

Mullaley weekends

General information for attendees



Most people drive up on Friday so launching can start early on Saturday morning; stay somewhere nearby on Friday and Saturday night, and then drive home early Sunday afternoon.

If you are intending to attempt a HPR certification you should advise the Prefect (**Geoff Ingram**) ASAP. Use the email address prefect@nswrocketry.org.au

A decision will be made on the day regarding sparky motors. This is dependent on the crop status and prevailing conditions. It is recommended that you arrange to have an appropriate substitute motor available in case they aren't permitted. If we do allow sparky motors, it is up to **you** to clear the area to meet the Tripoli requirements. The cleared area required is quite large.

The **maximum** height will be 10000 feet above ground level (AGL)

We have a couple of launch locations within the property, which is approximately 8km south of the Oxley Highway, just off Mullaley-Coolah Rd, also called Black Stump Way (see the attached map)

Launch area 1 (LA1) is off Bando Rd. Coordinates: -31.1580, 149.9326

LA2 is off Finlay Rd, past "Montana" homestead. Coordinates: -31.2058, 149.8995.

Ensure that you access these sites from Mullaley-Coolah Rd, do not rely on Google Maps, etc, for directions.

There will be a sign placed at the appropriate turnoff, along with small strips of red & white striped tape. There will also be signs and/or small strips of striped tape to help guide you to the launch site.

We aim to have the range fully set up early on Saturday morning. Registration/sign-in should be open at 8:30. Please ensure you have both your Tripoli and NSW Rocketry membership cards. Launching on Saturday typically starts shortly after 9am and finishes around 4pm.

Sunday can be an early start as most of the equipment is already in place to take advantage of the potentially calmer conditions. We plan to be packed up and leave the site by 3pm.

Most of the usual club gear will be available:

Launch controller and cables

Launch pad stands with various launch rods, up to 5mm diameter

Launch pads with 1010 and 1515 rails

We will have 2 portaloos near the launch site. These have a limited supply of water, so please limit usage. Males can usually walk to the nearest tree - but this could be ~500m.

University of Newcastle will be supplying sausage sandwiches and drinks on both days, but feel free to bring your own snacks, water, shade, sunscreen, insect repellent.

Take ALL rubbish with you and dispose of it in town or back home. Do not leave ANYTHING at the site or nearby.

There will be a post-launch get-together on Saturday night. This is usually held at the Gunnedah Hotel, at around 7:00pm

Accommodation:

There is no camping at the launch sites.

Gunnedah is the closest large town, approximately 30 minutes' drive. There are motels, apartments, camping grounds and pubs, and a number of places for meals. There is also Coles, Woolworths & Aldi.

Coonabarabran is a bit further from the launch site, around 40 minutes' drive.

The hotel at Mullaley (ph: 6743 7820) has a small number of basic rooms with shared bathrooms and a small camping area at the back. There is nothing at Mullaley at night except the pub.

Tambar Springs also has hotel accommodation.

Driving Directions:

IMPORTANT: Take care when driving.

Watch for kangaroos and other wildlife, especially early in the morning or at dusk.

From Gunnedah

Drive approximately 35km along the Oxley Highway towards Coonabarabran.

Drive through Mullaley township.

Just as you leave the school zone, turn left onto the road to Coolah (Mullaley-Coolah Rd, also called Black Stump Way). The Mullaley Hotel and roadhouse is at this turnoff (coordinates -31.0999, 149.9035).

Drive along Mullaley-Coolah Rd for approx 6km. The road goes past Mullaley Mountain on the right.

Finlay Rd and "Montana" homestead are on the left.

The turnoff for Bando Rd is a further 4km, just before the bridge over Cox's Creek.

If you go over the bridge you've gone too far.

From Coolah (eg if driving from Mudgee)

Drive north along Mullaley-Coolah Rd.

Drive through Tambar Springs.

Approximately 18km from Tambar Springs, Bando Rd is on the right immediately after the bridge over Cox's Creek.

The turnoff for Finlay Rd and "Montana" homestead are a further 4km, on the right.

