



# GREENDALE CREEK

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**G**reendale Creek is one of the forgotten watercourses of the peninsula, rising directly below Beacon Hill near the corner of Warringah Road and Beacon Hill Road, rushing down the hill and then vanishing underground to briefly surface at Winbourne Road. It then becomes the Curl Curl Lagoon after Harbord Road. Over the last few wet months, the creek has put on a good display in the natural bushland above Consul Road.

When Jenkins Road was built in the 1820s, following what is now Old



**Greendale Creek, beside the Kilns on Consul Road**

Pittwater Road, two bridges were required to cross the Greendale Creek - Greendale being the original settler name for the area before it was realised that another area in Sydney had a prior claim.

## THE WAY IT WAS

Up until the 1950s, Greendale Creek could still be seen coming down from Beacon Hill - entering the wetlands around Mitchell Road and eventually the then tip area at Curl Curl Lagoon. As industrial development in Brookvale rapidly increased, Greendale Creek sank below the surface of concrete. Its only breathing space at Winbourne Road was overrun by coral trees or used as a dump for building materials and other nefarious objects.

However with the aid of a substantial commonwealth grant and the energies of the local scout group, the 20 or so coral trees have gone, the banks of Greendale Creek have re-emerged and with the aid of a good flush of rainwater, clear water can now be seen. Standing at the wooden fence on Winbourne Road, there is now a future for our little patch of green in Brookvale and maybe, with the 2011 Clean Up Australia Day, we can remove the bricks, concrete and other building rubble to return it to its former glory. **P**