Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

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Public Forum:

Future of Narrabeen Lagoon & Catchment

7-9pm Monday Aug 22 Upstairs at the Tramshed



Rob Stokes, Member of Parliament for Pittwater, will will talk about steps to the declaration of Narrabeen State Park.

Rob Stokes, MP, will also host our Annual General Meeting which will be held briefly just before supper.



Mark Winsor, senior project officer at Kimbriki Waste Management facility, will outline what his organisation is doing to minimise adverse impacts in the catchment and will discuss what you can do to reduce waste. Mark has written papers on composting processes and the use of recycled organics.



Cameron Little, of Sustainability Systems, will discuss choices you can make to improve your impact on the environment - including using permaculture methods.

This will be a fascinating and informative forum during which you will have opportunities to ask questions of these experts.

Book now. Phone Jenny on 0414 735 350 or email **Judith Bennett <sydney.educ@npansw.org.au>**

Reminder: Please get those State Park petitions filled in and returned to us as soon as possible. If you need a copy, email Judith (see address above).

Advance Notice:

November 28 at Narrabeen Sports High School Forum about Recreation on Narrabeen Lagoon and in the catchment. Recreational groups will be invited to speak about their activity, their needs and the way they protect or improve the environment. If your group wants to speak, make contact with us.



The approaches to the footbridge on each side of Deep Creek seem to be ready for the span to be fitted.

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 around the Lagoon that currently takes you through Jamieson Park, Berry Reserve and Bilarong Reserve.

The walkway and viewing platforms between Deep and Middle Creeks (850m) - is nearly complete. Plans for Stage 2B are being finalised.

Work is progressing on the new pedestrian bridge beside the road bridge. This bridge will allow pedestrians and cyclists to walk and ride this section of the lagoon away from traffic on the Parkway.

Land and Environment Court

The Sisters of Good Samaritan proposal at Red Hill has been refused more than once - if the revised Local Environment Plan (LEP) for Warringah was in place, their proposal would not be permitted. However, the developer has taken the proposal to the Land and Environment Court.

The solicitor for Warringah Council has requested that the Commissioner take into consideration the fact that the LEP is due for approval this month.

The site is on bushfire prone land and the developer is seeking to minimise the area needed for fire protection - thus increasing risk for elderly people.

There are several threatened species on or near the site but the developers are proposing that they will pay for biobanking credit so that no environmental constraints need to be considered at Red Hill. This, if permitted, would be a disasterous precedent.

Get out and about on Narrabeen Lagoon and in the Catchment

Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment traverse – Sat Aug 6 at 10am, Sun Sep 11 at 8am

Councillor Conny Harris will lead this 4-hour bushwalk, starting next to 27 Morgan Rd and proceeding into Garigal National Park.

Explore some of the area's best bush tracks and identify flora and fauna along the way. Visit Deep Creek waterfall. Grade medium with some inclines.

Cromer to Oxford Falls (new walk) - Sun Aug 21

On this 4-hour walk, Councillor Harris will take you to the most endangered vegetation community in Warringah. See heart leaved stringybark and other spring flowers in bloom. Starts 10am. One way, so car pool will be organised. Grade medium, with some ups and downs.

Secrets & Special Places – Sun Sep 18, Oct 16
Ecopaddle: This new, half day kayak trip led by
Friends President Tony Carr, will circumnavigate
this beautiful waterway. Expert commentary on its
birdlife, Aboriginal history and ecology. You'll visit
Deep Creek (over one third of Sydney's bird species
make their home here), pretty Jamieson Park beach
and the Coastal Environment Centre. 1pm start.
BYO kayak or hire \$55 per person, \$48 for FoNLC
members). Tuition given grade Easy.
Kayaks from a company independent of Friends.

Cromer Circle Bushwalk - Sat Sep 24

Councillor Conny Harris will take the group across Warringah's most special vegetation community. Share Conny's enthusiasm, enjoy great views and practice plant identification as you go. 4-hours, grade medium. Meet 8am at Cromer Rd.

Oxford Falls Triangle - Sun Oct 16

Spring flowers will be on show for this family walk led by Councillor Conny Harris. You'll see Sydney sandstone and impressive hanging swamps. The walk will start at 8am near 27 Morgan Rd and finish at Oxford Falls. Allow 3.5 hours.

YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND. DON'T JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY.

For Bushwalks

email conny.harris@warringah.nsw.gov.au

For Eco Paddles Phone Tony on 0417 502 056 or email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au

Did you know?

Warringah Council has engaged
Forest and Rangeland Ecosystems to undertake
fauna surveys within the Oxford Falls Valley.
Proposed survey techniques include - Anabat and
call analysis, call playback, spotlighting, infrared camera placement, photo analysis and the
installation of nest boxes. Elliott and harp traps may



be used. The fauna surveys are nearly finished but more biodiversity surveys are planned as soon as funds allow.



Kayakers listen to information about Narrabeen Lagoon and the catchment.

Trees or townhouses? Yoursupport makes a difference!

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

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