

February 2015



Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



www.narrabeenlagoon.org.au

Next Forum

Meet the Candidates for NSW State elections

7pm Monday March 16, 2015

Narrabeen Tramshed.

1935a Pittwater Rd, Narrabeen

Come and hear each candidate outline how he or she will work for us if elected. We are inviting every candidate from Wakehurst, Pittwater and Davidson electorates.

Sitting members Rob Stokes, MP, and Jonathan O'Dea, MP, will be there. Brad Hazzard, MP, has sent his apologies.

Free entry but book your tickets now. Phone: 9905 2135

Email: [Judith Bennett <email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au>](mailto:Judith.Bennett@narrabeenlagoon.org.au)

Clean Up Australia—March 1, 2015

Narrabeen State Park Clean Up

Can you help clean up the Park as it opens to the public? We have enough volunteers to clean up from the northern end of Berry Reserve all the way around to Middle Creek Reserve but we would like to do more if a few more people can help us.

Register on the Clean Up Australia website

www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/Narrabeen+State+Park

Or phone: 9905 2135 or email: [Judith Bennett](mailto:Judith.Bennett@narrabeenlagoon.org.au)

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Wetlands Australia magazine

An article from Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment's president appeared in the February 2015 "Wetlands Australia Magazine".

The article is about the opportunity presented by the Gai-mariagal National Park proposal to protect valuable hanging swamps and wetlands in the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment.



Hanging Swamp

www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/905ef242-f8b2-4695-91e7-be44e6aeb27d/files/wa26-full.pdf

Pollution enters Narrabeen Lagoon

An oily spill has been observed entering Narrabeen Lagoon from a drainage line near the Coastal Environment Centre. Pittwater Council claims this is from a former waste dump and it cannot be fixed even though the Ranger agreed it is a severe problem. *Friends* is not happy with this verdict. Do any of you know of a solution? Contact us if you do.

Narrabeen Lagoon Health Card

The latest Warringah Lagoon Health Report Card for the 2013/14 sampling season is available online at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/general-information/lagoons/lagoonreportcard2014online.pdf

Ask a Sustainability Expert

Architects, tradies and designers will provide free advice on solar, water re-use, green roofs, native bees and more!

23 March 2015 - 6pm to 8pm

Mona Vale Memorial Hall, 1606 Pittwater Rd, Mona Vale

Book: www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/sustainability_events



Michael Regan, Judith Bennett, Brad Hazzard, MP

Warringah Citizen of the Year Award

As a representative of all the wonderful volunteers working towards the protection of the environment in Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment, your president, Judith Bennett, accepted an award on Australia Day.

There are thousands of people pulling out exotic plants from bushland, propagating and planting native species, leading educational activities and lobbying for permanent environmental protection. It is good to live in a society where the work of such volunteers is honoured and valued.

Free bushwalks and kayak events



Join Conny Harris on one of her catchment walks or Tony Carr on an eco-paddle to see the more than 50 Black Swan now on the lagoon or his new walk around the lagoon. These activities are free and open to everyone, but you must register in advance.

[Eco Paddle on Narrabeen Lagoon – Sat February 28 repeated May 10](#)

Black Swan have returned to the lagoon after 20 years – come and see these majestic creatures! This paddle will visit the Western Basin, Deep and Middle Creeks. Beautiful Deep Creek attracts migratory birds from as far away as Russia and Middle Creek has been the subject of a substantial remediation programme. A relaxing 2 to 3 hour afternoon paddle. No previous kayaking experience required, tuition given. BYO boat or a hire kayak can be arranged for you at cost. To register email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or call 0417 502 056.

[Oxford Falls Sunset Walk – Sun February 22](#)

This walk will be around the recently burned area at Oxford Falls, led by Conny Harris. A lovely waterhole with large, flat rocks and great story are promised. As some climbing is required and the track gets narrow, numbers will be limited. 30 min weeding near the end of the walk will be appreciated. Start at 4.30pm, finish at 7.30pm. Bookings 0432 643 295 or email conny.harris@gmail.com

[Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Traverse – Sunday March 29](#)

Conny Harris will lead this 4.5-hour bushwalk, starting at 10am from outside 27 Morgan Rd, Belrose and proceeding into Garigal National Park. Bring lunch. It will conclude at Oxford Falls. This hidden gem offers the most amazing variety of vegetation, lovely scenic views and some rare fauna. You'll explore some of the area's best bush tracks. Grade Medium with some inclines. Carpool back. Phone 0432 643 295 or email conny.harris@gmail.com

[Walk around the Lagoon – Thursday March 5](#)

Friends will organise a series of free mid week walks on the new multipurpose Lagoon Circuit. You'll learn about its construction and experience the area's beautiful flora and fauna first hand. Register now for the inaugural walk, led by Tony Carr.

The walks will commence at Jamieson Park and will be on Thursday mornings commencing at 10am - first one Thursday March 5. Grade is easy - distance is approximately 9kms. Book by email: tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or call 0417 502 056.

Bushwalks: Call 0432 643 295 or email conny.harris@gmail.com

Kayaking: Call 0417 502 056 or email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au

REGISTER TO ATTEND - DON'T JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY. NUMBERS ARE LIMITED AND TOURS GET FILLED

Kayaks provided by an organisation independent of Friends.

Narrabeen Trail to open Feb 28

Warringah Council has advised that the multi purpose lagoon trail is expected to open February 28, with an informal official opening ceremony slated for the day prior. The trail will skirt around the two boat sheds operated by the Academy of Sport and one will be demolished mid year. The other will be used by university kayakers. Construction has started on a new facility for Academy paddlers on the Middle Creek peninsula to the east of the existing buildings.

Friends will start their midweek walks led by Tony Carr on March 5—see opposite under “Free bushwalks”. Parking at Jamieson Park is at capacity at weekends so there will be no walks on Saturday or Sunday until Council addresses the issue.

Trees or townhouses? Your support makes a difference!

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

- YES! Enrol me as a member. I enclose
- \$85 for 5-yr membership (unwaged \$40)
- \$20 for 1-yr 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. Thank you.

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

I wish to make a 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 emails to communicate with members.



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