
CBC Leaders Letter September 2025

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Canberra Bushwalking Club



Spring Wattle

SEPTEMBER 2025 LEADERS LETTER

Yuma CBC Activity Leader

Walks for the Conservation Council

CBC is partnering with the Conservation Council to expose members of the public to the 'Western Edge', an area earmarked for future ACT development which would be better retained in its natural state.

5 activities have been predetermined and scheduled (so that the Conservation Council can advertise and take bookings):

- Saturday 20 September – Bluetts Block (booked out by public within 2 days)
- Sunday 21 September – Bluetts Block (a repeat)
- Tuesday 14 October – Brown trig and Mt Stromlo
- Sunday 23 November – Murrumbidgee River Walking Track
- Wednesday 7 January 2026 – Tongs Hole to Namarag.

I will lead the firsts in Bluetts Block, so I can get a feel for how the partnership will work. Chris D has signed on to 20 Sep, to wrangle the 10 members of the public who will attend, and Cathie B for 21 Sep.

(If you'd like a look at Bluetts Block, book on the Saturday morning 13 Sep ramble [here](#).)

For the remaining three partnerships, I need a CBC leader, plus an experienced CBC member for crowd control.

I can provide you with Conservation Council details and walk details. It would be best if you first did a quick recce. Details of the Cons Council campaign are [here](#).

Interested and available to pay a bit forward? Contact me!

Daylight Savings Evening and Morning Walks

It's time for us to put our route planning to work for the ever-popular daylight savings evening and morning walks. Daylight savings begins on Sunday 5 October and ends on Sunday 6 April 2026.

These hikes are usually programmed to take around 2 hours (extended by torchlight if you want!) and take place in Canberra Nature Park's Nature Reserves and on the urban fringe. It would be great to have northside and southside activities, so that people don't have to travel too far.

Just pop your activities into Bilby on any day that suits you (Thursday was popular last year). There is a list of sunrise and sunset times for your convenience [here](#). I'll also maintain a handy spreadsheet [here](#) so that we can get a quick overview of the activities.

Thanks and let's help folk get their Spring/Summer fitness on.

August Walk Leaders

Many thanks to the following active leaders who led trips in August: Jenny A, Garry B, Robin C, Peter C, David D, Allan D, Linda G, Jan H, Stephen M, Di McD, Dick M, Sal O, Terrylea R, Phillip S, Sandra T, Lorraine T, John E.

Here's a view of completed trips this club year (from Sep 24). It includes Wednesday Walks led by CBC and excludes social activities and presentations:



It doesn't happen without you 😊.

Training Activities

The annual Navigation Refresher is underway, with 16 attending #1 Introduction to Map and Compass, 13 on #2 Basic Use of Map and Compass, 13 on #3 Consolidating Map and Compass Use. The overnight trip #4 is scheduled for 25-26 October and the two GPS sessions in November.

Many thanks to Garry B and Rob and Jenny H for presenting these invaluable opportunities. Let's hope some new leaders emerge.

In addition, the half-day Practical Map and Compass Exercises in Callum Brae continue, thanks to Terrylea R and Sandra T.

And Peter C meets the continuing demand for smart phone navigation, with multiple sessions on Red Hill. He's even got me using Gaia 😊.

Tidbinbilla Skyline Track Name Released

The Skyline track on the Tidbinbilla Range, from Fishing Gap in the South to Camels Hump in the North (along with a couple of entry/exit routes and route to the Pimple) has been named. The **Mindjagari Track**. The name means 'Sky, clouds appear' in Ngunnawal. The official opening will be in late October. The routes are usable at the moment.

Please **contact me** if I can assist you in any way.

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