

Stirgess Reserve update We were disappointed by the delay on the proposed planting on the Stirgess Reserve but have been reassured by the Council that the first trees will be planted this Spring. We are aiming to hold our 40th Anniversary celebration in 2020 at this special area dedicated to bringing the community together through passive recreation and appreciation of our native flora. Stay posted for a Save the Date notice.

Lorna Plate. Thanks to all who sent messages and donations to CCLF following the death of Lorna Plate, a founding member of CCLF. The new noticeboard will include an inscription in her memory.

Membership 2019/20 Members will shortly receive personally addressed invitations to renew for 2019/20. As previously advised, the basic membership fee will increase from \$5 to \$10 per household from this membership year. Concession rate will increase from \$2 to \$5. New members can join online at curlcurlagoonfriends.org/join or complete and post this form and payment to:

Curl Curl Lagoon Friends Inc.
P.O. Box 380 FRESHWATER, NSW, 2096

Join Curl Curl Lagoon Friends

Name

Address

Email

No of Adults in home *Membership \$*

No of Children *Donation \$*

Total \$



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Community Forum

A capacity crowd of residents attended our lively 'Meet the Candidates' forum at North Curlly surf club on 7 May. Congratulations to Zali Steggall, who has now taken her seat in Federal Parliament as the new member for Warringah.



Zali and her team are busy planning future projects to continue the strong community involvement that was created during the election campaign.

Coming soon! A New Community Noticeboard at Park St Bridge.

A great way for Council, CCLF and the community to communicate in our lagoon setting. We will be able to post information on water quality, bird life activity and diet, special events and environmental initiatives.

What's that bird?



Royal Spoonbill

These snow-white birds are regular visitors to the lagoon, usually when it is emptied, leaving shallow pools that are prime feeding spots for the spoonbills. Their diet consists of small fish and crustaceans as well as aquatic insects.

They feed by standing in shallow water and moving their part open bill from side to side just under the water surface to collect prey then they close their bill and throw their head back to swallow.

In breeding season both males and females develop beautiful long plumes from the back of the head.

Bird Survey

For those interested in finding out more about the diversity of birds around the Lagoon, meet at the Park St wooden bridge at 7:30am on the last Friday of the month to join in the bird survey.

The bird survey has been conducted monthly since March 2017 and will continue indefinitely so that we can develop a real understanding of the diversity and numbers of birds that visit Curl Curl Lagoon each year.

New planting on Lagoon northern bank.

The joint State government and Northern Beaches Council rehabilitation project has begun on the northern bank of the lagoon. Removal of pest plants such as coral trees, phoenix palms, lantana and canopy vines were the first steps earlier this year. A few native canopy trees have been included in the planting.

The majority of the new plants are understories, so that the wonderful lagoon views and amenity can be enjoyed by everyone.

We are hoping to hear back from Council about future planting schedules so that those interested can become involved. We'll post more information as it becomes available on our Facebook page: facebook.com/curlcurlagoonfriends



Bush Regeneration

All are welcome to join our group of committed volunteers on **the 1st and 3rd Saturday** of every month in regenerating the native flora in John Fisher Park. Meet from **9 – 11 AM at the Alan Newton Reserve**, near the Griffin Road bridge.

Contact Pam for more information: 0428 370 003