

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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Autumn Programme 2025

(12 March 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

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, MW: Morning Walk, BP: Backpack BR: Bike Ride CC: Car Camp PA: Paddle

Yellow Highlighting indicates NSW School Holidays

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		March		
1 March	Sat	DW TBA		
2 March	Sun	DW TBA		
3 March	Mon	Regular Meeting – Presentation – Munibung Hill Conservation Society by Stuart Carter Supper by Ingrid W		
5 March	Wed	DW Gwandalan to Nords Wharf and return. (Grade 3/4, approximately 10km) 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.
6 March	Thu	TW Booragul – Deferred to 24 March Picnic Tea.		Margaret C 0412194194
8 March	Sat	DW Tomaree Coastal Walk to Barry Park Fingal Bay G(2/ 6 km/100/ 3hrs) Bring M/T , brunch.	Meet Zenith Beach car park 7.30 am, car shuffle required.	Ingrid W 0427 553212
9 March	Sun	DW TBA		
12 March	Wed	BR Salamander to Fingal Bay 30km Mostly on cycleway – but a short distance on dirt/sand surface and some road riding	Bob Cook Reserve 4 Cook St Salamander Bay 9 am	Philippa 0402 844 147
13 March	Thur			
13 - 16 March	Thur- Sun	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

15 March	Sat	DW TBA		
16 March	Sun	DW Brooklyn to Dead Horse Bay G3 Bring morning tea lunch swimmers		Kate R 0439374323
17 March	Mon	AGM and Regular Meeting Supper Margaret C		
19 March	Wed	DW Wybung Trig Lookout Track- out and return. Grade 3/4, hilly sections, 9 kms. Bring morning tea/lunch.	Meet 8am, Frazer Beach car park, Frazer Beach Rd.	Please call Ingrid 0427553212
22 March	Sat	DW TBA		
23 March	Sun	DW TBA		
24 March	Mon	TW BOORAGUL TWILIGHT WALK - Walk along the lake foreshore & to the Quigley graves, the marina & the sculpture park. Bring a picnic tea to eat during the walk. Meet at 5.30 pm at Edwards Park, Booragul at the corner of First & Second Streets.		Margaret C 0412 194 194
26 March	Wed	BR TBA		Leader Required
27 March	Thur	TW Highlights of Hamilton part 2 Dinner afterwards at the Northern Star Hotel Meet at 5.30pm in Gregson Park, Hamilton at the canons (off Steel St) Margaret, 0412 194 194		Margaret C 0412194194
29 March	Sat	DW TBA		
30 March	Sun			
		April		
2 April	Wed	DW Tanilba Bay to Lemon Tree Passage (Grade 3-4) 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.	Bob C 0417624091
3 April	Thur	T/W SWANSEA & LITTLE PELICAN TWILIGHT WALK Dinner afterwards at Swansea Workers' Club, Rawson St, Swansea. Meet at 5.30 pm at the park at the corner of Wallarah St & Dobinson Drive, Swansea near the public toilets		Margaret C 0412194194
5 April	Sat	DW TBA		
6 April	Sun	DW TBA		
7 April	Mon	Regular Meeting Supper Jenni M		

9 April	Wed	BR Bulahdelah – Markwell Loop, 30 km This ride includes unsealed road unsuitable for road bikes with smooth or narrow tyres. Late morning tea or lunch in cafe on return to Bulahdelah.	10 am at Wade Park, Crawford Street, Bulahdelah.	Philippa 0402 844 147
10 April	Thur	TW HIGHLIGHTS OF HAMILTON PART 2 TWILIGHT WALK Dinner afterwards at the Northern Star Hotel Meet at 5.30pm in Gregson Park, Hamilton at the canons (off Steel St)		Margaret, 0412 194 194
12 April	Sat	DW TBA		
13 April	Sun	DW Rocky Crossing	meet 7.30 at Hexham	Kate R 0439374323
9 April	Wed	DW The Coastal Walking Track from Blue Lagoon Beach to Forrester Beach and return. (G3/10.5km/316m) 8.30am start. Bring morning tea and lunch. Option to stay at Blue Lagoon Resort Caravan Park.		Ring Jenni for more details. 0439387426
18 – 21 April 22 – 26 April	Fri – Mon Tue – Wed	B/P and Paddle - Griffins Walking Track, Morton NP – Tallow Dam/Shoalhaven Three-day backpack to be followed by a few nights canoe/kayak trip on the Tallow Dam and Shoalhaven River	For info contact Pamela	Pamela 0429600121
16 April		DW Werakata National Park. (Grade 4, approx. 13km) Loop walk including out and return to Mt Tomalpin. Bring morning tea and lunch.	Meet at 8:30am, George Jeffery Park, Caledonia Street, Kearsley.	Leader required
19 April	Sat	DW TBA		
20 April	Sun	DW TBA		
21 April	Mon	Regular Meeting No Meeting - PH		
23 April	Wed	BR 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 0402 844 147
25 April	Fri	ANZAC Day		
26 April	Sat	DW TBA		
27 April	Sun	DW TBA		
30 April	Wed	DW Glenrock circuit walk. (Grade 3/4, 8kms) Merewether Beach, Bailey's Track, Yuelarbah track to Burwood Beach, retuning to Merewether. Some hilly sections. Bring morning tea.	Meet at 8:30, Merewether SLSC.	Leader required

		May		
2 – 6 May 2025		C/C - Hill End Village Camping Ground 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
3 May	Sat	DW TBA		
4 May	Sun	DW TBA		
5 May	Mon	Regular Meeting Supper Angela L		
7 May	Wed	BR Budgewoi to The Entrance North return, 35 km Mostly on new cycleway through Wyrabalong National Park. Includes Norah Head coffee detour Suitable for all bikes but some short steep sections.	9 am start at Slade Park Budgewoi	Philippa 0402 844 147
10 May	Sat	DW TBA		
11 May	Sun	DW TBA		
14 May	Wed	DW Tin City details TBC		Leader required
13- 20 May		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. Arrangements are confirmed and bookings in place		Bob Clifton 0417624091
17 May	Sat	DW TBA		
18 May	Sun	DW TBA		
19 May	Mon	Regular Meeting Supper Jenny B		
21 May	Wed	DW Mt Sugarloaf circuit walk details TBC		Leader required.
24 May	Sat	DW Summerland Point to Gwandalan (G2/10km./20m/5hr) Track walk, easement trails and some street walking along foreshore reserve to Gwandalan and return. Map: Catherine Hill Bay	8:30 am Summerland Point Reserve. Off Cams Blvd,	Jenny Bourke 0419249335

			opposite shops, Boat Ramp Rd Summerland Point	
25 May	Sun	DW TBA		
27 May	Tues	DW Shortland Wetlands Entry \$9:30 (\$6:00 concession) Bring morning tea or buy at café Lunch in the café is an option afterward – Numbers needed to book café.	Car Park 9 am	Nell W 0413899710
28 May	Wed	BR Hawks Nest – Mungo Brush return, 42 km All on quiet flattish road. BRING MORNING TEA. Suitable for all bikes. Picnic or café lunch after returning to Hawks Nest.	9 am start at Pelican Park/Moira Parade Reserve, Hawks Nest.	Philippa 0402 844 147
<i>Future Events</i>				
15-20 June		CC - Royal NP, Bonnie Vale Campground - 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.
1 Nov		First Aid Training with Kylie		
22-30 Nov		Backpack Jagungal Wilderness. G5. Route will depend on any National Park closures at the time, but the intention is to include climbing Mt. Jagungal and a fair amount of off-track walking. Limited numbers. EOI to Alan Thomas		Alan Thomas 0419491612

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.