
CBC Leaders Letter May 2026

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From Dave A's Wharf to Wharf hike last weekend

MAY 2026 LEADERS LETTER

Yuma CBC Activity Leader

New walk leader

David Carr is the latest qualified walk leader. His first trip is to Byangee Walls and is in Bilby [here](#).

PLBs

CBC has 2 PLBs available for use. Both currently held in Gordon by the Training and Safety Officer (Garry B) and the Walks Secretary (John E).

There is a good article put up by Wild Earth on PLBs and Satellite Communicators [here](#).

GPSs

CBC has GPSs available for use. Basic models, great for practising simple navigation

3 * Garmin eTrex 22x (2019) – onboard maps, import/export gpx files via cable connect to PC. See the user manual [here](#)

2 * Garmin eTrex 20 (2011) – simple basemap only, import/export gpx files via cable connect to PC. See the user manual [here](#).

They are currently held by the Walks Sec in Gordon (John E) for use on the Navigation Course sessions 5 and 6. Available for general use after 23 May.

Public Liability Insurance for Recces

Some walk leaders will do a map recce and mark their trip Exploratory; others prefer to do an on-ground recce.

Here is the latest advice from Bushwalking Australia via Bushwalking NSW:

“BNSW has been asked to clarify the insurance arrangements for Recce walks. The advice from Bushwalking Australia, who coordinate club insurance, is as follows: Recce walks are covered by the club’s insurance policy, irrespective of the number of walkers on the Recce walk, provided that the walk is pre-approved by the Club. To be on the safe side, this approval should be given in writing. An email is sufficient. When considering approving a recce walk, the club should consider whether the leader and the overall party have the necessary skills to undertake the walk. This depends on the walk’s difficulty and location. For an example is it appropriate for even an experienced leader to do a recce walk in a remote wilderness area by themselves. Likewise a new walk leader should be fine to do a recce by themselves if it was in an urban area eg Circular Quay to Bondi Beach.

Peter Bruce - BNSW Insurance & Risk Secretary”

If CBC leaders would like public liability insurance cover for recces:

1. Put the activity in Bilby with a tag of Recce. Add yourself and the other recce party

- members to the participant list. Change the status from Draft to Review
2. If it is assessed that the small party is capable and well equipped, the activity will be published as Members Only
 3. As soon as it is published, the leader should mark the recce party members' bookings as Valid and mark the activity as Closed (so that no 'uninvited' participants can book on)
 4. It is critical that such recces are Finished to check them in by 11am the following day, and preferably immediately on return from the recce.

You will find this workflow on the CBC website [here](#).

Wednesday Walks – call for leaders July-December

Henry Gardner who is coordinating CBC's contributions to the Wednesday Walks program is in the process of soliciting bids for leaders for Easy-Medium and Medium-Hard walks for the second half of the year (July-December). If some of you are interested in leading one or more of these walks and you have not received Henry's mailout, please write to him at wednesday.walks@canberrabushwalkingclub.org.

Bilby Tips

Activities in Bilby have an associated tag (e.g. Recce (as above), Walk, Back-pack). The tag not only adds to the detail of the activity but allows the generation of meaningful club statistics – if the tag(s) is/are used.

The full list of available tags is: Part-day, Walk, Abseiling, Alpine, Back-pack, Base Camp, BBQ, Canoeing, Canyoning, Car Camp, Caving, Commercial Trip, Cycling, Dinner, Family, Geocaching, International, Liloing, Lodge Based, Market, Meeting, PRAMbulation, Rafting/Boating, Recce, Snow Skiing, Snowshoeing, Social, Toddler Toddle, Training, Work Party, Other.

(The Training tag should be used for educational activities, rather than physical exercise training.)

Japanese Encephalitis

Thanks to Mark P for the heads up on the risk of Japanese Encephalitis to the north and west of the ACT. The ACT Government is offering free shots until 30 June to those who may be entering the relevant areas. Read the deets [here](#) and from NSW Government Health [here](#).

April Activities and Active Leaders

Huge thanks to active leaders who have provided 39 trips during April. Settled weather helps.

Dave A, Jenny A, Garry B, Ryan B, Greg B, Peter C, Andrea C, Luisa DM, Gerald D, David D, Janet D, Philip G, Linda G, Rob H, John K, Di McD, Sal O, Andrew S, Tim W, John E.

Wednesday Walks

Wednesday Walks, run in turn by BBC, NPA ACT and CBC, remain super popular. Our hard working CBC Wednesday Walks Coordinator, Henry G, reports that on a recent Wednesday there were 23 and 13 on the E-M walks, and 17 on the M-H. Is it time for a third E-M WW?

Reminder about **Thermal Assisted Aerial Control (TAAC) program**

The ACT Government will be undertaking a **Thermal Assisted Aerial Control (TAAC) program** to manage vertebrate pest species in key conservation areas, water catchments and peri-urban locations. The program will run from **Monday 11 May to Friday 12 June 2026**. The TAAC program is an established, annual operation and has been conducted for several years as part of the ACT Government's ongoing approach to vertebrate pest management.

To ensure the program can be conducted safely, the areas listed below will be **temporarily closed** under the *Nature Conservation Act 2014* and the *Trespass on Territory Lands Act 1932*. Closures will be **staged across the operational period** to minimise disruption to park and reserve users.

A reminder email will be distributed prior to the commencement of the program and will include area closure maps and additional program details.

Googong Foreshore - Closed from 11 May 2026 to 15 May 2026. Googong Foreshore will reopen from 16 May.

Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve and part of Pierces Creek Forest - Closed 13 May 2026 to 14 May 2026. These areas will reopen from 15 May.

Namadgi National Park – East of Boboyan Road - Closed 15 May 2026 to 22 May 2026. This area will reopen from 23 May.

Namadgi National Park – West of Boboyan Road - Closed 18 May 2026 to 29 May 2026. This area will reopen from 30 May.

Gigerline Nature Reserve, Rob Roy Nature Reserve South and part of Ingledene Forest - Closed 25 May 2026 to 7 June 2026. These areas will reopen from 8 June.

Stony Creek Nature Reserve and Hyles Forest (Cotter Pines) - Closed 25 May 2026 to 7 June 2026. These areas will reopen from 8 June.

Molonglo River Reserve - Closed 25 May 2026 to 29 May 2026. This reserve will reopen from 30 May.

Northern Namadgi National Park and Lower Cotter Catchment - Closed 9 June 2026 to 12 June 2026. These areas will reopen from 13 June.

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

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