

What's that Bird?



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The crested pigeon is the only native dove regularly seen in the park. There have been up to thirty of them, quietly fossicking for grass seeds on the soccer fields north of the lagoon. Their call is a soft but startled upward-inflecting "wooh!", but they are better known for the characteristic whirring, squeaky noise of their feathers as they fly off, and the jerky alternating mad flap-glide combination in flight.

Australia has an interesting group of native doves, and aside from this and the introduced Rock Doves and Spotted Doves, we occasionally get one or other much more exotic native doves like topknot pigeons or white-headed pigeons, maybe a brown cuckoo-dove or bar-shouldered dove. If the winds favour us, we might even be so lucky as to see one of the colourful fruit dove species blown in one day.

Thanks to Alicia Parmiter for sharing her birdlife knowledge.

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Curl Curl Lagoon Friends celebrates 40 year anniversary

Save the date: Sunday 25th October

Proposed time: 11am – 1pm

Location: Stirgess Reserve Meeting Place

AGM following at 2pm

Join CCLF members and neighbours to celebrate what our natural environment means to us. We'll have music, picnic space, planting and more at Stirgess Reserve.

It's an area that was guaranteed as a place of passive recreation by Council and we have begun to shape it into a place of beauty, reflection and coming together.

This meeting place is significant for our community and we're consulting with the local Aboriginal Heritage Office to find a suitable name for the space.

We're proposing a picnic-style event from 11am – 1pm and you can either BYO food and drink or enjoy a sausage sizzle put on by local scouts.

Get the date in your calendar and keep an eye out for more details closer to the date.

Floating Wetland Project

Curl Curl Lagoon Friends and Northern Beaches Council are working together on a pilot project using a floating wetland to see if it can help improve water quality in the Curl Curl Lagoon.

The project will see the testing of aquatic plants over the coming months using lagoon water in a dedicated aquaculture tank.

The innovative approach will try to establish which of the plants make the best base for a floating wetland.

If successful, the pilot could see a permanent floating wetland on the lagoon, offering a safe habitat for birds, as well as filtering and cleaning the lagoon water.

We're grateful to Member for Warringah, Zali Steggall, for supporting the grant application and proud to cooperate

with Northern Beaches Council's Coasts & Catchments team on operations.

The project is receiving funding from a grant under the federal Dept of Industry, Innovation & Science's Community Environment Program.

For more information visit curlcurlagoonfriends.org

How do I join Bush Care?

It's as simple as coming down to **Alan Newton Reserve on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9am – 11am**. You'll find us next to the Griffin Rd bridge, behind North Curl Curl Community Centre.

We'll give you all the skills, knowledge and tools you need to help regenerate this pocket of bushland.

Skate Park Build

CCLF advised Council on how to mitigate the impact of the skate park development at North Curl Curl Community Centre on Alan Newton Reserve and the lagoon.

Buffer planting and proper drainage are important features of the design. For more info:

yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/north-curl-curl-skate-park

