



Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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December – March 2022 Program (Updated 26 Nov)

TO SUBMIT AN ACTIVITY:

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Covid19 – Important Warning

All participants in Ramblers walks must be fully vaccinated and will be required to confirm this on the sign on sheet.

The risk of being infected with Covid19 remains a material risk at this time. All Activity participants must be voluntarily willing to accept Covid19 contagion risk. Therefore, **You** must consider this risk and make your own decision as to whether you participate in any club activities, including any travel to and from the event. In making your decision you need to take your own circumstances and the circumstances of others you may reasonably expect to come into contact with in the foreseeable future into account. **If you are in any doubt about your willingness to accept this risk, or have any symptoms, do not attend.** The club's insurance does not cover Covid19 related issue.

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

W/E = Weekend

15 Nov	Mon	Photo Comp – by Zoom
midweek		TW?
17 Nov	Wed	PA. Taylors Beach, Port Stephens (NOT Taylors Beach on Pittwater). Explore beautiful mangrove lined Wallis Ck., then Tilligery Ck., maybe Lemon Tree Passage. 10km+ depending on energy levels & the weather. Bring MT, Lunch as well as usual paddling gear.
20 Nov	Sat	
21 Nov	Sun	
23 Nov	Tues	TW – Swansea to Blacksmiths Breakwall (G1/6km/2m). Walk across Swansea Channel to the Tasman Sea and return. Dinner afterwards at Swansea Hotel, 196 Pacific Highway. Map: Swansea

24 Nov		PA. Paddle Ash Island – Gentle 3hr return paddle along South Arm of Hunter River David Jack 0447902352
27 Nov-5 Dec	Sat-Sun	BP- A Week in the Jagungal Wilderness. G4/ about 12km/day. Starting from Round Mtn, O’Keefe’s, Cesjack’s, Mawson’s, Grey Mare, Pretty Plain, Wheelers. <i>Fully Booked.</i>
27 Nov	Sat	DW. Stockton Foreshore ramble (G2) Approx. 3hrs. Bring morning tea..
28 Nov	Sun	PA. Dora, Stockton & Jigadee Creeks.16km, 5 to 6hrs. Launch Dora Ck, under railway bridge. Explore beautiful Stockton & Jigadee Cks. May be challenging for sit on kayaks, but free to do part of the trip. Bring morning tea & lunch.
30 Nov	Tues	TW.KOORAGANG to STOCKTON CIRCUIT Walk over the Stockton Bridge, a circuit through Hunter Wetlands National Park & to Stockton Cemetery & return. Bring picnic tea.
4 Dec	Sat	DW Glenrock to Redhead (G4/10km/100m/100m/5hrs) Follow coast and coastal tracks through Awabakal Nature Reserve. Optional swimming at Dudley and/or Redhead Beach if conditions permit. Bring morning tea and lunch, swimmers, sunscreen, hat etc. Suggest 2 litres water min. Car shuffle required.
5 Dec	Sun	DW. Fingal Bay lighthouse. G3/10km/ 3hrs. Afternoon walk and get a birds eye view of Fingal spit (elevation approx 120m) across the sand spit with option to meet for lunch before heading out on the walk. Note the spit conditions can change at anytime and will not be crossed if unsafe to do so. The crossing may involve getting your feet a little wet.
6 Dec	Mon	XMAS Social Meeting at Carriage Shed on Newcastle Foreshore. BYO chair, food, drinks.
7 Dec	Tues	DW ‘Street n Strip’ - Warners Bay, Cardiff South area (G3, 6 klms, 140m, 3hours) A circuit through part of the bushland corridor joining the Charlestown Bypass to Munibung Hill. Bush tracks with some walking through residential streets. Mid-week because its much quieter and coffee

		and snacks are available (at a price) en-route Map: Wallsend
9-11	Thur-Sun	PA Chandler - Macleay rivers. Oxley Wild Rivers NP. 65 km. 4 days. Launch into the Chandler River at Halls Peak via Raspberry Rd. 3 nights on the river exiting at George's Junction, before completing the car shuffle and returning home via Kempsey. Swimming and fishing available. Note limited numbers and trip is weather and flow dependent and will be confirmed 5 December.
11 Dec	Sat	Ramblers Christmas Party from 3pm until late in the park at Marmong Point (restricted to Ramblers who are fully vaccinated) . At this time there is no limit on the number of fully vaccinated people who can attend an outdoor gathering, but this could change. Also double vaccinated people can visit Dawn's home adjoining the park for use of pool, BBQ, toilet etc. There is also the option of walking in the NP or lake kayaking in the afternoon. Please bring your own chair, food, drinks etc.
12 Dec	Sun	
7-31 Dec	Tues-Fri	CC Coolah Tops . Back to the Pines camping area. Cool at this this elevation as we escape the heat. Walks and Bike rides or just taking it easy.

Date	Day	Walk Description
midweek		TW?
18 Dec	Sat	DW – Birdie Beach to Catherine Hill Bay (G4/10km/250m/250m/5hrs) Coastal headlands, beaches, sea caves and possible swimming. Bring morning tea and lunch, swimmers, sunscreen, hat etc. Suggest 2 litres water min. Car Shuffle required. Map: CHB 9231-4S..
19 Dec	Sun	
25 Dec	Sat	XMAS BREAK
26 Dec	Sun	XMAS BREAK

31 Dec	Fri	New Years Eve
1 Jan	Sat	
2 Jan	Sun	
		TW?
8 Jan	Sat	
9 Jan	Sun	
		TW?
15 Jan	Sat	
16 Jan	Sun	
17	Mon	Regular Meeting
19 Jan	Wed	TW. Dudley Beach (G1) –Beach walk, swim, fishing on the rising tide. Shayne will show you how to catch a fish! Relax with happy hour or picnic tea. BYO food, drinks, chair, fishing gear, swimmers.
20 Jan	Thu	
22 Jan	Sat	
23 Jan	Sun	
26 Jan	Wed	Australia Day Public Holiday
28 Jan	Fri	TW. City circuit. G2- 5km-1.5 hrs. Check out architecture and street art in NewcastleOptional Dinner at Wests Leagues.
29 Jan	Sat	
30 Jan	Sun	DW Anna Bay to Morna Point Return . G4/10km/200m/5hrs. Spectacular walk along coast line over rocky headlands and coastal scrub tracks. Rock hopping. Swimming. Maps: Morna Point.
		TW
5 Feb	Sat	
6 Feb	Sun	DW Fingal to One Mile. G3/8km/100m/4hrs. Coastal tracks, rocky headlands, beach walking swimming along the way. Maps Morna Point, Port Stephens.
7 Feb	Mon	Regular Meeting – Church Hall
		TW?
12 Feb	Sat	
13 Feb	Sun	
		TW?
19 Feb	Sat	
20 Feb	Sun	
21 Feb	Mon	Regular Meeting – Church Hall
		TW?
26 Feb	Sat	DW. Caves Beach to Catherine Hill Bay. (one way) G3-9km-3hrs. Leisurely coastal walk. Swimming in big rock pool. Lunch at Catho Pub. G3- 10km- 3hrs. Car shuffle. Low tide is midday.

27 Feb	Sun	
		TW?
5 Mar	Sat	
6 Mar	Sun	
7 Mar	Mon	Regular Meeting – Church Hall
		TW?
12 Mar	Sat	Rambler’s 60th Birthday Party
13 Mar	Sun	
		TW?
19 Mar	Sat	
20 Mar	Sun	
21 Mar	Mon	Regular Meeting – Church Hall
		TW?
26 Mar	Sat	
27 Mar	Sun	
		TW?
2 Apr	Sat	
3 Apr	Sun	
		FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Jan- Feb 2022		BP. New Zealand Trek. Te Araroa Trail, New Zealand North Island, 1600 klms Start Cape Reinga northern tip of the North Island in early January 2022. Estimated walk days, 65 days plus any weather delays.
14 March – 3 April		New Zealand hiking and biking - (limit 8 - fully booked) Range of walks including Banks Peninsula walk, Rees Dart, Routeburn and Kepler Tracks. Cycling on Queenstown trail.
1 -4 April 2022	Fri-Mon	CC Treachery Beach Lodge Various walks. Limited numbers \$950 per night to be divided between everyone. See attached for more info. https://www.treacherycamp.com.au/beach-lodge/
Mid Dec 2022		Packrafting exploratory trip lower SNOWY RIVER – WILLIS (VIC. BORDER) to BUCHAN RIVER 100KM/G2/6NTS . South of Jindabyne along the Barry Way to the Vic. Border at Willis. Paddle to

		<p>McKillop's Bridge then on to Buchan River junction. Fantastic part wilderness paddle. Carcampers/supporters welcome, meet ups along the way. A beautiful and interesting area to explore.</p> <p>Map: Suggan Buggan 1:100 000</p>
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Notes to Program

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 take into account 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. Meeting place and time is decided at the meeting before each activity. 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.