



**If you work, live or play in the
Narrabeen area, don't miss –**

Threats from the Sea

**Public Forum: 7-9pm Monday May 24
Upstairs at the Tramshed**

Rising sea levels represent a threat to residential and commercial properties, roads, bridges, water, sewerage, gas and electricity infrastructure and parks and reserves in the Narrabeen area, according to a paper issued in February by the Federal Climate Change Department.



Thailand Tsunami Photo courtesy David Rydevik

At our Forum, Angus Gordon will review the latest science and show how the catchment is likely to be impacted. Angus is currently one of 4 people on the expert advisory panel reporting to the Department of Climate Change in Canberra. Mia Dalby-Ball, until recently Natural Environment Manager at Pittwater Council, will discuss what we can learn from history.

Michael Paine from the Tsunami Society will explain how to be prepared for a tsunami, which as we saw earlier this year, is a real threat in this area. In addition, Project Officer James Brisebois will outline plans for the final stages of the remediation work being undertaken on the creeks around the lagoon. The work is funded through a \$1.9m Urban Sustainability Grant that finishes early next year.

There will be ample time for audience participation so come along and contribute to what promises to be a fascinating evening.

We had 220 people at our last Forum, so to be guaranteed of a seat, it is essential you register in advance. Call Jenny Wilson 0414 735 350 or email sydney.educ@npansw.org.au Refreshments will be served and entry is free to members, \$5 to non-members (payable on the night). A donation to cover hall hire would be appreciated.

Friends calls for new State Park to protect catchment

Friends was created in 2005 to lobby state and local authorities for total protection of the remaining bushland around Narrabeen Lagoon. At that time State Environment Minister Bob Debus promised that 446ha of the Crown Land in the catchment would be protected forever, but this has not happened. Efforts to have the bushland incorporated into Garigal National Park have also failed.

Friends has now adopted a new objective – to combine the crown land of the catchment with the lagoon itself to create a new State Park managed in a manner which integrates bushland protection with appropriate recreational usage.

The concept has the support of the three local State members of parliament and is based on discussions with the Land & Property Management Authority. Pittwater MP Rob Stokes has called on government to adopt this as policy.

Mayor Regan keeps his promise on dredging

At our February Forum, Mayor Michael Regan told the large group of pro-dredging people present that he would do his best to get the much delayed programme off the ground. A successful motion from the mayor at the last council meeting in April will ensure \$118,000 goes towards completing the Narrabeen Lagoon Plan of Management and, if determined appropriate, assist in funding dredging of the site.

Thank you Michael and congratulations to Bruce Wilson and his fellow stakeholders, who have battled for this long and hard. *Friends* has supported dredging, providing adequate safeguards are in place to protect the environment.

Current Issues

Submissions about the **Warringah and Pittwater Bushfire Risk Management Plan** are due by 5pm on Friday 28 May, 2010

Submissions about the **Metropolitan Plan Review** are due by 28th May, 2010

Warringah Council's Talk of the Town will be held on 23rd May, 2010. Visit Warringah Council website and contribute to **On-Line forum**. Vote that housing NOT extend into non-urban land.

Buy a ticket to Save the Styx event on May 29th. In the past this event has supported our cause. Contact **conny harris <conny.harris@gmail.com>**



Friends members and supporters at the Coastal Environment Centre during our Autumn Event in March.

Walks, tag-along tours and paddles

Following the big demand for our Autumn activities program, we've organised four additional events to enable you to enjoy this beautiful part of Sydney.

Eco-Paddle with Tony Carr on Sunday June 6. Focus will be on the \$1.9m remediation program. Departs Bilarong Reserve to Deep and Middle Creeks. Louise Egerton, author of **Wildlife of Australia** will talk about wildlife in the catchment. Free with your own suitable kayak or hire a kayak. (\$48 per person or \$43 for Friends members) – no paddling experience required. Great fun! Email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or phone 0417 502 056. *Kayaks from a company independent of Friends.*

Cromer Circle Bushwalk with Conny Harris on Sunday June 13. Cross Warringah's most special vegetation community. Share Conny's enthusiasm, enjoy great views and practice plant identification. 4 hours starting at 10am at Cromer Rd. Grade medium. Email conny.harris@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Take it easy on a **Tag-Along Tour** with Jacqui Marlow. Sunday July 25. Here's the ideal way to see the catchment if you are less mobile. Email Jacqui.marlow@gmail.com

Spring Awakening on Sunday August 29, starting at 7am with a guided birdwalk in the Deep Creek area, led by Field Ornithologist Ricki Coughlan. Breakfast courtesy Warringah Council. Paddle to the Coastal Environment Centre for morning tea and a talk about the ecology of the area. Return to Deep Creek by noon. Free with your own suitable kayak or hire (\$48 per person or \$43 for Friends members). No previous kayaking experience required. Email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or phone 0417 502 056.

Ways you can support us!

We have two vacancies – a suitably experienced person to edit our newsletter and someone to look after our membership files. Phone Judith Bennett on 9905-2135 to discuss these important volunteer positions and the way you could help. Thanks.

Trees or townhouses? Your support makes a difference!

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 membership cheque is made payable to **Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment**. All applications for membership are subject to the approval of the committee.

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

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It will be most helpful to have your email as we often use email to communicate with members.



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