

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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Winter Programme 2025 (Updated 13 July 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

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 are 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 Whitebridge to Dudley Bluff via Yeularbah Track and Dudley Rock Platform (G3/8km/120m) Short car shuffle required Bring morning tea Map: Wallsend 1:25000	Meet 9 am	Lynne K 0435889233
7 June	Sat	DW Green Point (G2) Walk through Green Point to the Belmont end and down to the Skiff Club for lunch. Return by the waterfront to the start.	Meet 10:30 at the end of Dilkera Ave at Valentine.	David M. 49546164
8 June	Sun	DW TBA Karuah Trig (G4-5/ approx. 8 km /400m) Off track loop walk to climb Karuah Hill to the Trig. Limited Numbers Maps: Karuah and Port Stephens 1:25000	Meet Hexham Macdonalds	Lynne K 0435889233
11 June	Wed	BR Cooranbong to Bardens Bay, Brightwaters. Mostly shared paths. A bit of road through Morisset. 30km return.		Alan S 0408 657912
14 June	Sat	DW Jerusalem Falls (G3/4km) & Dundungra Falls (G5/2km)	Meet 8 am cnr Brown & Dowling St Dungog (near public toilets)	Ingrid 0427 55 3212

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 Mt Richardson & Dungog Common (G3/8 km)		Ingrid 0427 55 3212
22 June	Sun	**Round-about Rhondda (G3/8km/190m)** A wander in the open bushland behind Teralba, near the old Rhondda coal mine. Mostly on tracks. Back by lunchtime. Optional lunch at Maddz Cafe. (Wallsend map) Meet Cnr Pitt and Bowline Sts, Teralba at 8am.		David M 49546164
25 June	Wed	DW Munibung Hill (G3, 6km, 2.5 hr, 150m) Come & explore a fantastic local walking area. Enjoy new perspectives and appreciate the Landcare efforts of nearby residents.	Meet at the top of Quarry Rd, Speers Point for a 9 am start.	Contact Dale G 0428 399 083
28 June	Sat	DW TBA (G3)		
29 June	Sun	DW Meandering in Mayfield (G2/10km) Explore the history & heritage of an old Newcastle suburb. Bring the makings for a cuppa - afternoon tea in the park afterwards. (N.B. You might need to park a block away as the parking next to the park is timed.)	Meet at 9am in Webb Park, corner Baker & Waratah Streets, Mayfield.	Margaret C 0412 194 194
		July		
2 July	Wed	DW (or BR) TBA		
5 July	Sat	DW TBA		
6 July	Sun	DW Kariong Falls and Staples rabbits (G4/10km/240m) Track from Staples Lookout to Kariong Falls. This is a fire trail most of the way then a bush track. Return the same way. Hopefully there will still be plenty of water coming over the falls. Then explore rock platforms with many engravings, some of which look like rabbits. Bring afternoon tea. (Gosford map)		David M 49546164

7 July	Mon	Regular Monday Night Meeting Presentation by Bob C Title 'The Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, Daintree NP, and Ramblers Rainforest Rescue Trip' Supper Kate R		
9 July	Wed	DW One Mile to Anna Bay (G3-4/10km)		Ingrid 0427 55 3212
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 4 Peak Challenge, Shoal Bay to Fingal. G3-4 (400m elevation gain, around 8.5km) Lunch at Fingal in a cafe.		Pamela 0429 600 121
15 July	Tues	DW Eleebana Hills (G3/8km/250m) A wander around the hills of Eleebana, where Jackie used to train her horses. Wallsend map	Meet 8am Bundarra Close, Eleebana	Jackie M (contact David M) 49546164
16 July	Wed	B/R 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.	10 am at McDonald Jones stadium (canal end of car park).	Philippa 0402 844 147
19 July	Sat	DW Kahibah to Redhead – (G3/ 11 klms / 300m) Coastal walk through parts of Glenrock SCA & Awabakal NR - car shuffle. Bring MT & Lunch. Maps: Wallsend & Swansea		Craig W 0405 615547 (text please)
20 July	Sun	DW Wallaroo National Park (G4-5/ 400m/10km) Several off track sections to explore some ridges and creeks in the park (near Clarence Town) Limited Numbers		LynneK 0435889233
21 July	Mon	Regular Monday Night Meeting Backpacking Gear by Malcolm Supper Malcolm M		
21st- 25th July	Mon -Frid	CC Red Rock Staying at Red Rock Reflections Caravan Park. Various walks. Dogs welcome. I will be taking my 2 Border Collie Dogs. Accommodation has cabins, powered and unpowered sites. There is also house accommodation nearby.		Jenni 0432087426
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 Pioneer Creek Falls (G3/8 km) Telegherry Forest Dungog Area		Malcolm 0429 641 640
27 July	Sun	DW TBA		
27 July	Sun	Peek Into The Past – Visit Historic Tocal Homestead. Open Day at Paterson – all day activities, history talks and food. Entry fee – see website. https://tocal.com.au/peek-into-the-past/ Greg will be at 'Thunderbolt's Cottage' 10.00am to 3.00pm		Greg P 0401278467
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	Meet 8:30am at Nobbys	Sue Holt 0437213221

		(and along the ballast walk as time permits) ... coffee ... and return trip to Nobbys Pavillion.		
		August		
2-3 August	Sat - Sun	BPack Yengo National Park (G5/ /) Off track - TBA Possibly Sat-Mon or Fri-Sun depending on participants Limited Numbers EOI		LynneK 0435889233
2 August	Sat	DW The Mountaineer Trail (G5 /8 km/) Visit an historic hut Steep up & down - can be very slippery Dungog area		Malcolm 0429 641640
3 August	Sun	DW TBA		
4 August	Mon	Regular Monday Night Meeting Walks Planning Meeting Supper Nel W		
6 August	Wed	DW Tanilba Habitat Centre (G2/5 km/) M/T at the centre.		Ingrid 0427 55 3212
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.
9 August	Sat	DW TBA – Angela L		Angela L
10 August	Sun	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 Aug	Wed	DW or BR TBA		
15-17 August	Fri - Sun	DW/BP/CC 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 Heaton (Brunkerville) Gap to Wakefield (G3/10 km/210 m) Part of the GNW. Possibility of visiting a natural arch in Bangalow Creek. - car shuffle. Bring MT & Lunch. Maps: Quorrobolong & Wallsend		Craig W 0405 615547 (text please)
17 August	Sun	DW TBA		
18 August	Mon	Regular Monday Night Meeting Supper Ingrid W		
20 August	Wed	DW (or BR) TBA		
22-25 August	Fri - Mon	Backpack 'The Pondage' - Gardens of Stone Limited Numbers Priority to those who were on the originally scheduled dates (NB - some flexibility with dates, based on EOI)		Lynne K 0435889233
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 (or BR) TBA		

30 Aug	Sat	DW TBA		
31 Aug	Sun	DW DW Summerland Point to Gwandalan (G2/10km/20m/5hrs) Track walk, easement trails and some street walking along foreshore reserve to Gwandalan and return. Map: Catherine Hill Bay	Meet 8.30 am Summerland Point Reserve, Off Cams Blvd, opposite shops, Boat Ramp Rd, Summerland Point	Jenny B 0419 249 335
<i>Future Events</i>				
1 Sept		Regular Monday Night Meeting Guest Speaker - Mina Bui Jones Bush Heritage Australia will talk about opportunities to volunteer restoring their land to its original state. Supper Ingrid W		
2-7 Sept	Tues-Sun	Car Camp – Warrumbungles (3 nights) and Pilliga Scrub (2 nights) Tues: Drive to Warrumbungle National Park – meet there. Camp in the Warrumbungle National Park Campground for 3 nights. Grand High Tops/Breadknife/Mt Exmouth walks – others as time permits. Night sky viewing at a local observatory and a possible day visit to Sidings Spring Observatory. Friday Morning: Drive to Pilliga Scrub via Baradine. Camp for 2 nights – Sculptures in the Scrub Walk/Dandry Creek Walk/Sandstone Caves Circuit. Sunday morning: Drive home via the Pilliga Pottery. <i>Need to make own bookings for campgrounds.</i> EOI		Sue H 0437213221
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
TBA		Visit to Westpac Rescue Base		
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 the night at Leliyn camp ground.		Nell Watson 0413899710

Oct-Nov 2026	<p>Nakasendo Way (135km over 9 days. Each day's walking is 10-24km.)</p> <p>Late October/early November 2026, when the autumn leaves will be at their most spectacular.</p> <p>Staying mostly in historic inns and observing the Japanese way of life. The Nakasendo Way starts in Kyoto and ends at Tokyo. Read about it here: https://www.nakasendoway.com/</p> <p>We will use the following travel company (a number of Ramblers have travelled with before): https://walkjapan.com/tour/nakasendo-way</p> <p>Cost for the walk will be approximately \$6680. Flights will be around \$1300 return. There will ofc be other costs for local transport, some meals, tours of Kyoto and Tokyo, etc.</p> <p>EOI: contact David M at davidmorrisonann@gmail.com. Limited numbers.</p>	David M at davidmorrisonann@gmail.com .
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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.