

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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Autumn-Winter Programme 2025 (Updated 10 May 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

Autumn Programme

		May		
2 – 6 May 2025	Fri-Tues	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 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 – Walks Planning – Bring your suggestions Supper Angela L		
7-9 May	Wed-Fri	C/C - Tent camping at Putty Beach Bouddi National Park - Series of day walks. Enjoy stunning coastal scenery, nearby local cafes and a range of day walks aimed to build gradual fitness including beach walking and some ascents and descents. Come for the day or the whole trip.	Meet Fat Goose Cafe Kilcare 10am Wednesday 7 May	Call Anna B on 0408612674 to book in and discuss arrangements.
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	D/W Wyrabalong NP to Norah Head (G4/11km/100m) Lovely walk through the park along the Red Gum and Lilly Pilly walks beside the lake. Then cross the highway to the beach and walk northwards to Norah Head Lighthouse - tides will be good! On tracks on the lake side, but beach walking on the ocean side. Car shuffle. Toukley map		David M 49546164
11 May	Sun	DW TBA		
13 May	Tues	D/W Fairview Homestead (G3/12km/150m) Follow a fire trail into the beautiful Mangrove Valley to visit the historic Upper Mangrove cemetery and the old Fairview Homestead. Mangrove map.		David M 49546164
13- 20 May	Tues- Tues	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	Mt Wareng (G4/10km/340m) Flat-topped mountain near Howes Valley on the Putty Road. Fire trail to the base of the mountain then up a mostly grassy spur for views of Wollemi and Mt Yengo. Maps: Howes Valley, Mount Yengo		David M 49546164
19 May	Mon	Regular Meeting Supper Jenny B		
21 May	Wed	DW Mt Sugarloaf (G4/5km/70m) A loop through some lovely natural bushland around Mt Sugarloaf. Views up the Hunter Valley and towards Barrington Tops. Optional climb 50m to top of Sugarloaf. Could be mossies. Wallsend map		David M 49546164
23-25 May	Fri- Sun	Car Camp and Day Walks (Nav Training Optional) Mogo Creek Details for walks TBA Come for all 3 days – or for part as you wish. Will need to book own site	TBA	LynneK 0435889233
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, opposite shops, Boat Ramp Rd Summerland Point	Jenny Bourke 0419249335
25 May	Sun	DW TBA		
27 May	Tues	DW Shortland Wetlands Entry \$9:30 (\$6:00 concession)	Car Park 9 am	Nell W 0413899710

		Bring morning tea or buy at café Lunch in the café is an option afterward – Numbers needed to book café.		
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
31 May	Sat			

Winter Programme

		June		
1 June	Sun	DW Horse Run from the top (G4/11km/100m) – We have been into the Horse Run from the Jerry's Plains end many times. This trip is looking for something on the hillside above the Horse Run so it will be easier to start from the road along the ridge. The Horse Run is an isolated valley in which a family lived in the early 1800s. There still some ruins from that time. Doyle's Creek map.		David M 49546164
2 June		Regular Monday Night Meeting Supper Lynne M		
4 June	Wed	DW Awabakal Lookouts (G4/ /) Loop Walk from Redhead into the Awabakal Nature Reserve stopping at several lookouts, including the Redhead Trig. (The track up to the trig is a little overgrown – long sleeves and pants a good idea)		Lynne K 0435889233
7 June	Sat	DW TBA Karuah Trig (G4-5/ /) Off track loop walk to climb Karuah Hill to the Trig. Limited Numbers		Lynne K 0435889233
8 June Sun	Sun	DW TBA		
11 June	Wed	DW Munibung Hill		Contact Dale G 0428 399 083
14 June	Sat	DW TBA		
15 June	Sun	DW TBA		
15-20 June	Sun - Fri	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.
15-22 June	Sun-Sun	Bush Regeneration Week – Crowdy Bay NP Come along & join with locals and others from all over camping in the winter sun about 30 minutes south of Laurieton. Come for one night, come for the whole week – your choice. Morning work in the Park, afternoons usually at leisure. Camping at Kylie's Beach Ground in the National Park with 2WD and van access available (but limited facilities). Eol in the first instance please:		Craig W Text only 0405 615-547
16 June		Regular Monday Night Meeting Supper Angela L		

18 Jun	Wed	BR Eraring & Dora Creek This ride has some gravel and hill but mainly on quiet street with some great views.	Meeting at Myuna Bay Picnic area.	Arthur R 0408 943 282
21 June	Sat	DW TBA		
22 June	Sun	DW TBA		
25 June	Wed	DW (or BR) TBA		
28 June	Sat	DW TBA		
29 June	Sun	DW TBA		
		July		
2 July	Wed	DW (or BR) TBA		
5 July	Sat	DW TBA		
6 July	Sun	DW TBA		
7 July	Mon	Regular Monday Night Meeting		
9 July	Wed	DW (or BR) TBA		
12 Jul	Sat	DW Mt Yambo and Budda Caves G3/200m/10km In the Mandalong Dooralong area a short climb and investigating sandstone caves		Arthur R 0408 943 282
13 July	Sun	DW TBA		
16 July	Wed	B/R Ash Island , 10 am start from the Welcome Walk car park, 20 km, some gravel so unsuitable for road bikes with narrow tyres		Philippa 0402 844 147
19 July	Sat	DW TBA		
20 July	Sun	DW TBA		
21 July	Mon	Regular Monday Night Meeting Supper Malcolm M		
23 July	Wed	B/R Clarencetown – Glen William loop , 10 am start from Clarencetown Lions Park all on sealed quiet country roads, ~ 25 km		Philippa 0402 844 147
26 July	Sat	DW Wallaroo National Park – Gilmore Lookout (G4/ /) Off track sections to explore some ridges and creeks in the Park. Limited Numbers		LynneK 0435889233
27 July	Sun	DW TBA		
27 July	Sun	Peak Into The Past – Visit Historic Tocal House – 10.00am to 3.00pm		Leader required - Greg P will be there
30 July	Wed	DW Break wall to Break wall (G3/ /) Meet at Nobby's Pavillion – Walk the break wall... catch the Ferry across to Stockton ... walk the Stockton break wall (and along the ballast walk as time permits) ... coffee ... and return trip to Nobbys Pavillion.	Meet 8:30am at Nobbys	Sue Holt 0437213221
		August		
2-3 August	Sat - Sun	BPack Yengo National Park (G5/ /) Off track - TBA Possibly Sat-Mon or Fri-Sun depending on participants		LynneK 0435889233

		Limited Numbers EOI		
2 August	Sat	DW TBA		
3 August	Sun	DW TBA		
4 August	Mon	Regular Monday Night Meeting Walks Planning Meeting		
6 August	Wed	DW TBA		
9 August	Sat	DW Lake Macquarie Rogaine https://nswrogaining.org/coming-events/ Individuals can enter this event – or put together a team!		Refer to link to register.
10 August	Sun	DW TBA		
13 Aug	Wed	DW TBA		
15-17 August	Fri - Sun	DW/BP Navigation Shield Arrive Friday evening to receive navigation data One-day event on Saturday (DW) Two-day event over Saturday and Sunday (BP)		TBA
16 August	Sat	DW TBA		
17 August	Sun	DW TBA		
18 August	Mon	Regular Monday Night Meeting Supper Ingrid W		
22-25 August	Fri - Mon	Backpack 'The Pondage' - Gardens of Stone Limited Numbers Priority to those who were on the originally scheduled dates		Lynne K 0435889233
20 August	Wed	DW (or BR) TBA		
23 Aug	Sat	DW Beehive trail & Wildlife underpass G3/200m/5km Road and off-track walk to large wildlife tunnel under freeway.		Arthur R 0408 943 282
24 Aug	Sun	DW TBA		
27 August	Wed	DW TBA		
30 Aug	Sat	DW TBA		
31 Aug	Sun	DW TBA		
Future Events				
1-10 Nov		BP Buller Huts Trail. G5/90km/5000m/7days. This hike will be based on the Buller Hut Trail Circuit. It is a 7-day hike with additional travel days required. The hike will leave and finish at Mt Buller in Victoria. Due to the terrain, numbers will be limited. EOI please.		Sue H 0437213221
1 Nov		First Aid Training with Kylie		

9-16 Nov		BP Easy Week in the Snowy Mountains – Easy backpacks and daywalks – itinerary to be decided EOI please		Bob C 0417624091
22-30 Nov		BP 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
July 2026		BP Jatbula Trail. EOI (G4/ 62 km/5 days 4 nights) Nitmiluk Gorge to Leliyn (Edith Falls). Camp restricted to 15 people. Option to stay th night at Leliyn camp ground.		Nell Watson 0413899710

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.