



# North Head Sanctuary Foundation

## Custodians of North Head

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### Annual General Meeting

Will be held on Saturday 23 August at 2pm in our Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven.

### Membership renewals

Membership is now due for renewal if you have not taken out five year memberships. Remember 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, please download a form at

[www.northheadsanctuaryfoundation.org.au/join/membership.htm](http://www.northheadsanctuaryfoundation.org.au/join/membership.htm)

Thank you.

### Education Room – Bandicoot Heaven

Our community education room is open 10am to 4pm Saturdays and Sundays in Building 20. Call in to have a chat or gather information. If you'd like to help others get to know more about North Head, please contact Judy Lambert on 9949 3521(ah) or email

[twsombat@optusnet.com.au](mailto:twsombat@optusnet.com.au)

### Native Plant Nursery

There is always something to do, whether it is maintaining our planted areas, planting or growing on the plants.

The Nursery volunteers planted out over 4300 plants this financial year. Unfortunately not all our plantings survived due to rabbits. **Thank you** to all our volunteers, without you our Nursery would not be operating.

If you would like to join us please email Jenny at [northhead@fastmail.fm](mailto:northhead@fastmail.fm) or turn up any Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and 12 noon.

### Amazing what you can see on North Head



**Tawny Frogmouths** -Scientific Name: [Podargus strigoides](#)

During the day, Tawny Frogmouths perch on a tree branch and are camouflaged. There were three in this photo but when taken I thought there were only two. During June, they were spotted several times at North Head.

### Congratulations Jim



We were fortunate in having Jim Frecklington as our neighbour for about five years. He was always willing to give us a hand when needed and we occasionally helped him out. We enjoyed seeing the progress being made on the royal coach and we were pleased to see it being used by the Queen during the opening of British Parliament. William James FRECKLINGTON, OAM has been made a Member of the Royal Victorian Order:- For coach building services to The Queen.

### Getting to know North Head: Walking in the rain

Judy Lambert

North Head is a spectacular place to visit at any time, but for some recent visitors the weather has not been kind. June 6th was a cold, wet and windy day. However that did not deter a group of 26 English as a Second Language (ESL) students and their course coordinator, Halina Pochwyt. Despite the weather they decided to go ahead with their visit. Our talk at Bandicoot Heaven was extended a little and we shortened the outdoor 'walk & talk' somewhat, but all were enthusiastic enough that they decided they'd organise their own small groups to come back and visit again on a fine, sunny day. June 15th was a little kinder to a group of about 30 visitors from the Kuringai Motor Yacht Club. After overnighing at Quarantine Station, they completed a busy 'off-water' weekend together with a day at the sanctuary. A talk at Bandicoot Heaven was followed by a walk & talk which ended at North Fort just ahead of an approaching rain squall. We left them in the hands of Gabriella and her Bella Vista staff for lunch then they were off to a North Fort tunnel tour. We'd like to thank this group for their generous purchases (75 botanical cards sold during their visit) and donations.

## *Astroloma pinifolium*



Or Pine Heath. A low sprawling shrub with narrow linear leaves about 10 to 20mm long. The flowers are tubular, red becoming yellow and green at the tip. In flower now.

## Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson

### “The Smallpox Outbreak. - DEATH OF A SEAMAN.”

“The Board of Health yesterday received a communication from the Quarantine Station at North Head announcing the death of the seaman Blake. The official report states : 'Albert Blake, aged 38, an able-bodied seaman, who was transferred from the Orient Company's steamer Oroya on the 20th instant, suffering from smallpox, died on board the hospital ship Faraway, at 4 o'clock this morning.' Papers in possession of the health authorities show that Blake was suffering from the malady in a confluent form. His arm showed slight signs of vaccination, and it is therefore conjectured that he was vaccinated at an early age. He was attacked with the disease \*on June 19, and on the following day was removed to the hospital ship Faraway. From the start Blake's position was a serious one, as the attack was in a severe form. Very little is known of the deceased seaman, who was 38 years of age. No time was lost in carrying out the burial, the body being interred in the cemetery attached to the Quarantine Station.”

From Evening News, Sydney. 30 June 1892.

Albert was the only person buried in Third Cemetery Station in 1892. Records show a note “Quarter Master R.M.S. Oroya.”

### Seamen who died of Influenza during April 1919 at Quarantine station.

“During the 24 hours ended 8 o'clock last night, the deaths of 22 more patients from influenza were notified by the Board of Health.

In future the names of patients who die from the effects of pneumonic influenza in the various metropolitan hospitals will not be made public by the Board of Health. The numbers only will be published.

During the same period 177 patients were admitted to hospitals.” (Including 4 to Manly Emergency Hospital) “At the Quarantine Station, North Head, 11 fresh cases were admitted to hospital. Of these, nine were from H.M.A.S. Una, one was from the steamer Tintenbar, and one from the Period.”

Report from Quarantine hospital

“Dangerously ill, 6; seriously ill, 11; ill 61; convalescent, 3; total number in hospital, 80.”

**From The Sydney Morning Herald Wed 9 April 1919.**

Name	Age	Died
KAMANTI (KANAUTI)	25	7.4.1919
(coloured seaman, one of the crew of the steamer St. George).		
TOBU (Fijian)	19	9.4.1919
TONA (Fijian)	40	9.4.1919
TEREBUA (Fijian)	25	9.4.1919
TOWIA (Fijian)	20	9.4.1919
Jay W FRANTZ	27	10.4.1919
(one of the crew of the steamer Sonoma -he was landed at North Head shortly before his ship sailed for America.)		
TAKIRUA	17	13.4.1919
JEREMIAH	19	15.4.1919
(Crew member of the steamer St George)		
Arthur THOMSON	29	17.4.1919
(Member of the crew of the barque Woodburn)		
Ali SAHALAL	25	16.4.1919
(South Sea Islander, crew member of Pacifique)		
ALEXIS	22	20.4.1919
Mayi SALA	30	20.4.1919
(fireman from the French mail steamer Pacifique, named Maju Salah)		
GABY	27	25.4.1919
(Crew member of the steamer Pacifique)		

Most of the death certificates only show one name, the same as the burial records. These men were probably native crew members of either the Pacifique or St George.



Wooden marker board for Arthur THOMPSON which is the only one remaining in the Third Cemetery.