



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.

Our guest speaker is Frances Bodkin who will talk about her book D'harawal Natural Resource Management Practices. Auntie Fran is a very interesting speaker, so please come along and enjoy.

Getting to know North Head's bushland

Spring is the time when North Head's bushland is at its best.

You can enjoy it in various ways.

•Join a 2-3 hour guided walk with Geoff Lambert.

Walks will be held on Sunday 2 Sept (10am start), Saturday 15 Sept (2pm start), Sunday 30 Sept (2pm start) and Monday 8 Oct (10am start). All walks will begin with an overview of the area using the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust's big map. Meet at the Gatehouse Visitor's Centre off North Head Scenic Drive (parking in Bluefish Car Park) 10 minutes before scheduled start time.

Bookings essential so that we can ensure manageable numbers - email: tswombat@optusnet.com.au or call 9949 3521(ah).



•Be part of Earthwatch's ClimateWatch program.

Come on a 1-2 hour walk, observing what's flowering, what's nesting, and what else is happening. Record your observations and contribute to the ClimateWatch database (www.climatewatch.org.au). Join a guided ClimateWatch walk to get you started. These will be held on Sundays 5 August, 7 October and 2 December, leaving the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust's Gatehouse Visitor Centre at 10am. Registration is essential so that we can ensure we have the maps and recording sheets needed by participants. Call Rachael Maitland on 8966 9800 or 0403 167 556 or email her: rmaitland@earthwatch.org.au

Patersonia sericea



Or Native Iris is a small plant with tough stiff leaves and a purple flower which is short lived. Each hairy dark brown bract holds six flowers which open one after the other on sunny days. This photo shows the current flower and the previous days flower which is now closed.

Native Plant Nursery

From 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, The Nursery Group Volunteers planted 3273 plants. These plants were grown in our Nursery and then planted out. Unfortunately we lost some plants to the rabbits and cockatoos.

Would you like to help with our Native Plant Nursery or need more information? Please contact Sue Halmagyi at shalmagy@bigpond.net.au. The areas to plant out keep increasing so more hands on deck would be great.

Education Centre – Bandicoot Heaven

Our Education room is open every weekend, from 10am to 4pm in Building 20. Call in and see us for a chat or information. Become a Volunteer

My North Head by Geoff Lambert A day in the life of an NHSF vollie.

- * Liaise with apiarist about removing beehive from North Fort Plotting Room
- * Install new computer in NHSF room
- * Talk to Jim Frecklington about his visit to Buckingham Palace
- * Liaise with Australian Plants Society about their walks program with us
- * Liaise with NHSF Secretary about AGM speaker for NHSF
- * Crawl to Store Beach to identify trees as requested by AWC
- * Discover and report a bad sewage leak onto NPWS land above Collins Beach
- * Clean up after the rats

Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson



James Miller Wilson was another victim of Bubonic Plague. He was brought from Rose Bay on 2 June 1900 to Quarantine Station and died the next day.

From Sydney Morning Herald 3 June 1901

“In Memoriam.

WILSON.-In loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, James Miller Wilson, who died at Quarantine Hospital, June 3rd, 1900, aged 7 years and 3 months,

A precious one from us has gone,

A voice we loved is stilled,

A place is vacant in our house

Which never can be filled.

Inserted by his loving father, mother, and brothers”

Bandicoots on the Brink: Help keep them on North Head

Earthwatch and the Australian Wildlife Conservancy are researching the survival of our endangered population of Long-nosed Bandicoots on North Head. You can help that science by becoming a volunteer researcher for a day. The next family research day will be on Saturday 27 October. Don't miss out. Book your place now - \$49.

www.earthwatch.org/australia/exped/hughes.html

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.

Back in Time

From Sydney Morning Herald – 7 August 1933

“**WILD FLOWERS.**

Manly's new garden.

At Manly, on the new reservation, which was recently dedicated and named Park Hill Park, a large area is being set aside as a national native wild flower garden. Every thing possible is being done to preserve native flora. The Mayor of Manly (Alderman Cross and the council are intent on making the new park worthy of the municipality. Special attention is to be paid to a large area of swampland, in which there are millions of Christmas bell plants. "That piece of country," said the Mayor, "is the only one of its kind in the possession of any local government body on the nearer coastline. We intend to preserve every inch of the area.

Footpaths have been constructed to points of interest overlooking the ocean and harbour, and a long footpath running parallel with the main traffic road has also been made. Arrangements are also being made to plant a memory avenue before August ends. More than 200 young pine trees will be placed in position.”

Just over a year later

From The Canberra Times - 28 February 1935

“**ALIENATED AREAS**

Wanted Back For Defence Purposes

Instead of being used for recreation grounds, portions of the quarantine areas at Portsea (Vic), and North Head (N.S.W.), will be retained by the Commonwealth for the strengthening of coastal defences.

The Government agreed to give a title of permissive occupancy for the area at Portsea on the fulfillment of certain conditions, but the inability of the Flinders Shire Council to meet the expense involved resulted in the matter being left in abeyance, until some arrangement was arrived at between the State and the shire council. Now, however, the Government desires to retain the land as a strengthened unit in Commonwealth defences. At North Head, a permissive occupancy has already been granted and some difficulty may be experienced in obtaining the sanction of New South Wales to its return, but it is thought that the demands of the defence department would take priority over any local government project.”

Stony Range Botanic Garden Spring Festival Sunday August 26

Plant sales, Feature Creatures, Wires display, face painting, guided walks etc.

9am to 4pm at 613 Pittwater Road DEE WHY

Q Station Community Open Day

Will be held on Sunday 16 Sept, free entry. For more information please see www.qstation.com.au