

Stirgess Reserve Autumn Planting

Northern Beaches Council has accepted our draft plan for a shady passive recreation and meeting space in Stirgess Reserve. CCLF is thrilled to hear that planting will commence in Autumn once the weather has cooled.

Come say hello!

Visit us at [Facebook.com/CurlCurlLagoonFriends](https://www.facebook.com/CurlCurlLagoonFriends).

Become a member now!

Members make it all happen. And it just costs \$10 per household (\$2 concession).

Renewing members get a notice when due.

Renew online at www.curlcurllagoonfriends.org/join or mail this form and \$10 to:

**Curl Curl Lagoon Friends Inc. PO Box 380
Freshwater NSW, 2096**

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Address.....

Phone.....**Email**.....

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Curl Curl Lagoon Friends Inc.

February 2019

Clean Up Day at Curl Curl Sunday 3 March

Come and join us in John Fisher Park to make our beautiful local green space clear of plastic and other rubbish. Fill a bag on the day to help prevent more debris entering our waterways. Less rubbish means more fish, eels, turtles and birds of many feathers.

FREE Treasure Hunt for Kids, Prizes for most interesting things collected.

FREE Gloves, bags, picker tools and good times.

WHEN: Come for 15 minutes or more, from 8:30-10:30am.

WHERE: 2 sites - Park St bridge and Griffin Rd bridge.

BRING: Gloves, gumboots, old tongs and smiles.

Why You Should Come:

- Get to know your local park and lagoon even better.
- Something for the whole family to do together
- Get some fresh air and exercise.
- Help keep our local green space free of plastic and waste.

What's that bird?



Photo taken by Russell Beardmore.
July 2018 west of Griffin Rd bridge.

Australasian Darter (*Anhinga novaehollandiae*) female.

An occasional visitor to the lagoon, darters eat mainly fish which they can stalk slowly underwater. Similar to cormorants they then need to find a perch to dry out their wings before they can fly off after their meal.

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

Bush Regeneration

Join our group of committed volunteers **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.

Great news that a **Council Propagation Nursery** will be established in the Community Centre grounds, so we have easy access for new plantings in Alan Newton.

Volunteers get the extra bonus of free mulch to take home for their own gardens. A fallen tree continues to contribute.

\$100,000 grant for Curly Lagoon bank

On site work is due to start this month on revegetating the northern bank of the lagoon basin.

Over the next three years efforts involve:

- Removing pest plants such as coral trees, phoenix palms, lantana and canopy vines.
- Controlling weeds and preparing the site for new plantings.
- Planting native species to improve habitat for native fauna and improve visual amenity.

We'll post more information on community planting days on our Facebook page: [Facebook.com/CurlCurlLagoonFriends](https://www.facebook.com/CurlCurlLagoonFriends)

Newton water monitoring pilot

The successful water monitoring pilot collaboration between SAP, Northern Beaches Council's Coast & Catchments unit and CCLF has now wrapped up and planning is underway for longer term application in the lagoon.

Patterns drawn from data collected show that the real-time, cloud-based app could be used to measure the effectiveness of any water improvement measures.

Curl Curl Community Garden Open Day

Sunday 24th March 10am-1pm.

North Curl Curl Community Centre, 2 Griffin Rd

All welcome to visit the garden and join 15 min sessions: Weird and wonderful Vegetable Tour, Food Forest Walk and Talk, and War on Waste Community Compost Program.