

February 2018

## Next Forum

### Protecting Powerful Owls

7pm Monday Feb 26, 2018

Coastal Environment Centre

Pelican Path, Lake Park Road, Narrabeen



#### Presenters:

**Georgia Cameron** has been involved in action to protect the habitat of powerful owls.

**Michael Bianchino** is the photographer for the book they co-published about Mikey, the Powerful Owllet.



Powerful Owl in Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

Georgia Cameron and Michael Bianchino will tell about the struggle to protect habitat in Byles Creek Valley where Mikey, the Powerful Owllet, fledged.

They have co-authored two children's books about Mikey, the Powerful Owllet and friends, to engage people in the cause.

Michael and Georgia host a radio program on local community radio station Triple H 100.1FM called "The Half Hour Hoot" featuring environmental issues.

**The Coastal Environment Centre is adjacent to the Narrabeen Caravan Park near where Narrabeen Lagoon joins the sea.**

Entry is free but we ask for a donation to cover expenses.

Make sure you get a ticket preferably by emailing Judith Bennett [email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au](mailto:email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au) or by phoning Judith on 9905 2135 or text 0402 974 105

## Win this stunning painting!



Allan Dawes has donated this painting to be awarded to one of our financial members in a draw at our May Forum. Make sure you are a financial member by then to be in the draw.

## Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



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## Wildlife Walk report from January 20, 2018

At 7:45am our group of eager participants headed off up Deep Creek, along the Caley Trail, named after the Critically Endangered *Grevillea caleyi* that grows near the head of the trail. We passed through Bangalay floodplain woodland initially finding a great assortment of bird species including several migratory species such as Dollarbirds, Channel-Billed Cuckoo and White-throated Needletail - a species which can fly without landing for an entire year!

As we headed further upstream the vegetation changed to a more sheltered community with *Callicoma serratifolia*, *Melaleuca ericifolia* and *Acmena smithii* now dominating. A Hyacinth Orchid next to the track was still flowering and was a new species for all participants! Leaving the Caley trail and heading up along an unnamed creek we found an Eastern Water Dragon basking on a large sandstone rock. We then spotted 2 Sydney Spiny Crayfish which were approximately 50+ years old! This species requires clean water to live and breed in and is a testament to the water quality in Garigal National Park.



Yellow-faced Whip Snake

Finally, as we headed back to the cars Jayden spotted a Yellow-faced Whipsnake basking on the track, a first record for the Deep Creek valley. Further along, a small group of Leaden Flycatchers was found feeding alongside a White-eared Honeyeater, another species which is very rarely reported from the valley but common on the heathland ridges. Overall, it was a great morning of wildlife spotting and we're looking forward to the next one!

# Enjoy the Outdoors

## Spotlight Walk - 8pm Friday March 9

7:30pm - 9:30pm.



Diamond Python

Ever wanted to see some of Sydney's Bushland icons - the Red-Crowned Toadlet, Giant Burrowing Frog and Eastern Pygmy Possum?

Learn about what wildlife lives after dark and witness these unique creatures in their natural habitat. Meeting point provided upon booking.

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

## Exploratory Walk 7:30am Sun 11/2/18

Walk starting from Deep Creek. Allow 5 hours. Only fit walkers. Booking essential: Conny 0432 643 295

## Upper Deep Creek Catchment walk Sat 28/4/18

Start 10am at Terrey Hills and allow 3 hours and bring a screwdriver for some voluntary weeding near the end of the track. See and identify spectacular Sydney sandstone flora in "autumn" blossom. Carpool required. Bookings essential: Conny Harris 0432 643 295



Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

## Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment transverse Sat 19/5/18



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Start 9am - finish 1.30pm. This walk is a hidden gem. Also lovely scenic views and sometimes rare fauna. Plant ID as we go and a brief lunch break BYO. Carpool back. Bookings essential: Conny Harris 0432 643 295

## Cromer to Oxford Falls Sun 10/6/18

Start 10am from Cromer Rd, allow 4 hrs and bring lunch to see great carvings near Red Hill, fantastic views over Narrabeen Lagoon and as typical for this catchment very different vegetation communities. Plant ID as we go. We will walk down to Oxford Falls and carpool back. Bookings needed: Conny Harris 0432643295

## Narrabeen Lagoon Eco Paddle 1pm Sat Mar 31, 2018

A relaxing 2 to 3 hour afternoon paddle. No previous kayaking experience required, tuition given. BYO boat or a hire kayak can be arranged at cost. Bookings essential.

Email [tonycarr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:tonycarr@ozemail.com.au) or call 0417 502 056.



### Trees or townhouses? Your support makes a difference!

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- \$85 for 5-yr membership (unwaged \$40)
- \$20 for 1-yr membership (unwaged \$10)
- \$5 for student membership

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Please make membership fee cheques payable to Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment or make a transfer to BSB 512 170 Account 3043591. 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.

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