

# Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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## Summer Programme 2025 (Updated 28 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, MW: Morning 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) Bring torch., sturdy shoes & covered clothing or mossies	Glenrock car park.	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. Namadgi area. It is mainly off track and some exploratory.		Alan T. 0419491612

		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>Morning 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)	8.00am 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	Tues- Fri	<b>B/P Barrington Tops – Walk into 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.</b> Should be a fairly easy walk, all on track, no big climbs.		Alan Thomas 0419491612

15 Jan	Wed	<b>MW - 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 Heaton to Wakefield (G3/9km/470m)</b> Training walk for a future trip. From Brunkerville Gap to a lookout over Wakefield on fire trails and foot tracks. Early start. (Wallsend map)		David Morrison 4954 6164
26 Jan	Sun	<b>Australia Day DW Birubi Point to One Mile Beach (G4/9km/50m/3.5 hrs)</b> Walk to One Mile Beach via Fishermans Bay and Boat Harbour. Coastal walk, beautiful scenery, over headlands, along small beaches, some rock scrambling, optional swim. Map Morna Point		Alan Thomas 0419491612
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
29 Jan	Wed	<b>BR - Booragul to Bennett Park, Valentine &amp; return. 26km return.</b>	Meet ready for 8am departure at Edwards Park, First St, Booragul, (near intersection with Second St).	Alan 0408 657912
30 Jan	Thur	<b>T/W Third Creek Loop (G2/5km/flat)</b> Start at the Redhead Beach Carpark and walk to Third Creek along the board walk and tracks through the bush behind the dunes. Return along the beach to the Surf Club. Bring a picnic tea to have in the park – or get take-away from the Seaview Malaysian across the road.	Redhead Beach Carpark 5:00 pm	Sue H 0437213221
		<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>MW - 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		
5 Feb	Wed	<b>MW Mt Sugarloaf (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 lookout. Continue around the western side of the peak and return via the southern side with an optional 2k side trip. Optional climb 50m to top of Sugarloaf. Could be mossies. Early start. (Wallsend map)		David M 4954 6164
7-10 Feb	Fri - Mon	CC Nundle Blackberry Picking and Looking around Contact Ingrid for details		Ingrid Malcolm 0429 641 640
8-13 Feb	Sat - Thur	<b>Backpack Main Range Kosi (Grade 5/50 km/2300m elevation gain while walking - similar in descents)</b> 6 days, including travelling to and from Thredbo. 4 nights out on the Main Range in Kosciuszko National Park. Walking and camping above the tree-line. Map: Perisher 1:25000 Limited Numbers.		Lynne Walker 0435889233
8 Feb	Sat	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
9 Feb	Sun	<b>Day Walk TBA</b>		
10 -13 Feb 2024	Mon- Thur	<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		Jenni 0439387426.
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>MW Tingira Knob (G4/7km/100m)</b> A wander through the bushland of Eleebana to visit Tingira Knob and Tingira Heights Nature Reserve. Early start. (Wallsend and Swansea maps)		David Morrison 4954 6164
16 Feb	Sun	<b>MW 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		David M 49546164

		at Blacksmiths. Optional swim afterwards at Belmont baths and perhaps more coffee and/or lunch nearby.		
17 Feb	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> Presentation – Europe 2024 - Ingrid Supper Malcolm		
18 Feb	Tues	<b>MW Bather's Way loop (G2/8km/150m)</b> Start from Dixon Park carpark and walk along the coast to Nobby's Beach, then return via the Obelisk, Nesca Park and Empire Park. Early start. (Newcastle map)		<b>David Morrison</b> <b>4954 6164</b>
19 Feb	Wed	<b>B/R East Maitland-Phoenix Park loop, 20-25 km</b> , 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)		Philippa 0402 844 147
22 Feb	Sat	<b>D/W TBA</b>		
23 Feb	Sun	<b>D/W TBA</b>		
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 Ingrid W</b>		
5 March	wed	<b>DW Gwandalan to Nords Wharf and return. (Grade 3/4, approximately 10km)</b> Some hilly sections. Bring morning tea and lunch.	Meet at 8am, Gwandalan Lions Park at the end of Koowong Rd	Please call/text Tracy: 0414843024.
13 - 16 March 2025	Thur-Sun	<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
17 March	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> <b>Supper Margaret C</b>		
19 March	Wed	<b>DW Wybung Trig Lookout Track- out and return. Grade 3/4, hilly sections, 9 kms.</b> Bring morning tea/lunch.	Meet 8am, Frazer Beach car park, Frazer Beach Rd.	Please call/text Tracy: 0414843024
2 April	Wed	<b>DW Tanilba Bay to Lemon Tree Passage (Grade 3-4)</b> Mostly flat with some rocky sections. Car shuffle required. Bring morning tea and lunch.	Meet at 8:30 am, Sunset park at the end of Caswell Crescent, Tanilba Bay.	Please call/text Tracy: 0414843024

7 April	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting Supper Jenni M</b>		
9 April	Wed	<b>DW The Coastal Walking Track from Blue Lagoon Beach to Forrester Beach and return. (G3/10.5km/316m)</b> 8.30am start. Bring morning tea and lunch. Option to stay at Blue Lagoon Resort Caravan Park.		<b>Ring Jenni for more details. 0439387426</b>
16 April		<b>DW Werakata National Park. (Grade 4, approx. 13km)</b> Loop walk including out and return to Mt Tomalpin. Bring morning tea and lunch.	Meet at 8:30am, George Jeffery Park, Caledonia Street, Kearsley.	Please call/text Tracy: 0424843024
21 April	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting No Meeting</b>		
30 April		<b>DW Glenrock circuit walk. (Grade 3/4, 8kms)</b> Merewether Beach, Bailey's Track, Yuelarbah track to Burwood Beach, returning to Merewether. Some hilly sections. Bring morning tea.	Meet at 8:30, Merewether SLSC.	Please call/text Tracy: 0414843024
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 an 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
5 May	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting Supper Jenni B</b>		
14 May	Sat	<b>DW Tin City details TBC</b>		Tracy 0414843024.
14 - 19 May		<b>EOI for Community Planting Day in the Daintree with Rainforest Rescue.</b> 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
19 May	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting Supper Angela K</b>		
21 May	Wed	<b>DW Mt Sugarloaf circuit walk details TBC</b>		Tracy 0414843024.
15-20 June		<b>CC - Royal NP, Bonnie Vale Campground - 5 Nights</b> 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.

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**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.