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Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



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Next Forum

Narrabeen 2050

Narrabeen Tramshed
Pittwater Road, Narrabeen
7pm Monday November 26, 2012

Book your tickets now. Phone: 9905 2135
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This is a most important forum—we need to understand what is coming our way and what we can do about it. Bring your questions and comments and be ready to contribute to the discussion.

Come and hear Brad Hazzard, MP, and Angus Gordon elaborate on what Narrabeen Lagoon and catchment could look like by the year 2050, what needs to be done now to meet the known challenges and bring about the best outcomes.

New *Friends* committee

At our recent Annual General Meeting Tony Carr was elected President and is being assisted by the following committee members:

Angus Gordon, Ann Sharp, Clive Weatherhead, Diane Malnic, Jacqui Marlow, Jenny Harris, Judith Bennett, Mary Armstrong, Phyll Morris and Warwick Nowland. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Barbara Locmelis, who was elected secretary, is unable to continue so can anyone offer their services as secretary, please? We also need a membership officer if anyone can manage a database please. If you can assist with either of these roles, please email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or call 0417 502 056

Warringah Council Local Environment Plan - deferred areas

A joint strategic review to identify the most appropriate zoning and land use controls for Oxford Falls Valley and Belrose North.

A community information session will be held on **Monday 15 October 2012 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm** at Forestville Memorial Hall (corner Starkey St and Warringah Rd, Forestville). To attend the session, register by email to ofbn-review@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Lagoon walk will monitor progress

Friends announces the expansion of its popular free Activities programme to include regular walks around the Lagoon on the Multi-use trail, which is due for completion in 2014. Over 7km of the 8.6km trail has been finished and the balance can be negotiated on an existing track. President Tony Carr will host the first walk, which will take place on Thursday December 13 at 9am. It's also the first weekday activity *Friends* has organised. The walk will take just under 3 hours and commence at Jamieson Park. To attend email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au

“We'll have the opportunity to monitor the construction of bridges over Middle and South Creeks and the section of the trail that skirts the Academy of Sport and the Cromer Golf Club,” said Tony. “The trail is destined to become one of Sydney's best walks.”

Warringah Council Project Manager Charles Munro tells us the designs for the two bridges are being reviewed by Council and will be available for public comment by the end of the month. The Academy's large timber boatshed will either be moved or rebuilt and the golf club's 15th and 16th holes will be relocated. *Friends* has proposed that the trail be named the “Somerville Circuit” in recognition of the campaigning efforts of member Jim Somerville.



The Academy boatshed will be relocated.

Narrabeen Lagoon catchment activities

– bushwalks, a kayak trip or tag along tour

Eco Paddle on Narrabeen Lagoon – Sun Oct 14

Tony Carr, President of *Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment*, will lead this paddle to Deep and Middle Creeks. The Lagoon supports a wide range of threatened flora and fauna, but is under threat of urban development. Beautiful Deep Creek attracts migratory birds from as far away as Russia and Middle Creek has recently been the subject of a substantial remediation programme. A relaxing 2 to 3 hour paddle. Grade Easy - no previous kayaking experience required, tuition given. BYO boat or hire for \$55 per person. Email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or call 0417 502 056.

Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment traverse

– Sun Oct 21

Dr Conny Harris will lead this 4-hour bushwalk, from 8am starting outside 27 Morgan Rd, Belrose and proceeding into Garigal National Park. It will conclude 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 643 295.

Tag Along Tour – Sat Oct 27

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.

Cromer to Oxford Falls Bushwalk – Sat Nov 24

On this 4-hour walk, Dr Conny Harris will take you to the most endangered vegetation community in Warringah. Focus will be on *Rutaceae*. See heart leaved stringybark and other flowers. Meet at Cromer Rd, where the track starts. Meet at 8am. One way so carpool will be organised. Grade Medium, with some ups and downs. Phone 0432 643 295.

NEW: Weekday Walk around the Lagoon – Thurs Dec 13

Work on the new Multi-purpose trail around Narrabeen Lagoon is nearing completion. Over \$4m of Federal Government funding is going into new bridges, bushtrack and facilities. This is the first Walk around the Lagoon to be offered by *Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment* and you'll see how the work is progressing. It's also our first weekday activity. Join *Friends* President Tony Carr at 9am at Jamieson Park to do the circuit (3 hours). Wear sturdy shoes. Email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or call 0417 502 056.

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

Kayaks provided by an organisation independent of Friends.



Entrance to Narrabeen Lagoon

Photo courtesy Peter Sedgwick Photography

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
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Make donation cheque payable to **NPA-Narrabeen**.
Thank you.

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