

# Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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## Summer Programme 2025 (Updated 12 January 2025)

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

### Summer Programme

December				
1 Dec	Sun	Day Walk TBA		
2 Dec	Mon	Regular Meeting Presentation Cape to Cape WA Jenny K Supper - Marg and Brett Bennie		
3 Dec	Tues	T/W Tanilba Bay – G3/6km/ level 1.5hr 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/R TBA		
7 Dec	Sat	Ramblers Christmas Party and Possible Day Walk at Dawns home from 11.00am Further details TBA		Dawn 0438258094
8 Dec	Sun	Day Walk TBA (Leader Required)		
9 Dec	Mon	T/W. Glenrock Frog Walk - G 2/3 3km 2 hours The annual pilgrimage to see the Yellow Wilcoxii frog & explore an area of Flaggy Creek. Meet 8pm (It needs to be dark) Glenrock car park.  Bring torch., sturdy shoes & covered clothing or mossies		Barry W 0431237976
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.		Alan T. 0419491612

		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>		
11 Dec	Wed	<b>Day Walk Ash Island</b>		Malcolm 0429 641 640
14 Dec	Sat	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
15 Dec	Sun	<b>Breakfast Walk Newcastle Foreshore</b>		Kay E 0412 561 801
16 Dec	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting – Christmas Supper (Please bring a small plate)</b>		
21 Dec	Sat	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
22 Dec	Sun	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
25 Dec	Wed	<b>Christmas Day</b>		
28 Dec	Sat	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
29 Dec	Sun	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
27-31 Dec	Fri - Tues	<b>C/C Coolah Tops Annual Camp</b> Bike riding walking and lazing about		Arthur R 0408 943 282
		<b>January</b>		
4 Jan	Sat	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
5 Jan	Sun	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
6 Jan	Mon	<b>No Meeting</b>		
8 Jan	Wed	<b>B/R Broadmeadow to Booragul 8am start</b> Bike ride 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. 8 am at McDonald Jones stadium (canal end of car park)	8.00an start	Philippa H 0402 844 147
8 Jan	Wed	<b>D/W DANGAR 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	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
12 Jan	Sun	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		

14 – 17 Jan		<b>B/P Barrington Tops</b> - Basic plan would be to walk into Little Murray on Tues 14th to camp, then walk to Carey's Peak to camp (via Junction Pools, Aeroplane Hill) on Wed 15th. Thursday we'd loop around back to Junction Pools (via mt Barrington) to camp and back to the cars of Fri 17th. Should be a fairly easy walk, all on track, no big climbs.		Alan Thomas 0419491612
15 Jan	Wed	<b>M/W - Glenrock loop walk to Dudley Beach and return.</b> Grade 3/4, some uphill sections on good tracks. 10km. Starting at 7:30am from the Yuelarbah carpark, which is on Burwood Rd. Bring plenty of water, and morning tea. We will be back before 11am.	7.30am	Tracy and Peter H 0414 843 024
18 Jan	Sat	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
19 Jan	Sun	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
20 Jan	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> Presentation on Gliding Tracy and Peter Supper Nell W		
22 Jan	Wed	<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 out some very interesting places hidden away in Newcastle. Return from the Newcastle Interchange by light rail for a meal at the Great Northern Hotel. Limited numbers	Meet at Pacific Park at 5.00pm	Bob Clifton - 0417624091
22 Jan	Wed	<b>B/R: Morpeth-Maitland loop, 24 km, mixed cycle paths &amp; quiet roads, flat, start from Queens Wharf Park Morpeth at 8 am</b>	8.00am start	Philippa H 0402 844 147
25 Jan	Sat	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
26 Jan	Sun	<b>Australia Day Day Walk TBA</b>		
29 Jan	wed	<b>D/W - Murray's Beach to Pinney Beach loop walk.</b> Grade 3/4. 10 km. Starting at 7:30am from the Water tank on Jetty Point Drive, Murray's Beach. Bring plenty of and morning tea. We will be back before 11 am.	7.30am start	Tracy and Peter H 0414 843 024
		<b>February</b>		
1 Feb	Sat	<b>T/W - CAVES BEACH - Explore beach &amp; caves at low tide. Bring picnic dinner &amp; head torch. Possible wet feet. Meet 5.30 pm Caves Beach Surf Club, end of Mawson Close, Caves Beach. G1/2km/2 hrs.</b>	5.30pm Caves Beach Surf Club	Jenny Bourke Text 0419 249 335
2 Feb	Sun	<b>D/W - 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		David M 49546164

		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.)		
3 Feb	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> Walks Planning (March -May) Supper Kay E		
5 Feb	Wed	<b>Day Walk</b> <b>Details TBA</b>		Leader Required
7-10 Feb	Fri - Mon	CC Nundle Blackberry Picking and Looking around Contact Ingrid for details		Ingrid Malcolm 0429 641 640
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>B/R East Maitland-Phoenix Park loop, 20-25 km, all on road, 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>		Philippa 0402 844 147
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> Unfortunately this trip is fully booked		David M 49546164
26 Feb	Wed	<b>D/W - TBA</b>		Leader required
<i>Future Events</i>				

3 March	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting – Presentation – Munibung Hill Conservation Society by Stuart Carter</b>  <b>Supper by ??</b>		
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		
2 – 6 May 2025		<b>C/C - Hill End Village Camping Ground</b> Sites will need to be booked – contact Kate to confirm dates and discuss There are powered and non-powered sites. There is a dump point next to the amenities block I would not recommend a site near that. There is a accommodation in the Hill End Village but not cheap. Hosies is the cheapest if you have 7 people (5 double 2 king single) would be \$95 a night per head.		Kate R 0439374323 text if interested some are going Friday the 2nd
14 - 19 May	Sat	EOI for Community Planting Day in the Daintree with Rainforest Rescue. A week of walks and activities checking out some tourist attractions in FNQ from Cairns. Participate with Rainforest Rescue (Google Rainforest Rescue for information) in a community planting day in the Daintree on 17 May 2025. Limited numbers. Fly up and back and hire a car in Cairns. Bookings will need to be made soon		Bob Clifton 0417624091
15-20 June		<b>CC - Royal NP, Bonnie Vale Campground</b> - 5 Nights camping, day walks, possible paddling and cycling. You will need to book your own site. Google Bonnie Vale Campground for more details on facilities.		Contact Jenni 0439387426.

### 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.