

Remembering Ray Cox

The "Ray Cox Viewing Deck at Curl Curl Lagoon" will be officially named on 11th April in a small ceremony led by Mayor Sue Heins. A long time Curl Curl Lagoon Friends Executive Committee member and much-loved friend, Ray is to be honoured for his passionate work in advocating for environmental, community and social justice issues.

An interpretive sign linking Ray's legacy to what we enjoy today will be installed at the deck to continue to inspire us all.

Volunteer opportunities:

Bush Regeneration: 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at Alan Newton Reserve - all welcome.

Bird Count Survey continues in 2024. Join the group at the Park St wooden bridge 7:30am on the last Friday of the month to count the birds spotted and track the biodiversity the lagoon supports. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Ngara Care: Friday mornings 9am, join the friendly crew who tend to the passive recreation native garden in Stirgess reserve - all welcome.

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Membership 2024



Scan the QR code to go straight to curlcurlagoonfriends.org/join and join or renew membership. *Membership (\$10 per household / \$5 concession)*



April 2024

Duck pond to get larger, permanent floating wetland pontoon



Following a successful pilot phase, a new wetland pontoon will be installed in Curl Curl Lagoon's 'duck pond'. Lagoon Friends volunteers will assist Council staff and provider Atlan Stormwater to plant out the pontoon with 200 specimens. This new unit has a greater growing area (20m²) than the trial unit it will replace and uses an ingenious anchor system to keep it tethered in position.

Where: Park St bridge and Ray Cox viewing platform, John Fisher Park

When: 3pm on Friday 19 April

Come along and learn more about the wetland and the citizen science photography activities open to everyone. Help monitor vegetation growth, birds and wildlife, as well as underwater root development.

Vale Michael de Rome

With sadness we record the recent passing of our long time member Mr Michael de Rome of North Curl Curl. Michael served as chairman of the Curl Curl Lagoon Committee from 1992 to 1995 and together with his wife Ros had remained active members of our Association through to the present.



Michael's term as chairman coincided with the intense activity surrounding the Greendale Ck and Curl Curl Lagoon Rehabilitation project (1991 - 2007) which involved Council, elected representatives, environmental consultants, schools, local residents, and community groups.

The Committee's role at that time was to sustain and strengthen the momentum that had been building in the community to improve the natural environment of the Park, Creek and Lagoon.

By nature Michael was highly motivated, well organised, and a pleasure to work alongside of. During his term the Committee conducted think tanks and information nights and held meetings about the project with the local community. Michael cultivated a strong working relationship between Lagoon Friends and Council which endures to this day.

When invited to address the AGM of 2005, Michael said the following:

"Success is measured in many ways, and certainly the pleasure you get from being in a community group such as our Curl Curl Lagoon Friends is not tied to the ups and downs you inevitably face when negotiating the minefield of Local and State Government bureaucracies.

The pleasure comes from associating with a diverse group of individuals, the friendships you form, and that warm feeling you get from volunteering."

Michael was aged 69 and had unfortunately been in declining health for some time. We extend our sympathy, and our thanks, to Ros and their three sons Stephen, Ben and Ethan.

More information about Michael and the lagoon rehabilitation project is available on our website.

Greening our City Project



Northern Beaches Council is benefiting from the Greening Our City (Local Government NSW) grant funding to restore the area between the two access ways at the Flora and Ritchie Roberts Reserve.

Curl Curl Lagoon Friends supports the initiative and was involved in the first round of planting 100 advanced trees on Saturday 6th April that included these species:

<i>Angophora hispida</i>	Dwarf Apple Gum
<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	Coastal Banksia
<i>Banksia serrata</i>	Old Man Banksia
<i>Ceratopetalum gummeriferum</i>	NSW Christmas Bush
<i>Eucalyptus robusta</i>	Swamp Mahogany
<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	Coastal Tea Tree
<i>Leucopogon parviflorus</i>	Coastal Bearded Heath
<i>Melaleuca stypheloides</i>	Prickly-leaved Paperbark
<i>Melaleuca linearifolia</i>	Snow in Summer

Stay tuned for details of more planting days for the wider community coming up later this year.