

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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Spring-Summer Programme 2024 (Updated 18 October)

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

| October | | | | |
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| 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 Muggi 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 |

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| 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 0429 641 640 |
| 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) 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. | Meet in the car park on Belmont Bay Cold Tea Creek at 9 am | Lynne K 0435889233 |
| 19 Oct | Sat | | | |
| 20 Oct | Sun | 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 |
| 20-27 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 Book Launch 'Big Boots and the Helicopter' (LK Walker) Supper Peter C | | |
| 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 | Train times (upstairs, second last carriage) Hamilton 7.28am | Kay E 0412561801 |

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| | | 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 | Broadmeadow 7.31am Cardiff 7.38am Fassifern 7.49am Morisset 8.05am Central 9.59am | |
| 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 10 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. (<i>This is the BP I had to defer from August due to injury.</i>) Maps Mt. Yengo 9032-2S Moruben 9031-1N | | Alan T. 0419491612 |
| 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) /9 km /450m approx elevation climb. Are you up for a challenge. Climb 4 peaks before lunch. Lunch at Fingal. | | Pamela G 0429 600 121 |
| 30 Oct | Wed | DW Catherine Hill Bay to Frazer Beach O&R G4 9km 450M 3.0 hours. Coastal Walk to Frazer Beach via Snapper Point. Bring morning tea and lunch. | Meet at Surf Club Catherine Hill Bay off Flowers Drive at 9:00 am | Tracy H |
| 31 Oct | Thur | T/W TRACKS OF BILLY GOAT HILL, TERALBA Dinner afterwards at Great Northern Hotel, Teralba Meet 5.30 pm in Fishermans Ct, Teralba, just past Snapper Cl (in the new subdivision), at the sign with the map. | | Margaret C 0412 194 194 |
| | | 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 |

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| 3 Nov | Sun | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 4 Nov | Mon | Regular Meeting 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 fer ry 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 Saggers 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. Limited numbers to 8 – full detailed maps and itinerary available. Maps: 1:25000 Tantangara, Denison, Rules Point | Drive down arrangeme nts TBA | Bob C 0417624091 |
| 13 Nov | Wed | Day Walk | | Tracy H |
| 14 Nov | Thur | Twilight Walk Hamilton Heritage Walk | | Margaret C 0412 194 194 |
| 16 Nov | Sat | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 17 Nov | Sun | Day Walk Greens Break Walk on old tracks to historic spots in the Watagans. Approx 12-13 km. | | Margaret C 0412 194 194 |
| 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 |

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| 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 | | |
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| | | December | | |
| 1 Dec | Sun | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 2 Dec | Mon | Regular Meeting Supper - Mary and Brett Bennie | | |
| 4 Dec | Wed | B/R TBA | | |
| 7 Dec | Sat | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 8 Dec | Sun | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 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 |
| 11 Dec | Wed | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 14 Dec | Sat | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 15 Dec | Sun | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 16 Dec | Mon | Regular Meeting | | |
| 18 Dec | Wed | B/R TBA | | |
| 21 Dec | Sat | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 22 Dec | Sun | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 25 Dec | Wed | Christmas Day | | |
| 28 Dec | Sat | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 29 Dec | Sun | Day Walk TBA | | |
| 27-31 Dec | Fri - Tues | C/C Coolah Tops Annual Camp Bike riding walking and lazing about | | Arthur R 0408 943 282 |
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Future Events

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| 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.