



Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



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Next Forum

Dredging Narrabeen Lagoon

7pm Monday February 3, 2014
Narrabeen Academy of Sport, Lecture Room 5

Warringah Council has released their report detailing three possible locations for dredging and will explain these at the forum.

Come with your questions and concerns .

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.

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

More hedging on the dredging

On Dec 17 Warringah Council voted that the three favoured options for dredging in the Lagoon be available for public comment with the results to go to a Council meeting in March 2014. The report stated that, because there is no funding for dredging until at least 2017-18, the ecological studies will need to be repeated because, by then, they will be out of date.

What a shame the money could not be borrowed now so the work could be completed before extra studies were needed — would the cost of borrowing money equal or be less than the cost of repeating the studies?

Good thinking solves bridge issue



Michael Bucknell showing Jim Somerville where the fence could be safely attached.

Michael Bucknell was not content with the finding that a fence separating traffic from pedestrians on Narrabeen Bridge—where Pittwater Rd crosses the Lagoon—would be expensive and need all the concrete blocks lifted. He took a photo showing where the fence supports could be located with each one directly above a bridge pylon that is fixed to the bed of the Lagoon. Rob Stokes, MP, took this information to the Minister who approved this cheaper option.

Bridge pylons can be seen behind Jim and Michael.



Meetings with politicians

Friends committee, together with other community groups, are seeking the active involvement of politicians to achieve our mission of permanent environmental protection for the remaining bushland in the catchment of Narrabeen Lagoon. At the pictured meeting, the Gai-mariagal National Park proposal was the focus.

From left to right

Standing: Rob Stokes, MP, Conny Harris (GLC), Tony Carr (FONLC), Ron Patton (BRCA)
Sitting: Brad Hazzard, MP, Judith Bennett (FoNLC), Jenny Harris (DFRA), Graeme Wiffen (NPA)
Photo taken in the office of Brad Hazzard, MP and kindly supplied to us by his staff member.

Summer Fun!

Let's hope this glorious weather continues!
And that you get outside to enjoy it!

[Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Traverse](#) [– Wednesday January 1 and Saturday January 25](#)

Celebrate 2014! Conny Harris will lead this 4-hour bushwalk, starting at 3.30pm from the Narrabeen end of Morgan Rd, Belrose and proceeding into Garigal National Park. It will conclude at Oxford Falls. On this favourite walk, 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 or phone 0432 643 295.

[Eco Paddle on Narrabeen Lagoon – Sun Feb 16](#)

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 and Middle Creek has recently been the subject of a substantial remediation programme. A relaxing 2 to 3 hour paddle starting at 1pm. Easy - no previous kayaking experience required, tuition given. BYO boat or a hire kayak can be arranged. To register email tonycarr@ozemail.com.au or call 0417 502 056.

[Frenchs Forest: See it before it's gone – Sun Feb 16](#)

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 in bloom. Conny Harris will lead this 90 minute exploratory, starting from Gladys Avenue corner of Frenchs Forest Rd at 9.30am. This walk is slightly shorter than most we do and is graded Easy. Email conny.harris@gmail.com or phone 0432 643 295 to register.

Kayaks provided by an organisation independent of Friends.



A happy group of paddlers

Narrabeen State Park — approved

Finally, we are to have Narrabeen State Park declared albeit over a much smaller area than we had envisaged. The reduction is because most of the crown land proposed for the State Park is now under claim by the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council who propose that it be incorporated into Gai-mariagal National Park.

Narrabeen State Park will incorporate the Lagoon itself plus crown lands around its perimeter such as Berry Reserve, Jamieson Park, South Creek Reserve, the Multi-purpose trail and Middle Creek Reserve.

Friends has asked that the Multi-purpose trail be named "Somerville Circuit" to recognize the considerable contribution Jim Somerville made towards getting it done.

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.

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