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Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



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Next Forum

Gai-mariagal National Park - how would this work?

7pm Monday November 25, 2013

Narrabeen Tramshed, 1395 Pittwater Rd, Narrabeen

Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council are proposing that 1000ha of bushland in and near Narrabeen Lagoon catchment be leased and managed as a Gai-mariagal National Park. Come and learn more about this exciting prospect.



View from Corymbia Circuit

Lenore Fraser from the Office of Environment and Heritage (NPWS) will explain how an Aboriginal-owned National Park is typically managed, including who would be appointed to the board.

John Seidel from the Office of Environment and Heritage, will outline how Bio-banking is organised and managed over time. (Bio-banking is part of the proposal.)

We hope to have a representative from Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council so speak about their plans.

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

Corporate involvement appreciated

Roche International employees recently donated time and effort to work on the bush regeneration program in the lower reaches of Wheeler Creek. This was a great boost to the efforts of volunteers who work there every week.

Thank you Roche!

Action on Mountain Bike Damage

Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council have won a grant to work with Warringah Council and the local community to re-route mountain bike tracks that are causing damage to important environmental and cultural heritage sites, rectify damage and create educational signage to encourage mountain bikers to respect these areas that are proposed to be part of Gai-mariagal National Park. This initiative fits with the larger proposal to steer recreational uses of the proposed National Park away from areas of environmental or cultural sensitivity.

Water testing leads to confusion

Kayakers on our September Eco Paddle were alarmed at what they saw – unusually low water levels with exposed seagrass and mangrove areas. *Friends* took the matter up with Warringah Council. Acting General Manager John Warburton said that in late August and early September, there was a combination of neap tides and high pressure systems leading to low-range, low-tide water levels. In spite of this, Council maintains water quality has actually improved since 2012, when it was rated “Fair”. The NSW Office of Environment & Heritage assesses Council testing data reporting the lagoon to be in “good” condition.

Meanwhile the October Beachwatch report on water quality shows that Narrabeen Lagoon was one of only two locations on Sydney’s coast to score a “poor” rating. Why the discrepancy? According to Council, the testing done by the two organisations takes place at different locations and against different criteria.

Dredging Narrabeen Lagoon

7pm Monday February 3, 2014

Narrabeen Academy of Sport, Lecture Room 5

We apologise that after advertising the date in November for this forum, we learned that Warringah Council had been delayed in finalising the Dredging Report so we have had to re-schedule the forum to early February.

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 February forum in their facility so plan to be there.

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Get outdoors this Spring

Over the next few weeks there are several 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 – by arrangement

The new Northern Beaches Hospital site contains some of Warringah's most endangered and unique ecological communities. This walk is slightly shorter than most we do and is graded Easy. Email conny.harris@gmail.com or phone 0432 643 295.

Terrey Hills to Oxford Falls—Sat Nov 30

This walk is through recently burned bushland where we can observe regeneration after fire. We follow the headwaters of Deep Creek. We would appreciate help to carry out some dumped material near the creek and will do 30 mins of weeding.

Email conny.harris@gmail.com or phone 0432 643 295.

Cromer Circle Bushwalk—Sun Oct 27

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. Visit Warringah's most endangered vegetation—the "Heart-leaved Stringybark Community." 8am start—4hr walk
Email conny.harris@gmail.com or phone 0432 643 295

Eco Paddle on Narrabeen Lagoon – Sun Nov 10

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 Swans. 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.



A happy group of paddlers

Narrabeen Lagoon Trail Update

Construction works are about to commence for the last section of the Narrabeen Lagoon Multi-use Trail following the signing of a \$3.6M construction contract with Fleetwood Urban and an agreement with the Sydney Academy allowing Council construction access to the Academy foreshore. On ground works are scheduled to finish in late 2014.

Works will include the construction of two new bridges and 1.1km of trail alongside the lagoon foreshore adjoining the Cromer Golf Club and through South Creek Reserve.

To improve bushland around the remaining section of Multi-use Trail Warringah Council has won an \$82,000 grant from the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority.

Trees or townhouses?

Your support makes a difference!

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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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