Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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November Programme 2026 (updated Oct 28, 2026)

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 the Milson St Community Hub. 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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1 Nov	Sun	**DW SUMMERLAND POINT TO GWANDALAN Return (G2/10km/10m/4hrs)** Track walk along foreshore, reserves & easements to Gwandalan. Map: Catherine Hill Bay	Meet 8.30 am car park boat ramp off Cams Blvd, Summerland Pt. Opposite the shops.	Jenny Bourke 0419 249 335
2 Nov	Mon	**Meeting** **Guest Speaker** Ian McKenzie from the Link Road Forest Campaign Supper Bob		
4 Nov	Wed	**DW Link Road (G2/2 hr)** Ian will lead us on a walk through the Link Forest as a follow-up to his talk at the Monday Meeting.	Start 9 am, leaving from eastern end of Transfield Avenue, Glendale	Ian McKenzie 0414682001
7 Nov	Sat	**MW Bolton Point to Awaba House (G2-3/7km/40m)** Walk around the foreshore to Booragul via the Lake Macquarie State Conservation Area and Marmong Point. All on footpad/bush track (mostly G2 … a couple of rough spots) Coffee afterwards at Awaba House Maps – Wallsend/Swansea	Meet 7:30 am at Awaba House ready for car shuffle.	Lynne K 0435889233
8-15 November 2026	Sun - Sun	**Bob' Snowy BP – Namadgi NP and Snowy Plains. (G4/less than 10 km per day/and only up to 150m climbs per day)** Easy backpack at lower elevation to visit mountain huts in these locations. Walk from Mt Selwyn to Four Mile Hut for two nights. Day-walk via 9 Mile Diggings to Broken Dam Hut. Walk out from Four Mile Hut and drive to Gooandra Track to into Gooandra Homestead for one night. Complete a 3-day circuit walk to Witzes Hut, Haines		Bob C 0417624091

		Hut and returning to Gooandra for another night. Walk back to the cars and drive to Cooma ABB. Limited numbers. Maps 1:25000 Tantangara and Denison		
11 Nov	Wed	**Salamander Bay - Fingal Bay return (~ 30 km)** Mostly on cycleway but short distance on dirt/sand surface and some road riding.	Start at Bob Cairns Reserve, 4 Cook Street, Salamander Bay at **9 am**	Philippa H 0402844147
16 Nov	Mon	**Meeting** Supper Philippa		
18 Nov	Wed	Budgewoi to The Entrance North return, 35 km, including Norah Head coffee detour, mostly on cycleway through Wyrrabalong National Park, 9 am start at Slade Park Budgewoi, suitable for all bikes but some short steep sections.		Philippa H 0402844147
21-29 Nov 2026	Sat-Sun	**BP Snowy Mountains** Mainly off track. Limited numbers		Alan T 0419491612
22 Nov	Sun	**DW Explore Bulahdelah State Forest (G3/5km/200m)** Walk the Boolah Dillah Track, Mountain track and Ted Baker Track. Walk to two lookouts and enjoy the forest. Lunch at a café in Bulahdelah.	Contact Pamela for meeting point	Pamela 0429 600 121
22-28 Nov	Sun-Sat	**BP AAWT Pockets Saddle to Tharwa (G5/5.5 days walking/72km/2350m)** Walk the first section of the iconic Australian Alps Walking Track. Side trips to Mt Bimberi, Legoland, Booroomba Rocks and Mt Tennant (dependent on weather) Limited numbers due to transport requirements		Lynne K 0435889233
25 Nov	Wed	**DW Morpeth (G2/5km/3hrs)** Walk around Morpeth see the history of this river port.	Meet at Morpeth 9am	Malcolm 0429 641 640
29 Nov	Sun	**DW – Great North Walk, Merewether to Newcastle finish line!** Details TBA		Kay 0412561801
		Future Events		
7 Dec	Mon	**Meeting** Photo Competition Supper Dale		
21 Dec	Mon	**Christmas Party** At Speers Point Park to replace the usual club meeting. BYO food, drinks & chair.		
11 to 14 Mar 2027		**Blue Mountains Music Festival** Yes, it's on again! Early Bird Tickets now on sale. Think about accommodation – expressions of interest re attendance and possible ABB shared accommodation.		Contact Bob C 0417624091
27 April to 01 May 2027		**BP Tasmania Overland Track – Northern section (G4/51km/4 Days)** Private accommodation with all meals supplied. Light weight packs. The Fagus' leaves should be changing colour around this time of year. (The only native deciduous Australian plant.) Local, knowledgeable		Craig W 0405 615547 text preferred

		guides. Launceston area transport to and from, return to Launceston. 12 people maximum – a private group walk. Cost $3700. A deposit is required. A 20pp information PDF is available by email from me. EOI in the first instance please.		
May 2027		**Daintree Rainforest Community Planting** Planting day on Saturday 15 May 2027 followed by Inland tour over 7 days Fly to Cairns and hire vehicle EOI Limited numbers		Contact Bob C 0417624091
4-9 July 2027		**Guided walk on the Jatbula Trail N.T** Must be quick to secure a place. If you would like further information please contact me asap.		Nell 0413899710
16-17 September 2027	Thus-Fri	**2027 World Rogaining Championships – Flinders Ranges** Site open from Mon 13 Sept – Rawnsley Station Coach travel available from Adelaide Teams of 2-3 people All information available on the following link: https://wrc2027.rogaining.au/bulletin-1/#location In association with this event: Adelaide City 3 Hour Rogaine Sunday 12 September		Information on the link provided

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.