

News from

# Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

September 2008



## Should Garigal National Park include Narrabeen Catchment bushland?

Forum 6: Thursday Nov 6 at the  
Tramshed – from 7 to 9pm

It's not a new idea – Dr Terry Metherell proposed it during his time as Member for Davidson in 1992. Read his inspiring speech from those days on our website – [www.narrabeenlagoon.org.au](http://www.narrabeenlagoon.org.au). The current State Member for Davidson Jonathan O'Dea, MP, will speak about this idea at our Forum on 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. We have also invited a representative from the National Parks Association to speak. Your involvement will be vital as we discuss how to progress this concept, which would secure the remaining bushland around the lagoon and remove the threat of development. Come along, listen and contribute your ideas. James Brisebois, the council officer overseeing the Sustainable Catchment Project, will update us on works progress. Restoration is underway.

There is no admission charge for *Friends* members – non-members are asked for a donation of \$5 to cover hall hire. Refreshments will be served. Help us to cater by registering now – email Judith Bennett at [sydney.educ@npansw.org.au](mailto:sydney.educ@npansw.org.au) or call Jenny Wilson on 0414 735 350.

## New Executive elected

We have new faces on *Friends* committee as a result of the AGM held on August 25. Welcome Anthony Harris, Christine Hauptstein and Jenny Wilson. Re-elected were President Tony Carr, Vice President Conny Harris and committee members Jacqui Marlow, Barry & Phyll Morris, David Palmer and Ann Sharp. *Friends* founder Judith Bennett was reappointed Public Officer.

During the evening Tony Carr was presented with the Prudence Tucker Award from the National Parks Association for his contributions to environmental conservation.

## New Mayor backs catchment protection

Prospective new Warringah Mayor Michael Regan will support *Friends* efforts to achieve total environmental protection for Narrabeen Lagoon and its catchment.

"I am genuinely excited at the prospect of leading the charge and making real progress," said Michael. "Narrabeen Lagoon catchment is a prime example of what makes this part of Sydney so beautiful and precious."

Greens candidate Conny Harris is likely to become a councillor and will also push for protection of the remaining bushland. Most of the candidates spoke at our Forum on August 25 and many completed surveys on their attitudes to the catchment. All were supportive to at least some degree. Some of the candidates for Pittwater South Ward also spoke.



*Friends* President Tony Carr with former Pittwater Mayor David James

"We are fortunate to have most of the new councillors' promises verbally or in writing and will now work with them constructively to ensure they are met," said *Friends* President Tony Carr. "We have also had worthwhile discussions with former Pittwater Mayor David James."

## Dredging takes new course

Angus Gordon, Chairman of the Narrabeen Lagoon Restoration Project, reports that a meeting has been held with the Department of Fisheries regarding modifications to the proposed channel connecting the deep area near the island to the deep area near the sailing club. A reduced area of dredging is now proposed. A Development Application is being finalised for formal presentation to Warringah Council.

## NEWSFRONT 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The iconic Australian movie, partly shot on Narrabeen Lagoon in 1978, was celebrated at our last Forum. Flooded Maitland was recreated at the western end of the lagoon. *Friends* is keen to see a plaque and interpretive signage erected at Middle Creek Reserve.



Producer David Elfick (left) with Director of Photography Vincent Monton, Assistant Producer Richard Brennan and Screenwriter Bob Ellis cutting the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake.

### Take to the Bush – free activities

There are lovely bush tracks in the catchment and spring is in bloom. Sign up for a bushwalk on Sat Nov 8 – email [blayne.petrowicz@warringah.nsw.gov.au](mailto:blayne.petrowicz@warringah.nsw.gov.au) or join Conny Harris for a bushwalk on Sat Nov 15 - contact [conny.harris\\_1@bigpond.com](mailto:conny.harris_1@bigpond.com) Enjoy a guided birdwalk and Eco-Paddle at our *Spring Awakening* on Sat Oct 19 or take part in Eco-Paddles to Middle and Deep Creeks on Nov 16, Dec 14 or Jan 18 (all Sundays). Hire boats available. Register with [tonycarr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:tonycarr@ozemail.com.au). Tag along tour (with vehicles provided by Bill Buckle Toyota) on Sun Nov 23. Register with [jacqui.marlow@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jacqui.marlow@optusnet.com.au)

### Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Community Festival at Bilarong Reserve - Oct 26

Make a picnic of it and bring the family to enjoy a day of fun activities. You'll also learn more about the catchment and its needs.

Theme: "We are but guests here"

Sunday October 26 from 10am to 3pm

Enquiries: Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Education Officer [blayne.petrowicz@warringah.nsw.gov.au](mailto:blayne.petrowicz@warringah.nsw.gov.au)

*Friends* will have a stall there - come and talk to us or better still, offer to help us with it.

Contact [tonycarr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:tonycarr@ozemail.com.au) to offer help

## Bush Bikers need a new home

*Friends* is working with the biking community to find them a new home following more damage to Garigal National Park. Belrose Tip after its closure is a widely supported site.

## Rare Mollusc in Narrabeen Lagoon

Phil Colman reports that in 2007, three scientists from The Australian Museum and Sydney University described as new, *Salinator tecta* (a small snail). The type locality is designated Narrabeen Lagoon, and the type specimen is lodged in the Australian Museum molluscan collections, AMS C.446774. There could well be more "finds" like this in Narrabeen Lagoon and its catchment.

### 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.

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



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