



# North Head Sanctuary Foundation

## Custodians of North Head

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### NHSF 10<sup>th</sup> year celebration



Matthew Taylor, our President, receiving framed photo, of North Head, from Friends of Manly Environment Centre presented, by Judy Reizes & David Jenkins, photographer.

It's great to think that we have been moving forward for ten years now, let's see what we can achieve in the next ten years.

**Thank you to all of our members for their support over the years. We would love to have more members, please consider joining us and increase our voice.**



Geoff Bailey, Executive Director, Sydney Harbour Federation Trust with Dr Judith Lambert, past President & Dr Geoff Lambert, vice-president. Photo Judith Halnan

Thank you to Bella Vista café who supplied the delicious food at cost. Remember it's a great place to have a coffee and enjoy the view of the harbour.

### Ocean Care Day Festival 2 December 2012

For 19 years the Manly Environment Centre has been hosting this event, along Manly's spectacular surf beach.

Please call in at our stall and have a chat or stock up on Julie Nettleton's botanical cards. Check out the eco-exhibitions and local art, while learning more about our gorgeous local environment as well as today's big issues.

### My North Head

Janet Fish



I have now clocked up ten years as a volunteer with the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust. It has been a most rewarding adventure in so many ways. The initial volunteer selection process was a very crowded affair because of the throngs hoping to be selected. Luckily I was one of the original 50 selected. What a super learning curve we experienced. We attended Food Safety Training and two Interpretation Skills Workshops. There were numerous training days and information sessions which were great times for the volunteers. We originals were so lucky to have so much offered to us in the way of expertise and knowledge about the exceptional sites managed by the Harbour Trust.

And then there were the actual activities – running the Teahouse at Chowder Bay 2002, helping with crowds at the Chowder Bay Seafood Day 2002, being part of the 'Harbour loop' at Woolwich Dock 2003, Cockatoo Island Festival 2005, Open Day at Headland Park 2005 and various art shows at Headland Park, years of tour guiding at Chowder Bay and North Head and a stint at injecting trees at Middle Head in the Phosphite Tree Injection Program against *Phytophthora cinnamomi*. I enjoyed doing oral histories for some years of those who had previously worked on Cockatoo Island and Georges Heights and the School of Pacific Administration. I have also assisted at the Biennale on Cockatoo Island and cleaned some headstones in the Third Cemetery at North Head. I have been with the plant Nursery at North Head since its establishment in 2007.

I was on duty as a volunteer at the Harbour Trust's North Head Sanctuary Forum July 2002. My joining the North Head Sanctuary Foundation came about because of my attendance at the Forum. It was at the Forum that the North Head Champions arose and I joined this group to work for North Head to become a sanctuary. The North Head Sanctuary Foundation was born. The success of our efforts is

in evidence on the entry sign to North Head 'Welcome to North Head Sanctuary. The nursery volunteers are an amazing lot. Capable, committed, passionate and it is a joy to see all the plants that have been grown from seed and planted out in re-establishing the Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub vegetation which once covered North Head.

**Native Plant Nursery**

Would you like to lend a hand, think about joining our group, we all work together as a team. You can help with planting or weeding on a one off basis. Please contact Sue Halmagyi at [sue.halmagyi@gmail.com](mailto:sue.halmagyi@gmail.com) or phone 0407 461 820.

**Third Cemetery**

Jenny Wilson



Did you know that World War One servicemen were buried here during the influenza epidemic?

On 2 November 1918, the ship HMAT Medic left Sydney Harbour for the war zone with general service reinforcements but was recalled owing to the signing of the armistice and returned to Sydney on 21 November 1918 with nearly 200 cases of influenza, mostly of a mild type.

The following 12 servicemen died at Quarantine station and were buried in the Third Cemetery with full military honours.

- Died 23.11.1918 - Private Walter Helensworth Maccroanan (he was born in Scotland), aged 34.
- Died 25.11.18 - Private George Wilson Ridley, a married man from West Maitland, aged 19.
- Private John Henry Petherick, AIF, aged 25.
- Private Frederick Thomas Morgan, aged 19.
- Died 26.11.18 -Private Harry McKay, aged 26.
- Died 27.11.18 -Private Robert Fairley, aged 19.
- Corporal Thomas John Treacy, aged 29.
- Private James Michael Cahill, aged 28.
- Died 30.11.18 - Private Hector Fraser Hicks, aged 18. His grave is marked and is near the gate.
- Died 1.12.18: - S/Sergeant Percy George Edwards, Australian Dental Corps aged 29.
- Died 6.12.18 - S/Sergeant Joseph Stock Australian Dental Corps, aged 32.
- Died 14.12.18- Private Alfred Ernest Brown, (Broadly) aged 18.

**Billardiera scandens**



Or Apple Berry is a slender climber with soft, often furry leaves and a cream drooping flower, one to a stem. Can be found out in spring.

**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. See our new sign.

**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.

1 year - Single \$20 Family \$30 Unwaged \$10  
5years -Single \$80 Family \$120 Unwaged \$40  
Donation \$..... (tax deductible if in separate cheque from membership)

**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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