

Summary

- Get a Newcastle VNC and a Newcastle VTC
- Get NOTAMS and Weather for Bathurst (YBTH), Williamtown (YWLM) and Taree (YTRE)
- In particular, in the YWLM NOTAMS,
 - check out the restricted areas R559A, R559F, they are sometimes active. If the skies are clear sometimes Williamtown uses them for military training.
 - check out D538A. This is a danger area and is also sometimes active. You can still fly through this area, from the surface to 7500ft, but ATC will not warn you about military operations there. If it is active, be very careful. Ask with Williamtown ATC or Brisbane centre if unsure.
- Pick a nice day with clear skies.

General

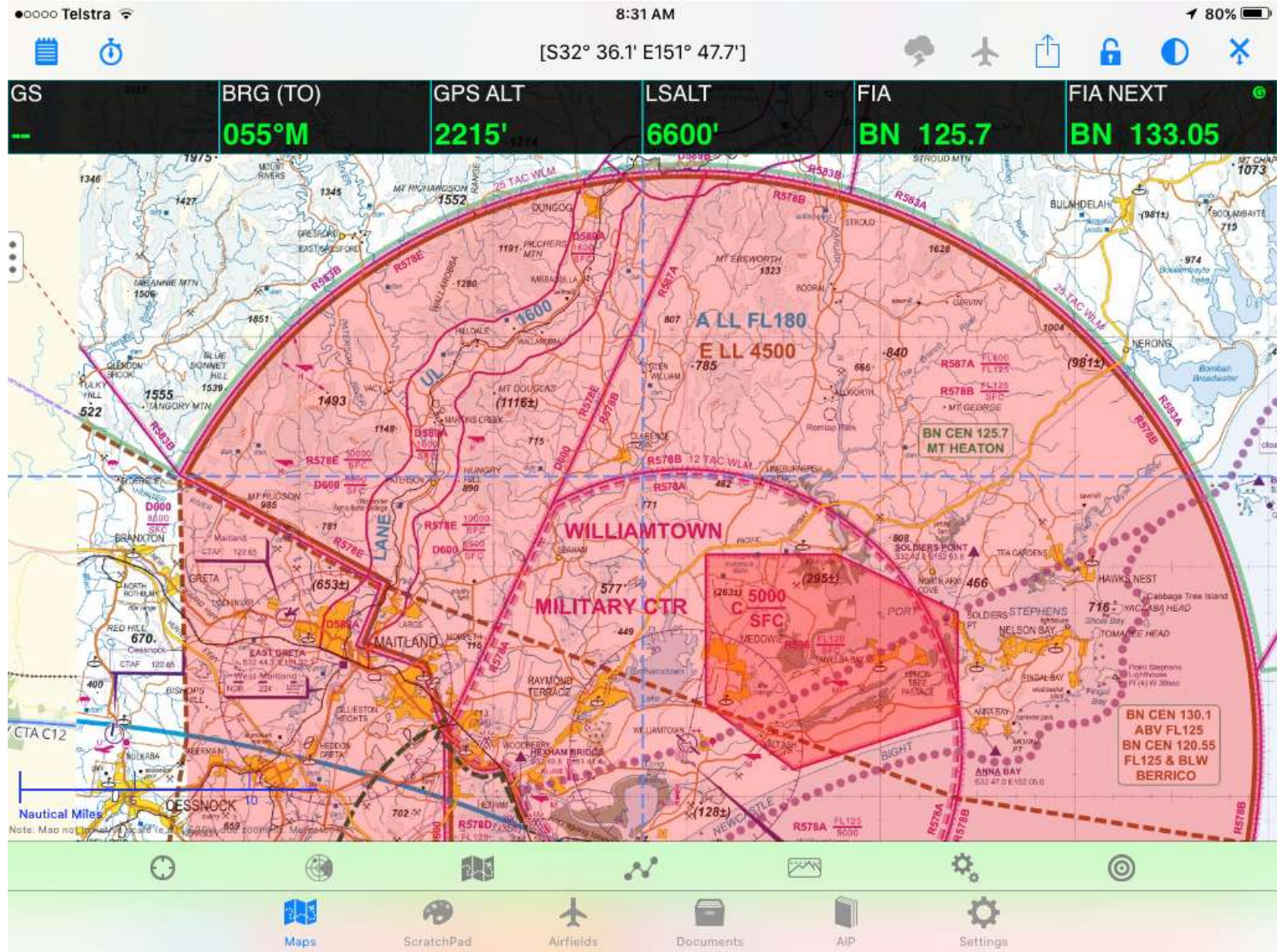
The Dungog railway is a GA, VFR route through Williamtown airspace. It is always available in the sense that you don't need a clearance from ATC to use it.

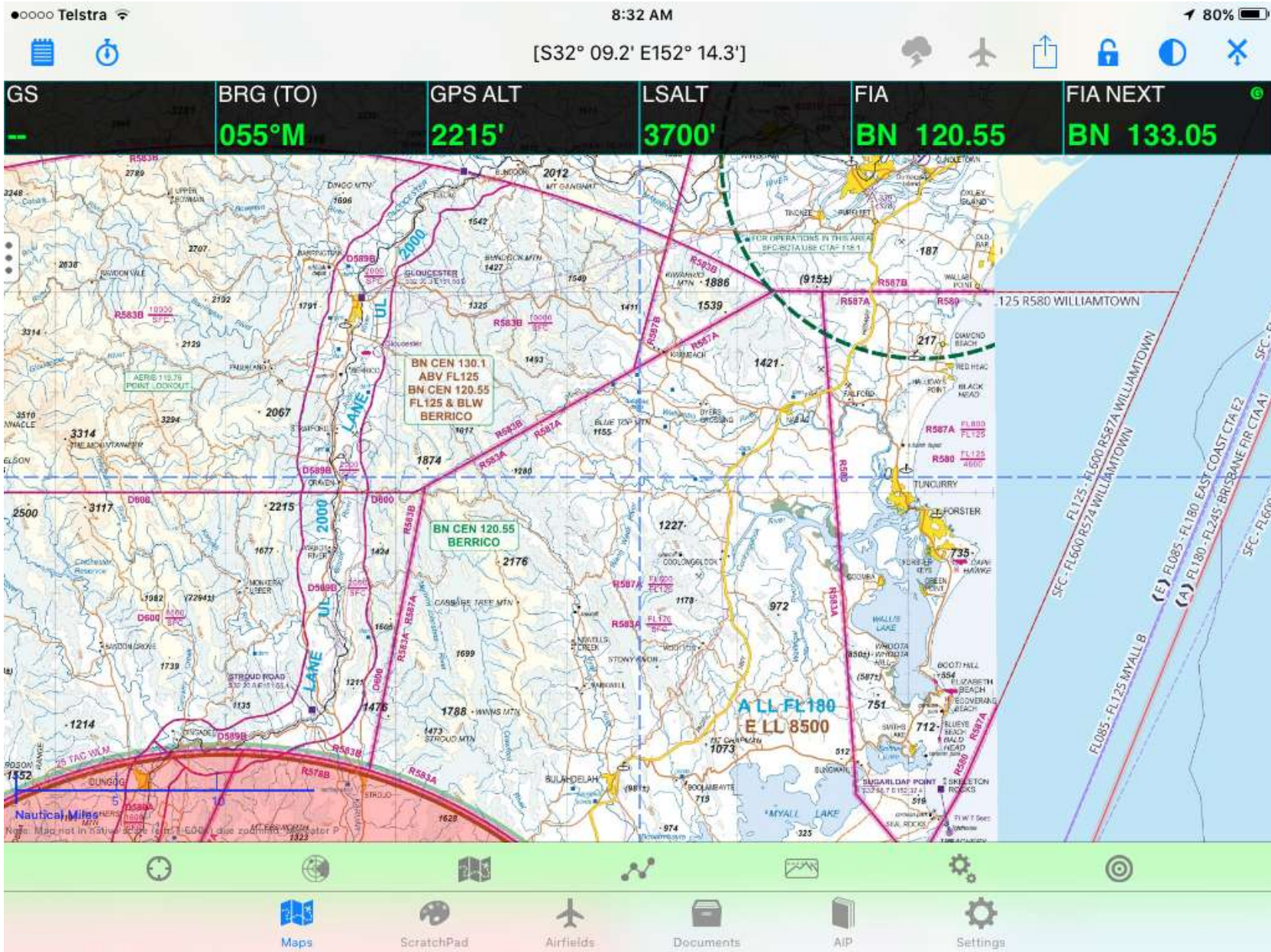
It is a scenic 'back country' route from the South West, out to the North East, following the Dungog – Stroud – Gloucester railway line.

The route has strict height restrictions. You must be not above 1600 ft in the southern half, and not above 2000ft in the northern half.

The route is narrow. You should remain within 1 nautical mile of the railway line. Stay on the right of the lane.

Following the railway line can sometimes be tricky because it sometime goes through tunnels. If you are not careful, you might inadvertently follow the road instead of the railway line, and sometimes following the road can take you outside the lane and into Williamtown restricted airspace.





Errol Chopping

Flight Summary, from Bathurst to Taree via Dungog.

Where to	Direction	Distance	Altitudes	Frequencies	Comments
At Bathurst			2450 ft	YBTH CTAF=127.35 YBTH ML CEN=133.25 YBTH AWIS=133.25	YBTH RWYS=17/35 (RH Circuits Rwy 35 HJ) YBTH ELEV=2450
To Cessnock	054°	93 NM	7500 ft Descend to 1500 ft after high country 8 NM to run YCNK	BN CEN=133.05 at 30 YBTH or 63 YCNK BN CEN=124.8 at 57 YBTH or 36 YCNK BN CEN=125.7 at 73 YBTH or 20 YCNK YCNK CTAF=122.65	YCNK RWYS=17/35 (Standard LH circuits HJ) YCNK ELEV=210 Cessnock circuit height is 1200ft Plan to overfly at not above 4500ft You can do an orbit near YCNK to descend to be below 4500 ft. Suggest 2000 ft
To West Maitland NDB	066°	10 NM	2000 ft Be below 4500 ft by Cessnock	WM NDB=224 Retain BN CEN=125.7	Temp Restricted Area R976 4500-8500 Temp Restricted Area R977 3500-8500
Southern half of the GA lane, to Dungog	Follow the railway line	Be no further than 1 NM from railway line – to the right	Not above 1600 ft	BN CEN=125.7 At Dungog, BN CEN=120.55	This lane is always available. No clearance is required. You are low. The hills are high. Follow the railway, not the road. Sometimes the railway line goes into tunnels.
Northern half of the lane	Follow the railway line	Be no further than 1 NM from railway line – to the right	Not above 2000 ft	BN CEN=120.55	This lane is always available. No clearance is required. You are low. The hills are high. Follow the railway, not the road. Sometimes the railway line goes into tunnels.
Wirradgurie to Taree	076°	23 NM	3500 ft	BN CEN=120.55 YTRE CTAF=118.1	YTRE RWYS=04/22 (Standard LH circuits) YTRE ELEV=38

Flight Summary, from Taree to Bathurst via Dungog.

Where to	Direction	Distance	Altitudes	Frequencies	Comments
At Taree			38 ft	YTRE CTAF=118.1.35 YTRE ML CEN=120.55	YTRE RWYS=04/22 (Standard LH circuits) YTRE ELEV=38
To Wirradgurie	256°	23 NM	4500 ft Descend to 2000ft by lane	BN CEN=120.55	Enter the lane not above 2000 ft
Northern half of the lane, to Dungog	Follow the railway line	Be no further than 1 NM from railway line – to the right	Not above 2000 ft	BN CEN=120.55 At Dungog, BN CEN=125.7	This lane is always available. No clearance is required. You are low. The hills are high. Follow the railway, not the road. Sometimes the railway line goes into tunnels.
Southern half of the lane	Follow the railway line	Be no further than 1 NM from railway line – to the right	Not above 1600 ft	BN CEN=125.7	This lane is always available. No clearance is required. You are low. The hills are high. Follow the railway, not the road. Sometimes the railway line goes into tunnels.
To West Maitland NDB			Be below 4500 ft until Cessnock	WM NDB=224 Retain BN CEN=125.7	Temp Restricted Area R976 4500-8500 Temp Restricted Area R977 3500-8500
To Cessnock	246°	10 NM	Be below 4500 ft until Cessnock. Suggest 3500ft Then 6500 ft to Bathurst	BN CEN= 125.7 YCNK CTAF=122.65	YCNK RWYS=17/35 (Standard LH circuits HJ) YCNK ELEV=210 Cessnock circuit height is 1200ft Plan to overfly at not above 4500ft
To Bathurst	234°	93 NM	6500 ft	BN CEN=125.7 at 73 YBTH or 20 YCNK BN CEN=124.8 at 57 YBTH or 36 YCNK BN CEN=133.05 at 30 YBTH or 63 YCNK ML CEN=135.25	YBTH RWYS=17/35 (RH Circuits Rwy 35 HJ) YBTH ELEV=2450