



### *Curl Curl Lagoon*

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Curl Curl Lagoon has a rich and varied history, going through some incredible transformations. If the trees could talk, you'd hear some amazing stories! Originally a lush wetland, it was used for landfill in the 1950s. Extensive rehabilitation was required to make it the valuable recreational asset it is today.

- 1 See how many different birds you can identify from the **Park St Bridge** and **viewing platform**. Purple Swampphen, Black Swans, Pacific Black Duck, Silver Gulls, Egrets, Pelicans, Herons and Ibis can often be seen, and keep a close eye on the chicks!  
*Please do not feed the birds.  
Bread is not a natural food source and can be harmful.*
- 2 Built in 2000, the **rock weir** was constructed to ensure that when water levels in the lagoon are low the creek is never empty. This provides a reliable water source for fish and birds.
- 3 The **Warringah Creative Space** provides a place for local artists to work and exhibit. Once a run-down Scout Hall, the building was reconstructed using recycled and reused materials. Please check the website for details on the latest exhibition.
- 4 The mature Paperbarks lining both sides of Burilla Ave were most likely planted by Council in the 1970s. As **heritage listed street trees** they provide a strong landscape element in the streetscape.
- 5 The heritage listed **memorial gateway** was designed as a formal entrance to the playing fields and as a link to the school across the road. Its hyperbolic paraboloid (saddle) design was unique in the 1950s, and the structure has substantial aesthetic and technical significance.
- 6 **Alan Newton Reserve** provides an example of what can be achieved through the tireless efforts of bush regeneration volunteers. The improved native vegetation provides habitat for native birds and animals.

**Catchment health:** The water quality of the lagoon has been compromised by past land uses. Although we can all help improve the health of the catchment by reducing pollution entering the waterway through runoff from houses, gardens and roads.

The name Curl Curl is believed to be derived from the **Aboriginal word curial curial**, meaning river of life. Evidence of Aboriginal occupation in coastal areas is commonly seen in shell middens – the remains of meals of shellfish that were eaten in abundance.

**Dogs:** Dogs can enjoy themselves off the leash at Adam Street Reserve and Flora and Richie Roberts Reserve. However, they must be on the lead at all other times. Dogs pose a major risk to bird life, particularly during breeding season.