



2024 Program of Activities



(ALL Activities Covid 19 Restrictions Dependent)

Date	Description	Leader
January Thursday 18 th 2024 Activity Part A	Kur-in-gai Chase Geo Trail and proposal of a Great Extinctions Geo Trail. Presentation by Peter Mitchell. Start at 10:15 am at Club Macquarie followed by a short break.	Registration: Richard Bale
January Thursday 18 th 2024 Activity Part B	Ornamental Corundum (Sapphire) from Western Australia - Identification, Mining and Carving Presentation by Robert Coenraads. Start at 11:00am at Club Macquarie followed by Lunch afterwards.	
February Wed 21 st 2024	Mineralogical and Fossil Displays at the Australian Museum, 1 William St, Darlinghurst (Suggestion is to catch a train to Sydney. The Museum's Mineral and Fossil Collections Tour starts at 10:00 am, lunch in cafeteria or Hyde Park. Other half of tour in afternoon. Details to be confirmed.)	Joan Henley Brian England
March 2024 Wed 13 th or Sat 16 th	Burruga and Mount Allyn: This trip is to examine the shield Barrington Volcano remnant at Mt Allyn and the Burruga Swamp Date/Day to be confirmed, Leader to be confirmed.	Brian England Brian Dunn Ron Evans Richard Bale
April Tues 9 th 2024	Lower Blue Mountain trip – continuation of this year's Hawkesbury - Richmond activity. Details to come.	Rick Miller
May Sun 12 th to Fri 17 th 2024	Field Trip to Kiama: This Field Trip is to examine the Mid Permian Gerringong Volcanics and Permian sedimentary structures and fossils.	Ron Evans Brian England
June Saturday 22 nd 2024	Soup and Slides Sue and Ian Rogers Place	Sue & Ian Rogers, Social Committee
July Thursday 18 th 2024	AGM for 2024 commencing 10:30am Followed by Lunch at Club Macquarie	Executive committee Registration: Richard Bale
August Saturday 10 th 2024	Yengo Mystery 4x4 Tagalong: This activity is designed to explore the environs of Yengo NP, and to discover its many features from Aboriginal, European and Geological History.	Chris Morton
September Saturday 21 st and Sunday 22 nd 2024	Lorne Basin, Mid North Coast: This trip is to examine the Sedimentary Depositional History and the Volcanic Events of the Lorne Basin. Winston Pratt to provide a presentation. Robert Griffith and Lin Sutherland will run the field activity section. [Subject to further investigation and assessment.]	Chris Morton (Coordinator)

October Wednesday 16 th 2024	Dungog to East Gresford Field Trip: This trip is to study the Carboniferous (Early to Middle Mississippian) Strata that is found between Dungog and East Gresford.	Ron Evans Brian England
November 2024 TBA	Newcastle Coastal Geotrail Part 2: This trip is a walking trip from Merewether to Glenrock Lagoon. Or Kahibah to Glenrock Lagoon and return along the Yuelarbah Walking Track	Phil Gilmore
December Wednesday 4 th 2024	Annual Christmas Party Venues/Activities that have been suggested so far are Cruise on Lake Macquarie from Wangi Wangi, Cruise from Nelson Bay Marina, Mt Sugarloaf Picnic Area or Speers Point Park. A venue is needed so that if the weather turns inclement there is an under-cover place to shelter from the rain.	Sue Rogers, Social Committee
Short Notice Activity TBA	Ash Island, Hunter River Estuary Walk along the Hunter River, Picnic Lunch. Drive to more remote spots. Migratory birds visit the Island in summer. Will select a date when things are drier and access easier.	Sue Rogers
TBA	Suggestion to visit Mt Tumblebee (more formally Tomalpin Hill) in the Werakata National Park. Tumblebee is surrounded by the Tomalpin Woodlands with great views. Mining history of the South Maitland Coalfields can be seen. Lunch at a local Pub. (Under investigation.)	Irene Richardson

Notes:

- 1) Many of these activities may be rescheduled as dates are indicative and information updated and sent out as it comes to hand.
- 2) Sue Rogers "Ash Island" and other short notice activities may happen at any time, they are listed at the bottom to indicate that they are available. Will need dry conditions for them to happen.
- 3) **The AGM is planned for 18th July 2024.** Put it in your diaries!
- 4) Presentations at Club Macquarie or the AGM require attendees to register with Richard Bale so that seating can be arranged.
- 5) The activities listed at the end have been suggested with more planning required.
- 6) Accommodation bookings for Multi-day Activities may need to be made asap as these can be popular tourist spots and last-minute bookings maybe difficult.
- 7) Please note that activities may still be problematic due to unexpected Covid Lockdowns.
- 8) Club Macquarie, Kay Gibbs confirmed by phone, 26/10/2023, that our Application for Room Sponsorship was approved.