

February 2020



## Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



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### Next Forum

7pm Monday Feb 24, 2020

Coastal Environment Centre, Pelican Path

Lake Park Road, Narrabeen

### Secrets of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

#### Discoveries so far in the 21st Century



*Eastern Pygmy Possum*

#### **Speaker:** Jayden Walsh

Jayden is always inspiring, telling us about finding various creatures in the wild. He will describe and show images of some of the very special wildlife that is in the catchment of Narrabeen Lagoon, especially recent sightings.

As of the time of writing this, bushfire has not impacted the catchment. Here's hoping this remains the case for the sake of the wildlife.

Check that February 24 is in your diary and, so that you don't miss out, book your ticket early by emailing [Judith Bennett <email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au>](mailto:Judith.Bennett@narrabeenlagoon.org.au)



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*Dainty Tree Frog*

### Aboriginal Heritage protected due to action by Conny and Anthony Harris

Last week there was an article in The Sydney Morning Herald announcing that there has been an Aboriginal Place Declaration made over some very valuable heritage land in Wheeler Creek Valley. The article states

“In 2015, a northern beaches landowner put their six-hectare plot of bushland on the market. The site contained a rock shelter and 36 carvings of kangaroos and people, preserved with levels of detail rarely seen so close to Sydney. The artefacts, which may be thousands of years old, were left by the area's Aboriginal owners.

Indigenous leaders begged the state government to buy the plot, which is in Cromer Heights, but the authorities refused. Property developers began to circle, and there were plans to build two huge houses right on top of the rock shelter. Conny and Anthony Harris stepped in and purchased the land in 2015. Neither Conny nor Anthony are Aboriginal, but they could not stand to see the site destroyed.”

As soon as the land was purchased the Harrises applied to have it added to the list of protected Aboriginal Places. Now, more than two years after the application was made, the NSW government has recognised the area's “exceptional significance”, declaring it protected in a ceremony on Thursday of last week.

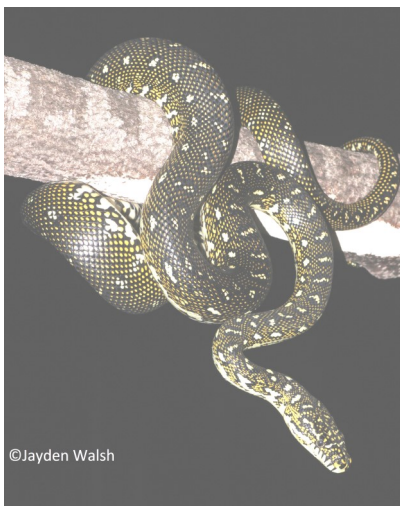
Nathan Moran, the CEO of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council and an Aboriginal man, joined in thanking the Harrises.

Years of research were required before the declaration could be made. “

### Advance Notice—May 25:

Dennis Foley is an Aboriginal elder who belongs to the land of the Northern Beaches. On May 25, we will be holding a forum at which Dennis Foley will speak. He will talk about the Aboriginal significance of Wheeler Creek Valley in which The Aboriginal Place Declaration has been made (on land purchased by the Harrises). Put this date in your diary.

## Night time Wildlife Walk



Diamond Python

Jayden Walsh is offering a special guided night walk in Warriewood Wetlands starting at Katoa Close from 7:30 to 9:30pm on Friday, February 28, to meet some of the creatures that he will talk at the forum on February 24. (See page 1)

Forum booking:

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

Book with Jayden to go on the Night Time Wildlife Walk. Wildlife Walk Booking: [jayden.sydneybirder@gmail.com](mailto:jayden.sydneybirder@gmail.com)

## Bushwalks

### Sat 8/2/ 2020 walk & weed.

If dry conditions: Meet 7.30am at Deep Creek near dog training area; walk 1hr next to Deep Creek and contributory creek. Weeding (2hrs): small leaved privet, Crofton weed, Ludwigia peruviana and possibly some grass. Walk back and finish at 11:30am.

If wet, but not too wet: Terrey Hills to Morgan Road, with some weeding along 5 Mile Creek track.

### Sun 1/3/2020 walk & plant identification

Meet 8am near 27 Morgan Rd for Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Transverse.

Carpooling required as we finish at Deep Creek.

### Sun 26/4/2020 Cromer Circle

Cromer Circle with 1 hr for weeding grasses along the track of Aboriginal carvings. Fabulous views over the lagoon and its valleys, and viewing of carvings.

10am - 3pm. Limited numbers.

### Sat 23/5/2020 Explorative Walk

9am explorative walk from Morgan Rd to N/W catchment corner.

### Sun 21/6/2020 walk & weed.

Meet 9am at Deep Creek near dog training area; walk 1hr next to Deep Creek and contributory creek. Weeding 1hr—crofton weed, Ludwigia peruviana etc. Continue walk to Baha'i temple and carpool back ~ 2pm.

## Bookings essential

Contact: Conny Harris 0432 643 295

## Bush Regeneration

Belrose area - Thursday mornings

Belrose area - Weekend mornings

Contact: Conny Harris 0432 643 295

Wheeler Creek - Wed mornings 9-11am

Contact: Judith Bennett 0402 974 105

Or email: [email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au](mailto:email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au)

### Bushland or urban developments? Your support makes a difference!

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