

## President's Report

This has been a busy year – we have conducted four forums, the topics being Catchment Management, Climate Change, Threatened Animals and Aboriginal Arts and Crafts. We also worked on Clean Up Australia Day around Narrabeen Lagoon walkway and I can see a number of people here who were involved in that – special thanks to Marie Quinn for organisation on that day.

We have conducted a regular program of bushwalks and eco-paddles. Please give a round of appreciation to Conny Harris for the wonderful bushwalks. Thanks too to Tony Carr for the very popular eco-paddles.

This year as you can see by the program in your hands, we have an outstanding collection of activities for everyone to enjoy in late Sept/early October. This has been brought together by a very active subcommittee comprising Ian Ralph, Marie Quinn and Tony Carr. Fantastic work by those people.

You can see on the screen, the list of submissions and letters the committee has written on your behalf this year.

<b>To State Government or local MPs</b>	<b>To local councils</b>
Date Issue	Date Issue
06/08/15 Hospital roads – bush clearing needs offset	23/10/15 Dangerous corners on RSL signs
15/09/15 Application for grant to repair bike damage	02/11/15 Roadkill on South Creek Rd
29/09/15 Mountain bike damage to bushland	15/11/15 Confusing signage around walkway
16/11/15 Submission – Greater Sydney Strategic Plan	23/11/15 Dog Litter bins around walkway
07/05/16 Proposed sale of Sydney Water bushland	07/05/16 Proposed sale of Sydney Water land
28/06/16 Submission – proposed Biodiversity Law	

In addition to the listed letters or submissions, members of FoNLC committee have held meetings with politicians, State Department employees and Local Council staff members. We appreciate the courteous and helpful reception we have received from these people. For a number of years now, Diane Malnic has done an impeccable job of keeping track of our financial situation – this is very important when it is money donated or paid for by our members and supporters. Diane has heavy commitments with family and work and has resigned and we would like to show our appreciation of her contributions by way of a gift of flowers. I would like to ask our new treasurer, Jo Drewett, to accept these flowers on Diane's behalf and deliver them to her please.

Ian Ralph has been on our committee for the last year or so and we so much appreciate his contributions particularly with his technical expertise – I get a gobbled gook email from our web host company and I can just forward it to Ian saying "This looks like a techo topic." Ian is so valuable in this regard that he has been commandeered to other organisations and is too busy to be on our committee this year but has kindly offered to help us with technical matters when needed. Thanks Ian. Much appreciated.

All of you who have attended our forums know how wonderful the catering is – I would like you to thank Jenny Harris, Conny Harris, Phyll Morris, Ann Sharp and Ken Higgs. Thank you.

This is a great committee – and my husband who is usually in the house somewhere when we are having our meetings can attest to the fact that we often have a good laugh or three during the evening.

We appreciate the support you all give us by responding to emails and turning up to events and I would ask you to show this Narrabeen Spring Celebration program to all your friends and contacts and encourage them to visit our website and to book to attend functions.

Thank you everyone.

**Judith Bennett,**  
**President, Aug 2016**