Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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December Programme 2026 (updated Nov 21, 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

December Programme				
2 Dec	Wed	**Belmont to Murrays Beach (25 km return)** Mostly on cycleways, short distance on quiet back streets, one short steep hill into Murray's Beach, coffee at Murray's Beach	Start at 8 am from Belmont trail head of the Fernleigh Track (parking on Railway Parade)	Philippa H 0402844147
3 Dec	Thur	**TW Heritage Walk at Wallsend (G2/4-5km/1.5 hr)** Explore historical sites of Wallsend with possible dinner at Diggers afterwards.	Meet 5.30 pm at the rotunda, corner Tyrrell and Nelson streets	Kay E 0412561801
6 Dec	Sun	**DW Whitebridge to Redhead Beach (G3-4/10km/100m)** Walk from Whitebridge to Redhead Beach via Glenrock State Conservation Area, Dudley Beach and rock platform and Awabakal Nature Reserve on a mixture of track, beach, street and footpad. A couple of rougher patches. Beautiful coastal scenery. Maps: Swansea and Wallsend 1:25000 Car Shuffle	Meet in Webb Park Car Park, Redhead at 7:45 am ready for car shuffle.	Lynne K 0435889233
7 Dec	Mon	**Meeting** **Photo Competition Presentation** Supper Dale		
7 Dec	Mon	**Night Walk Frog Walk Glenrock SCA (G2-3/1.5hr/3km)** Come on an adventure after the photo competition. Look for the yellow male Wilcox's Stoney Creek frogs plus other animals. Bring torch and sensible clothes/shoes.	Leave from the Milson St Hub after the meeting and supper	Barry W 0431237976
10 Dec	Thur	**TW Bailey's Orchard and Dudley Beach Circuit (G2-3/5km/2hr)** A walk through the remains of the historic Bailey's Orchard and down to Dudley Beach and up to Bombala St.	Meet 5pm at the corner of Bombala Street and Bathurst St, Dudley	Barry W 0431237976

16 Dec	Wed	**BR Stockton to Fullerton Cove return (30 km)** Flat, mostly on bike path, suitable for all types of bikes,	Meet at Stockton Ferry wharf at 8.05 am or at Newcastle ferry wharf in time to catch the 8.00 am ferry.	Philippa H 0402844147
17 Dec	Thur	**TW TBC**		Brett B TBC
21 Dec	Mon	**Christmas Party** Speers Point Park - replacing the usual club meeting. BYO food, drinks & chair.		
		Future Events		
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.		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 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.		Craig W 0405 615547 text preferred
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		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.