



Public Forum:

Future of Narrabeen Lagoon & Catchment

**7-9pm Monday Aug 22
Upstairs at the Tramshed**



Kayakers forming "SOS" on Narrabeen Lagoon in an effort to have Narrabeen State Park established

Rob Stokes, Member of Parliament for Pittwater, will talk about steps to the declaration of Narrabeen State Park. Rob Stokes will also chair our Annual General Meeting which will be held briefly just before supper.

Mark Winser, 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.

Could you volunteer for one of these tasks?

- * organise a membership recruitment campaign
- * edit our newsletters
- * manage our forum nights
- * help prepare submissions
- * take photos of flora, fauna or the catchment
- * be an expert speaker for our activities program
- * write press releases for us

If so, please email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au

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>](mailto:Judith.Bennett@sydney.educ@npansw.org.au)

Great News about Bush Regeneration

Warringah Council is continuing bush regeneration at Middle Creek having received several grants for this work in addition to funds (\$30K) from the ESSR budget for 2011/12. Council's weeds officer, Jillian Macintyre, has continued work behind the wallaby fence and up Oxford Creek through a Sydney Weeds Committee grant that goes through to next year. James Brisebois has won a grant from SMCMA for \$47,000 which will be spent on both Middle and Deep Creeks. He will be targeting Middle Creek between the waterfall and the wallaby fence plus the water fern swamps near the levy and waterboard track. There will also be maintenance and more primary work at Deep Creek.



Walkway around Narrabeen Lagoon

Some of the walkway is nearly ready for use and the toilet block at Middle Creek Reserve is complete.

Well-earned awards!

Congratulations to staff and students of Narrabeen Lakes Primary School who have recently earned two prestigious awards for their environmental and sustainability education programs.

Land and Environment Court

The Land and Environment Court refused the proposal put forward by Sisters of Good Samaritan for their Red Hill property. We're pleased the Court upheld the Warringah LEP that is so close to being finalised. Thanks to all who contributed to this.

Opportunity for recreational groups

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. Promote your group, make contact with us. Email [Judith Bennett <sydney.educ@npansw.org.au>](mailto:Judith.Bennett@sydney.educ@npansw.org.au)

Narrabeen Lagoon Spring Festival

Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment traverse – 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

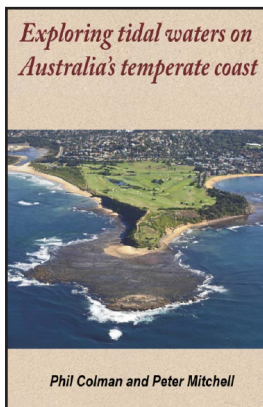
Spring flowers will be on show for this family walk led by Councillor Conny Harris. You’ll see Sydney sandstone and impressive hanging swamps. The walk will start at 8am near 27 Morgan Rd and finish at Oxford Falls. Allow 3.5 hours.

**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



Exploring tidal waters

By Phil Colman and Dr Peter Mitchell

New book about local shore platforms, 128 pages and 190 colour illustrations. Understand how diverse our environment is.

\$ 22.00 from the Coastal Environment Centre, Lake Park Road, Narrabeen 2101.



Sail boarders on Narrabeen Lagoon

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:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

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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