

News from

Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

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If you live in the Narrabeen Lagoon catchment, don't miss –

Transport - past, present and future

Public Forum: 7-9pm Monday Aug 23

Upstairs at the Tramshed

Entry is free but a donation is appreciated

Email to order your ticket for the event ...

Judith Bennett <sydney.educ@npansw.org.au>

or phone Jenny Wilson 0414 735 350

Transport was identified in the recent Talk of the Town as of great concern in the Northern Beaches. We have only three roads plus Sydney Harbour to connect with the rest of the city. Improvement of public transport is an urgent priority for this area.



Opening of tram route 1913

Historic Trams

Tina Graham from Warringah Library will open the forum with a stunning presentation, using lots of historical photos, about the history of tram transport between Manly and Narrabeen. (NOTE: we are meeting in the tramshed - learn about its history.)

5th Anniversary

Celebrate with us and join our brief Annual General Meeting which will be held during the evening. Voting papers are being distributed to members. Please consider standing for election to our executive for 2010/11.

Transport Issues in Sydney

Sandy Thomas, who has had extensive involvement with public transport planning, will explain some of the factors that are involved and discuss issues important to Northern Beaches. There will be time allocated for asking questions.

Future Forum:

"Protecting the Catchment" on Nov 22, 2010
Upstairs at the Tramshed 7-9pm



Privet-infested Middle Creek near Christian City Church

Important new program

Up stream from the main bush regeneration projects being undertaken along Middle Creek, there are large stands of privet bushes on both sides of the creek on Warringah Council land. Privet bushes are registered as noxious weeds in Sydney and these ones are sending seed down the creek into areas that have been weeded under the \$1.9m grant.

Friends have lobbied for funding by the \$1.9m Grant to enable a team of disabled people to tackle the problem. The team is organised by the House with No Steps and hosted by Christian City Church.

We are seeking sponsorship so that this program can be continued after the expiry of the grant. If you can help us secure sponsorship for this exciting project, please email

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Sandy Thomas, presenter for Transport forum Aug 23

How safe are the Ospreys?

Recently an osprey was found dead on Wakehurst Parkway near the Academy of Sport. Investigations are underway. A pair of ospreys nesting in the Narrabeen Lagoon catchment reared a chick each November 2007 to 2009. Will the chicks that fledge live long enough to reproduce or will they will be killed by cars, habitat loss or contaminated food?



Osprey photo by Nevil Lazarus

Spring Festival at the Lagoon

Celebrate Spring by taking a bushwalk, paddle or tag along tour and receive a free copy of "Caring for our Catchment"; the acclaimed new DVD.

Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Traverse Aug 28: Saturday 8:30am. Conny Harris will lead this 4-hour bushwalk, starting at Morgan Road. Grade medium with some inclines. Spring flowers, great views, good fun. Repeated on Sunday October 10. Must register: conny.harris@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Spring Awakening – Sunday Aug 29: Friends President Tony Carr will host a walk, paddle and presentation. Starts 7am with a guided birdwalk near Deep Creek, led by Field Ornithologist Ricki Coughlan, breakfast courtesy Warringah Council. Paddle to the Coastal Environment Centre for morning tea and a talk about local ecology. Back to Deep Creek by kayak, arriving at noon. Kayak hire is available or bring your own boat. No previous kayaking experience required – tuition given. Places are limited. Repeated Sunday September 5. Email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or phone 0417 502 056.

Walk around the Lagoon – Sun Sept 19 8am from the Tramshed: Conny Harris will lead this 5-hr event, with Councillor David James talking about local history. Grade medium. Register by emailing conny.harris@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Narrabeen Lagoon Eco-Paddle – Sun Oct 31: Visit some of the places featured in the DVD during this 2-hour paddle, led by Friends President Tony Carr. Depart Bilarong Reserve to both Deep and Middle Creeks. Louise Egerton, author of "Wildlife of Australia" will talk about local ecology. Hire kayaks are available. No previous kayaking experience required – tuition given. Email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or ph 0417 502 056

Take it easy on a Tag-Along Tour – Sun Nov 21: Organised by Friends committee member Jacqui Marlow, this visit to key sites is by car. Jacqui will talk about the challenges facing the area. Meet at the Tramshed in Narrabeen. Drivers and passengers welcome. Email jacqui.marlow@gmail.com

Kayaks are supplied by a company independent of Friends.

If your postal or email address has changed, please tell us.

Trees or townhouses? Your support makes a difference!

To: Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment
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YES! I enclose \$20 (unwaged \$10). Please make membership fee cheques payable to Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment or make a transfer to BSB 802 147 Account 43591.

Thank you.

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.

Make donation cheque payable to **NPA-Narrabeen**.

Thank you.

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



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