21st. Guest speaker was Dr. Ron Atkinson from the D.D.I.A.E (now USQ) Toowoomba. He was there in response to a request from the club for a list of spiders in our area and gave us a key to the Spiders of the Greater Darling Downs area as well as a good talk about spiders generally.

Quite a few new members were accepted as well.

The Secretary, Roy Hando, brought to the attention of the meeting that a recent Golden West Tourist Council brochure contained the suggestion that people could “pick wildflowers in the Milers area”.

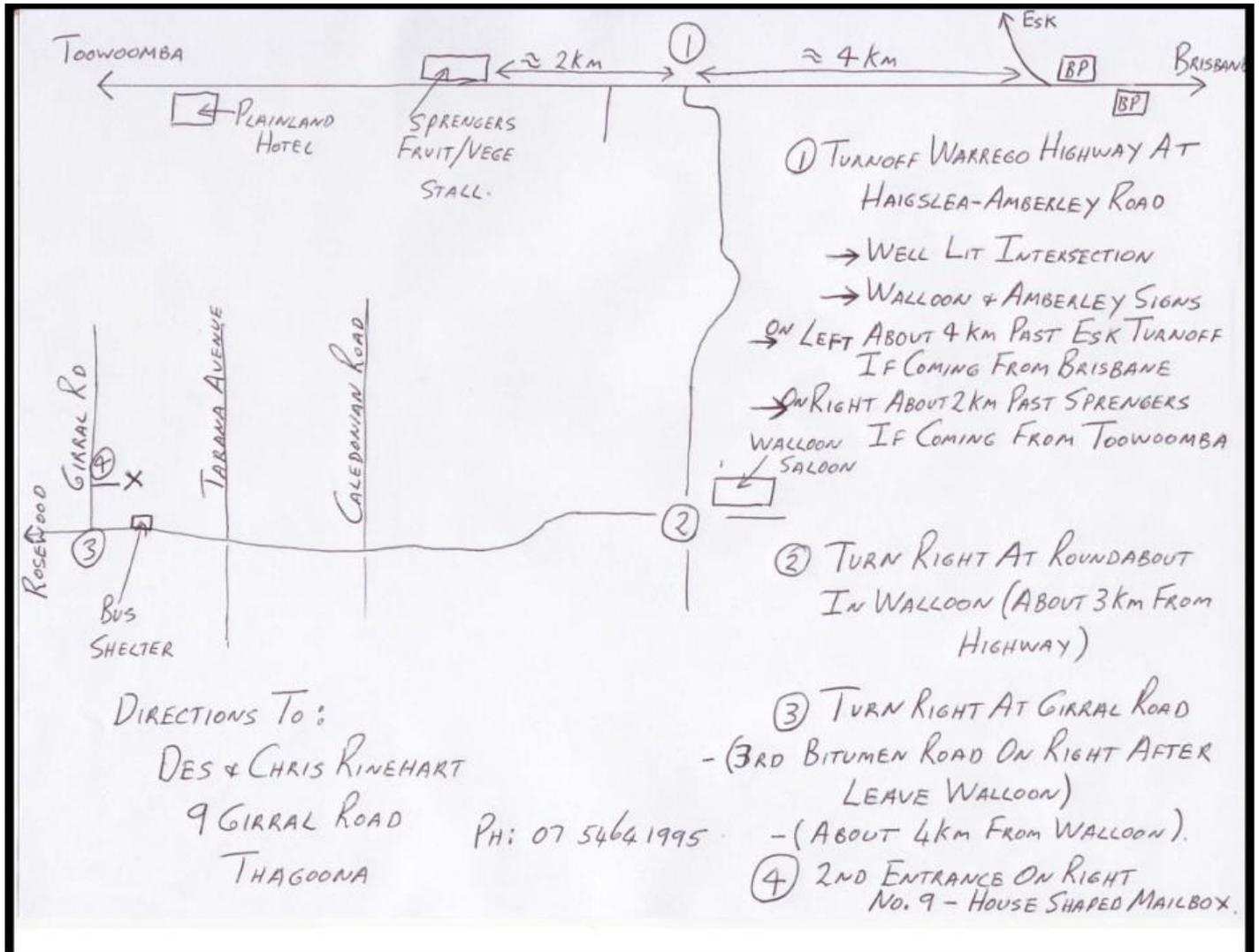
The outing on the 22nd was a spider-hunting visit with Dr. Ron Atkinson to the Rifle Range in the morning and “Sandy Bend” (on Charleys Creek near the railway bridge) in the afternoon. Spiders were collected and a microscope was used to help identify them. Heather Mason produced a good bird list for each area as well!

Dr. Atkinson provided a good list of 49 spiders for “Urimbirra” many of which were new to him.

The club had another outing in October. This was held with the Murgon Field Observers Club from Friday PM of the 28th to Sunday PM of the 30th at the property “Nindah” of Neil and Elwyn Perkins and, from mid-morning on Sunday, on the property Oakdale” of Lloyd and Shirley Sakrzewski. The trip home was via Proston. Val Hando produced a good plant list for the “Oakdale” scrub.

CLUB NOTICES

OCTOBER 19-21. This will be an outing to the Grandchester area including a day at Spicers-Hidden Valley. We will camp at Chris and Des Rineharts' place at Thagoona from Friday afternoon (19th). See map to Des and Chris' place (BELOW)



LEADER: Denver Kanowski. Phone: 0408884532

A General Meeting will be held on Saturday night (20th) at Rineharts'. Truscotts will show their Ecuador slides.

November 17 Break up. Venue: John and Heather Mason's place. Management meeting at 3.30 p.m. and General Meeting and BBQ at 5 p.m. Please BYO meat and drinks and a salad and dessert to share.

January 19, 20, 21. Bunya Mountains. We will invite Bunya NHA members and Toowoomba Nats.

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