

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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Winter Programme 2024 (Updated 23 June 2024)

Activity Grading details are set out at the end of the program

TO SUBMIT AN ACTIVITY:

Email details to WALKS OFFICER at ramblerswalksofficer@gmail.com

TO JOIN AN ACTIVITY:

It is **essential** to contact (text, phone or email) the Leader at least 48 hours before the activity is scheduled to begin.

TO ATTEND A CLUB MEETING:

Club Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at our Uniting Church Hall, 24 Milson St, Charlestown.

DW: Day Walk, TW: Twilight Walk, BF: Breakfast Walk, BP: Backpack BR: Bike Ride CC: Car Camp PA: Paddle

Winter Programme

JUNE

1-2 June	Sat-Sun	Photography course 2 x 1/2 days details TBA		David M 0427 783 059
1 June	Sat	Day Walk TBA		
2 June	Sun	Day Walk Fingal to One Mile - G3/8km/4hrs. Coastal Tracks, rocky headlands, some beach walking. Maps Morna Point, Port Stephens. <i>Car Shuffle</i> .		Alan T 0419491612
3 June	Mon	Regular Meeting: Boyd Carney NWPS Broom Bash – Managing Scotch Broom in the Barrington Tops National Park Supper Tracy H		
5 June	Wed	BR Raymond Terrace-Medowie return 32 km return, mostly on cycle way, one hill and a few ups and downs https://maps.app.goo.gl/SvqrDZzXxY3jD6798 .	10 am start from Boomerang Park Raymond Terrace	Philippa H 0402844147
8 June	Sat	Day Walk TBA		
9 June	Sun	Day Walk Berowra to Cowan Station G4/ 14km/ 5 hrs/ 200m ascent. . This is one of the best parts of the GNW, offering wonderful views over Berowra Waters. The climb up from Berowra Waters is fairly steep in places, but is all on track.	Meeting: 6:53 from NI, 6:59 BM, 7:06 Car; 7:17 Fass.	Alan T 0419491612
10 June	Mon	Long Weekend Public Holiday Box Head (ocean side) - (G5/8km/220m) Walk from Wagstaffe to Box Head, steep climb down, then follow the rock platform around the ocean side to Little Tallow Beach then Tallow Beach. Rock engravings, wonderful coastal scenery, possibly seals. Visit Lobster		David M 49546164

		Beach if there is enough time. Bring afternoon tea for back at the cars. Map: Broken Bay		
June 12	Wed	DW Yuelarbah Trackhead to Dudley Beach Loop G3/G4 9km 700M 3.5 hours Walk to Dudley Beach via Leggy Point, return via GNW/Yuelarbah Track. Bring morning tea and lunch.	Meet at Yuelarbah Trackhead Carpark, Burwood Road at 9:00 am	Tracy 0414 843 024
14-16 June	Fri-Sun	BP. Burragurra. (G5 /approx 40 km /1250m/3 days) (Mostly off track) Limited Numbers Maps: Murray's Run and Kulnura 1:25000	TBA	LynneK 0435889233
15 June	Sat	Day Walk (G2/9km/80M) Green Point Walk to Belmont 16 Footers Club for lunch & return	Meet 9.45AM end of Dilkera Avenue Valentine at Green Point Reserve entrance	Anne S 0427905530
16 June	Sun	Day Walk Stockrington SCA (G3 (G4 in a short section only) / 12km / 5 hrs / 220 m.) Maps: Wallsend & Swansea 1:25000 A circular walk off Geo Booth Drive via Jew Boy Cave and Stockrington Quarry. Returning via the Richmond Main Railway easement through Tunnel #1. Bring water, MT & lunch.	Meet: McDonalds Edgeworth 0800 hours	Craig W text 0405 615-547
17 June	Mon	Regular Meeting Club Auction – Bring things to auction and money to buy! There will be strudel and Jam! Supper Margaret C		
18-19 June	Tue/Wed	Easy B/P to Alidade Hill above the Colo River G4-5/60m/ up to 5km each day. Pleasant drive down via the Putty Road, along Grassy Hill FT and B/P 2km to set up camp before climbing off track 60m to ridgeline above and 1km to Alidade Hill for wilderness views and to rebuild cairn. Next day return to drive along the Culoul FT into Hollow Rock. Limited numbers Maps: 1:25000 Colo Heights and Six Brothers	Meeting and travel arrangements TBA	Bob C 0417624091
19 June	Wed	B/R Martinsville/ Cooranbong 25km Appox, On quiet roads & cycleways with some traffic.		Arthur R 0408 943 28
22 June	Sat	D/W Telegherry Park walks then G4/ 3km/ 100m Problem Creek Falls. Bring M/T & Lunch Map Chichester	Time and meeting arrangements TBA	Malcolm M 0429641640
23 June	Sun	Day Walk TBA		
26 June	Wed	DW Dudley Beach Loop G2/G3 8km/400M/2.5 hours Walk through southern Glenrock SCA to Glenrock lookout then return via Dudley Beach. Some short quiet road sections. Bring morning tea	Meet at Dudley Beach Carpark, Dudley Beach Road	Tracy 0414 843 024

			off Burwood Road at 9:00 am	
29 June	Sat	Day Walk TBA		
30 June	Sun	Day Walk Giant's Leap and Phipps' Cutting (G3/3+4km/210+30m) Climb to a very prominent rock outcrop above Sandy Hollow for views up and down the Goulburn River Valley. Then drive along the Goulburn to Phipps' Cutting to walk the original road around Hope Hill. Bring afternoon tea for back at the cars. Sandy Hollow and Kerrabee maps.		David M 49546164
30 June	Sun	Taffy's Rock. G4/15 km/ 200m / 6hrs Walking from Cowan Station down to Jerusalem Bay then climb up on GNW the for a great ridge walk. All on track, great views	TBA	Alan T 0419491612
Date TBC		Preparing for the Nav Shield: Using a Compass & Map Reading		Alan T 0419491612
JULY				
1 July	Mon	Regular Meeting A presentation on members' recent trip to Japan Supper		
3 July	Wed	B/R Redhead to Blacksmiths return 25-30 km The ride will be via bike path with a small amount of road riding to Swansea via Blacksmiths Beach and return.	Liles Oval carpark at Redhead (off Kalaroo Rd) at 9am.	Sue H 0437 213221
4 July	Thur	D/W Karuah Hill Loop Walk (G4-5/ approx. 8 km /400m/4-5 hours approx.) Access Karuah Nature Reserve along an easement and then walk off-track. Climb the ridgeline for views across Karuah and Port Stephens. Lunch at the Karuah Trig – then ridge walk to finally descend back to the cars. A good opportunity to practice navigation skills Maps: Karuah and Port Stephens 1:25000	TBA	LynneK 0435889233
6 July	Sat	Day Walk Mountaineer (G4/8k/600m) Walk the Mountaineer Trail to a hut. This walk is steep up & down on old fire trail. Bring M/T & Lunch (warm up for NAV shield) Map Chichester		Malcolm M
7 July	Sun	Day Walk TBA		
10 July	Wed	D/W Lyrebird Rainforest Walk in the Watagans from the Basin Camping ground – G3/7km/100m	8.00am Glendale McD	Bob C 0417624091
12-14 July	Fri-Sat	B/P Old Timor Creek Trail (G5/25-30 km approx/600m/3 days) Off track and exploratory walk to find and follow the Old Timor Creek Trail from the Hunter Range to Sandy Creek. Return to the cars via the ridges surrounding Timor Creek. Maps: Mount Yengo and Moruben 1:25000		Lynne K 0435889233
13 July	Sat	Day Walk The Gap Servo Brunkerville to Wakefield (Great North Walk trail) via the Natural Arch (G3/10km/5hrs)	Meet at the Rural Fire Service	Frank Text 0402456459

		Great views along sections of the trail. Amazing Natural Arch. It is a short walk, through open forest to the Natural Arch. Bring morning tea and lunch.	building at Wakefield then there will be a car shuffle to the Gap Servo.	
14 July	Sun	Day Walk TBA		
15 July	Mon	Regular Meeting Presentation on the Navigation Shield by Lois and Malcolm		
17 July	Wed	B/R Ash Island - 14km. Very flat - some surfaces gravel or potholed. Ride a circular route & return to the cars for our (byo) morning tea.	Meet at 9 am at Riverside Park at the end of The Lane, left off Milham Road.	Dale Graham 0428399083
19-21 July	Fri-Sun	CC. Navigation Shield. Adventure weekend run by NSW Emergency Services. Join one of the Ramblers Teams for this fun navigation competition. No experience necessary although we usually offer a training walk or two in the weeks before the actual Competition. Participants are advised of the location a few days before the comp. Usually within 2 or 3 hour drive from Sydney. Need to be set up by 6:00pm on the Friday night to collect Maps and for team to plan strategy. Club has compasses for loan – contact Alan 0419491612.	TBA	Angela: ramblerswalksofficer@gmail.com
20 July	Sat	Day Walk TBA		
21 July	Sun	Day Walk TBA		
24 July	Wed	D/W Walk Jerusalem Creek south loop. G4/1km/100m - Steep slippery walk down to base of 30m falls Then option to walk or drive to Picnic area to see Jerusalem Falls then drive up hill to walk to Dundungra Falls. Bring M/T & Lunch.		Malcolm M 0429641640
27 July	Sat	D/W Elrington to Abernethy's Pinnacle (G3/10km/240) In Aberdare State forest and quiet roads - some views		Arthur R 0408 943 28
28 July	Sun	Day Walk TBA		
31 July	Wed	B/R Circuit around Budgewoi Lake. 25 km. Easy, mostly level ride of about 25 km. Mixture of cycleways and quiet roads.	Meet at Slade Park Budgewoi at 10.00am.	Neil D 0422354639
		AUGUST		
3 August	Sat	D/W The Glen at Craven (G3/10km/250m)		Arthur R 0408 943 28
4 August	Sun	Day Walk TBA		
5 August	Mon	Regular Meeting Walks Planning Meeting for Spring-Summer Programme Supper		
7 August	Wed	Day Walk Leader Required		
10 August	Sat	Day Walk TBA		

11 August	Sun	Day Walk TBA		
14 August	Wed	B/R Carrington Circuit approx. 25 km Circuit from Carrington along Throsby Ck, through Mayfield and Waratah to the University. Return via Brickworks Park, Jesmond, Lambton and Broadmeadow. Cycle Paths and quietish roads; a bit up and down through the university.	10 am Connolly Park Fitzroy St Carrington 10 am	Philippa H 0402844147
17-19 August	Sat-Mon	B/P Mt. Yengo NP. (G5/3days /30 km) Mostly off track, Nav walk. Day 1. Howes Arm to Mountain Arm Camp. Day 2. Riley's Paddock via Tumbledown Ck. Day 3 via Timor Creek to Nowlands Trail and out. Requires 2 cars.		Alan T 0419491612
17 August	Sat	Day Walk TBA		
18 August	Sun	Day Walk TBA		
19 August	Mon	Regular Meeting		
20 August	Tues-Wed	Tue 20 Aug – Full Moon on Frying Pan Rock, Yengo NP. - Short O/N backpack or CC (G3/4) Easy off-track walks along Bala Range to discover Aboriginal engraving and art sites. Can only go ahead if I have a good 4WD to accompany me. Limited numbers – Otherwise an O/N car camp to Mogo Creek or Mill Creek	TBA	Bob Clifton 0417624091
21 August	Wed	DW Leader Required		
24 August	Sat	Day Walk TBA		
25 August	Sun	Day Walk TBA		
28 August	Wed	B/R TBA		
30 Aug – 1 Sept TBC - due to possible road closures	Fri-Sun	B/P The Pondage/ Gardens of Stone (G4-5 /approx 20 km /500m/3 days) (Off Track) Limited Numbers Maps: Ben Bullen 1:25000		LynneK 0435889
31 August	Sat	Day Walk TBA		
1 Sept	Sun	Day Walk TBA		
2 Sept	Mon	Regular Meeting Presentation: “Antarctic Macquarie Island – the Huts of Shackleton & Scott.’ By Don and Michelle Stokes		
Future Events				
16-27 Sept	Mon to a week Sun	Kanangra Walls, Yerranderie, and Wombeyan Caves - weeklong C/C trip of daywalks – G3/4. Details TBA. Limited numbers,		Bob Clifton 0417624091
20-27 Oct	Sun-Sun	Yarrangobilly Caves House. (G2-G4) A week of DWs in Yarrangobilly Area and Snowy area. Accommodation at Yarrangobilly Caves House. Limited		Jenni M 0439387426

		Numbers. Cost \$425pp. Deposit of \$200 to hold your reservation. Balance to be paid in April.		
2 Nov	Sat	Remote First Aid Training- 9am till 3pm - Charlestown Uniting Church Hall -Contribution of \$ 25 - Presenter Kylie Ledger . No certificate at completion of workshop. BYO morning tea & lunch Everyone enjoyed this interesting workshop when last run 2 years ago		Anne S 0427905530
10-17 Nov	Sun to Sun	BP – Snowy Mountains – Easier backpack and day walks – (Easy G4-5) My planned walk this year is for more Snowy Hut discoveries in the Tantangara Dam Area Drive down via Cooma to Namadgi NP and walk 4km to Waterhole Hut on the Settlers Track to camp, next drive to Tantangara area and walk 6km to Scofield Hut to camp for two nights and a daywalk in the location, then walk 10km south to Gavels Hut to camp and next day walkout 5km to vehicles, and drive and walk 4km to Hainsworth Hut on Long Plain for the night, before 10km walk over to Old Currango Hut to camp. Return 5km to vehicles and head down to Tumut/Adelong for the night. Limited numbers to 8 – full detailed maps and itinerary available. Maps: 1:25000 Tantangara, Denison, Rules Point	Drive down arrangements TBA	Bob C 0417624091
23 Nov – 1 Dec		BP Victorian High Country *G5/61km/3230m/5 days walking. Mainly on footpad, including sections of the AAWT. 5 nights camping... (arriving at the final camp on the end of the 5th Day) N.B. Travel time/car shuffles not included in the 5 days. Additional days required at either end of the walk, which will involve car camping/caravan parks TBA. Route includes: Mt Lovick, Mt Magdala, Mt Howitt and Mac Springs, Crosscut Saw, Mt Cobbler and Lake Cobbler. Opportunities to explore the local region. Maps and hiking notes to be supplied online later. Limited Numbers.	TBA	Meg W 0400669937
7-15 Dec.	Sat-Sun	BP. G5/7days. The walk is in 2 parts in Namadgi NP. The first is a 2 day circuit BP from Mt. Clear campground in the southern section of the park, mainly on track. We will visit several of the historic huts in the area. The second is a 5 day circuit, starting from Orroral campground, heading west on the AWT, then SE to Mt. Namadgi area. It is mainly off track and some exploratory. We will spend a day climbing Mt. Namadgi, Mt Burbidge and maybe Mt. Kelly, then continue east along Middle creek and then north to Rendezvous creek area, finishing back at Orroral Campground. Maps Yaouk 86262N, Rendezvous Creek 8626-1S. <i>Limited numbers.</i>		Alan T. 0419491612
13 - 16 March 2025		2025 Blue Mountains Music Festival – It's not too early to start planning for this event by putting accommodation reservations in place – please advise me of your interest – Bob Clifton 0417624091		

Activity Grading

The grade of the activity is represented by four numbers: the terrain, the distance, the altitude gain and the duration. It appears for example as G3/12km/200m/4hrs. The type of terrain is represented by a grade number: **Grade 1 (G1)** – On roads or tracks, mostly flat. **Grade 2 (G2)** – Mostly on tracks, low gradient, relatively flat terrain. **Grade 3 (G3)** – Mostly on tracks, some hilly sections, rougher terrain. **Grade 4 (G4)** – Steeper, rougher terrain, may be off track. **Grade 5 (G5)** – Mostly off track, difficult terrain. **Grade 6 (G6)** – Strenuous off-track walks. The distance is the number of kilometres to be covered. The altitude gain is the total of all the separate climbs in the activity. The duration is the actual time taken for the activity, not including travelling time.

Grading is subjective and cannot consider all possible factors, so if you are uncertain about the grade, the terrain, or the experience and fitness required, ask the leader for advice.

Bookings: are required for all activities unless otherwise specified. People leading an activity for the club may decline any request to attend. Visitors are welcome on walks with the permission of the leader and are covered by the Club's insurance. Obtain the leader's permission before bringing any other person on an activity or if considering leaving an activity prematurely. People under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult and are that person's responsibility for the duration of the activity. All participants are required to sign an Assumption of Risk (waiver) form.