

April 2013



## Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



[www.narrabeenlagoon.org.au](http://www.narrabeenlagoon.org.au)

### Next Forum

#### Secrets of our Aboriginal past

**Narrabeen Tramshed  
Pittwater Road, Narrabeen  
7pm Monday May 27, 2013**



*Dennis Foley*

Dennis Foley will give insights to the Aboriginal heritage of this area. This is an amazing opportunity to learn about Narrabeen's extraordinary and unique past.



*Les McLeod*

Join Les McLeod for a history talk about "Narrabeen the Man" - the camping grounds and sites used in the area with the seasonal movement of the Guringai people. Learn about the methods and uses of tools and weapons.

**Free entry but book your tickets now. Phone: 9905 2135  
Email: Judith Bennett <[email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au](mailto:email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au)>**

### Lagoon now suits Black Swans

26 Black Swans were seen in the southwest basin in January. "Know your birds" author Louise Egerton tells us they feed on weeds below the surface. The weed needs clear water to photosynthesise and grow, and the water must be shallow enough for the swans to reach down to it with their long necks. No weed, no swans. Thanks to all "keepers of the environment" whose efforts are enabling swans to return to Narrabeen Lagoon.



*Black Swans in Narrabeen Lagoon on April 5, 2013 :  
Courtesy Alison Geusdon, Pittwater Online News*

### Proposed changes - NSW Planning Law

Last year, NSW Government brought out a Green Paper of proposed changes to the NSW Planning Law. There were many submissions written criticizing the proposals. But has the Government taken notice?

This week, the NSW Government have brought out the White Paper that precedes the new NSW Planning Laws. *Friends* is concerned about the impacts of these laws and is studying the document. You need to write to the Dept of Planning **before June 28** stating whether you think these laws will provide adequate environmental protection for NSW. You can access the White Paper here .....

[www.planning.nsw.gov.au/newplanningsystem](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/newplanningsystem)

Organisations affiliated with the Better Planning Network have written a check list to assist you with your assessment. You can access this check list at .....

[www.narrabeenlagoon.org.au/Threats/WhitePaperChecklist.pdf](http://www.narrabeenlagoon.org.au/Threats/WhitePaperChecklist.pdf)



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Courtesy Michael Mannington, Pittwater Online News*

### Questions posed to Brad Hazzard, MP and his answers

You may remember that in the lead up to our Narrabeen 2050 Forum last November, we invited you to submit questions that would be answered by Brad Hazzard, MP, when he spoke on the night. As it happened, he did not see the questions we emailed to him before the night so he offered to answer them by letter.

You can access the questions and answers on our website and see if your question received an answer.

[www.narrabeenlagoon.org.au/Forums/Questions and answers.htm](http://www.narrabeenlagoon.org.au/Forums/Questions and answers.htm)



## Narrabeen Lagoon catchment activities

### Free – bushwalks and a kayak trip

*Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment* has organised a series of spectacular events to celebrate the wonders of this beautiful area.

All participants will receive a free DVD – “Caring for our catchment” and an informative brochure and map.

#### Cromer Circle Bushwalk – Sun April 21

This walk circles around the high grounds of the catchment on the southern side, with beautiful views and surprisingly different vegetation in comparison to the northern section. Cross Warringah's most endangered vegetation – the “Heart-leaved Stringybark Community”. Led by Conny Harris. Meet at 10am on the bend of Cromer Road, up from the golf course. Allow 4-hours.

Email [conny.harris@gmail.com](mailto:conny.harris@gmail.com) or phone 0432 643 295.

#### Oxford Falls Triangle – Sat May 25

At 2.5 to 3 hours, this walk is slightly shorter than most we do. So if you prefer an easier bushwalk, join Conny Harris at 10am for a lovely wander through this pretty area. With the agreement of National Parks & Wildlife Service we will pull out a few weeds, to express our appreciation of this gorgeous environment. May add 30 minutes to the walk.

Email [conny.harris@gmail.com](mailto:conny.harris@gmail.com) or phone 0432 643 295.

#### Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Traverse – Sun June 16

Conny Harris will lead this 4-hour bushwalk, starting at 10am from outside 27 Morgan Rd, Belrose and proceeding into Garigal National Park. It will conclude at Oxford Falls. On this favourite mid-winter walk (no ice or snow!), 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 and beautiful views. Carpool back.

Email [conny.harris@gmail.com](mailto:conny.harris@gmail.com) or phone 0432 643 295.

#### Eco Paddle on Narrabeen Lagoon – Sun July 28

Tony Carr, President of Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment, will lead this paddle to both 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. Middle Creek has recently been the subject of a substantial remediation program. A relaxing 2 to 3 hour paddle. Easy - no previous kayaking experience required, tuition given. BYO boat or hire kayak can be arranged.

Book by email [tonycarr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:tonycarr@ozemail.com.au) or 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.*



*Caring people clean up bushland on a FoNLC walk led by Conny Harris*

### 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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