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## Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



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Next Forum

**Zoom Meeting**  
**7pm May 30**

## Aboriginal Heritage of the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



### Speaker: Dennis Foley

Dennis was born and grew up in the Northern Beaches. He was given Aboriginal training by his uncles and studied in Australian schools and Universities.

His grandmother was a karadgi woman who was responsible for caring for North Head.

Dennis is the author of the book titled "Repossession of our Spirit".

He will tell us about the significant Aboriginal Heritage in the catchment of Narrabeen Lagoon.



Map showing proposed suburban development near Lizard Rock. Forest Way is near the left of the map. Morgan Rd is at the north of the proposed area and continues south through the middle of the proposed area.

## Proposed suburban development in Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

Recently, the Department of Planning and Industry invited public comment on plans to amend the Aboriginal Lands SEPP to include several areas of land in Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment for proposed suburban development.

The area around what is known as "Lizard Rock" is proposed to be the first such development.

We have lodged an objection to the proposal because the land has such high environmental and Aboriginal heritage values and is designated a Metropolitan Rural Area. Local Aboriginal people have not been consulted.

Key to the proposal is the contention that Aboriginal Land Councils throughout NSW need to gain economic income from the lands they have claimed over the last 40 years that previously was Crown Land.

## Inequitable situation for Aboriginal Land Councils

We have written to the Premier of NSW and to various Members of Parliament asking for a re-evaluation of the funding system for Aboriginal Land Councils across NSW because the lands those Councils have claimed were, by definition, already deemed unsuitable for urban, agricultural or commercial development.

Don't miss it! Register now. By emailing ....

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## Damaged wildlife fence along Wakehurst Parkway

Recent storms and flooding along Wakehurst Parkway have exacerbated damage to wildlife fences, some of which are completely knocked over. Animals are getting through and being injured by traffic. This could cause a serious accident for motorists. Can you help raise the alarm? Call 131700.

## Wakehurst Parkway issues

Wakehurst Parkway has become a talking point during the current runup to Federal elections but no real solutions have been forthcoming.

Basically, there are two major problems with this State Road. It provides connectivity for north of Narrabeen through to the new hospital and onwards to the city but the road is too narrow for the traffic load it is expected to carry and the road regularly floods due to its having been built through a wetland area and the floodplain of Middle Creek.

Neither the Federal Government nor the State Government are coming up with enough funding to adequately solve either of those two problems and Northern Beaches Council have been charged with seeking solutions.

The environmental constraints are considerable—the road goes through valuable and sensitive ecosystems that contain threatened species.



Bushland next to Wakehurst Parkway : Photo: Marg Woods



Black Bittern in Warriewood Wetlands near Narrabeen Lagoon  
Photo: Marg Woods

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