



# North Head Sanctuary Foundation

## Custodians of North Head

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### General Meeting 2pm Sat 25 November

Vince and Julia Williams will be speaking at our General Meeting. Brigadier Vincent Williams, CSC (Retired) was stationed at School of Artillery at North Head, as the Commanding Officer–Chief Instructor from December 1990 to December 1992. They will also be bringing along some interesting memorabilia for people to examine. Everyone welcome to hear what life was like when the Army were at North Head

**Ocean Care Day 2017 3 December** is fast approaching: Your help welcomed. Once again, NHSF will have a stall at this year's Manly Ocean Care Day.

This year's event, being held on the Ocean Beachfront between 10.30am and 4.30pm on Sunday 3 December has as its theme 'Keep the Sea Plastic free'.

We look forward to having lots of you come by to see our display, buy some botanical cards (great for Season's Greetings) or just have a chat.

As our stall coordinator, Judy Lambert is keen to hear from anyone who can volunteer an hour or two to help staff the stall. If you can assist, please email Judy at [tswombat@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tswombat@optusnet.com.au) or call her on 0427 217 580 to advise of your preferred time slot.

### North Head Project

#### 8 December 2017-18 February 2018

Manly Art Gallery will be showcasing the works of ten artists with their responses to North Head. The artists are Tamara Dean, Karla Dickens, Helen Earl, Craig Handley, Nathalie Hartog-Gautier, Nick Hollo, Chris Langlois, Susan Milne, Julie Nettleton and Hobie Porter.

### North Head Discovery Day

Sun 21 January 2018, 10am – 4pm

The arts, nature, history and ideas come together at North Head for a special community Discovery Day. Save the date, more information next month.

### Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

Our community education room is open 10am to 4pm Saturdays and Sundays in Building 20.

We always welcome new volunteers to help staff Bandicoot Heaven. If interested, please contact Judy Lambert at [tswombat@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tswombat@optusnet.com.au)

### Great News

Sydney Buses (Bus 135) will be making more trips to and from North Fort from 26 November plus a service on Sunday and Public Holidays mornings.

### Native Plant Nursery

We have a lot of planting, weeding and maintenance to do looking after all our areas which were suffering the effects of the dry weather. Now we have had rain, the weeds will get a new lease of life.

We would love some help. If you would like to join us on any Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and 12 noon, just turn up or email: [northhead@fastmail.com.au](mailto:northhead@fastmail.com.au). We have morning tea about 10.30am.

### Spring Wildflower Walks

Judy Lambert

The long spell of dry weather we've had at North Head has not been kind to the bush, but despite this the native plants have obliged with plenty of flowers for visitors to enjoy in recent weeks.

Our four guided walks (23 Sept, 2 Oct, 8 Oct and 11 Oct) saw 60 adults and 5 little people participate in walks, each lasting about 2½ hours.

Many who came along expressed surprise at just how



much there was to see and, as always, walks leader Geoff Lambert had plenty of informative tales to tell.

It's always great to help new participants get to better know just how special our North Head bushland is and to share

knowledge with those who already know the area well.

To those who enjoyed the sparkling weather of the first three walks, and those who braved the threat of rain on the final walk – thank you all for your participation.

### Sydney's Second Airport Planned for North Head??

Geoff Lambert

Well ... not AT North Head actually ... but on an artificial island two kilometres off the entrance to Sydney Harbour. The island would have been triangular, with T-shaped runways. The top would be 50 metres above the water. The rock to build this island would come from the interior of North Head, which would be hollowed out to create an underground passenger terminal. There was also the possibility of having TWO terminals, the other one being under South Head. The island would be connected to these mainland terminals by two 2-km long bridges. From

each headland, tunnels would run to Manly and to Bondi Junction.

I suppose you could call this a “pipe-dream”, but it was the front-page story in the Manly Daily of 15 September 1981. The airport was the brainchild of a “self-employed building designer from Cammeray”, who should, I think, remain nameless. All this hoo-ha occurred during one of periodic rushes of blood to the head about a new airport. Aren't you glad they chose Badger's Creek instead?



The 1981 North Head Airport as Conrad Martens would have seen it

Thanks to the Ken Higgs Newspaper Clipping Collection for this gem.

### Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson

#### ATUA and influenza November 1918 - part 2

In all there were 88 cases of pneumonic influenza from Atua and 16 died. They are listed below with their name, age and date of death.

MAILILI	23	10.11.1918	south sea islander
LUCID	28	11.11.1918	south sea islander
JASSIA	30	11.11.1918	south sea islander

William Campbell MENZIES 30 11.11.1918.

(He was a well-liked purser and had been on Atua for three years. He left behind a wife, Elizabeth and infant child, George. He lived at Artarmon.)



In Memory of my darling & devoted husband. WILLIAM CAMPBELL MENZIES beloved son of CHARLES & JESSIE MENZIES of Dunedin NZ who departed this life 11 Nov 1918 aged 30 years

The word DADDY is on the foot of the grave,



Percy EATHORN	22	12.11.1918	(Eastmore spelling used in Newspapers)- steward
Arthur BARNETT	23	12.11.1918	Steward
PERASI (Fijian)	20	13.11.1918	crew
Charles LELLAND	34	14.11.1918	(Linnond spelling used in Newspapers) - passenger
MONASSA (Fijian)		14.11.1918	(Nornunra spelling used in Newspapers) - native acting as a steward
James MOORE	35	16.11.1918	(interestingly the death notice in the Newspaper has his name as John Albert Moor, same age and job - second cook, and died in Quarantine. Death certificate shows James Moore, but John Moor mentioned in a couple of newspapers as being ill)
John McKARRALL	28	16.11.1918	(McKarrall spelling in Newspapers) - second class passenger
MASSARMURA (Fijian)	29	19.11.1918	engine trimmer
ABEL	30	21.11.1918	native Fijian seaman
Charles DICKSON	35	20.11.1918	-steward
A. William BLISS	10 mths	22.11.1918	(A baby boy named Arthur M Bliss, passenger. Mrs Bliss was released from Quarantine on 5 December 1918)
SAVANAKA	24	26.11.1918	native Fijian

“The infection on the Atua was of VERY VIRULENT TYPE. The cases treated at the Quarantine Hospital at North Head, on this trip, were not exceeded in virulence by any subsequent cases treated there. It was on these cases that the Commonwealth coryza vaccine was first tried with successful results”

Reference - *Influenza and Maritime Quarantine in Australia* by J.H.L. Cumpston, M.D., D.P.H., Director of Quarantine 1919 together with various newspapers in Trove used as references in this article.

### Articles wanted

If have a story about North Head or you have a great photo, or you just to be put on our mailing list. please email [northhead@fastmail.com.au](mailto:northhead@fastmail.com.au) .