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Next Forum

7pm Monday Nov 26, 2018

Coastal Environment Centre, Pelican Path,
Lake Park Road, Narrabeen

Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



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Transport impacts Narrabeen Lagoon catchment

Presenters:

Richard Michell will talk about transport in the past. Richard is the president of the Manly Warringah Pittwater Historical Society and very active in the Friends of Dee Why Lagoon organisation.

Malcolm Raymond will tell us about some of the changes about to take place with transport in the near future.

Malcolm is an Electronics Engineer—a graduate of the University of Adelaide who later worked in Adelaide's Technology Park helping people get technology based products developed. Most recently he has worked in the testing and assessment of new software and hardware.

The Impact of Transport is a fascinating topic. It would be good if you managed to attend and there will be an opportunity ask questions after each presentation.

Until 250 years ago, Aboriginal people travelled by walking and in canoes for purposes of social interaction, ceremony and trading e.g. white clay from this area was traded with inland people for sharp river stones suitable for weapons and tools (rocks in this area were mostly sandstone).

Early European settlement of the area was dictated by the needs of Sydney for the products of agriculture, quarrying, logging, fishing and brick-making. Transport was needed to facilitate all those activities.

Later, Narrabeen became a desired place for holidays and recreation and then, as transport became more reliable, the area changed to become a suburb of Sydney.

Northern Beaches industrial areas developed with a high demand for transporting goods in and out of the area.

What impacts have various means of transport—walking, boating, horse-drawn and motorised transport had on the local environment?

What changes to transport systems are about to happen and what impact will these various systems have on the environment?

Bring your knowledge and thoughts to the forum and participate in the discussion. Book your ticket by emailing:

Judith Bennett email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au

Bushwalking report

Bushwalking is a lovely soul refresher and participants always say they enjoyed coming along. The last walk was particularly rewarding. A stunning blue sky and a warm breeze made it the perfect day. And that feeling was obviously shared by our Heath Monitors (Rosenberg's goanna). We encountered two and each time they stayed put, so all walkers could closely observe them.

As the Heath Monitor is listed as endangered, you may like to know how to differentiate it from a Lace Monitor. The Heath Monitor has no light coloured ring around its snout and no rings around the front legs but instead dots on its front legs. It is a smaller goanna (up to 1.4m) than the Lace Monitor (over 2m) but of course Lace Monitors are also small when young.

Walking along bush flowers were spectacular and we even saw orchids, the dotted Sun orchid (*Thelymitra ioxioides*) and *Glossodia minor* were in full bloom. Spider flowers (*Grevilleas*), pea flowers (*Pultaneas* and *Dillwynias*) and *Boronias* and *Eriostemon* provided beautiful pink and yellow speckles all the way along. Soon the spectacle will decline, so quickly take a stroll through the bush and enjoy!



Conny Harris

Varanus rosenbergi Heath monitor (Rosenberg's goanna)

Spring Activities

Eco Paddle on Narrabeen Lagoon

- Sun October 21 from 1pm

This paddle will visit the Western Basin, Deep and Middle Creeks. Beautiful Deep Creek attracts migratory birds from as far away as Russia and Middle Creek has been the subject of a substantial remediation programme. A relaxing 2 to 3 hour afternoon paddle. No previous kayaking experience required, tuition given. BYO boat or a hire kayak can be arranged for you at cost.

Bookings essential.

Phone 0417 502 056

Email: Tony Carr <tonycarr@ozemail.com.au>



Rainbow over Narrabeen Lagoon



Bushwalking

Sat 6 Oct- 8am

Mona Vale Rd to Narrabeen Lagoon

with plant ID and some weeding. Please bring gloves. Allow 4.5 hrs. Grade medium.

Bookings: 0432643295

Sun 18 Nov- 8am

Explorative walk from Garigal

National Park to Morgan Rd.

Plant ID and weeding at end of track. Please bring gloves. Allow 3.5 hrs.

Bookings: 0432643295

Sun 30 Dec- 7am

Explorative walk from Oxford Falls.

Allow 4 hrs.

Bookings: 0432643295

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