



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Newsletter - February 2008

Welcome

to our first newsletter for 2008. Now that the Sanctuary is becoming a reality, we anticipate sending regular newsletters to our members.

Plants of North Head

Plan to come to our next meeting when Nick Skelton, plant expert, will give a presentation about the plants of North Head - management issues, habitats, threatened species ...

**In the Visitors' Centre
At Sydney Harbour Federation Trust
North Head School of Artillery
Commencing at 6.30pm
On Tuesday 4 March 2008.**

2007 in review

Last year saw the opening of the North Head Sanctuary. On 3 January 2007 the former School of Artillery site at North Head was handed over the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (SHFT) for the development of a sanctuary.

In March 2007 SHFT called for proposals for leasing the Former School of Artillery.

We applied for lease space under the Community Users' guidelines - nominating a focus on a range of possible community-oriented activities –

- * Environmental and heritage study centre
- * Native plant nursery
- * Sanctuary outreach program.

The closing date was 8 June and we have not yet been advised due to delays in the leasing process.

Temporary Leasing

The Australian Institute of Police Management has leased some buildings while its site at Spring Cove awaits final decisions concerning its redevelopment.

Gatehouse Visitor Centre

On 1 June 2007 the Hon Tony Abbott MP for Warringah officially opened the Gatehouse Visitor Centre. John Moriarty gave the Aboriginal Acknowledgement of Country

Natural environment management

The Australian Wildlife Conservancy Operational Plan for North Head Sanctuary was exhibited in July 2007. The tendering process for wildlife management has been delayed so as to advertise it internationally.

Damage to the Arch

On 29 April 2007 an airforce truck driver managed to get stuck under, and partially demolish, the heritage listed Parkhill arch at the entrance of North Head. The arch was built in 1901 out of sandstone and was moved to its present location during the Depression. The Arch is our logo.



Reconstruction of Arch in February 2008.
Photo by Jenny Wilson

Did you know?

Aquatic reserves are now managed by NPWS and this provides a perfect opportunity for realisation of our vision of having North Head and surrounding waters all managed as an ecological sanctuary.

Tenure of SHFT

The Bill extending the life of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust from 2011 to 2032 was passed just prior to the 2007 Federal election. Congratulations to all at Sydney Harbour Federation Trust and we eagerly await the full implementation of plans for North Head's ecological sanctuary.

Educational Materials

Are you skilled at preparing educational materials concerning North Head? If so, we would like to hear from you.

Grants

If you know of any grants we can apply for e.g. for creation of a book about each of the gravestones in the cemetery in North Head Sanctuary, please let us know.

Plant Database

In preparation for proposed nursery, Sue Halmagyi has offered to prepare a photographic database of over 420 plants on North Head. If you have good photos of North Head plants to share in this way, please let us know.



Coastal Boronia
(*Boronia ledifolia*)
on North Head
Photo: Geoff Lambert

North Head Sanctuary Foundation aims:

'The Sanctuary for biodiversity will honour the natural and cultural significance of North Head. It will be a safe place for flora, fauna and people, a living laboratory promoting the spiritual and biological value of Sydney Harbour.' It will:

- * Respect and honour the Indigenous significance of North Head;
- * Build understanding of the natural and cultural values of North Head; and
- * Promote integrated planning and management for the whole area, to ensure the highest level of protection for the natural and cultural attributes of North Head.

NHSF Membership Application

I, _____
(full name of applicant - please print clearly)

Address

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

hereby apply to become a member of the abovementioned incorporated association.

Single \$20 Family \$30 Unwaged \$10

Donation \$..... (tax deductible if in separate cheque from membership)

In accordance with Model Rules, membership is subject to acceptance by the committee.
I agree with the aims of NHSF and I agree to be bound by the rules of the association.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cheques made payable to
North Head Sanctuary Foundation
PO Box 896, Balgowlah NSW 2093

Proposed and seconded by:-

I, _____
a member of the association, nominate this person, who is personally known by me, for membership of the Association.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

I, _____,
a member of the association, second the nomination this person, who is personally known by me, for membership of the Association.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____