



Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



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Next Forum

Our Catchment - looking back, looking forward

7pm Monday November 23, 2015

Narrabeen Lakes Public School Hall.

1299 Pittwater Rd, Narrabeen

Looking Back: Jim Boyce from Manly Warringah Pittwater Historical Society has a fascinating take on looking at historical developments and a talent for telling stories. What major world events shaped the way developments occurred in this catchment? What resources have people sought in this area over time?

Looking Forward: Brent Jacobs is from The Institute of Sustainable Futures. He will alert us to issues we need to be considering as we plan for the future in the light of the impact of Climate Change.

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

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Catchment management issues

The 77 people gathered at our August forum marked on the maps the locations of valuable flora, fauna and heritage. They also identified many management issues in the catchment that we are endeavouring to follow up with the relevant landowners or authorities.



People marking up a map and discussing issues

Missing Speed Signs

One item raised was the speeding boats pulling skurfers behind them on Narrabeen Lagoon creating a hazard for other users of the Lagoon and shores. The speed limit on the Lagoon is 8 knots and there used to be signs to indicate this at various locations.

FoNLC has written to RMS to request that the signs be re-installed and that the area be policed to ensure that people do not speed.

Erosion in the Catchment

A number of locations on the map were marked up as severely eroding.

FoNLC has made inspections of some of these locations along with staff from NSW Soil Conservation Department who estimated that at least 23 tonnes of soil has eroded during the last 10 years from where mountain bikers have created illegal tracks and jumps on Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) land in Oxford Falls. FoNLC has worked with MLALC to apply for funding to work with mountain bikers to seek other venues, close these tracks and repair the damage.



Finding an alternative site for downhill mountain biking will not be easy. The soil in this catchment erodes so readily. It appears that designing, building and maintaining jumps is as much a part of the fun as is riding the route. But, the ways in which the course is currently being constructed are not sustainable. How can this activity be accommodated and who would provide insurance?

FoNLC joined NSW Soil Conservation and Dept of Crown Lands inspecting land between Wakehurst Parkway and Cromer Heights where 4WD drivers use heavy machinery to create new entries every time one entry gets blocked. The land is partly MLALC land and partly Oxford Falls Regional Crown Reserve.



A few motorised bikes and mountain bikes also use these trails.



The erosion is even more severe than on the downhill jumps on MLALC land. 4WD vehicles are being driven through wet areas causing deep ruts. In one place it appears drivers are purposely driving down hill then through a deep waterway.

Spring bushwalks and kayak events



Narrabeen Lagoon Eco Paddle - Sun Dec 5

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 hire a kayak at cost. To register email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or call 0417 502 056.

Walk around the Lagoon - Thurs Nov 12

The new \$4.5m Multi Purpose Trail is open and you will be sure to enjoy it. You'll learn about its construction and experience the area's beautiful flora and fauna first hand. Experience Narrabeen's impressive new State Park and hear about plans for Gai-mariagal Aboriginal Owned National Park. Register now for one of these walks, led by Tony Carr. Meet at Jamieson Park at 10am. Grade is easy and the distance is approximately 8.6kms. Bookings by email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or call 0417 502 056.

Cromer to Oxford Falls – Sunday Oct 25

On this 3.5 hour walk you'll see the most endangered vegetation community in Warringah. Focus will also be on the Peaflower. See heart leaved stringybark and other spring flowers, about to bloom. Meet at Cromer Rd, where the track starts. One way so carpool will be organised. Grade medium with some ups and downs. Phone 0432 643 295 to register or email conny.harris@gmail.com

Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Traverse – Sun Sep 27

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. 30 min weeding at the end on offer. Grade Medium with some inclines. Carpool back. Phone 0432 643 295.

Terrey Hills to Oxford Falls – Sun Nov 1

Starting at Terrey Hills, Conny Harris will lead this lovely walk through Deep Creek Catchment Valley and feeder creek and end in Oxford Falls. See and identify spectacular Sydney sandstone flora following the recent burn off. Bring lunch and an old screwdriver for optional 30 mins weeding. Allow 4 hours. Carpool organised. Phone 0432 643 295 or email conny.harris@gmail.com

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.

Roads and Wildlife Links Seminar

Organised by Pittwater Natural Heritage
at 7pm, November 9th
at The Tramshed, Narrabeen.

Featuring two outstanding researchers :

Professor Darryl Jones, Griffith University
- fauna overpasses and underpasses
Dr Bradley Law - Eastern Pygmy possums
and other native fauna



What is the latest thinking on overpasses for native fauna?

What will be the impact of the widening of Mona Vale Rd and of the Ingleside Development?

Trees or townhouses?

Your support makes a difference!

To: Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment
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- YES! Consider me for membership. 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.

Members need to support our mission to protect bushland in Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment. Applications for membership need to be approved by 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.

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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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