

October 2014



## Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



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

### Next Forum

**Narrabeen State Park—management issues?  
Gai-mariagal NP and World Parks Congress**

**7pm Monday Nov 24, 2014**

**Narrabeen Tramshed.**

**1935a Pittwater Rd, Narrabeen**

**Rob Stokes, MP**, will organise a presentation on the management structure and issues for Narrabeen State Park.

**Nathan Moran**, CEO of Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council will outline plans for Gai-mariagal Aboriginal owned National Park and Waratah Park.

**Bob and Roberta Conroy** will share their experiences from the World Parks Congress with us.

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

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

### World Parks Congress—Field Trips.

The World Park Congress includes a variety of specialised **Field Trips and Tours** which will provide a unique insight into the management of parks. The Field Trips can be booked by anyone - **you don't have to attend the congress** - **but** bookings are essential. Visit this website .....

[www.worldparkscongress.org/programme/field\\_trips.html](http://www.worldparkscongress.org/programme/field_trips.html)



*Double rainbow over Narrabeen Lagoon Photo: Stephen Baldwin*

### Berry Markets

Our membership people, Marie Quinn and Sue Mayo, ran a stall in a gazebo on September 21 at Berry Markets and plan to do so on the third Sunday of each month. If you are passing by, please stop and have a chat.

Daphne Dawes, Pam Irving and Margaret Lown were the champions who helped last month. For offers of help contact: **Judith Bennett <[email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au](mailto:email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au)>**

### Caring for our catchment

The Fire Service have conducted a mosaic of control burns throughout the catchment in preparation for what is predicted to be a dangerous season for bushfires.

Make sure your home is well-prepared according to Fire Service guidelines. Visit this website to see how to do it....

<http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=751>

Before Summer begins, find out where the closest **Neighbourhood Safe Place** is for you in case you do need to evacuate. Visit this site and click on your area.

<http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/neighbourhood-safer-places>

### Purple Charmer makes its debut



*Bridge over South Creek waiting for an approach Photo: Tony Carr*

Warringah and Pittwater Councils are having triplets. The second of the three bridges on the multi-purpose trail round the lagoon is in and is similar to the one over Deep Creek. No prize for guessing what's to come over Middle Creek. *Friends* advocated gentle wooden bridges, consistent with the surroundings. Prominent Sydney architect Tom Simmat thought the first bridge was over-engineered but congratulates Warringah on the second – "it's great - we'll be able to find it in the mist." The trail is now expected to open in February. *Friends* will run weekday walks around the 9km.

### New secretary for FoNLC committee

It is with great pleasure that we can announce the appointment of a secretary—Stephen Baldwin, recently retired from teaching, has stepped forward to help us.

## Free bushwalks and kayak tours Spring is here - time to get outdoors!

### [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. Bookings 0432 643 295 or email [conny.harris@gmail.com](mailto:conny.harris@gmail.com)

### [Eco Paddle on Narrabeen Lagoon – Sun Nov 23 repeated Sun February 1](#)

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 programme. A relaxing 2 to 3 hour paddle starting at 1pm. No previous kayaking experience required, tuition given. BYO boat or a hire a kayak at cost.

### [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 bushtracks. For experienced walkers only – max 8 participants. Possibly car pool back. Start at 4.30pm, finish at 8pm.

### [Walk around the Lagoon – coming February 2015](#)

Friends will be organising a mid week walk on the new \$4.5m Multi Purpose Trail as soon as it opens next February. You'll learn about its construction and experience the area's beautiful flora and fauna first hand. The walk will commence at Jamieson Park and will be on a Thursday morning starting at 10am. Grade is easy. Distance is 9kms. Register now for the inaugural walk, led by Tony Carr. Call 0417 502 056 or email [tonycarr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:tonycarr@ozemail.com.au)

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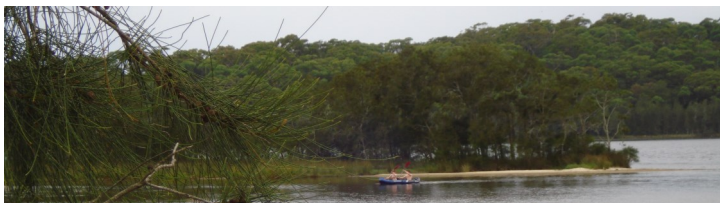
**Kayaking:** Call 0417 502 056 or email [tonycarr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:tonycarr@ozemail.com.au)

### **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.*

## Clean Up Australia

Keep **March 1, 2015** clear because we are planning to host a Clean Up Australia activity on the Lagoon and around the shores. We are planning to base this at Berry Reserve but we will give you more details in the next newsletter after Clean Up Australia 2015 bookings are open.



## Be in the Running



Allan Dawes has generously donated this stunning painting of the entrance to Narrabeen Lagoon. At our February 23 Forum in 2015, we will draw a winning name from the set of all financial members of Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment. Make sure you are financial by then so that you might be the winner!

### 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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