



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Happy New Year

Another year and so much has happened since this time last year, our Education room has been opened for a year and we have propagated North Head plants and planted them on North Head.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 24th February 2010

Our next General meeting will be in the Education room in the Gatehouse at 6.30pm. Our guest speaker is Geoff Bailey, CEO at Sydney Harbour Federation Trust. Geoff will provide an update on Trust's plans for North Head.

Education Centre

We are open from 10.00am to 4.00pm, every Saturday and Sunday. Please call in and see our displays. We now have footprints from the gate to our centre. Children love pushing the buttons on our display. The Powerful owl is the most popular.

Ocean Care Day Festival



Mary Johnsen has helped at every Ocean Care Day we have had a stall and she made our banner. Thank you Mary, Janet Fish, Julie Nettleton, Jenny Wilson and a special thank you to Judy and Geoff Lambert who put up and take down the stall every year.

Our Christmas cards sold well and a thank you to Heather Roy for selling so many packets of cards.

Native Plant Nursery

We are planting back into degraded areas in and near the built up area. Most plants are doing well but some provided a meal for some rabbits. We are now using tree guards, see below.



Left to right – Peter Nash, Toni Stevenson, Ken Higgs planting out Thursday 14 January 2010

Weed day Sunday 7 February 2010 8.30am-11.30am

Help wanted

One of the problems we have is that the areas to be planted out need to be weeded. Come and help us remove the weeds and meet other like minded members. You will be weeding edges and mulched areas, not in the bush. If you have bush regeneration tools please bring them. You will need to bring a hat, sunscreen, gloves and wear closed in shoes. Morning tea will be provided.

Please contact Jenny on northhead@fastmail.fm to let us know you are coming or to ask questions. Your help would be appreciated.

Sydney Harbour National Park

NSW National Parks & Wildlife Services are continuing to seek public input via an online forum while they are drafting the plan of management for Sydney Harbour National Park. Go to www.sydneyharbourpom.net.au

Podargus strigoides



Photo by Geoff Lambert

Or Tawny Frogmouth is a nocturnal bird. During the day they sit upright on tree branches and blend in with the tree assisted by, their finely streaked and mottled brown and grey colouring. This Tawny Frogmouth has they fluffed out his feathers and adopted a threatening pose, notice his eyes.

Persoonia lanceolata



Or Lance-leaf Geebung is a medium shrub with lance shaped leaves eg wider in the middle. The flowers are yellow and tubular. It is in flower in summer and much of the year. After flowering, fruit form and turn from green to purple at which time it is enjoyed by birds and ants. The seed is hard to grow. It is a species characteristic of Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub.

Join us

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

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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