

Enhancing Stirgess Reserve

Curl Curl Lagoon Friends Committee has a vision to enhance Stirgess Reserve passive recreation area with further native planting. We'd love to create more shade, showcase local plant species and provide a beautiful space in John Fisher Park. Northern Beaches Council Mayor and Councillors are receptive to the initiative and we'll keep you updated on our Facebook page.

Come say hello!

Visit us at Facebook.com/CurlCurlLagoonFriends.

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.

Apologies for recent online payment issues. Resolved now!

Renew online at www.curlcurllagoonfriends.org/join 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 4 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 8:30-10:30am.

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?



Photo courtesy of Alan Ventress

Yes of course the answer is Pelican, and a bonus point to any bird nerds out there who shouted, "Pelecanus conspicillatus" because you're extra correct.

The lagoon has supported a few of these pescetarians for the last month or so, and you can usually spot them on the stone weir. If you find yourself enjoying birdwatching, why not join the bird count survey?

Meet at the Park St wooden bridge at 7:30am on the last Friday of the month.

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 Road bridge.

This is fun. And it's a great way to leave the world a better place than you found it.

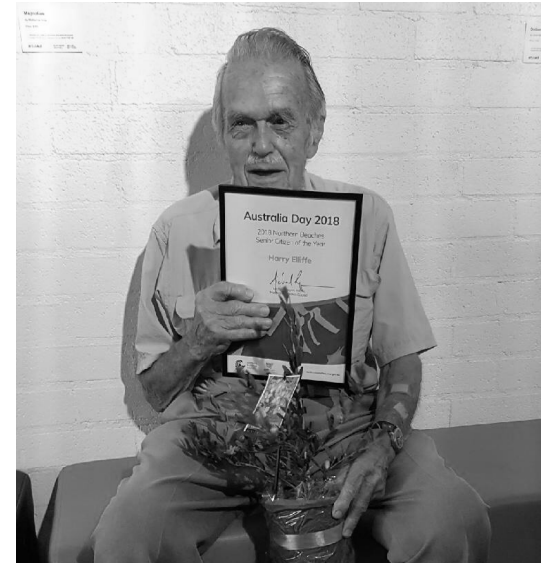
Members of the core group will give you tips on what to do.

Congrats to Senior Citizen of the Year

Our very own CCLF Committee member, **Harry Elliffe**, was awarded 2018 Northern Beaches Senior Citizen of the Year on Australia Day.

Recognised for his 30+ years of environmental service to the Curl Curl area, we're proud of all he's contributed.

If you've ever enjoyed a walk along the South Curl Curl boardwalk, a short-cut through Alan Newton Reserve or a stroll along the banks of the lagoon then you've directly benefited from his handiwork. Those weeds don't pull themselves, you know!



Harry's nemesis: Turkey Rhubarb



Acetosa Sagittata, aka Turkey Rhubarb, is a weed worth being able to identify and remove. Look for an arrow-head shaped leaf, long stems tinged with red and butterfly-like flowers arranged like bunches of grapes. Bag any flowers as soon as you can to prevent seed spreading. Follow the stems down into the ground to find the carrot-like tuber, yank it out and shout hooray.