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Saving Stanthorpe's plants

Public meetings will be held in the Granite Belt region to develop a management plan for 10 threatened plants on the Stanthorpe Plateau.

The meetings will be part of a joint Queensland Murray-Darling Committee/Rare Wildflower Consortium project to develop a management plan with local communities to protect endangered, vulnerable and rare flora in the Granite Belt region.

Workshop organiser, Paul Donatiu, said "this management plan will provide a platform for a more strategic investment of resources on the ground and provide a planning tool to direct the recovery of rare and threatened flora species found on the Stanthorpe Plateau."

Mr Donatiu said there would be two main aims of the workshops.

"Firstly, we'd like to introduce people to the 10 species: what they are, where they're found and what they're threats are," he said.

"Secondly, we want to get people to go through the proposed management actions and give us their thoughts and comments on the effectiveness of our proposal," said Mr Donatiu.

The 10 threatened plants this project will focus on include varieties of the Boronia, Bottlebrush, Grevillea, and Eucalypt families.

Public Community Workshops will be held on 23 March at 7pm in Stanthorpe's QCWA Rooms, and on 25 March at 10am in the Amiens State School's Discovery Centre.

For further information, or for copies of the Draft Stanthorpe Plateau Threatened Flora Recovery Plan, please contact Paul Donatiu on (07) 3358 1974, 0400 1964 92, or pdonatiu@iprimus.com.au.

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Three of the 10 threatened species that will form the focus of this project:



Homoranthus montanus



Callistemon pungens



Boronia granitifica