Did you know?

Curl Curl Lagoon was once known as *Manly Lagoon*, and vice versa. It has also been historically recorded as *Harbord Lagoon* and referred to as *Curly Lugga* by locals in the 1920s and '30s. It was only officially assigned the place name *Curl Curl Lagoon* on 14 November, 1980.

Source: Harbord, Queenscliff and South Curl Curl 1788-2000 by Gwen Gordon

Come say hello!

Visit us at Friends.

Become a member now!

Members make it all happen. And it just costs \$5 per household (\$2 concession).

Renewing members get a notice when due.

Renew online at <u>www.curlcurllagoonfriends.org/join</u> or mail this form and \$5 to:

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

 Name.

 Address.

 Phone.
 Email.

 No of Adults in home
 Membership \$.....

 No of Children
 Donation
 \$.....

 Total
 \$.....

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Clean Up Curl Curl Sunday 5 March

Join your friends and neighbours in John Fisher Park to help ensure a safer natural habitat with a few simple acts. Fill a rubbish bag on the day to prevent plastic and debris entering our waterways. The fish, turtles, eels, pelicans and swans who call our lagoon home will thank you!

FREE Treasure Hunt for Kids, Prizes for most unique litter collected

FREE Gloves, bags, picker tools and good times.

WHEN: Come for 15 minutes or more, from 9 am - 11 pm.

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

BRING: Gloves, gumboots, old tongs and smiles.

RIGHT NOW: Add it to your calendar.

Why You Should Come:

- Make a positive difference in the world.
- Teach your kids about giving back.
- Get some fresh air and exercise.
- Make new friends and enjoy yourself.

What's that bird?



If you correctly identified this beauty as the Eurasian Coot, you're showing the raw talent we're after!

Northern Beaches Council's Natural Environment unit will be conducting a bird count survey over the next two years to better understand our local avian population. Curl Curl Lagoon Friends is a supportive community partner of this initiative.

Interested in being involved in the monthly bird counts at any of the five locations along Greendale Creek and the lagoon?

Respond to our shout out on Facebook or drop us a line at <u>curlcurllagoon@gmail.com</u> to let us know.

Volunteer for 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 Rd. bridge.

This is fun. And it's a great way to leave the world a better place than you found it. Everyone from high school students to retirees comes out. Why not pitch in?

Members of the core group will give you tips on what to do.

Contact us at: <u>curlcurllagoon@gmail.com</u> or on Facebook.

Oyster Ball Update

One day in the not-too-distant future, Curl Curl Lagoon could be home to many happy oysters. With powerful filtration capacity of up to 7.5 litres an hour, these molluscs may be part of the solution to issues of pollution and turbidity.

By carefully introducing small numbers of oysters in protective habitat – reef balls – it's hoped some water quality improvement will be detected.

CCLF is keenly interested in this idea conceived by environmental scientist, Jason Ruszczyk of Northern Beaches Council, and marine researcher, Dr Victoria Cole.

Pre deployment surveys will take place around April and May to get an idea of fish and aquatic diversity with a view to deploy the reef balls in June. Test would run over the next 12-18 months into 2018.

We'll have updates on our Facebook page.