

November 2021



Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



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Next Forum

**Zoom Meeting
7pm November 29**

Fishing Bats and Water Rats (Rakali)

Speakers:

**Brad Law, Geoff Williams and
Yianni Mentis**

Dr Geoff Williams
is the Director of
the Australian
Platypus
Conservancy.
Geoff will be
speaking about
Rakali (Water
Rats)



Fishing Bat Photo: Steve Parish

Dr Brad Law,
who will be
speaking
about Fishing
Bats, is a
Principal
Research
Scientist at
the Forest
Science Unit
of the Dept of
Primary
Industries.



We will hear about the behaviours
and environmental requirements of
two fascinating species of aquatic
mammals - fishing bats and water
rats (Rakali) - that forage in, on and
near Narrabeen Lagoon.



Water rat (Rakali)
Photo Lissa Ryan

Yianni Mentis will
explain how
Northern Beaches
Council is working
to protect the
environment,
especially the
water quality,
needed by these
aquatic creatures.



Fishing Bats Photo: Mark Sanders

Don't miss it! Register now. By emailing
email@narrabeenlagoon.org.au

Geographical Names Board Proposal

The public has been invited to make comment on proposals for naming certain geographical features – 3 of which are in Narrabeen Lagoon catchment. The proposals are based on the Journal written by George Caley in 1805 when he and his assistant Daniel Moowattin walked to the Narrabeen area collecting plants and animals for scientific purposes. (*Grevillea Caleyii* is named in George's honour.)

On your behalf, we have put in a submission in which :

1. We agreed to the name "Sea Sight Reserve" for a reserve in Belrose from which the naturalists saw the sea.
2. Oxford Creek Cascades was called Caley Falls in that Journal but we have suggested maintaining the word "cascades" and calling it Caley Cascades.
3. The reserve to the west of Deep Creek is proposed to be called "Thick Brush Reserve" but, in keeping with Northern Beaches Council naming policy (Number 7) we have suggested naming this one "Moowattin Reserve" to acknowledge the contribution this Aboriginal man made to the scientific work being undertaken by George Caley.

Public comment can be made about these Naming Proposals up until November 14.



Waratah Photo: Marg Woods

Blue Plaques Program

Heritage NSW has announced the Blue Plaques Program where Communities across the state can now nominate heritage places linked to notable personalities and events for public recognition.

We have been told that the compass bearings reported in the Journal written by George Caley indicate that he and Daniel Moowattin waded across Narrabeen Lagoon in 1805 arriving about where The Tramshed now stands.

We wrote a submission that The Hon Rob Stokes has presented for us to Heritage NSW before the due date of October 31, to have two plaques erected—one for George Caley and the other for Daniel Moowattin to honour their contributions to science particularly to the NSW Herbarium.



Grevillea Caleyii Photo: Marg Woods

Bushland or urban developments?

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bushland in Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment. Applications
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