

Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

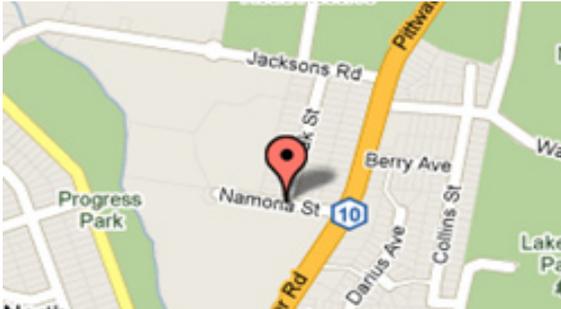
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It's time to show your support - Rally for Narrabeen State Park November 22 - 7pm

Hall G Narrabeen Sports High School
Namona St, North Narrabeen



We are tantalisingly close to achieving our major objective - protection of the remaining bushland around Narrabeen Lagoon - through the establishment of a new State Park. We have the support of the three local State members of parliament, two local councils and the Land & Property Management Authority. In an exciting development, the influential National Parks Association of NSW has thrown its weight behind our proposal.

Lands Minister Tony Kelly anticipates the release of the draft plan of management "will form the basis of a future State Park proposal over the Narrabeen Lagoon catchment." Pittwater MP Rob Stokes has called on government to adopt this as policy. Minister Debus promised in 2005 that at least 446ha of Crown land around the lagoon would be given permanent environment protection.

In place of our planned forum at the Tramshed, we are holding a public rally at a much bigger venue, the main hall at Narrabeen Sports High School in Namona Street, North Narrabeen. Speakers include Kevin Evans, CEO of National Parks Association, Rob Stokes MP, Dennis Foley, representing the Guringai Homeland and we have invited Minister Kelly's department to provide a speaker. Angus Gordon, former General Manager of Pittwater Council will moderate the evening. There will be ample opportunity for you to ask questions and present your views.

Register for Nov 22 Rally: Jenny 0414 735 350
Email sydney.educ@npansw.org.au
Refreshments will be served. Entry is free to members, \$5 to non-members (payable on the night). A donation to cover hall hire would be appreciated. Bring your friends and neighbours.

In brief ...

We are planning a fascinating series of forums for 2011. At the first, on February 21, we will invite all local candidates in the March State elections to pledge their support for the catchment.

Members elected a new executive at our recent AGM – congratulations to President Tony Carr, Treasurer Jenny Wilson, Committee: Judith Bennett (who was awarded life membership) Angus Gordon, Anthony Harris, Anne Sharp, Jacqui Marlow, Joy & Andy Gough, Phyll Morris, Mary Armstrong. Subsequently Christine Hauptstein has been appointed to the committee. We are not obliged to audit our accounts but would like to do so. If you can assist, please email: jenwilson@fastmail.fm

When does 'No' mean no? Sisters of Good Samaritan have lodged **another** application for a \$32.5m Red Hill Retirement Village in high fire risk bushland where the new species of cicada was found in spite of a refusal of the previous proposal by the L&E Court and the State Government promise of no development for 10 years. DA number 2010/1494. Contact Warringah Council's General Manager before Oct 27.

Bush regeneration program



Site supervisor, James Lownie, and House with No Steps program co-ordinator, Jenny Bottemanne

Friends is working with House with No Steps to enable bush regeneration to continue on the banks of a Middle Creek tributary, upstream from the major restoration site. A team of autistic people are thinning privet trees to allow light through to the ground. The first area is ready for mulching and planting out with natives. When new seedlings are well established in Autumn, the remaining privet canopy will be removed. Funding is urgently needed to continue this program – can you assist?
Email sydney.educ@npansw.org.au

Lagoon on Show

Take the opportunity to explore your catchment
These events are free and you can sign up now:

Eco-Paddle with Tony Carr on Sun Oct 31

Focus will be on the \$1.9m remediation programme. Departs Bilarong Reserve to both Deep and Middle Creeks. Louise Egerton, author of the newly published book *Wildlife of Australia* will talk about the birds and animals that make the catchment their home. Free with your own suitable kayak or hire (\$48 per person or \$43 for Friends members) – no previous paddling experience required. Email - tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or phone 0417 502 056. Being repeated Sun Jan 30.

Catchment Traverse – Sun Nov 7

Warringah Councillor Conny Harris will lead this 4-hour bushwalk, starting at 7am at Morgan Road and proceeding into Garigal National Park. Explore some of the area's best bush tracks, identify flora and fauna along the way. Visit Deep Creek waterfall. Grade medium - some inclines. Great views, good fun. Email conny.harris@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Take it easy on a Tag-Along Tour – Sun Nov 21

Here's the ideal way to see the catchment if you are less mobile. 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

Cromer Circle Bushwalk – Sat 8am Dec 11

Warringah Councillor Conny Harris will lead this 3hr special walk, starting in Cromer Rd and walking through threatened vegetation that features the Heart-Leaved Stringy Bark (*Eucalyptus Camfieldii*). Views over lagoon and sea. Grade Medium. Email conny.harris@warringah.nsw.gov.au

You must register in advance for these events. Kayak hire is by a company independent of Friends – no children under 14yrs.

Jim turns the first sod!

No one has worked harder for the \$4m multi-use pathway around the lagoon than Friends member Jim Somerville.

Here's Jim with shovel in hand, with Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Anthony Albanese (who holidayed at the lagoon as a child) and Warringah Mayor Michael Regan.



Roadkill in the Catchment



On Wakehurst Parkway, Conny Harris found a dead pygmy possum, which is the first pygmy possum ever found in the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment (Records have been kept for over 100yrs).

Live Eastern Pygmy Possum Photo: Mandy Beaumont

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! Enrol me as a member. I enclose
 \$85 for 5-year membership (unwaged \$40)
 \$20 for 1-year membership (unwaged \$10)
Please make membership fee cheques payable to Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment or make a transfer to BSB 802 147 Account 43591.

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.

Please print - Name:

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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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