

LINNEAN SOCIETY OF NSW SYMPOSIUM 2026
NATURAL HISTORY OF THE NEW ENGLAND REGION
3 - 5 November 2026 University of New England, Armidale, NSW
SECOND CIRCULAR and CALL for PAPERS



View to coast from Point Lookout, New England National Park. Photo: Jeremy J Bruhl

The focus of the 2026 field symposium will be on the **New England region** of NSW which, in its broadest definition, includes the high ground of the **Northern Tablelands** extending north from the **Moonbi Ranges** to the Queensland border, together with the **Northwestern Slopes** immediately to the west of the Great Dividing Range.

National Parks protect much of the geomorphic and biological diversity along the elevated eastern flank of the region, while to the west the **Nandewar Range** near Narrabri includes **Mount Kaputar National Park**. Geologically, the New England Orogen encompasses all the Northern Tablelands and extends eastwards to the coast between Port Stephens and north of Coffs Harbour, where it underlies the Clarence-Moreton Basin.

Talks: The first day (**Tuesday 3 November**) will consist of scientific and general interest talks on current research into the geology and geodiversity, flora and fauna, ecology and other aspects of the natural history of the New England region.

Registration fee includes an **Abstracts and Field Guide booklet**.

Venue: **University of New England campus, Armidale**, is well positioned for field trips. Presentations will take place in a lecture room at the University. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided that day.

Accommodation will be available on campus at Robb College, in newly renovated single occupancy rooms with shared amenities. Rooms are equipped with a king-size single bed, wardrobe, desk, mini-fridge and fan. Cost (room only) is \$83.60 incl. GST per night (no breakfast). Other accommodation options (generally more expensive) are available in the centre of Armidale. All accommodation is to be booked directly (for Robb College contact accommodation@une.edu.au), not through the Linnean Society of NSW.

Field Trips: The day of talks will be followed by two day-long field trips (4 & 5 November). Transport and a light lunch together with cool drinks is included in the fee. Bring your own snacks and extra water. Locations visited and their natural history will be documented in the **Abstracts and Field Guide booklet**.

The first field trip will proceed on the **Waterfall Way** east of Armidale, visiting the main waterfalls and gorges, with bushwalks to lookouts. Botanical, zoological and geological highlights will be observed on these walks. The second field trip will be in the region **west and north of Armidale**, extending as far as Guyra. Similar to the first field trip day, the flora of the area and its relationship to the underlying varied geology will be documented in the field guide and explained by local experts. Hopefully some birds and reptiles will make their appearance as well.

Catering on Tuesday November 3 at UNE

Your **registration fee** will include coffee and tea together with mixed platters of savory and sweet items. Lunch will consist of a variety of salads, assorted wraps and sandwiches, and fruit platters. Common dietary preferences can be catered for – please specify on your **registration form**.

Evening meals are for your own account – there are a variety of options in town (but not on campus).

Costs: **Members of the Linnean Society of NSW** will enjoy a modest discount on registration and field trip fees. Non-members are welcome to apply for membership of the Society to access these discounts. For details of membership categories and our low subscription rates, please refer to the website of the Linnean Society of NSW. **Early Bird Registration fees apply until September 15th (see over)**

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Please indicate on reverse side

REGISTRATION FORM

(for use by attendees and presenters)

Name (please print):

Address:

E-Mail:

Phone number:

Affiliation (if any):

Presenters

I will be presenting a paper/talk

Title:

Abstract to be provided no later than 15 September 2026

	Up to September 15 2026			After September 15 2026			
Fee Category	Scientific Talks Nov 3	Field Trip Nov 4	Field Trip Nov 5	Scientific Talks Nov 3	Field Trip Nov 4	Field Trip Nov 5	TOTAL \$
Students	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	
Linnean Society Members	\$60.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	
Non-members	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	

Participants can register for any combination of the three-day sessions. As bus seats are limited for the field trips, preference will be given to those also registered to attend the day of talks. Early registration for the field trips is recommended.

Please send completed registration form to:

- secretary@linneansocietynsw.org.au as attachment (indicate date & method of payment), or mail to
- Linnean Society of New South Wales, PO Box 291, MANLY NSW 1655.

Payments to be made by:

- Bank transfer: St George Bank. Account name "Linnean Society of NSW"
BSB 112-879, Account 466447867. Please label payment 'Symposium_yoursurname'
- Cheque made out to Linnean Society of NSW, posted to the above address

Participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

Special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian, gluten-free):