

## Stirgess Reserve initial work has commenced!



The pathway is set and stone benches are in place. Tree planting will be done in autumn when the weather is less extreme.

### Membership 2020/21

New members can join online at [curlcurlagoonfriends.org/join](http://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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February 2020

### Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday March 1



It's clean up time again! Curl Curl Lagoon Friends will be setting up two stations as usual at the Park St and the Griffith Rd bridges. Come along everyone and join in the hunt for rubbish in John Fisher Park. It can be lots of fun for all the family as you can see from some of our helpers from 2019.

### Stations open 08:30am – 10:30am

Come along, register and bring your gumboots and gloves. We will have bags and gloves and some pick sticks as well. You never know what you may find!

Prizes will be given for the most interesting items found.

## What's that bird?



### Eurasian Coot with young ones (nestlings)

Instantly recognisable for its snowy white bill and forehead shield, the Eurasian Coot is dark grey/black with a bright red eye. It's usually spotted in urban wetlands and brackish estuaries and lagoons where it feeds mainly on aquatic vegetation or mats of floating waterweed. Coots may supplement their diet with a few insects, worms or fish. Watch for its distinctive duck dives, readily upending and swimming briefly underwater. You might also see it foraging on land adjacent to the water for green feed.

During the breeding season pairs establish and maintain territories with vigour. Nests of ducks may be seized and used, and often the owner's eggs are pushed off into the water!

## Bird Survey continues in 2020

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.

Come and see the noticeboards at Park St and Griffith Rd bridges, for more information about birds on the lagoon, as well as other activities around Curl Curl Lagoon and John Fisher park.

## Remembering Harry Elliffe



CCLF Life Member Harry Elliffe passed away on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020, aged 92 years. A long time friend, and fellow Life Member of CCLF, Ray Cox remembers:

"For all who knew Harry, we were touched by his enduring strength of commitment to the uniqueness of our natural environment, its conservation and vital role in sustainability and life as we know it. Harry was always very aware of and concerned about current affairs generally, and their implications for all of us.

Harry's decades of practical, and arduous – weeding, planting, watering and caring for native species along Carrington Parade, endeared him to many morning walkers. Also, wherever there was bush care – in the sand dunes, John Fisher Park, Alan Newton Reserve, Clean Up Australia Days or CCLF committee meetings - Harry would be there."

## Bush Regeneration

All are welcome to join our group of committed volunteers on **the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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