

## Authorised Bike Jump area in JFP

Curl Curl Lagoon Friends and Northern Beaches Council took the initiative to establish an off-road bike jump area in John Fisher Park at the eastern end of the netball courts. This is the only authorised area for creating bike jumps using clean fill provided (rather than contaminated landfill).

We've been saddened to see trees destroyed, creek banks damaged and native habitat ruined by small groups seeking to make bike jumps elsewhere in the park. This kind of vandalism is illegal and we ask local parents to help educate young people on the value of the environment and the importance of respecting and preserving it.

## Regular Events in 2022

**Bird count survey:** Join the group at the Park St wooden bridge 7:30am on the last Friday of the month. BYO binoculars.

**Sunset sessions:** Weeding and planting at Ngara, Stirgess Reserve, 4pm every Friday. BYO beverage.

**Bush care:** Alan Newton Reserve 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month, 9am - 11am. BYO hat.

## Find us on online

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

## Membership 2022/23 – join or renew now!



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



July 2022

## Save the Date – AGM – Wed 19<sup>th</sup> October

What does it take to make a place special? And what's so special about our place?

Each year we have a special guest speaker inspire us with stories of environmental wins and what we, as a community, can do to protect and enhance our local area.

We'll also have an update on the floating wetland project with an opportunity for members and locals to ask questions about this latest improvement initiative.

Save the date for our annual get together over drinks, nibbles and music at North Curl Curl Surf Lifesaving Club.

**Time:** 6:30 for 7pm start

**Date:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## Dune restoration project

Aerial imagery of the northern-most sand dune on Curl Curl Beach shows it is the fastest landward moving dune on the northern beaches! You might notice the dune top is currently flattened and path to the beach from the mid-beach car park has completely disappeared.

Current impacts are the inundation of 7000 square metres of coastal vegetation and accelerated sedimentation of Curl Curl Lagoon.

Northern Beaches Council has received NSW Government funding under the Coastal and Estuary Management Grants scheme to implement dune restoration along Curl Curl Beach.



The project aims to install dune-forming coir meshed fences to reduce pedestrian access and wind movement of the sand, while maintaining good access to the beach. Sand will be scraped to shape the dune and reduce sand near the mouth of the lagoon, 6000 native coastal species will be planted with 200 coir logs and 1000 tree guards to better protect the plants.

Keep an eye out for updates on planting days coming soon.

## Optus Tower – unwelcome changes

Principal Certifying Authority, BuildCert, has issued a construction certificate for the Optus tower – but with significant changes that have not been subject to community consultation. These include larger footprints for infrastructure, fencing around the tower and elevated platform, as well as installation of a satellite dish.

Curl Curl Lagoon Friends and John Fisher Park Residents Group have requested that our local community be provided with proof of compliance with the conditions of DA2020/0661 approval. We have made a GIPA request for construction certificate documentation and appealed to our local councillors for support in securing information and holding Council to account.

We encourage members to voice any concerns to Northern Beaches Council, Build Cert and our local councillors.

## Mindfulness in Ngara – watch this space



The native garden planted in Stirgess Reserve has taken root and shown strong growth over recent years. It's a special place dedicated to passive recreation, observation and reflection – a haven for all those who find it.

We're excited to announce that a Curl Curl Lagoon Friends member and clinical psychologist with expertise in

Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy will be facilitating a special experience in Ngara later this year.

We encourage visitors to slow down, take notice and tune into the natural environment. Through a guided mindfulness session, CCLF members will be treated to connection with self and place. A true salve to a busy life.

Likely to be scheduled for 3:30pm on a Friday coming soon. We'll wait for a dry spell to allow the surroundings to dry out and publicise soon.

## What's in season?

When you're next walking the headland track between North Curly and Dee Why, keep an eye out for flowers in season.



**Acacia suaveolens**  
– sweet scented  
wattle



**Acacia longifolia**  
– golden wattle



**Grevillea speciosa**  
– Red spider flower