

# Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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## Spring-Summer Programme 2024 (Updated 8 November)

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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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-Summer Programme

November				
2 Nov	Sat	<b>Remote First Aid Training</b> - 9am till 3pm - <b>Garden Suburbs Church Hall – Cnr Marshall and Prospect Streets</b> - 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	<b>NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE</b>	Bob C 0417624091
3 Nov	Sun	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
4 Nov	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> Walks Planning for Summer Programme Supper - Peter Crawley		
6 Nov	Wed	<b>B/R Stockton to Fullerton Cove return, ~30 km,</b> 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	<b>Day Walk Cascades at Saggars Creek (G3/200m/10km)</b> 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	<b>BW Caves to Murray's Beach (G4/4.5km/200m)</b> Early morning walk from Caves Beach to Murray's Beach, followed by breakfast at Murray's Restaurant. Contact leader by Friday night for booking. Swansea map		David M 0427 783059

10-17 Nov	Sun to Sun	<b>BP – Snowy Mountains – Easier backpack and day walks – (Easy G4-5)</b> 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
13 Nov	Wed	<b>Day Walk – Glenrock Circuit Walk Grade 3/4, approximately 8 kms, 3 hrs</b> Circuit walk through Glenrock State Conservation Area starting at Merewether Baths. Fire trails, some rock scrambles, beach walking and steep climbs. Bring morning tea and water. <b>Please contact leader if you wish to join</b>		Tracy H 0414 843 024
14 Nov	Thur	<b>Twilight Walk Hamilton Heritage Walk</b>		Margaret C 0412 194 194
16 Nov	Sat	<b>BW Fassifern to Toronto (G1/8.5km/0m) -</b> The walk will start at Fassifern Station carpark. It will follow the old railway line into Toronto, with a deviation to Blackalls Park. Breakfast will be at Toronto - either at a cafe or bring your own to eat on the waterfront. Return to Fassifern afterwards along the same track. We will be back at the cars about 10am.		David M 0427 783059
17 Nov	Sun	<b>Day Walk Greens Break</b> Walk on old tracks to historic spots in the Watagans. Approx 12-13 km.		Margaret C 0412 194 194
18 Nov	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> Photo Comp Supper - Angela Longworth		
18-22 Nov	Mon - Thur	<b>Car Camp Booti Booti National Park south of Foster</b> 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>B/R Redhead to Caves Beach return, ~ 40 km,</b> 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	<b>Twilight walk Port Stephens (G3-G4)</b> 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	<b>BP Victorian High Country *G5/61km/3230m/9 days (5 days walking and 4 days travelling and Car Camping)</b> Mainly on footpad, including sections of the AAWT.	TBA	Meg W 0400669937

		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.		
23 Nov	Sat	<b>Day Walk Telegherry Creek Falls</b>		Malcolm M
24 Nov	Sun	<b>BW Mt Sugarloaf (BYO breakfast) (G4/5km/70m) -</b> Start from the picnic area below Sugarloaf, and walk down the main road to a track leading off left. Follow that track around to the northern spur of Sugarloaf and climb up to the picnic area. But not for breakfast! Continue around the western side of the peak and return via the southern side for BYO breakfast. Electric and wood barbecues, bring a stove or just cereal or fruit. Optional climb 50m to top of Sugarloaf. Could be mossies. Wallsend map.		David M 0427 783059
27 Nov	Wed	<b>Day Walk</b>		Tracy H 0414 843 024
30 Nov	Sat	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
		<b>December</b>		
1 Dec	Sun	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
2 Dec	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> Presentation Cape to Cape WA Jenny K Supper - Marg and Brett Bennie		
3 Dec	Tues	<b>T/W Tanilba Bay – G3/6km/ level 1.5hr</b> Foreshore walk from the Tilligerry Nature Reserve to Sunset Point for a sunset dinner in the park. Explore the nature reserve. Short car shuffle required	Meet at Fern Bay (opposite Coffee Shop) at 5.00pm to car pool and drive to start of walk	Bob Clifton 0417624091
4 Dec	Wed	<b>B/R TBA</b>		
7 Dec	Sat	<b>Ramblers Christmas Party and Possible Day Walk</b> <b>Details TBA</b>		
8 Dec	Sun	<b>Day Walk TBA (Leader Required)</b>		
7-15 Dec.	Sat-Sun	<b>BP. G5/7days.</b> 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	<b>Day Walk Ash Island</b>		Malcolm 0429 641 640

14 Dec	Sat	Day Walk TBA		
15 Dec	Sun	Breakfast Walk Newcastle Foreshore		Kay E 0412 561 801
16 Dec	Mon	Regular Meeting – Christmas Supper (Please bring a small plate)		
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
		<b>January</b>		
4 Jan	Sat	Day Walk TBA		
5 Jan	Sun	Day Walk TBA		
6 Jan	Mon	No Meeting		
8 Jan	Wed	B/R Broadmeadow to Booragul 8am start		Philippa H 0402 844 147
8 Jan	Wed	<b>D/W DANGER ISLAND G2/5km/50m/4.5hrs</b> Train to Hawkesbury River Station, then private ferry to bush land covered residential Island. Circuit track walk, then bush track to lookout. Bring am tea & lunch. There is an option to have a coffee at the Café, on the Ferry Wharf, before leaving the Island. There are history/photo information boards to look at in Brooklyn & toilets in the park nearby, while we wait for the ferry. Leader  Meet 2 <sup>nd</sup> last train carriage Newcastle Interchange 6.39, Fassifern 7.09, Alight at Gosford 8.04. Leader to board at Fassifern Then Catch Gosford 8.13 train Alight at Hawkesbury River Station (Brooklyn) 8.38 am. Brooklyn ferry leaves 9.25 am Adult \$10.90 one way. Seniors/Concession \$5.50 one way, card preferred	Meet 2 <sup>nd</sup> last train carriage – see notes for times	Jenny Bourke Text 0419 249 335
11 Jan	Sat	Day Walk TBA		
12 Jan	Sun	Day Walk TBA		
	Wed	<b>B/R Broadmeadow to Booragul 42 km return.</b> 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.	8 am at McDonald Jones stadium (canal end of car park)	Philippa H 0402 844 147
18 Jan	Sat	Day Walk TBA		
19 Jan	Sun	Day Walk TBA		
20 Jan	Mon	Regular Meeting Presentation on Gliding Tracy and Peter Supper Nell W		
21 Jan	Tues	<b>T/W The Newcastle Big Picture and Other Special Spots – G2/5km/ level</b> A lazy walk to find all of Newcastle’s big pictures. Along the way check our some very interesting places hidden away in Newcastle. Return from the Newcastle Interchange by light rail for a meal at the Customs House.	Meet at Pacific Park at 5.00pm	Bob Clifton - 0417624091

22 Jan	Wed	<b>Day Walk 7:15 am Start</b> Details TBA		Tacy and Peter H 0414 843 024
25 Jan	Sat	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
26 Jan	Sun	<b>Australia Day</b> <b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
29 Jan	wed	<b>B/R Morpeth-Maitland loop</b> , 24 km, mixed cycle paths & quiet roads, flat,	Start from Queens Wharf Park Morpeth at 8 am	Philippa 0402 844 147
		<b>February</b>		
1 Feb	Sat	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
2 Feb	Sun	<b>BW Munibung Hill 2 (G3/8km/170m)</b> Meet at Lakelands Community Centre, Ambleside Circuit. Walk through the streets to the easterly spur up to the top of Munibung. This is a fairly steep climb, but once up on the top it is fairly easy going. Walk down to the southern end and down to the lake. Walk back to Warners Bay around the lake. Lovely views. May be a few mossies in places. This will take about 2-2.5 hours. (Save 1km by staying on Thompson Street instead of going down to the lakeside.)		David M 49546164
3 Feb	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> Walks Planning (March -May) Supper Kay E		
4 Feb	Wed	<b>Day Walk</b> Details TBA		Tacy and Peter H 0414 843 024
7-10 Feb	Fri - Mon	CC Nundle Blackberry Picking and Looking around		Ingrid
8 Feb	Sat	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
9 Feb	Sun	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
11-13 Feb 2024	Tues - Thu	<b>C/C Barrington Tops – G3/G4 /up to 10km/ 100m</b> We will find a nice spot to camp and explore the Tops – Details to be worked out – will be good		Bob Clifton 0417624091
12 Feb	Wed	<b>B/R Magenta – Long Jetty – Chittaway Bay return along Tuggerah Lake.</b> Mostly on cycle way, very flat, 32 km return 8am start	8 am start from car park at the end of Magenta Drive, Magenta Shores	Philippa 0402 844 147
15 Feb	Sat	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
16 Feb	Sun	<b>BW Swansea: Pirrita Island - Lakeside (G1/7km/0m) -</b> Meet at carpark in Channel Street Swansea, near Forbes Street. Follow the channel towards the lake, then the new Pirrita Island boardwalk. Then along the lakeside before returning to the cars for a short drive to breakfast or coffee at Blacksmiths. Optional swim afterwards at Belmont baths and perhaps more coffee and/or lunch nearby.		David M 49546164
17 Feb	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> Presentation – Europe 2024 - Ingrid		

		Supper Malcolm		
19 Feb	Wed	<b>Day Walk</b> <b>Details TBA</b>		Tacy and Peter H 0414 843 024
23-Feb – 3 Mar		<b>Back Pack 3 Capes Walk, Tasmania</b> 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: <a href="https://www.threecapestrack.com.au">https://www.threecapestrack.com.au</a> Contact David M asap if interested. Flights need to be booked as soon as possible to get cheap fares.		David M 49546164
26 Feb	Wed	<b>B/R E Maitland - Phoenix Pk</b> 20-25 km, all on road. 8am Start	<b>Meet at Victoria Street Station car park at the dead end of Victoria Street at 8 am (7.29 train from Newcastle Interchange arrives at 7.55)</b>	John H 0418 236 730
<i>Future Events</i>				
13 - 16 March 2025		<b>2025 Blue Mountains Music Festival</b> – 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		
May 2025		EOI for Community Planting Day In the Daintree with Rainforest Rescue. A week of walks checking out some tourist attraction in FNQ from Cairns. Participate with Rainforest Rescue in a community planting day in the Daintree at the end of May 2025. Fly up and back and hire a car in Cairns.		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.