



Report from February Forum:

After fascinating talks and pictures of wildlife and plants, Wendy Harmer had the crowd in stitches with her depictions of life in the proposed senior citizens development at Oxford Falls. It was a treat to be there but whilst laughing, the crowd gleaned a clear picture of the seriousness of this proposal.

Next Forum - Monday 25th May Upstairs at the Tramshed 7-9pm

Balancing Development and Environment Community Consultation in the Planning Process

We will have planners speaking then, after coffee break, forming a panel to answer your questions. Speakers are:

- *Brad Hazzard MP Shadow Minister for Planning
- *Sylvia Hale MLC Greens Planning spokesperson
- *Rob Stokes MP for Pittwater
- *Yolande Stone Dept of Planning
- *David James Mayor of Pittwater
- *Michael Regan Mayor of Warringah

Bring your questions and concerns related to community involvement in planning processes.

James Brisebois will update us on the major works being undertaken in Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment.

Oxford Falls Regional Crown Reserve Plan of Management process begins

In October, 2007, the Minister for Lands stated in Parliament that decisions concerning the future of crown lands in Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment would be decided during the process of preparing a Plan of Management (PoM).

There have been many delays, but now consultants have been commissioned to prepare this PoM.

We have requested that there be an opportunity for members of the community to become involved in this process - perhaps in a workshop session or two.

If you would like participate in the process of preparing the Plan of Management, please contact Judith Bennett <sydney.educ@npansw.org.au>

Townhouses replacing trees!

URGENT - lodge submission by 5/5/09 The Sisters of the Good Samaritan have lodged an application to build 66 Townhouses plus a Village Centre in bushland at Red Hill.

The Proposal is DA2009/0238. From Warringah Council website (www.warringah.nsw.gov.au) you can select on the right "DA's online" and enter the number DA2009/0238 to see all the documents.

Points you could make in your submission are:

1. 8ha of undisturbed bushland which provides foraging area for threatened species such as Powerful Owls and Heath Monitors will be destroyed.
2. The proposal would demolish a hanging swamp.
3. Rocky outcrops would be obscured or build upon - this is contrary to the LEP
4. The DA is for senior citizens or disabled people and yet it is in a **high fire risk area**.
5. This is non-urban land - i.e. 1 house per 20ha.



Map of Red Hill - development proposal marked in red
Note that it is currently undisturbed bushland and only two of the blocks are next to the road

Cumulative Impact:

When a similar proposal for 72 townhouses for this land was made in 1999, it was admitted that the proposal was Part 1A of a 5-part development.
The current proposal is not so honest.

Approval of DA2009/0238 would set a **precedent** for bushland on nearby and adjacent properties.

Lodge your submission before 5th May

You can make an online submission, or email council@warringah.nsw.gov.au or post your letter to Mr John Slater, Planning Services, Warringah Council, 725 Pittwater Rd, Dee Why 2099.

Ospreys killed on Wakehurst Parkway

Friends are sad to report that two beautiful Osprey are the latest roadkill victims on the notorious Wakehurst Parkway.

The first, a juvenile male, was found lying across the double white lines in June last year. Its body was still warm. The second, a young adult, was found in the same vicinity on March 30 this year by Narrabeen resident, Ian Ralph.

Osprey experts are at a loss to understand why the two birds were flying so low as to be hit by passing cars.

The tragedy is that we have so few of these magnificent birds left – only 100 breeding pairs in the whole of NSW. Equally tragic is the fact that the callous drivers who hit them and left them to die in agony, probably neither know nor care.



Paddling in the Rain!

Sunday April 19 dawned cold, grey and wet for our second Autumn Event at Narrabeen Lagoon. All 14 who had signed up were there at 7am for a walk along the bushtracks around Deep Creek Reserve.

We salute the eight, pictured above, who stayed on for President Tony Carr's guided paddle to the Coastal Environment Centre and the highlight of the morning - an appearance by Sonja Elwood's pet black diamond python!

Be part of the fun by registering for any of the following free activities, organised by *Friends* and supported by the NSW National Parks Association.

Tag along tour with Jacqui Marlow – Sun 31 May to see aspects of the catchment that may be new to you. Plius cars provided by Bill Buckle Toyota. Email to register: jacqui.marlow@optusnet.com.au

Bushwalk with Conny Harris, Warringah Deputy Mayor Conny Harris – Sun 17 May - 9am start, Sun 14 June -10am start. 4 hour walk. Grade Medium. Email conny.harris@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Spring Awakening on Narrabeen Lagoon – bird walk, breakfast and paddle. Advance bookings accepted for Sundays 6 Sept and 11 Oct. Email to register tonycarr@ozemail.com.au

New Committee Member

With pleasure we announce the addition of Niamh Kenny to our committee. She brings a wealth of experience particularly with media and promotion.



Fresh water wetlands near Deep Creek

We need your support!

Join Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

To:

Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment
P.O. Box 845, Narrabeen, NSW 2101

YES! I enclose \$20 (unwaged \$10)

Please enrol me as a member.

My cheque is made payable to

Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

I wish to make a tax deductible donation of

\$250 \$100 \$50

other amount \$..... to the campaign

My donation cheque is made payable to:

NPA-Narrabeen

All applications for membership are subject to the approval of the committee.

Please print:

Name:

Address:

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

It will be most helpful to have your email as we often use email to communicate with members.



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