

April 2015



## Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



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

### Next Forum

#### Aboriginal activities

7pm Monday May 25, 2015

Narrabeen Lakes Public School Hall.

1299 Pittwater Rd, Narrabeen

This will be a night to remember! Sessions of Aboriginal dancing, artifacts, medicine and art, a bush tucker cooking demonstration and tasting and a dreamtime story reading corner. There will be students' Aboriginal dreamtime story artworks on display as well.

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

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

### Clean Up Australia—March 1, 2015

#### Narrabeen State Park Clean Up

Thanks to the many wonderful volunteers, and organisers Warwick Nowland and Marie Quinn, we made a positive impact around the shores of the Lagoon and on either side of the new walkway. Great effort!

### Environmental Grants

Rob Stokes, MP, when he was Environment Minister arranged for us to receive a \$4750 grant to fund a Frog and Reptile Study on land proposed for inclusion in Gai-mariagal Aboriginal Owned National Park.

This survey is now underway and has already identified red-crowned toadlets and a heath monitor in an area where they had not previously been recorded. In order to establish biobanking credits that will help fund Gai-mariagal National Park, many surveys of this nature will need to be conducted. Thank you to all the science volunteers who offered to help with this frog and reptile survey.

We have applied for a \$50,000 Landcare Grant and if we are successful, we will be calling for volunteers to help with other biodiversity surveys and field trips to gather data that will help with management of the future park. We will let you know if our application is successful.



Red-crowned Toadlet

### Multi-purpose Trail now open

The official opening took place on February 25 and since then many thousands of walkers and cyclists have enjoyed this fantastic facility.

Friends offers guided walks around this circuit on Thursdays by arrangement with Tony Carr. (See overleaf)

*Politicians lead the way on the inaugural walk along new path*



### Our local politicians

NSW Elections were held on March 28 and the politicians for the three electorates represented in the catchment of Narrabeen Lagoon are

Jonathan O'Dea, Member for Davidson

Rob Stokes, Member for Pittwater and

Brad Hazzard, Member for Wakehurst

Read statements from these politicians about their commitment to the protection of the natural environment in the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment and their support for the proposed Gai-mariagal Aboriginal Owned National Park at [www.gai-mariagal.land/2015 MP commitments.htm](http://www.gai-mariagal.land/2015%20MP%20commitments.htm)

On your behalf, the committee will seek help from these politicians to procure permanent environmental protection for the bushland in the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment.

### Progress towards Proposed Park

Rob Stokes, MP, when he was Environment Minister (he is now Planning Minister) arranged for senior staff of NPWS to meet with staff of Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council to begin

negotiations with them and identify issues related to the proposed Gai-mariagal Aboriginal-Owned National Park and to work towards environmentally protecting these lands.



## Autumn bushwalks and kayak events



Join Conny Harris on one of her catchment walks or Tony Carr on an eco-paddle to see the more than 50 Black Swan now on the lagoon or his new walk around the lagoon. These activities are free and open to everyone, but you must register in advance.

### Eco Paddle on Narrabeen Lagoon - May 10 (full) repeated Sun Jun 14 and Sun Sept 5

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 afternoon paddle. No previous kayaking experience required, tuition given. BYO boat or a hire kayak can be arranged at cost. To register email [tonycarr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:tonycarr@ozemail.com.au) or call 0417 502 056.

### Cromer Circle Bushwalk - Sun May 3

This walk circles around the high ground of the catchment on the southern side, with beautiful views and surprisingly different vegetation in comparison to the northern section. Cross Warringah's most endangered vegetation - the "Heart-leaved Styringybark Community". Led by Conny Harris. Meet at 10am on the bend of Cromer Road, up from the golf course. Bring lunch. Allow 4.5 hours. Phone 0432 643 295 or email [conny.harris@gmail.com](mailto:conny.harris@gmail.com).

### Guringai Festival Walks - Sat/Sun May 30/31

Two opportunities to see the impressive carvings and extraordinary biodiversity of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment. 10am start with both walks lasting 4 to 5 hours. Fantastic views and a short session of weeding may be included - bring an old screwdriver. Led by Conny Harris - phone 0432 643 295 or email [conny.harris@gmail.com](mailto:conny.harris@gmail.com).

### Walk around the Lagoon - Thursdays by arrangement

Next walk—April 30th. The new \$4.5m Multi Purpose Trail is open and you will be sure to enjoy it. You'll learn about its construction and experience the area's beautiful flora and fauna first hand. Experience Narrabeen's impressive new State Park and hear about plans for Gai-mariagal Aboriginal Owned National Park. Register now for one of these walks, led by Tony Carr. Meet at Jamieson Park at 10am. Grade is easy and the distance is approx 8.6kms. Bookings by email [tonycarr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:tonycarr@ozemail.com.au) or call 0417 502 056.

**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

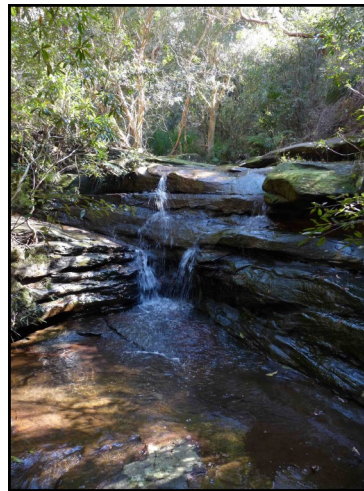
*Kayaks provided by an organisation independent of Friends.*



NOTE: The draw for this beautiful painting by Alan Dawes will be held at the forum on May 25 due to our previous forum being cancelled.

## Unique Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

We have some wonderful waterways and waterfalls in this catchment.



If you would like to share your photos via our website, let us know.



### 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.

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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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