

September 2014



# Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



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

## Next Forum

**Narrabeen State Park & World Parks Congress**

**7pm Monday Nov 24, 2014**

**Narrabeen Tramshed.**

**1935a Pittwater Rd, Narrabeen**

We hope to be able to outline management issues and the management structure for the new Narrabeen State Park.

**Bob and Roberta Conroy** will share their experiences from the World Parks Congress with us. Bob will report on taking delegates on a boat trip to visit Aboriginal sites along the Hawkesbury River. Roberta will tell us what it was like to be a volunteer and attend some of the sessions

**Free entry but book your tickets now. Phone: 9905 2135**

**Email: Judith Bennett <[email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au](mailto:email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au)>**



*Black Swans Narrabeen Lagoon Aug 2014 Photo: Stephen Baldwin*

## Your new committee

At this year's AGM, we thanked Tony for being such a dynamic leader of Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment since 2006 with a cake and a photo book featuring highlights from his eight years of leadership.

We have a strong committee of dedicated people. However we do need a secretary who could file paperwork and draft letters but not need to take minutes at meetings. Any offers? If so, please email Judith [email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au](mailto:email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au)

Person	Position
Judith Bennett	President
Ron Patton	Vice President
	Secretary
Ann Sharp	Minutes & submissions
Diane Malnic	Treasurer
Marie Quinn	Membership
Sue Mayo	Membership Promotion
Tony Carr	Public Relations
Warwick Nowland	Committee
Rob Dick	Strategy Advisor
Ian Ralph	Technology Advisor
Phyll Morris	Catering
Mary Armstrong	Catering
Jenny Harris	Non-Urban lands
Conny Harris	Non-Urban lands

## Caring for our catchment

### Bush Regeneration news from Warringah Council

**Middle Creek Bush Regeneration** \$40,000 was allocated from Council's operational funds to link good bush cores, plant natives and continue maintenance of previously worked areas including at the water fern swamps.

**Oxford Creek Bush Regeneration** - \$25,000 came from Greater Sydney Local Land Services to undertake bush regeneration works along Oxford Creek and control *Ludwigia* in the creek line plus plant 1000 plants

**Middle/Oxford Creek Vine Control** - \$15,000 came from Crown Lands to undertake invasive canopy vine control at certain sections of these creeks.

**Middle Creek Core Habitat Restoration** - \$17,000 is promised from Sydney Weeds Committee to protect Endangered Ecological Communities (Council has verbal confirmation of this grant but hasn't got written confirmation of it yet ).

**Deep Creek Bush Regeneration** - \$9,000 came from Council's operational funds to continue maintenance of previously worked areas especially around the wetland and along tracks.

**Jamieson Park Bush Regeneration** - \$50,000 came from Council's operational funds to continue bush regeneration works and maintenance of previously worked areas.

**Other Council Reserves** - Council is undertaking bush regeneration in many of the smaller urban reserves within the Narrabeen Lagoon catchment area.



*Bush regeneration site along Middle Creek*

## The year ahead for FoNLC ...

In the year 2014/2015 we plan to expand our outdoor activity programs and we will be lobbying for the following items ....

- Establishment of Gai-mariagal Aboriginal co-managed National Park
- Meaningful dual signage depicting both Aboriginal and other cultural heritage throughout the Northern Beaches but especially around the Narrabeen Lagoon walkway.
- The Narrabeen State Park management structure to be put in place
- Environmental wildlife corridors and riparian zones throughout Ingleside
- Appropriate zonings in the "deferred areas" of the Warringah LEP
- Continuation or expansion of bush regeneration projects throughout Narrabeen Lagoon catchment

## Free bushwalks and kayak tours

Celebrate the declaration of Narrabeen State Park by joining Conny Harris on one of her catchment walks or Tony Carr on an eco-paddle to see more than 50 Black Swans now on the lagoon. These activities are free and open to everyone, but you must register in advance.

### [Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Traverse – Sun Sept 21](#)

This 4-hour bushwalk will start at 10am from 27 Morgan Rd on the Slippery Dip Track in Belrose and proceed 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. Sept 21 walk starts 8am and finishes at 1pm with lunch at Deep Creek.

### [Threatened Species Day Mini Walk - Sun Sept 7](#)

There are records of an astonishing 39 Commonwealth-listed Threatened Species in the catchment, including 16 plants, 6 birds, 5 frogs, 2 fish, 8 mammals and 1 reptile. On this walk plants will be identified – bring your camera. Meet next to 27 Morgan Rd in Belrose at 10am. Concludes at 12.30pm.

### [Eco Paddle on Narrabeen Lagoon – Sun Sept 28, or Sun Nov 23](#)

Black Swan have returned to the lagoon after 20 years – come and see these majestic creatures! This paddle will visit the Western Basin, Deep and Middle Creeks. Beautiful Deep Creek attracts migratory birds from as far away as Russia and Middle Creek has been the subject of a substantial remediation program. A relaxing 2 to 3 hour paddle starting at 1pm. No previous kayaking experience required, tuition given. BYO boat or a hire kayak can be arranged.

### [Cromer to Oxford Falls Bushwalk - Sat Oct 4](#)

On this 4-hour walk you'll see the most endangered vegetation community in Warringah. Focus will be on *Rutaceae*. See heart leaved stringybark and other spring flowers, still hopefully about. Meet at Cromer Rd, where the track starts, at 10am. One way so carpool will be organised. Grade medium with some ups and downs.

### [Oxford Falls Triangle Bushwalk – Sun Nov 16](#)

This walk is slightly shorter than most we do and suitable for the family. So if you prefer an easier walk, join us at 4.30pm next to 27 Morgan Rd on the Slippery Dip Track, Belrose 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.

### [Northern Circle Bushwalk – Sat Dec 6](#)

This walk circles around the high ground of the catchment on the northern side, with beautiful views and surprisingly different vegetation in comparison to the southern section. You'll explore new bush tracks. For experienced walkers only – max 8 participants. Possibly car pool back. Start at 4.30pm, finish at 8pm.

**Bushwalks:** Call 0432 643 295 or email [conny.harris@gmail.com](mailto:conny.harris@gmail.com)

**Kayaking:** Call 0417 502 056 or email [tonycarr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:tonycarr@ozemail.com.au)

**REGISTER TO ATTEND - DON'T JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY. NUMBERS ARE LIMITED AND TOURS GET FILLED**

*Kayaks provided by an organisation independent of Friends.*

## Native bees

Many of you enjoyed Martyn Robinson's outstanding presentation about various invertebrates found in this local area. Pittwater Council is offering a free workshop on native bees on October 12.



Tim Heard, native bee expert, will be presenting his very popular workshop on keeping native bees. You will learn how to identify and keep native bees plus how to extract honey from the hives. This is a fantastic free activity.

**Please book for one session only. Bookings Essential!**

**Session 1:** 9am to 12noon

**Session 2:** 1pm to 4pm

**Online** [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/cecbookings](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/cecbookings)

**In person:** [Coastal Environment Centre](#),

Lake Park Road, North Narrabeen

Phone: 1300 000 232 (Reception - Option 1)

## 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 donation of

\$250  \$100  \$50

other amount \$..... to the campaign.

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

Thank you.

Please print - Name:

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It will be most helpful to have your email address as we often use emails to communicate with members.



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