

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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Spring Programme 2024 (Updated 26 September 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

Yellow Highlighting indicates NSW School Holidays

Spring Programme

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| | | September | | |
| 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 Supper Nel W | | |
| 4 Sept | Wed | D/W Tanilba Bay to Lemon Tree Passage (G3/4 10km/50m) Walk the foreshore after a short car shuffle bring MT and lunch | Meet at Sunset Park, Carswell Crescent, Tanilba Bay 9.00am or Fern Bay Coffee Shop at 8.00am | Bob C 0417624091 |
| 7 Sept | Sat | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 8 Sept | Sun | Day Walk Fingal Bay Details TBC | Fingal Bay SLSC Café at 10.00am | Robert G 0428 385 121 |
| 11 Sept | 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. | | Alan S 0408657912 |
| 14 Sept | Sat | Day Walk D/W Gap Creek Falls (G3/200m/8km) Exploring the tracks in this area of the Wattagans. Possibly climbing above the falls. | | Arthur R 0408 943 282 |
| 15 Sept | Sun | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 16 Sept | Mon | Regular Meeting | | |

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| | | Talk by Kate about shoe fitting Supper Dale G | | |
| 16-22 Sept | Mon to a week Sun | Kanangra Walls, Yerranderie, and Wombeyan Caves - weeklong C/C trip of day walks – G3/4. Details TBA. Limited numbers, | | Bob C 0417624091 |
| 18 Sept | Wed | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 19-22 Sept | Thur To Sun | Blue Mountains walking and Mid Mountain Garden Festival Come and enjoy a mixed weekend of walking and participating in a garden festival. Contact as soon as possible to book in and get information about how to book your camp spot. Attend all or part of the weekend. Numbers limited. <i>The new Grand Cliff Top Walk - Wentworth Falls to Katoomba</i> Day 1 Wentworth Falls to Leura commencing 1030 am Thursday 19 September Wentworth Falls Train station to Gordon Falls Leura 11 km ; well-formed new track some up and down. Day 2 Gordon Falls Leura to Scenic World Katoomba 9 km Friday 20 September: well-formed track some ups and downs <i>Mid Mountain Garden Festival Saturday and Sunday 21 and 22 September</i> Early morning walks to be negotiated 3-4 hours then attendance at the Mid Mountain Garden Festival a fund raiser for the last 40 years for Hazelbrook Public School. \$35 for 9 gardens see www.midmountaingardenfestival.com Camping at Katoomba Falls Blue Mountains Tourist Park (note our usual camp spot at Europa Glenbrook is closed due to prolonged roadworks) | | Phone Anna B ASAP on 0408612674 to book in and for information about securing your camp spot. |
| 21 Sept | Sat | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 22 Sept | Sun | Barraba Spur DW (G4/10k/100m/ 4 hrs) One of the best sections of the GNW. Climb to Barraba Spur towards Barraba Trig for views over the Hunter Valley to the North then return via Spur overlooking Congewai Valley . Map: Quorrobolong 9132-2S. | Meet 7:15 Edgeworth Maccas or 8:30am Cnr Sanctuary Rd and Congewai Rd, Paxton. | Alan T 0419491612 |
| 25 Sept | Wed | B/R Bulahdelah Markwell Circuit (G3/35km/200m) From the town up a valley and around the other side. Some gravel and some Tar roads. | | Arthur R 0408 943 282 |
| 28 Sept | Sat | DW Port Stephens (G4) Walk to Tin City and the tank traps. There will be a good deal of sand walking. If weather predicted to be too hot this will be cancelled. | | Pamela G 0429600121 |
| 29 Sept | Sun | DW Munmorah SCA. (G3/ 10km/ 4 -5hrs) Leave Cars at Blue Wren Drive Park. Follow Melaleuca Walking track then Geebung Walking Track to Birdie Beach area then to Wybung Trig lookout. Back via Wybung Rd. and Campbell Dr. to pick up Birdie Creek Trail back to cars. All either on Track or Road. Panoramic | Belmont Maccas 8:00am | Alan T. 0419491612 |

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| | | views, craggy coastline and a wide variety of coastal habitat. | | |
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| | | October | | |
| 2 Oct | Wed | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 4-6 Oct Long Weekend | Fri - Sun | Car Camp and Day Walks Mount Royal (G4-5/10km) Camp for Friday and/or Saturday nights or just come up for Saturday's Mt Royal walk. Orange blossom orchids. Also, an option to walk Pieries Peak on the Sunday. | Day walkers-meet at the carpark, cnr of Mt Royal Rd and Cassells Rd. 8-30am. | Barry W 0431 237 976 |
| 4-8 Oct Long Weekend | Fri - Tues | Car Camp Capertee National Park (Capertee campground) Apparently Capertee Valley is the world's second largest canyon. Potential activities include bike riding the fire trails within the Capertree National Park, visit the lookout within Capertree National Park, visit the historic tramway, Genowlan Summit, Valley of the Dinosaurs and the Ultimate slot within Mugii Murum-Ban state conservation area - note this area is 1 hr drive from Capertee campground . Please note you will have to do your own booking but may need to share with another as there are only 5 sites but each site can have up to 10 people and two cars. | | Pamela G 0429 600 121 |
| 5 Oct | Sat | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 6 Oct | Sun | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 7 Oct | Mon | No Meeting – Public Holiday | | |
| 9 Oct | Wed | B/R Broadmeadow to Booragul 42 km return. Ride to Wallsend, over the Tramway to Glendale, over Five Island Bridge to Lake Macquarie Art Gallery for coffee. Mostly on cycleway, suitable for all bikes | 9 am at McDonald Jones stadium (canal end of car park) | Philippa H 0402844147 |
| 10 Oct | Thur | TW Bathers Way G2/5km/100m Make our way around Nobbys Beach, Newcastle Beach, South Newcastle Beach, through King Edward Park past Obelisk then back to Pasha Way. Picnic dinner at Camp Shortland or Railway Sheds | Meet at Nobbys Beach Surf Club at 5.30pm | Kay E 0412 561 801 |
| 12 Oct | Sat | Day Walk Mountaineer | | Malcolm M |
| 13 Oct | Sun | Day Walk Ayrfield #3 from the south (G4/14km/80m) A loop around Tiraki Nature Reserve. Views, inland vegetation, coal mining relics, dam, 5 threatened ecological communities. Believed all on tracks but have not been on all of the route. Bring lunch and afternoon tea for after the walk. (Greta map) | | David M 49546164 |
| 14 Oct | Mon | Photo Comp Entries Close | | |
| 15-16 Oct | Tues- Wed | Overnight B/P on Goulburn River Drive via Denman to 'The Drip. and walk downstream on the Goulburn River to camp. Afternoon and morning walks down stream to the Goulburn River Gorge. Limited numbers | | Bob C 0417624091 |
| 16 Oct | Wed | D/W TBA | | |
| 17 Oct | Thur | Day Walk Belmont Lagoon Loop (G2-3/ km /10 m/approx. 3 hours) | Meet in the car park on | Lynne K 0435889233 |

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| | | Walk around Belmont Lagoon, making use of the new section of the Fernleigh Track from Belmont Station for part of the loop. (You may get wet feet crossing one small creek) Bring Morning Tea to enjoy along the walk Possible coffee stop afterwards. | Belmont Bay Cold Tea Creek at 9 am | |
| 19 Oct | Sat | DW Port Stephens (G3-G4). 200m elevation climb, approx 10 km. Walk a loop from 23 Saratoga Ave, Corlette to mystery peak viewing old bunkers, small amount of off track walking. Walk to Nelson bay for lunch and return via the water front to Saratoga Ave. | | Pamela G 0429 600 121 |
| 20 Oct | Sun | Day Walk Greens Break | | Margaret C |
| 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 Numbers. Cost \$425pp. Deposit of \$200 to hold your reservation. Balance to be paid in April. | | Jenni M 0439387426 |
| 21 Oct | Mon | Regular Meeting Tracy and Peter Hoogland's presentation on Gliding Supper Jill Clifford | | |
| 22 Oct | Tues | T/W Kilaben Bay Nature walk (G2-3/3km) Loop down to Kilaben Bay & return Option of coffee or meal in Toronto afterward | Leave from Toronto Fire Station at 5:30pm. | Angela L 0438016162 |
| 23 Oct | Wed | D/W Australian Maritime Museum (G2) A day at the AMM to visit the General Museum, Wildlife Photography Exhibition and Ships. Admission prices: General Museum – free Wildlife Photography Exhibition - \$12, General Museum + Wildlife Photography + Ships - \$16 group concession (with our guide Peter Crawley) Lunch at Museum Cafe or similar or bring your own We will returning to Central Station in time to catch the 3.15pm train home | Train times (upstairs, second last carriage) Hamilton 7.28am Broadmeadow 7.31am Cardiff 7.38am Fassifern 7.49am Morisset 8.05am Central 9.59am | Kay E 0412561801 |
| 23 Oct | Wed | B/R West Gosford to Ocean Beach Umina return, ~ 34 km, Mostly flat and on bike path, suitable for all types of bikes, | Meet at Garnet Adcock Memorial Park, West Gosford, at 9 am | Philippa H 0402844147 |
| 25 – 27 Oct | Fri - Sun | BP. Mt. Yengo NP. G5/3days /8 to 10 km each day. Mostly off track, but should be pretty easy going. Day 1. Howes Arm to Mountain Arm Campground. Day 2. Riley's Paddock via Tumbledown Ck. Day 3 Ridge- walk back to the car at Nowlands Trail and out. Requires 2 cars. (This is the BP I had to defer from August due to injury.) Maps Mt. Yengo 9032-2S Moruben 9031-1N | | Alan T. 0419491612 |

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| 27-30 Oct | Sun – Wed | Car Camp Booderee National park near Jervis Bay. Green Patch camping area. Booking essential 0244430977 or online. Hot showers and water. Walking, swimming, fishing. | | Lynne M 0401 618092 |
| 26 Oct | Sat | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 27 Oct | Sun | DW Port Stephens (G4) 450m approx 9 km elevation climb. Are you up for a challenge. Climb 4 peaks before lunch. Lunch at Fingal. | | Pamela G 0429 600 121 |
| 30 Oct | Wed | Day Walk TBA | | Tracy H |
| | | November | | |
| 2 Nov | Sat | Remote First Aid Training- 9am till 3pm - Garden Suburbs Church Hall – Cnr Marshall and Prospect Streets - 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 | NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE | Bob C 0417624091 |
| 3 Nov | Sun | Day Walk - Spion Kop. (G4/11km/200m/5hrs) - Brisbane Waters NP. NB. Car shuffle for car drivers required. A delightful walk in Brisbane Waters National Park that offers a lot of variety, ranging from great views over Brisbane Waters, a meandering track through pleasant coastal bush and sandstone outcrops, lunch by a waterfall, and returning via the Hieroglyphs. Map: Gosford 9131-2S. | Meeting place and car pooling to be arranged | Alan T. 0419491612 |
| 4 Nov | Mon | Regular Meeting Book Launch 'Big Boots and the Helicopter' (LK Walker) Walks Planning for Summer Programme Supper - Peter Crawley | | |
| 6 Nov | Wed | B/R Stockton to Fullerton Cove return, ~30 km, Flat, mostly on bike path, suitable for all types of bikes, – chance to check out the extension of the cycleway through Fern Bay, hopefully finished by then! | Meet at Stockton ferry wharf at 8.50 am or Newcastle ferry wharf for the 8.45 am ferry | Philippa H 0402844147 |
| 9 Nov | Sat | Day Walk Cascades at Sagers Creek (G3/200m/10km) Road walk from Mill Creek near Stroud to visit cascades and swimming holes. Follow the creek up to the famous Carburettor crossing! | | Arthur R 0408 943 282 |
| 10 Nov | Sun | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 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. | Drive down arrangements TBA | Bob C 0417624091 |

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| | | Limited numbers to 8 – full detailed maps and itinerary available. Maps: 1:25000 Tantangara, Denison, Rules Point | | |
| 13 Nov | Wed | Day Walk | | Tracy H |
| 14 Nov | Thur | Twilight Walk Hamilton Heritage Walk | | Margaret C |
| 16 Nov | Sat | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 17 Nov | Sun | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 18 Nov | Mon | Regular Meeting Photo Comp Supper - Angela Longworth | | |
| 18-22 Nov | Mon - Thur | Car Camp Booti Booti National Park south of Foster Ruins camping area. Booking essential 0265910300 or online > Canoeing, fishing, walking and swimming. > Hot showers and water. | | Lynne M 0401 618092 |
| 20 Nov | Wed | B/R Redhead to Caves Beach return, ~ 40 km, Exploring new section of Fernleigh Track south of Belmont, mostly flat, suitable for all bike types, | 9 am start from Liles Oval car park, Cowlshaw Street, Redhead | Philippa H 0402844147 |
| 21 Nov | Thur | Twilight walk Port Stephens (G3-G4) Walk in the bush behind the Tomaree hospital then dine at Authentic Thai for dinner. | | Pamela G 0429 600 121 |
| 23 Nov – 1 Dec | Sat – week Sun | BP Victorian High Country *G5/61km/3230m/9 days (5 days walking and 4 days travelling and Car Camping) Mainly on footpad, including sections of the AAWT. 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 |
| 23 Nov | Sat | Day Walk Telegherry Creek Falls | | Malcolm M |
| 24 Nov | Sun | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 27 Nov | Wed | Day Walk | | Tracy H |
| 30 Nov | Sat | Day Walk TBA | | |

Future Events

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| 2 Dec | | Regular Meeting Supper - Marg and Brett Bennie | | |
| 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 | | Alan T. 0419491612 |

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| | | creek and then north to Rendezvous creek area, finishing back at Orroral Campground. Maps Yaouk 86262N, Rendezvous Creek 8626-1S. <i>Limited numbers.</i> | | |
| 27-31 Dec | | C/C Coolah Tops Annual Camp Bike riding walking and lazing about | | Arthur R 0408 943 282 |
| 13-17 Jan 2025 | | Lady Nelson Adventure: Triabunna to Hobart over 5 days Please see - https://www.ladynelson.org.au/get-on-board/adventure-voyages The price for 5 days all-inclusive \$1250. The Biennial Australian Wooden Boat Festival is also on again in Hobart from 7-10 Feb 2025, so there will be lots of wonderful activity around Hobart that could be supplemented by walks nearby. https://australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au/ Limited Numbers. | | Col McClusky coliflower@westnet.com.au or 0418473014. |
| Feb 2025 | | Feb 2025 3 Capes Walk, Tasmania This is a three night backpack staying in cabins with cooking equipment provided. The intention is to spend a day in Hobart before the walk to collect any necessities, and a couple of days afterwards to have a look around Hobart. Full details of the track here: https://www.threecapestrack.com.au Contact David M asap if interested. Flights need to be booked as soon as possible to get cheap fares. | | David M 49546164 |
| 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.