Next Forum
Aboriginal Heritage of Narrabeen area

This is not a repeat of last year—this is Part II of “Aboriginal Heritage of Narrabeen Lagoon and its catchment”.

By popular request, we have organised this second Aboriginal Heritage forum where Dennis and Julie will give further information about the importance of this area. Dennis Foley was born and grew up in the Northern Beaches and his relatives provided him with valuable experiences. Dennis is the author of “Repossession of our Spirit” which is available for reading at Warringah Library. The book tells Aboriginal stories from this area.

Julie Janson is involved with researching the history of Aboriginal people in the Sydney region and will give us some insights into how this research is conducted. She worked with Peter Reid to produce three large posters depicting Aboriginal people since first contact with Europeans until the present day.

We are delighted that Lois Birk will also participate in the forum. Lois is a senior member of the local Aboriginal community. She and her family live and work locally.

Narrabeen Tramshed
Pittwater Road, Narrabeen
7pm 28th May, 2012

Book your tickets now. Phone: 9905 2135
Email: Judith Bennett <email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au>

Warringah Council dredges — for information that it already has

Warringah Council is spending $100,000 on further consultation with the community, involving workshops, surveys and production of a brochure, to find out what dredging of Narrabeen Lagoon various recreational groups want. Friends President Tony Carr and committee member Angus Gordon met with Warringah Mayor Michael Regan and Group Manager Natural Environment Todd Dickinson on April 23 to point out that this information was already available in various documents in council’s possession, going back some 20 years with some as recent as 2009.

Angus Gordon took copies of some of the documents to the meeting and highlighted the information. All that was needed was a quick contact with the major groups to ascertain whether any of their stated positions had changed. The next stage will involve a review of environmental impacts. Total cost estimates for the project range from $700,000 to $1.3m.

Friends position is that it supports dredging providing adequate safeguards are in place to protect the environment.

Rethink on Bridges

Many people feel that the first of the bridges for the multi-use pathway, over Deep Creek, is bulky and over-engineered. Tom Simmat, an architect and Friends member, has offered to submit drawings for the other two bridges at no cost to council. “There is an opportunity to do something very nice here,” argues Tom.

Tom’s generous offer has been communicated to the firm appointed by council to prepare the designs for the other bridges.
Narabeen Lagoon catchment activities – free bushwalks and kayak trips

Afternoon Paddle on Narabeen Lagoon – Sun May 27
Tony Carr, President of Friends of Narabeen Lagoon Catchment, will lead this paddle to both Deep and Middle Creeks. The Lagoon supports a wide range of threatened flora and fauna, but is under threat of urban development. Beautiful Deep Creek attracts migratory birds from as far away as Russia. Middle Creek has recently been the subject of a substantial remediation program. A relaxing 2 to 3 hour paddle. Grade Easy. BYO boat or hire for $55 per person. Kayaks provided by an organisation independent of Friends. Email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or call 0417 502 056

Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment traverse – Sun Jun 10
Councillor Conny Harris will lead this 4-hour bushwalk, starting at 10am from outside 27 Morgan Rd, Belrose and proceeding into Garigal National Park. It will conclude at Oxford Falls. You’ll explore some of the area’s best bush tracks, visit the Deep Creek waterfall and identify flora and fauna. Grade Medium with some inclines. Carpool back. Phone 0432 643 295. Repeated Sun Sept 9.
Email conny.harris@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Oxford Falls Triangle Bushwalk – Saturday July 7
On this family walk led by Conny Harris, you’ll see Sydney sandstone and impressive hanging swamps. The Oxford Falls area has benefitted from lots of rain over summer. Everything is very green and lush. 3 hours, Grade Medium. Start on Morgan Rd next to No 27. Phone 0432 643 295.
Email conny.harris@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Cromer to Oxford Falls Bushwalk – Sunday August 5
On this 4-hour walk, Councillor Conny Harris will take you to the most endangered vegetation community in Warringah. Focus will be on Rutaceae. See heart leaved stringybark and other flowers. Meet at Cromer Rd, where the track starts. Meet at 10am. One way so carpool will be organised. Grade Medium, with some ups and downs. Phone 0432 643 295
Email conny.harris@warringah.nsw.gov.au

REGISTER TO ATTEND - DON’T JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY. NUMBERS ARE LIMITED.

Pathway around Lagoon
Middle Creek Reserve is still closed for improvements to traffic entrance and parking areas. These works are due for completion in July.

Negotiations are continuing with the Golf Club and the Academy of Sport concerning the next stage of the Pathway.

The good news is that the budget allows for the noxious weeds in the bush along the section between Deep Creek and Middle Creek Reserve to be treated. This is important because, now that so many people are using the path, the seeds will be spread if the weeds are not removed quickly. The area needs ongoing attention to be sure that the native plants can outcompete the weeds.

Trees or townhouses? Your support makes a difference!
To: Friends of Narabeen 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 Narabeen 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 tax deductible donation of
[ ] $250 [ ] $100 [ ] $50
[ ] other amount $................ to the campaign.
Make donation cheque payable to NPA-Narabeen. Thank you.

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It will be most helpful to have your email address as we often use email to communicate with members. If your postal or email address has changed, please tell us.

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