



Public Forum:

Aboriginal Heritage

7-9pm Monday May 23
Upstairs at the Tramshed

This promises to be a very special night so mark it on your calendar and book a ticket by emailing [Judith Bennett <sydney.educ@npansw.org.au>](mailto:Judith.Bennett@npansw.org.au).



Prof Dennis Foley, an Aboriginal elder from this area and author of "Repossession of our Spirit", will give insights into the Aboriginal heritage of Narrabeen Lagoon and its catchment.

Dennis Foley

Julie Janson, who is a teacher of Indigenous history and culture, will share Aboriginal stories and culture.



Candidates' Forum outcome

On March 14 we heard candidates from all parties state their commitments to protection for Narrabeen Lagoon and its catchment. Now is the time for the newly elected Members of Parliament to honour their promises. Pittwater MP Rob Stokes tells us he will be writing to the Minister for Lands (the Hon Greg Pearce MLC), requesting arrangements to proclaim Narrabeen State Park commence. Brad Hazzard and Jonathan O'Dea, also keen advocates, are expected to follow suit.

Oxford Falls - Plan of Management

The Plan of Management for Oxford Falls Regional Crown Reserve is now ready to go to the Minister for sign off. However, this will be delayed until after Easter because of the change of Government and the probable changes to the Land and Property Management Authority. The Plan calls for balancing provision for recreation with the need for environmental protection.



Viewing platform in Stage 1 of Lagoon Walkway

Walkway around Narrabeen Lagoon

The Narrabeen Lagoon Walkway or Multi-use Trail Project is a 2.5km trail between Deep Creek and South Creek to complete the circuit with the existing walkway from South Creek via Berry Reserve and Bilorong Reserve to Deep Creek.

The Warringah Council website provides good detail of the plan and suggests that Stage 1 - the trail between Deep and Middle Creek (850m) - is expected to be completed by mid 2011. The construction of a new pedestrian bridge to provide pedestrians and cyclists with safe passage to walk and ride this section of the lagoon away from the busy Wakehurst Parkway, is to be managed by Pittwater Council and due for completion in 2011.

Stage 2A plan - upgrade of Middle Creek Reserve is up for comment now with work expected to begin early in 2012. The toilet block upgrade is underway.

Warringah Council will publish a number of options for public comment on Stage 2B in early May.



March 2011 - Flooding of the Lagoon shoreline such as this picnic area has exacerbated existing erosion issues.



Sailboarding has a low impact on the Narrabeen Lagoon environment but it seems to be a challenge to stay upright.

Final stages of \$1.9m Grant

Thanks to the hardworking Grant Project Officers, the final report of the very successful Urban Sustainability Grant is nearing completion.

Some 60ha of weed infested bushland areas have been treated but most of them need ongoing works to maintain the gains that have been made. Small grants have been secured but more must be found.

One good outcome has been new bushcare groups particularly near Mullet and Nareen Creeks. Many thanks to those volunteers who will keep up the good work with help from Pittwater Council.

Northern Beaches Expo

May 28 and 29 9-4pm at Narrabeen Sports Centre. We will hold a stall - if you can help please email [Judith Bennett <sydney.educ@npansw.org.au>](mailto:Judith.Bennett@sydney.educ.npansw.org.au)

Enjoy the Lagoon and its Catchment

Catchment Traverse – Sun May 8, Sat May 28
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

Cromer Circle Bushwalk – Sat Jun 25, Sun Jul 31
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

Paddle Narrabeen Lagoon creeks Sun Aug 28

Led by *Friends* President Tony Carr, paddle from Bilarong Reserve to Deep and Middle Creeks. Visit waterfall at Deep Creek. Expert commentary covers animal and birdlife plus challenges in the catchment and review of \$1.9m remediation program just completed. No previous paddling experience required - tuition will be given. Free with your own kayak or we can provide comfortable hire boat (\$48 per person or \$43 for *Friends* members). *Kayaks are provided by a company independent of Friends.*

Email - tonycarr@ozemail.com.au
or phone 0417 502 056.

Good riddance to Part 3A

The new Government is set to honour one of their promises and scrap the controversial Part 3A that allowed development proposals over \$50m to be processed without reference to local government.

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-yr membership (unwaged \$40)
 - \$20 for 1-yr 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.

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-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. If your postal or email address has changed, please tell us.



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