



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Official Opening – Bandicoot Heaven – Tuesday 13 December 2011

Mike Baird, Member for Manly will be opening our new Education room (Building 20) on Wednesday 13 December at 12.30pm.

Please join us to celebrate our opening. It's also a chance to see our Nursery and some of the areas that we have planted out.

Other news

On Monday 31 October our Education room and Nursery were visited by a delegation initiated by the Environmental Protection Bureau of Chong'qing Municipality, and the members are directors from Environmental Protection Bureaus of various districts in Chong'qing, China.

On Tuesday night 8 November, we hosted a group from Beacon Hill Girl Guides at Bandicoot Heaven. Sue did a fantastic overview of the work of the Nursery volunteers and Jenny gave everyone a tour of the nursery and some of our plantings.

Then the girls and their leaders did an Aboriginal plant use walk lead by Kathy.



They loved hearing about nightmare killers, wart cures and bush nappies....

The Biggest Loser is now being filmed in the North Head Sanctuary and they will be on site until April next year.

Education Centre – Bandicoot Heaven

Call in and see us, we are open every weekend, from 10am to 4pm in Building 20, for a chat or some information. Have a look at our range of botanical cards that are available for purchase.

Native Plant Nursery

Its amazing, the areas to be planted out keep increasing, We are collecting seed and doing cuttings in preparation for next year which will be busier than this year. We are still planting out. Would you like to help next year? We will be having planting out days, which we will advertise in this newsletter. We welcome help with one off jobs that can be done, for example moving mulch. For more info please email shalmagy@bigpond.net.au

Have you noticed the plantings along North Head Scenic Drive? It is hoped that the Flannel flowers and other plants that we have planted will self seed and next year will produce seedlings. Unfortunately Flannel flowers only have a short life span.

18th Ocean Care Day Festival Sunday 4 December 10.30am to 4.30pm

From the forests to the foreshores.

It is a chance to have fun while learning more about current environmental issues with the festival's wide ranging activities program.

At the Eco Lab you can forage in a forest, marvel at marine creatures in their underwater environment, identify local insects and butterflies and chat with our friendly scientists. Talks in the Lab start at 11.45 with the story of the Frolicking Frogs. Or scan the skies with a special H-Alpha telescope, staffed by Sydney Observatory astronomers. As well there is the Zoo mobile with live animal displays, the Oceanworld touch pool, Manly's iconic Penguin Pavilion.

We will have a stall on Manly Beach promenade, please visit and say hello. We will have our Botanical cards and prints for sale

We would love some more volunteers to help on the stall for a couple of hours";If you would like to help, please email Jenny at northhead@fastmail.fm

Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year.

We would like to wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson

Thomas Riley Dudley was the first death from bubonic plague known in Australasia.

Captain Dudley, a sail maker and ship chandler in Sussex Street, Sydney, first complained of illness on Sunday 18 February 1900 and rapidly deteriorated. He was removed from his business residence in Sussex Street to his main residence in Drummoyne on Wednesday 21 February 1900.

On Thursday 22 February 1900, Captain Thomas Dudley, aged 46, died at home in Drummoyne.

Dr Ashburton Thompson stated that Thomas Dudley died from bubonic plague and his residence was strictly quarantined with police officers being stationed around it. In the house and grounds and boatshed connected with the residence were the following persons:- Mrs. Dudley, Julian Dudley, aged 17 ; Alexander Parker, a clerk in the Railway Department and Mrs. Parker, Archibald McDonald, a handyman employed at the house; Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Ludgater, George Greer, aged 14 ; Peter Gorman , Thomas Currie, Norman Mackie, aged 14, and two others who arrived with a yacht during the day at the boatshed; a Japanese man named Erakwa Bush, and James Cox, aged 11, a resident of Balmain. Some of the people abovementioned had merely gone to the house for the purpose of offering their condolences to Mrs. Dudley on her husband's death. Mr Parker stated that had he known he was going to be quarantined he would have not gone near the place.

The following persons were quarantined at the sail making shop in Sussex street, William Wetherill, bookkeeper; Mr Shannon, sail maker ; Miss Phyllis Dudley, daughter of the deceased ; and Arthur Wilson, a family friend.

On Saturday the quarantined residents were conveyed to the Quarantine Station where there is no record of their deaths.

Captain Dudley's body was towed to quarantine area in a skiff and buried in the Third Cemetery on Saturday night, 24 February 1900.

The health authorities urged that to prevent the spread of the bubonic plague an active campaign should be undertaken to destroy as many rats as possible.

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If you would like to support us by becoming a member, please download a form at www.northheadsanctuaryfoundation.org.au/join/membership.htm or email northhead@fastmail.fm Please also email if you would like to receive our monthly email newsletter.

Hakea dactyloides



Or broad leaf hakea is now in flower. It's a shrub to 1.5 metres tall with prominent veined leaves. The flowers are white and tiny and cluster together in the leaf joints.

Earthwatch

Help protect North Head's bandicoots and catch introduced predators on camera. You can join a one day team for \$49, call 03 9682 6828 or email earth@earthwatch.org.au for further information



**Black rat
(Rattus
norvegicus)
enjoying the
nectar on a
grass tree.**

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.