



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Newsletter – January 2009

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2009. This is a New Year with new challenges and opportunities for which we need your help.

Next Meeting

Our first meeting for 2009 will be on Saturday 28 February at 2.00pm. The meeting will be held at the Visitors centre at North Head Sanctuary in the education room. You will be able to see Building 21 and the Nursery.

Remember the No 135 bus goes past the North Head Sanctuary from Manly Wharf.

Native Plant Nursery

Construction has now started on the first Nursery bay under the supervision of Sue Halmagyi, Nursery Manager. We hope that construction will be finished and some seeds potted before our meeting.



Left to right. Janet Fish, Judith Halnan, Toni Stevenson, Judy Lambert, Sue Halmagyi and Mary Johnsen cleaning the stainless steel bench that will be used in the Nursery bay as a bench.

Sue Halmagyi is designing the Nursery Plant database with help from Sue Waters. The database will have a record of all plants grown in the Nursery.

Nursery Education Centre

Our Education centre opened on the first weekend in January 2009. We will be open every Saturday and Sunday 10.00am to 4.00pm, so please call in and say hello.

We are busy setting up displays. Are you able to help staff the centre or create displays concerning Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub any weekend soon?

If you can volunteer some time to help please contact Judith Bennett by phone 9905 2135 or email her on sydney.educ@npansw.org.au.



Front to back, Peter Bennett, Judy Lambert and Ken Higgs helping to set up the Education centre.

Coastcare Grant

In addition to the Threatened Species Network Grant, we have been awarded a Coastcare Grant of \$13,653.00, which will help us establish the native plant nursery and raise awareness of North Head's unique natural environments and the role of government and community partnerships in conserving them.

Volunteer

Shane Garner has volunteered to help us get established for the next few months and has already helped create display boards for the education centre.

Thank you Shane.

Banksia aemula



Banksia aemula is a common species of Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub. Maybe you know it as Wallum Banksia. It is similar to *Banksia serrata* (Old Man Banksia). Its leaves are narrower but the only reliable distinguishing feature is the stigma (the pollen-receiving part at the centre of each flower), which is shorter.

Nature of Manly Exhibition

Have you been to this Exhibition at Manly Art Gallery and Museum yet?

It will be closing on 22 February 2009.

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: _____