

January 2012



Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



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Next Forum



What's in the Water?

Narrabeen Tramshed
Pittwater Road, Narrabeen
7pm 27th February, 2012

What's in the water of Narrabeen Lagoon? How does it get there and what impact does it have? What creatures live in the water? Is the Lagoon being overfished? How important are the seagrass beds? What are the problems and how can they be managed? These questions and more will be raised at this forum—come with your questions as well.

Seagrasses are not only crucial as nurseries for fish, they are also incredibly powerful for capturing and storing carbon — along with salt marshes and mangroves.

Details about this research were published in the Special Supplement of the Aug-Sept 2011 Cosmos magazine.

Forum Dates for 2012

Got your diary for 2012 yet? Please pencil in these dates ... February 27, May 28, August 27, November 26—all 7pm at Narrabeen Tramshed. We'll keep you posted about topics.

Save the Styx goes Blue

6:30pm Saturday
18 February
Forestville Memorial Hall

"Save the Styx" fundraiser will also raise awareness of the disaster in the oceans caused by plastic. Focus will be on the plight of marine creatures such as turtles, the ocean's old growth fauna, that may become extinct due to plastic pollution. Money raised will sponsor students visiting Christmas Island and helping to clean it up.



Information: savesthestyx@hotmail.com
www.facebook.com/TurnsBlue
or phone Conny: 0432 643 295

Pathway around Lagoon

The preferred solutions for Stage 2B from Middle Creek Reserve to Jamieson Park are on Warringah Council website. Submissions were due by 22 Dec 2011. Council hopes to finalise plans by mid February 2012. These plans include re-organisation of Cromer Golf Course so that the pathway can be on public land next to the Lagoon and changing the position of the boat sheds used by the Academy of Sport so that the pathway can follow the shore of the Lagoon.

It is commendable that both the Cromer Golf Club and the Academy of Sport have negotiated with Warringah Council to bring about these long-awaited solutions which will benefit so many people in future years.



Oxford Falls Valley protected from huge retirement complex

The Land and Environment Court has ruled that the proposal by Tiffany Developments for a large retirement complex comprising retail areas, tall buildings and over 600 car parking places is not appropriate for the essential non-urban Oxford Falls Valley.

Friends are relieved by this decision because the proposal would have had unavoidable and unacceptable impacts within the catchment of Narrabeen Lagoon.

The proposal had been previously refused by the State Planning Department and by Warringah Council and has met with widespread opposition from the community.

Friends' Wish List for 2012

We would like to see these things in the next 12 months:

- Declaration of Narrabeen State Park.
- Environmentally sensitive dredging of the Lagoon and creeks.
- Our 500th member signs up

Narrabeen Lagoon free activities – bushwalks, kayak trips & tours

Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment has organised a series of spectacular events to celebrate the wonders of this beautiful part of Sydney. These activities are FREE but you must register in advance.

[Combined Bushwalk & Paddle – Sun Jan 29](#)

A bushwalk in the morning led by Warringah Councillor Conny Harris, over the best tracks with views that will amaze and delight you, identifying flora and fauna along the way. Then BYO picnic lunch at Bilarong Reserve followed by a relaxed paddle around the lagoon in the afternoon led by Friends president Tony Carr. You'll visit Deep Creek (over one third of Sydney's bird species make their home here), Jamieson Park and a lovely island in the lagoon. Kayak hire \$55 per person. Grade Medium. No previous kayaking experience required. Email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or phone 0417 502 056.

[Cromer to Oxford Falls Bushwalk – Sun Feb 26](#)

On this 4-hour walk, Councillor Conny Harris will take you to the most endangered vegetation community in Warringah. See heart leaved stringybark and other flowers. Starts 8.30am. One way so carpool will be organised. Grade Medium, with some ups and downs. Phone 0432 643 295. Email conny.harris@warringah.nsw.gov.au

[Tag-along Tour – Sat Mar 3](#)

Here's a great way to see the catchment if you are less mobile. You can drive or be driven around the catchment to see all the significant areas and learn about the issues, the threatened species and the campaign for Narrabeen State Park from Friends committee member Jacqui Marlow. Meet 8.45am at the Tramshed carpark. Finishes at noon. Coffee afterwards. Phone 9913 8031. Email Jacqui.marlow@gmail.com

[Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment traverse – Sat Mar 24](#)

Councillor Conny Harris will lead this 4-hour bushwalk, starting at 10am from Deep Creek, proceeding into Garigal National Park and concluding at Oxford Falls. You'll explore some of the area's best bush tracks, visit the Deep Creek waterfall and identify flora and fauna. Grade Medium with some inclines. Carpool back. Phone 0432 243 295. Email conny.harris@warringah.nsw.gov.au

[Cromer Circle Bushwalk – Sun Apr 29](#)

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 10am at Cromer Rd. Phone 0432 643 295. Email conny.harris@warringah.nsw.gov.au

REGISTER TO ATTEND - DON'T JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY. NUMBERS ARE LIMITED.

Kayaks provided by an organisation independent of Friends.



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.

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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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