



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Guided Wildflower Walk Monday 5 October at 1pm

Every one has enjoyed their wildflower walks with Geoff Lambert. We still have a few places left in the October walk. The track is easy but there are some steps. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring hat and water bottle.

These walks will start from the Harbour Trust's Visitor Centre at the North Head Sanctuary (former School of Artillery).

A workshop on Weeds: Invaders of North Head

On Sunday 18 October, from 1.30-4.30pm the Sanctuary Foundation will hold a workshop on the weeds that invade our North Head bushlands – where they come from, what they are and what threats they pose. Come along and learn more about what you can do to help keep North Head bushland natural. The workshop is free of charge but you will need to register so we can prepare workshop materials etc. Limit 25 people.

To book either a walk or the Workshop please email northhead@fastmail.fm or phone Jenny on 0414 735 350

Melaleuca nodosa



Or Ball Honey-myrtle is a spreading prickly shrub to 3 metres tall. The flowers are yellow in dense rounded heads. The leaves are needle like and are pointed. It's now in flower on North Head and is a species characteristic of Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub. Usual flowering period is September to November.

Native Plant Nursery

Work has started on the second Nursery bay. Here you can see our Nursery Manager Sue Halmagyi supervising Peter Stratton, Ken Higgs and John Ellis with the construction. The wood has to be painted with three coats of Wattyl solarguard before it can be put up.



Seed collection has started and planning is under way for the planting out areas.

Education Centre

We are open from 10.00am to 4.00pm, every Saturday and Sunday. Do you like talking to people about native plants? Are you interested in the history and heritage of North Head? We need people to help in the Education room on the weekends. If you are interested please call or email Judith Bennett 99052135 sydney.educ@npansw.org.au and you can spend a morning or afternoon with another volunteer getting the feel of the job.

We have some new cards in stock from award-winning botanical artist Julie Nettleton. They can also be purchased at the Visitors centre in the Gatehouse for \$5.00. Flannel flower; Silky purple flag; Mountain devil and Pink tea tree.

Sydney Harbour National Park

Getting the balance right
NSW National Parks & Wildlife Services are reviewing the way they manage Sydney Harbour National Park. Go to www.sydneyharbourpom.net.au

Mike Baird MP for Manly officially opened our Nursery & Education room on 4 Sept 2009. Here are some photos.



Geoff Bailey, David James and Mike Baird.



Then Mayors of Hunters Hill, Manly, Warringah and Pittwater with Mike Baird



Some of our bush fairies: stars of the day



Our President, Judy Lambert cutting the cake with assistance from Jennie Minifie & Katie Meyer.

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 _____

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
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We are a volunteer organisation and we need your support to continue our protection of North Head. Please consider joining us, numbers count.