



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 14 August 2012 7pm

Our Annual General Meeting will be held from 7pm on 14 August 2012 in our Education Room, Bandicoot Heaven. At this meeting elections will be held for all positions. Proxies and Nominations forms will be sent out next month.

Membership renewals

Membership is now due and you can now get five years membership for the price of four years, or just renew for one year. We valued your continued support. If you are not a member, why not join our group and show us your support. Thank you.

Spring Wildflower Walks on North Head

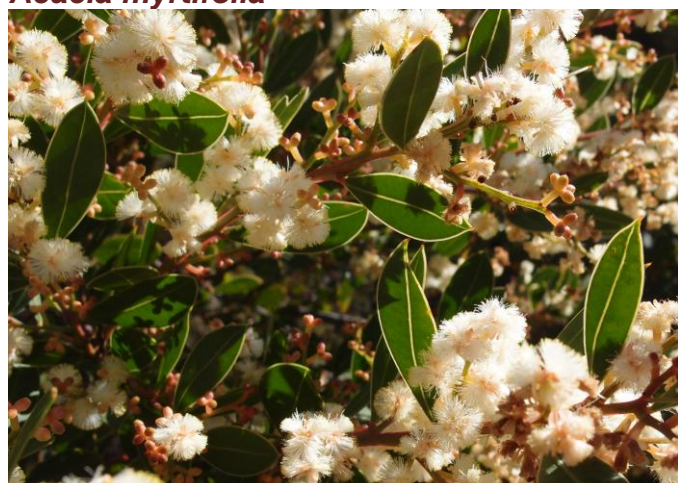
Enjoy the splendour of North Head's bushland. Come on a 2-3 hour walk led by Sanctuary Foundation member Geoff Lambert

Sunday 2 Sept:	Departing at 10.00m
Saturday 15 Sept:	Departing at 2.00pm
Sunday 30 Sept:	Departing at 2.00pm
Monday 8 Oct:	Departing at 10.00am

Bookings are essential.

Numbers limited - Call in to Building 20 on a Saturday or Sunday between 10am and 4pm and book now, or email: tswombat@optusnet.com.au. Walks free. Donations welcomed

Acacia myrtifolia



Or Myrtle Wattle is an erect shrub to 1 metre tall. Its stems are often reddish and the flower balls are a pale yellow to almost white. It is in flower now. It has very interesting seed pods, they point upwards instead of dangling like most other wattles.

Child Care Centre at North Head Sanctuary

Work has started on the Child Care Centre.

North Head Sanctuary Champions:

10 years on

Judy Lambert (editor of the forum statement)

Not quite on the same scale as the 20 year anniversary of the UN Earth Summit, held in Rio de Janeiro, but some of us were lucky enough to be part of both that and the event that led to the formation of the North Head Sanctuary Foundation. On 18-19 July 2002, the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust and the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service jointly hosted a North Head Sanctuary Forum. At first that event was going to be for scientists and government agencies, but several community members with a long interest in North Head persuaded the host organisations to open the forum up to others.

Twenty-five community participants, concerned about the direction that individual agencies might take, presented to the final plenary session of the forum, a Community Statement signalling the formation of an independent community group to champion the North Head Sanctuary. Many remain active members of the North Head Sanctuary Foundation.

That group of *Sanctuary Champions*, called for:

- The Trust and National Parks to develop and promote an integrated plan for the whole of North Head, and to avoid taking any action that might pre-empt this outcome;
- The integrated plan to build on all the current and existing work to conserve both Sydney Harbour and North Head;
- North Head to include a publicly owned and managed precinct dedicated to research-based environmental education, awareness and appreciation – a learning laboratory based on making the educative power of North Head available to all;
- The development of a Local Environment Plan (LEP) to underpin protection and management of the whole of North Head as a precinct in which natural and cultural values are maintained and enhanced as a special gateway to Sydney; and
- Nominations from forum participants interested in joining the proposed North Head Sanctuary Champions.

This set the scene for formation of what became North Head Sanctuary Foundation, which has been active throughout the past decade.

Climate Watching on North Head

The next Climate Watch walks on North Head are Sundays 5 August, 7 October and 2 December. Each walk starts at 10am from the Harbour Trust's Visitor Centre and takes about two hours. The walks are free but bookings are essential, contact Rachel Maitland at Earthwatch for more info and to register. Phone 02 8966 9800 or 0403 167 556. Email: rmaitland@earthwatch.org.au

Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson



This gravestone lies flat on the ground. It marks the grave of Joseph Franklin jun., aged 8 years who died of smallpox complications aboard the hospital ship, Faraway on 6 February 1885.

Joseph had been quarantined on the ship with his father Joseph Franklin, 34 years old, and sister Laura Franklin, 1½ years old. since 10 January 1885.

Mrs. Franklin, her daughter Maude, aged 6 years, and her son Frederic, aged 4 years, were taken to the quarantine ground at the same time, as they all resided together at Balmain. None of the Franklin family had been vaccinated.

After Joseph's death, all other smallpox patients were removed to an enclosure at Flagstaff Point and the Faraway was thoroughly cleaned and it was hoped that a considerable time would elapse before she again became a floating hospital.

Research project

Unfortunately the wet weather has delayed the Hazard Reduction burn.

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.

Native Plant Nursery

The *Acacia terminalis* outside the Gallery at North Fort had to be replaced with *Dianella* as they were still being eaten and looked terrible. They are now recovering in the Nursery.



Here are some of the Nursery volunteers having a farewell lunch for Sue Charlton at Bella Vista (North Fort café). Great food, why not visit the café.

Would you like to help with our Native Plant Nursery? Work includes seed-raising, cuttings, tubing up, weeding, planting out and maintenance, Please contact Sue Halmagy at shalmagy@bigpond.net.au. The areas to plant out keep increasing so more hands on deck would be great.



See the difference in these photos taken 18 months apart (10 Dec10 and 8 Jun12). This area, outside our Education room is maintained by the Nursery volunteers.



North Head Sanctuary Foundation Incorporated

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NHSF Membership Renewal

1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

Or 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2018

I,

_____ (full name of member - please print clearly)

Address _____

Telephone _____

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hereby renew my membership of the abovementioned incorporated association.



One year	Single \$20	Family \$30	Unwaged/Senior \$10
Five years	Single \$80	Family \$120	Unwaged/Senior \$40

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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