

## State Election - Meet the Candidates

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm, North Curl Curl Surf Club**

The NSW state election is coming up on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023. CCLF executive committee has organised a Meet the Candidates night for members and local residents. Hear directly from the candidates and find out about their policies on the issues that matter most to you.

Audience members are encouraged to submit a question on the night to be put to the panel by our seasoned moderator, Nick Lush.

### **Manly Electorate Candidates confirmed attendance:**

James Griffin MP	(Liberal)
Joeline Hackman	(Independent)
Terry Le Roux	(The Greens)
Bailey Mason	(Animal Justice)
TBA	(Labor)

**Bird Count Survey continues in 2023.** Join the group at the Park Street 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.

## Find us on online

- [facebook.com/CurlCurlLagoonFriends](https://facebook.com/CurlCurlLagoonFriends)
- Instagram @curlcurlagoonfriends
- [www.curlcurlagoonfriends.org](http://www.curlcurlagoonfriends.org)

## Membership 2023



Scan the QR code to go straight to [curlcurlagoonfriends.org/join](http://curlcurlagoonfriends.org/join) and join or renew your membership.

Note our membership year runs from July to June.  
*Membership (\$10 per household / \$5 concession)*



February 2023

## Step Up to Clean Up – Sunday March 5



Join your friends and neighbours to make our local area a better place. Even 15 minutes collecting litter will make a difference.

**Two locations:** Park St bridge in John Fisher Park or Griffith Rd bridge at the entrance to Alan Newton Reserve.

**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!

There's always a prize for the most interesting items found.

## Dune Restoration Project

Northern Beaches Council is preparing to stabilise the northernmost dune at Curl Curl beach. By planting native grasses and coastal species, it is expected that the westward progression of sand onto the reserve behind the beach will slow or stop.

Fencing behind the dune will be restored and temporary fencing on the front of the dune (beach side) will be installed to protect the plants being established.

The first stage of the works, to uncover the existing fencing and clear some of the area took place on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

**PLANTING DAYS:** Stay tuned for community planting days in March to be announced on our Facebook page, website and via email.

*Grant funds were made available from the NSW Government's Coastal and Estuary Program Implementation Stream for the project.*



## Greening our City Project



CCLF supported Northern Beaches Council's grant application under the Greening Our City (Local Government NSW) scheme to restore the area between the two access ways at the Flora and Ritchie Roberts Reserve.

This has been a long-awaited project in a larger program to progressively restore bushland along the beachfront.

Tenacious weeds including lantana, morning glory and asparagus fern that dominated the patch have been cut back using mechanical brush mulchers. This was done from west to east to allow any animals to migrate into surrounding bush rather than onto the road. The mid-January timing was chosen as it was not peak breeding season for birds in the area.

Over the next several months, bush regenerators will follow up with secondary treatment of the weeds. There will also be some topping of crush sandstone on some of the paths in the area and placing crush sandstone to grow park trees.

Once the weeds have been largely eradicated or suppressed, Council and community can begin the planting of native trees and shrubs, likely in March to May 2024 through to May 2025.