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Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



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Next Forum

**Narrabeen Lagoon State Park
- and Crown Lands issues**

7pm Monday Nov 28, 2016
Coastal Environment Centre
Pelican Path, Lake Park Road, Narrabeen

Book now— email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au



The Coastal Environment Centre is adjacent to the Narrabeen Caravan Park near where Narrabeen Lagoon joins the sea.

As instructed by Administrator Dick Persson, Council staff have identified parcels of land to be added to Narrabeen Lagoon State Park. There are major changes afoot for management of crown lands in NSW and you can find out first-hand what these changes could mean for our area.

As published on Oct 22 in the Manly Daily, the pilot study of Crown Land in the former Warringah Local Government Area (LGA) has recently been completed and the recommendations include transferring crown land from the State Government to Local Governments across NSW. This could involve up to 1000ha of land in the former Warringah LGA.

We are privileged that the Minister for Planning, Rob Stokes, MP, will speak and so will Administrator Dick Persson. This is a unique opportunity for you to meet with these decision makers, find out some of what is planned for Narrabeen Lagoon catchment and ask questions.

Also speaking will be Emma Brooks-Maher, on issues concerning crown lands across all of New South Wales. We live in interesting times so come and be part of it.

Entry is free but we ask for a donation to cover expenses.

Make sure you get a ticket preferably by emailing Judith Bennett email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au or by phoning Judith on 9905 2135 or text 0402 974 105

Narrabeen Spring Celebration

Our catchment came alive!

Did you get to any of these wonderful events?



Art with Heidi Lee Warta?



Aboriginal artifacts?



Walk to St Sava's cathedral?



Propagating native plants?



King & Queen of Green?



Visit Blossoms in Bloom?



Shark in a bus?

Many people did visit these and other events and found them worthwhile and interesting—see overleaf for more.....

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Did you go birdwatching?



Join Bush Detectives?



Enjoy the CEC Fun Day?



Did you try Tai Chi?



Spring into Bushcare?



Walk for Women Seniors?

Many people learned new things, visited places they had never been before, tried new activities *Friends* is most appreciative of the effort made by those who ran events.

Cover Your Load

Northern Beaches Council, RMS and SHOROC are joining forces to say NO to roadside litter this November. The *Cover your load* campaign will encourage drivers of vehicles with uncovered loads to *tarp it, tuck it & tie it tight*.

This project is a NSW EPA Waste Less Recycle More Initiative funded from the Waste Levy. The public can also help by reporting littering from vehicles. If you see someone littering from their vehicle you can report them to the EPA. Fines from \$250 can be issued from your report.

Visit: epa.nsw.gov.au

Study of bats in coastal lagoons

Scientists Clarke-Wood, Jenkins, Law and Blakey have recently published their findings on the relationship between lagoon quality and bat health. Narrabeen Lagoon is rated as of intermediate quality when compared with eight other nearby coastal lagoons.

The conclusions include the statement **“Lagoons currently of intermediate quality are likely to be under continuing pressure of urban development. In such situations, protection of the remaining vegetated catchment should be a priority.”**

Fishing bats are still foraging over Narrabeen Lagoon but not Manly, Curl Curl or Dee Why Lagoons. Let’s keep them there by protecting bushland in the Narrabeen Lagoon catchment!



Fishing Bat
Photo: Brad Law

Enjoy the outdoors with one of these walks

Terrey Hills to Deep Creek Sunday 4/12

3 hr walk starting 8am at Terrey Hills cross the Deep Creek catchment valley and feeder creek and end in Oxford Falls. See and identify spectacular Sydney sandstone flora. Bring a screwdriver for 30 min weeding near the end of the walk. Allow 4 hrs. Carpool required. Phone Conny 0432643295

Oxford Falls Triangle 15/1/17

3 hour bushwalk starting 4.00pm from Morgan Rd, Oxford Falls. We identify plants in blossom and on the way home do 20 min weeding of Whisky Grass. Please bring a screwdriver as a digging stick. Phone Conny 0432643295

Next Ecopaddle Jan 22—see next newsletter for details

Trees or townhouses?

Your support makes a difference!

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P.O. Box 845, Narrabeen, NSW 2101

- YES! Consider me for membership. 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.

Members need to support our mission to protect bushland in Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment. Applications for membership need to be approved by the committee.

I wish to make a donation of
 \$250 \$100 \$50
 other amount \$..... to the campaign.
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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