

News from

Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

July 2008



Photo courtesy Richard Green & Bruce Wilson

Forum: Future of Lagoon at Stake

7pm August 25, upstairs at the Tramshed

The future of Narrabeen Lagoon and its catchment will largely be in the hands of those who are elected to the new Warringah Council in September. You can decide who will best protect this priceless asset by attending **Meet the Candidates**, which will be part of our public Forum on August 25. Those hoping to be elected will be asked to tell us about their vision for the future - and there will be an opportunity for you to have your say. Come along and find out who's standing and who isn't and whether they deserve your support. There will also be a chance to send a message to Pittwater Council candidates.

Blayne Petrowicz, Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Education Officer, will update us on the rehabilitation works timetable and talk about the educational component of the \$1.9m grant, designed to raise public awareness and ensure the programme is sustainable over time. This follows an impressive presentation from James Brisebois at our last Forum, who showed detailed maps of where rehabilitation will take place in the riparian zones of Nareen, Mullet and Middle Creeks. During the evening we will also have news on the dredging process and Bilorong Reserve. Our AGM will be conducted, with an election of officers for 2008/9.

On a lighter note, we will also celebrate the 30th anniversary of the release of the iconic Australian movie **Newsfront**, a tribute to the newsreel cameramen of the 1940s and 50s. The climax of the film, recreating the horrific Maitland floods of the 50s, was shot at the western end of Narrabeen Lagoon. We've invited surviving cast and crew members along to tell us how they did it.

It will be a BIG night! No charge for *Friends* members, others will be asked for a donation to cover hall hire and light refreshments (\$5 suggested). Register now - email Judith Bennett at Sydney.educ@npansw.org.au or call Ian Hehir on 0423 278 980. We expect a full house!

In other news ...

As part of the *Sustainable Catchment* project, Warringah Council has commissioned Eco Logical Australia and Cardno to review the Statement of Environmental Effects for the sediment basin/wetland proposal for Middle Creek and develop a Creek Management Plan for the length of the creek.

Friends committee member Jacqui Marlow reports there were 14 wallabies killed along the Wakehurst Parkway during April and May. There were no fatalities near the fenced area, built at the instigation of our group. Jacqui's message - "Drive defensively at night, particularly at dawn and dusk."

We are pleased that in June Warringah Council adopted the Bushland Policy and the Dee Why Valley and South Creek Open Space Corridor Plan of Management. The vision statement is that this area will *'be managed and improved to protect its natural areas, increase its functionality as a wildlife corridor and to enable community access, use and enjoyment of the open space and unique links created by this group of reserves'*.

Lagoon or Lakes? If you have a preference contact Warringah Council now. We'd like to see the Geographical Names Board formally name the whole waterway "Narrabeen Lagoon".

Impacts on bushland

There are increasingly negative impacts on the bushland by mountain bikes and trail bikes. *Friends* is campaigning to have the old Belrose tip turned into a dedicated area for riders. DECC also favours this as a solution. What do you think?



Ken Higgs took this photo on one of our bushwalks

Walk, ride or paddle ...

Bushwalks are scheduled for Saturday July 26 from 10.30am to 2pm and Saturday August 16 from 9.30am to 1pm. To register call 9451-3231 or email conny.harris_1@bigpond.com

Join a **Wildflower Walk** on Saturday September 13 from 9.30 to 11.30am. Discover spring wildflowers in bloom. To register call 9942-2580 or email blayne.petrowicz@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Eco-Paddles are scheduled for September 14 from 1 to 3.30pm, November 16 and December 14 (all Sundays). These focus on areas of the Lagoon to be remediated as part of a recent \$1.9 million State Government grant. You must register by emailing tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or call 0417 502 056. Hire kayaks available.

Spring Awakening – a Special Event at Narrabeen Lagoon on Sunday October 19. The lagoon is home to a third of Sydney's bird species and attracts migratory birds from as far away as Russia! Starts at 7am with a guided bird walk around Deep Creek, then complimentary breakfast, followed by a kayak trip till noon. Hire kayaks available. No previous kayaking experience required. Register by emailing blayne.petrowicz@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Join a **Tag-along tour** for an easy, fun way to meet people who share your interest in the catchment and visit the significant sites where remediation is either planned or taking place. Tour dates are Jul 20, Aug 24 and Sep 21 (all Sundays) from 9 to noon. To register call 9913-8031 or email jacqui.marlow@optusnet.com.au

Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Community Wildlife Survey

How observant are you? Help identify and protect wildlife in the area by filling in the online Community Wildlife Survey. It is a link from the front page of Warringah Council website – just click on the possum picture. www.warringah.nsw.gov.au



We Need Your Support!
Join Friends of the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

To: Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment,
P.O. Box 845, Narrabeen NSW 2101

YES! I enclose \$20 (unwaged \$10).
Please enrol me as a member. My cheque is made payable to
Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment.

I wish to make a tax deductible donation of:
 \$250 \$100 \$50
 other amount – \$to the campaign.
My cheque is made payable to
NPA-Narrabeen.

All applications for membership are subject to the approval of the committee.

Please Print:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone

Email:

It will be most helpful to have your email address as we are increasingly using emails to communicate with members!



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