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.
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
P.O. Box 845, Narrabeen, NSW 2101

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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