

August 2013



Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



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Next Forum

Pictures from the Past

Narrabeen Tramshed
Pittwater Road, Narrabeen
7pm Monday Aug 26, 2013

When Bert Rose ran the butchery in Narrabeen, he was well known for his generosity with sausages for charity events. Also, he encouraged people to bring in old photos of the area to be displayed on the shop walls. Some of these fascinating photos feature in this forum with Bert telling stories that bring the past to life.



1922 Narrabeen to Newport bus



1907—horse-drawn transport outside the nearly completed Narrabeen Hotel—later known as “The Sands”
The photo was taken from the front yard of the Orphanage.

PLUS — Plans for the Future

Kathy Ridge will unveil the Gai-mariagal National Park proposal — a large extension to Garigal National Park — this is the most wonderful news — and the best possible outcome for bushland in the catchment of Narrabeen Lagoon. Don't miss the opportunity to be involved in this history-making proposal.

The Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Annual General Meeting will be held towards the end of the evening. Are you prepared to join the committee to work towards bringing this new National Park into being.?

Free entry but book your tickets now. Phone: 9905 2135
Email: Judith Bennett <email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au>

The Most Exciting News EVER!

Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) is the owner of the largest area of natural bushland in the catchment of Narrabeen Lagoon. MLALC has proposed for this land to be leased and managed as Gai-mariagal National Park under Part 4A of the National Parks and Wildlife Act of NSW.

The land shares a long boundary with Garigal National Park and it is proposed that it will be managed as one large National Park with particular acknowledgement of the significant Aboriginal heritage values of the area.

Friends originally wanted the Crown Land in the catchment to become National Park but because this was not possible at the time, we have been lobbying for it to be gazetted as Narrabeen State Park. The new proposal is far more appealing—i.e. that the crown land be amalgamated with MLALC land and managed as one large National Park.

Come along on Aug 26 to learn more and ask questions.



1940s 12ft skiff near Wakehurst Parkway. Narrabeen Lagoon was also deep enough for 16ft skiffs in those days.

Dredging Narrabeen Lagoon

7pm Monday November 25—Narrabeen Academy of Sport

We are anticipating that the interest in this topic will be high and we have gratefully accepted an offer from the Academy of Sport to hold the November forum in their facility.

Put this one in your diary—we anticipate that the plans for dredging the Lagoon will be explained at this forum

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Celebrate 6 years of free paddles and bushwalks

We invite you to join us on Sunday September 1 for a special celebratory paddle to mark six years since the start of *Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment's* activities programme. Our first event was a kayak trip in September, 2007. At the end of our paddle on September 1, participants will enjoy a special birthday cake. Every few weeks since 2007, Conny Harris has conducted bushwalks for us and *Friends* President Tony Carr has organised paddles. These activities have played an important role in helping people to appreciate the value of our significant catchment.

Over the next few weeks there are two opportunities to walk with Conny as well as Tony's planned paddle. These activities are FREE but you must register in advance.

All participants will receive a free DVD – "Caring for our Catchment" and an informative brochure and map.

[Frenchs Forest: See it before it's gone – Sun Aug 15](#)

The new Northern Beaches Hospital site contains some of Warringah's most endangered and unique ecological communities. We expect some very rare species to be coming into bloom. Conny Harris will lead this 90 minute exploratory, starting from Gladys Avenue corner of Frenchs Forest Rd at 10am. This walk is slightly shorter than most we do and is graded Easy. **Repeated Saturday August 31.** Email conny.harris@gmail.com or phone 0432 643 295.

[Eco Paddle on Narrabeen Lagoon – Sun Sep 1](#)

Gather at 1pm at Jamieson Park for this kayak trip to both Deep and Middle Creeks. You'll visit the Western Basin, currently home to 30 beautiful Black Swan and see the work on the Multi-Purpose trail. Deep Creek attracts migratory birds from as far away as Russia. A relaxing 2 to 3 hour paddle. Easy - no previous kayaking experience required, tuition given. BYO boat or a hire kayak can be arranged. 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.



Local Environment Plan comments due

Warringah Council invites comments on the long-awaited plans for the deferred areas of the Local Environment Plan.

With the proposal from Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council to create a National Park over most of their land and all of the Crown Land, the proposed E3 rating for the current B2 area is not appropriate—this land must be zoned E1 and managed as a National Park.

URGENT: You need to put this in writing before Aug 7 and submit it to the Dept of Planning or Warringah Council. Instructions for this are on the following web page

<http://www.narrabeenlagoon.org.au/Progress/LEP.htm>

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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